



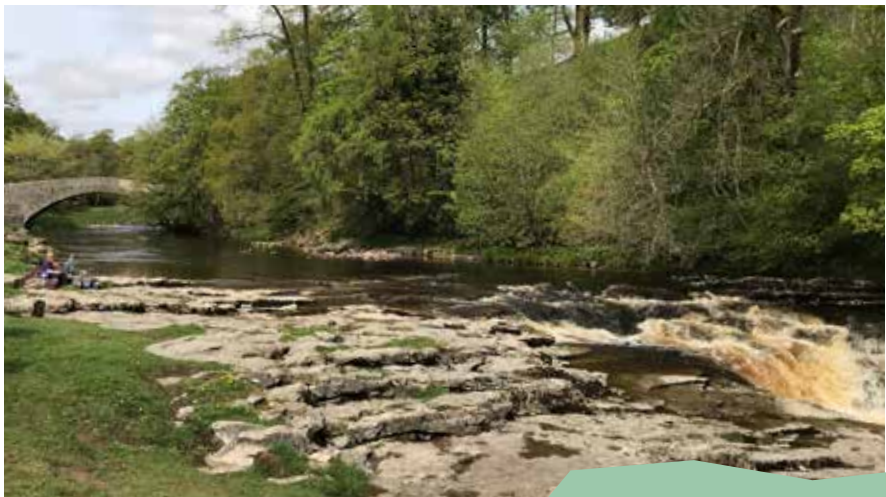
Ian Reavill
Chairman

Dear *York Rambler members*

I hope that all York members are now able to enjoy unrestricted walking, either in one of our York Group sections, or on your own informal walks. Since the removal of Covid restrictions we have seen a welcome return to a regular programme, with all of our walking sections operating as they were before the first lockdown. Many thanks to Linda Gall — Tuesday walks, Judith Tosh — Wednesday amblers, Steve Hoather—Wednesday ramblers, Avis Strudwick— public transport walks, and Roger Brook— public transport trails, for maintaining the regular programme. Thanks also to the leaders, without whom there wouldn't be any led walks. I know that all the sections need more walk leaders, so please offer to lead if you want to be sure of a full programme. If you've not led before, we can help you plan and lead a route. Just ask!

COACH RAMBLE

There are three excellent walks to choose from, all starting and finishing in Settle. Please book your seat on the coach. See insert for further details of the Coach Ramble on 22nd May.



Parish Path Surveys

Five years ago Lynn Croskin and Doreen Felton drew up and created the York Group Area path survey scheme, which relied on member 'adopting' one or more parishes, and undertaking to survey the public rights of way once a year. A very straightforward guidance leaflet was produced, a pro—forma sheet to record problems, and laminated maps of individual parishes. The results of the surveys were sent to Lynn, and details of problems on paths were also sent to NYCC and York CC. The scheme was running very well, with volunteers for almost all the parishes, and we were seeing many improvements with new stiles and signage after informing the councils. However, since the first lockdown, the two ladies have handed over the scheme to Simon Lyle, and the scheme worked very well until

Covid interrupted the flow of information. Simon would like to update the list of all the Parish Path Volunteers and make sure all the parishes are covered, and would be grateful if members could email him with the details of their parishes. At the same time if someone would like to take on a Parish please let Simon know at sibetol@btinternet.com



Website

Those of you with a keen eye will have noticed the new Ramblers logo, which adorns our newsletter and website. You may have noticed improvements to the York website, which seems to be attracting a lot more 'hits' now. We hope you find it a valuable tool to find out about future walks, and to enjoy the photos which are posted promptly after the Wednesday walks.



IAN HOWARD

As we informed you in an earlier email, we were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our good friend, long time Rambler and walk leader, Ian Howard on the Amblers walk from Helmsley on 13th April. Once again, thank go to Judith Tosh and rest of the group in dealing with the situation so well.

Ian made many friends over many years. He was described as a real gentleman, who was always interested in what you had been doing, particularly if it was rugby or choirs, which were two of his passions. He could always be called upon to lead a walk, if we were short of a leader, although he usually walked with a small group of his closest friends and the Amblers in the last few years after his health deteriorated.

Ian's family have expressed their thanks for everything that the Ramblers gave to Ian over the years, and for the kind messages and calls they have received since he died.

