

Mansfield & Sherwood Ramblers



Minutes of Committee Meeting, 11th July 2023

The Redgate Inn, Mansfield

Present:

Stephen Bramley, Richard Coupe, Pete Dring, Alex Ellis, Denise Garley, Max Goetz, Marie-Louise Hall, Julie Lawson, Terri Lawton, Richard Lord, Brian Tuffnell

Apologies:

Sharon Hartshorn, Eileen Matthews, Robert Matthews, Sue Rick, Val Woolley

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 11th April 2023 we approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Denise Garley, seconded by Julie Lawson.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Finance

Richard reminded members that we have two accounts. The Ramblers preferred official one is Unity Trust. This is used primarily for admin e.g., recce mileages, stationary, equipment (litter picking) and AGM expenses. However, we also have a charitable account with Nat West which is used for our various activities and is working well for us. No admin charges are made on this account.

The current position was given as:

Nat West Account balance: £3,651.65

Donation balance: £507.50 (held within the Nat West Account)

Unity Trust Account balance: £420.33

Based on membership numbers we currently receive around £60.00 per quarter from Central Office.

In her absence Brian detailed where Sue is expecting to spend some of our Unity Trust funds. This was to include building a Walk Leaders pack made up of first aid kits, compass and maps. Also, we are looking for some new litter picking equipment such as long reach pickers, bags and a 'festival cart'.

T-Shirts

Vanessa McGrath is able to create a logo transfer for a one of cost of around £35. We can then provide t-shirts for the logo to be applied to. After some discussion it was agreed that we should have a uniform look for our litter picking team and for anyone representing our group at events. A dark green colour similar to the area gazebo was agreed upon and for t-shirts rather than polo shirts.

Brian explained that members would be able to have their own t-shirts printed should they wish to do so.

Social Events

Looking back over the past events since the last meeting:

Fri 14 April 6th Litter Pick at The Railway Sidings at Mansfield Woodhouse

Sun 30 April Pleasley Pit Visit - Short Walk in the morning led by Pete Dring followed by an interesting tour of Museum then Songs and Rhymes of the Mines with Pie & Pea Supper. 21 of us enjoyed this trip.

13 May Newark Show. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful promotional event.

Sat 3 June Limelight Tour - An entertaining look behind the scenes at Theatre Royal - 20 of us went on this one followed by a Turkish meal afterwards.

Fri 16 June Litter pick from Mansfield Woodhouse Station followed by celebrations at Mansfield Carnival on Saturday 17th June.

Sat 1 July Sparkle Walk 10 k at Chesterfield to raise funds for Ashgate Hospice - 7 of our members certainly sparkled in pink. Well done.

Sun 2 July Warsop Carnival - Stall and walks co-ordinated by Sue Rick.

Future Plans

Sat 15th July Notts Area Day at Lady Margaret Hall, Holbeck 10am to 4pm. Please book your sessions and walks. Also volunteers, food and raffle prized needed. Don't forget your cup and plate And any Walking gear you want to sell.

Sun 30 July Holocaust Centre Museum at Laxton - Broken Stings Musical Play with short walk before-hand. Fully booked with 28.

Sun 6 August Idle Valley, Retford - Beavers Tours at 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm with short walk in the morning- £15- Limit or 20 people. Awaiting confirmation

Fri 11 August -Skittles and buffet at Sherwood Ranger - Limited to 20 people £10

Fri18-Sun 20 August - Alex Staniforth's Malham Cove Weekend. YHA has 2-, 3-, 4-, and 6-persons rooms as well as 2 person Camping Pods available ranging from £55.50 - £81 for 2 nights. Breakfast extra at £9.95 or Continental for £5.95 or sort your own accommodation out nearby

Tues 12 Sept - Tissington Hall Visit £30 to include tour of the house and grounds by Sir Fitzherbert and tea/coffee and cake in the magnificent library 2-hour trip

Thurs 12 to Monday 16 Oct Kendal Holiday - 1 single room £330 and one twin room £320 each still available.

Sun 22 October Papplewick Pumping Station - 1940's Day £12 (Over 65 £11). Dressing up optional. Also, extra optional visit to Victorian Underground Reservoir.

25-29 March 2024 Tenby Coach Holiday around £280 each. 48 places (10 remaining)

Future Ideas:

Disc Golf King George V Playing fields - £4. Game last 90 minutes to 2 hours, 4 people per team. 5 teams so far? September - Linda Kennedy sorting. Just need a date.

Howarth Bus Trip - Date to be decided - Free to those who didn't go to Bridlington last year, £10 to those who went for free last time.

Chesterfield Canal Narrowboat Trip £35 for 7 hours - 6 locks Carolgate Bridge (Aldi) heading west towards Retford. Bring your own picnic and have a go at steering and operating locks under supervision.

Other ideas:

Ecton Mine Trip, Quiz Night, Bat Walk, Observatory Visit, Newark Civil War Centre, Burns Night (25.1.2024), Sunrise/Sunset Walk, Sound Bath/Reiki, Newstead Abbey, Night at The Dogs, Beamish Museum, Summer/Winter Solstice Walk, Night Walk, Barn Dance, Creswell Craggs Cave Tour, Workhouse Visit, Mini weekend cruise to Amsterdam - House of Anne Frank, Games Day, Pétanque, Weekends Away, Day Trips, Coach Holidays. Long distance holidays. All suggestions and help welcome.

Thanks again for all your support and stay safe

Publicity

Since the last meeting I have had one news article and photograph published in the local press across the district regarding our litter picking. I have sent in another regarding fundraising for charity.

The family days are going well. In June for National Dinosaur Day, we had 4 new people and in July the Teddy Bears Picnic had 8 attendees. All photographs from the events were shared on We Are Pleasley Facebook page which had an abundance of likes.

Unfortunately, the two events planned at Mansfield Museum and Pleasley pit had to be cancelled as the display boards and leaflets were not available.

Please remember to send me news and events to enable me to do a report for the local press.

Regards, Sharron

Committee Vacancies

We have an urgent need for a new Treasurer as Richard Lord is stepping down from the role after the AGM. We are also looking to share the responsibilities amongst our group and so would like someone to consider the roles of Membership Secretary or Group Secretary. Terri Lawton has previously expressed an interest in the Membership Secretary role.

Walks Programme

We already have a few walks planned for the remainder of 2023 but more are needed. Brian provided a sheet for leaders to record any walks they are willing to lead. He again reminded the meeting that although Sunday is our main walking day, leaders are welcome to lead a walk on any day and that these would be welcomed by some members who are unable to attend our Sunday walks.

Thanks to all our leaders for their continued support in leading our group.

Website

Brian explained that he now has all the required permissions to edit and maintain our website and some changes have already been made removing some out-of-date information and broken links. Brian explained his plans to start showing photos and reports from our walks and holidays. If anyone has any other ideas or recommendations, please let Brian know.

Notts Area Group Day

On Saturday 15th July Notts Area Ramblers are holding a 'get together' day for all members of Ramblers in the Nottinghamshire area. The Lady Margaret Hall at Holbeck has been booked for the event. There will be a walk on offer as well as fundraising activities, a fuddle and other activities yet to be decided.

A.O.B

Stephen Bramley suggested organising an evening at Patchills. He will look into costs and report back to the group.

Next Meeting

19th November 2023 for the AGM, location to be confirmed.

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Brian Tuffnell

Group Secretary, Mansfield & Sherwood Group

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