

Items from Recent Committee Meeting

First Aid Course - We are now looking at an alternative course run by Wishing Well at Jubilee House - next to ASDA car park. Members will be informed as soon as a date can be arranged.

Map Reading Course - the previous planned course was canceled due to lack of numbers, suitability and expense. Kath Conroy contacted the Ordnance Survey for relevant information, and was supplied her with some useful booklets on map reading. We will consider constructing a course ourselves based on these booklets.

Members Questions/Issues - From time to time Members contact Committee Members with queries or issues, some of which are then discussed in Committee. A Committee decision is then reported to the member directly. Where the issue affects members as a whole, the decision will be announced on the coach and reported in a newsletter.

Coach Fare increase & Annual Subscriptions The cost of hiring coaches for Sunday walks continues to increase and we are regularly making losses even when the coach is nearly full. The Treasurer proposed an increase in coach fare to £10 from 8th January 2017 - **this was carried by 6 votes to 3**. The Annual Subscription will not increase, but ability to pay this by Bank Transfer or Standing Order will be available - further details in the January 2017 newsletter.

Annual General Meeting 2017 - 1st February 2017 - formal notices and nomination forms in January 2017 Newsletter.

New Committee Member - Phil Mellor attended the recent Committee meeting as an observer - but not contribute - (any member is entitled to do this by contacting the Correspondence Secretary). Now that he has retired, Phil had expressed a wish to help organising rambles. As there was currently one vacant General Committee Member position, the Committee agreed that Phil could take this position with a view to be proposed a Ramble Organiser at the next AGM.

Club Holidays - The Committee discussed requests for payments for hire of halls for organisation of Club Holidays. A decision was made to pay up to £25 for the first meeting only, on submission of a receipt.

Charity Donation Requests - The committee discussed this at length decided that it would not support such requests as so many members would want their own Charity supported.

Other items

70th Anniversary Walk & Meal at Longnor - 9th October 2016 - 54 people attended this very successful event on which we were blessed with fine weather. There was an issue with the slow service of meals, due to some staff issues, for which the Pub did apologise. Thanks to Joyce Clydesdale for the magnificent cake, to Bryan Clydesdale for the organisation of the event and to all who attended.

Skittles Evening at the Bickerton Poacher - 15th September 2016 - another successful event, thanks to Peter Winby, with winners Kath, Cliff & Ann, Marjorie. Thanks to all who donated prizes. Peter will organise a **Bowls Evening** at the Cotton Arms, Wrenbury on the 1st Thursday of the 2017 Evening Walks programme - further details in the New Year.

Xmas Meal 10th December 2016 - to date there are 37 people attending, there are still places available, Grace Harding will also be contacting members of her Reminisce Group to ask if any wish to attend.

Reminisce Meeting - Grace Harding is planning the next meeting towards the end of January 2017.

Walking Programmes - the Summer/Autumn 2016 Programme has a full set of Leaders. The Winter/Spring Programme for 2017 is circulating on coach walks - leaders are required for many of the set dates - see below

Date	Destination	Leaders required
08/01/17	Alderley Edge, Cheshire	'B'
05/02/17	Church Stretton, Shropshire	'A', 'B', 'C'
19/02/17	Cannock Chase, Staffordshire	'A', 'B'
05/03/17	Llangollen, North Wales	'B', 'C'
19/03/17	Lichfield, Staffordshire	'C'
02/04/17	Llanymynech, North Wales	'A'
30/04/17	Bollington, Cheshire	'B', 'C'
14/05/17	Derbyshire Dales	'B', 'C'
28/05/17	Shutlingsloe, Cheshire	'A', 'B'
11/06/17	Whalley, Lancashire	'A', 'B', 'C'
26/06/17	Hebden Bridge, Calder	'A', 'B'



**As this is the last Newsletter of 2016,
the Committee wish all the Members and their Families a very Happy Christmas and New Year**



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