



The Committee met on 14th November - items for dissemination to the membership were the Mince Pie Walk, AGM, Club Badges & update on Millett's Discount Scheme - see below. The next Committee Meeting is on 9th January 2012 - members can raise issues with a committee member to bring to the meeting.

#### More Committee Roles

**Peter Norbury - Ramble Organiser** Born in Lancashire and moved Hertfordshire as child in about 1936 grew up there and met Marilyn. We came to Crewe in 1971 and joined the Rambling Club almost immediately. We both became actively involved on committee I as President and Chairman then Ramble Organiser with my very good friend and life member of this club The Rev Philip Clarke. At the AGM 2011, I undertook the position as one of the Ramble Organisers again. My duties are to help the other Organiser to produce the programme and find locations and leaders for the three rambles, arrange with correspondence secretary and the coach firm the destinations and costs. I am also the keeper of the Club maps and previous walk routes.

**Ken Elkins - General Committee Member** I lived on the Wirral until age 21 and served an apprenticeship in Marine Engineering. Interests included cycling, motor cycling and rock climbing. I then joined the Merchant Navy to see a bit of the world, following which I lived in Kent, moving back to South Cheshire in 1964. I have since had various jobs and interests, including joining Crewe & Nantwich Rambling Club in 1986 and enjoying the walks and holidays this afforded, retiring from Barclays Bank, where I had worked as an Engineer for several years.

**Grace Harding - General Committee Member** - Following my education at Crewe Grammar School, I commenced employment with British Telecom, where I passed the Civil Service National Examination. I then transferred to the Employment Service, where I was promoted to Executive Officer. In my 42 year career, I held a wide variety of interesting posts requiring liaison with local businesses, training establishments & local organisations. I worked closely with job seekers of all levels, including professional, disabled & young people to obtain suitable employment & training. I also provided a recruitment service for employers, including setting up and running a Commercial Bureau, Training Section and a Nurse bank for local Hospitals. Whilst working full time, I gained an Open University B.A. Degree. This involved courses at universities in Stirling, York & Norwich. Despite hard work, I enjoyed the challenge and met many interesting people. Following a C.H.A. Adventure tour in Norway, I joined Crewe Rambling Club. As well as leading many rambles for the club, involving 'A', 'B' & latterly 'C' parties, I have organised many holidays for Club members to a variety of places, including Gilsland, Torquay & Wales.

My favourite countries are Austria, Switzerland & Norway. I belong to Elworth Flower Club, being Deputy Chairman & Chairman twice & am currently the Secretary. I am also Chairman of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship which includes organising 'day trips' for members and arranging speakers for meetings. I have been a reader for Talking Newspaper for 20 years & was a member of the local Hospital radio service for 19 years. I am also a National trust volunteer at Little Moreton Hall. I was originally a Room Guide and a member of the Education Guides for School Parties, I have now dropped the Education Group as I only wanted to work one day a week.

#### General Information

**2012 AGM** - this will take place on 22nd February at St Luke's Hall, Willaston - more details in next newsletter.

**Millett's Discount Scheme** - this scheme is under review.

Those who already have cards can continue to use them for a year. No more cards are being issued for the time being.

**Club Badges** - We now have a new supply of **none date specific** 'Iron-on' Club Badges, which will be available on the coach from Sunday 20th November at £1 each.

**Bowls Evening** - advanced notice - planned for 3rd May 2012 - 1830 start.

**Skittles Evening** - to be arranged for later in the year.

#### Walks Activities

**Leader still required for Boxing Day Walk 26th Dec 2011.**

**2012 Winter/Spring programme** leaders still required for the following destinations. Potential leaders should contact Mario di Bratto or Peter Norbury by 1st December to enable the new walk card to be issued **complete** on 4th December.

8 Jan Biddulph Country Park	'A' & 'C' Ldrs
22 Jan Alderley Edge	'A' & 'C' Ldrs
5 Feb Tittesworth (Roaches)	'B' Ldr
4 Mar Newbridge/Llangollen	'A' & 'C' Ldrs
18 Mar Winster (Derbyshire)	'C' Ldr
13 May Garstang	'A' & 'B' Ldrs

**Mince Pie Walk 4th December 2011** - As usual, Members should bring a small gift up to the value of ~£2, to be picked from Santa's sack at the end of the day.

**Car Ramble 18th December 2011** - Meet for 0930 at the Eight Farmers Pub on Parkers Road, Crewe (For directions contact Paul Tudor on 01270 211136) This local ramble will be 8 - 9 miles with options to shorten or extend if required. The Pub have kindly allowed us to use their car park and I promised that at least some of us will call in for a festive drink at the end of the walk!