Walk Leaders

Wednesday Amblers

Judith Tosh

The Amblers are up and running, well walking. There is a new three month programme, April to June, which should soon be on the York web site. The walks are being published weekly.

The sun has shone on us recently and there have not been very muddy boots to deal with when we got home. An ideal situation. Though there have been times when the waterproofs were very wet. It's been great to be able to get out on an Amble with good company. Chat and laughter with fantastic scenery followed by a cup of tea at a nearby tearoom at the end of the walk.

Tuesday Walks

Linda Gall

Tuesday walks of 7/8 miles continue on a fortnightly basis. The details will be on the website at least two weeks before the walk. We enjoyed a great walk in Farndale to see the daffodils at the end of March and are going to Riccal Dale in May to see the Bluebells.

Thanks to all the members who are leading the walks on a Tuesday.



Walkers 'Best Practice' GUIDE

Walks that are organised by Rambler Areas and Groups will automatically receive civil liability insurance protection through the Ramblers National Policy.

All walks must be publicised in advance, which at present will be on both the national and group website. All walks must have an authorised nominated leader, and where appropriate, a back-marker, both of whom should preferably have reced the walk.

Walkers are all being urged to use 'good practice', which include the following responsibilities:

Walkers

1. ensure you are fit enough to complete the walk, and inform the leader of any potential problems
2. ensure you are properly equipped with the right clothing, and also including refreshments and first aid kit
3. keep behind the leader and in front of the back-marker
4. follow the leader's instructions, particularly regarding road walking and difficult terrain
5. carry some form of identification (ask about Ramblers ICE cards)
6. where dogs are allowed, follow the directive regarding dogs
7. inform the leader and/or back-marker if you leave the walk or drop behind
8. be aware of others when using walking poles

Leaders

1. all walk leaders should be registered on Rambler's Assemble
2. give an outline description of the walk, its length, and include any tricky
3. sections, particularly road walking
4. check all walkers are properly equipped for the conditions
5. ensure the group does not get too spread out, always look behind to check where the back-marker is and adjust the pace if necessary

If you need to inform emergency services and there's a phone signal, use either a grid reference or 'what3words' to inform emergency services of your whereabouts.

It is assumed walk leaders will be familiar with the route and any potential hazards such as road walking or difficult terrain. The weather forecast should be checked for any conditions which might necessitate changing the route or cancelling the walk.

Road walking is a particular hazard to walkers, and where possible pavements or grass verges should be used. If this is not possible then normally groups should walk on the right, and where possible both leader and back marker should wear a high visibility jacket.

Emergency 999 Calls can be made on any mobile phone network, not just your own. If you are somewhere where your network does not have reception, but another does, you will get Emergency Calls.

Contributions to York Ramblers Newsletter should be sent to: Anne Parker,
annieparker52@gmail.com

York Group Coach Ramble

Sunday 22nd May 2022 to SETTLE

All Walks will START from the same location.

A WALK led by Roger Brook – circular walk from Settle to Malham Cove (approx. 12 miles)

B WALK led by Ian Reavill – circular walk from Settle to Stainforth Force (approx. 9 miles)

C WALK led by John Cocker – circular walk from Settle to Attermire Scar (approx. 7 miles)

Coach pickup times

08:25 Hospital Fields Road at Ingleby's Depot (on-street parking)

08:30 Memorial Gardens

08:50 Co-op garage Great North way off A1237 at Nether Poppleton Roundabout

COST £15 per person Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

How to book

1. Our preferred method of payment is by BACS directly into our bank account:-
Sort Code: 608301, Account no: 20129521 Please use your name as a
REFERENCE. Simply send an email to ***vivienneyork@gmail.com*** with all the
information on the form below.
2. If paying by cheque make it payable to The Ramblers Association, fill in the booking
form below (or print one off the York Ramblers website) and post it to:
Vivienne Taylor, 49 Main Street, Escrick, York YO19 6LQ

Assume your seat is booked unless told otherwise. Any cancellations up to 36 hours before
the event will be refunded if we can fill your seat.

Booking form

Name(s):

Pickup point:

PAID by BACS or by Cheque: £..... (please define payment method)

Email address or phone number:

CIRCLE which walk you are likely to join: A B C