

Crewe & Nantwich Rambling Club



Newsletter - October 2006 60th Anniversary Edition



NEWS FLASH !



Crewe 12th October 2006 - Nearly 70 past & present members, including 6 founder members, of Crewe & Nantwich Rambling Club attended the 60th Anniversary Dinner at Hunters Lodge Hotel. Guest speaker, Mark Richards, well known Lake District writer and Radio Cumbria broadcaster, entertained the members with 'rambling' tales and experiences in walking guide book production! Photographs of members from the early days of club rambles and other memorabilia were on display. A thoroughly entertaining evening was had by all, overseen by our Club President - Ken Willington - a founder member of the club - still an active walking member and shortly to reach his 80th birthday! Ken will be leading the anniversary 'B' walk at Llangollen on 15th October.

Historical Information

From the first minute book of the club, the basic rules in force at the formation of the club 60 years ago.

Formation Meeting- 6th November 1946 - minutes of meeting of officers and committee - held at Newland, Park Drive, all members present.

Nine rules were drawn up and read as follows:-

Rule 1. Name - The club shall be called "The Crewe Co-operative Holidays Association and Holiday Fellowship, (C.H.A. & H.F.) Rambling Club

Rule 2. Objects - The objects of this club are:- To band together those who are, or have been, members of the National C.H.A. & H.F. And those of similar sympathies, to encourage the love of nature, to exchange ideas, to cultivate the spirit of comradeship by social intercourse and maintain the ideals of the parent bodies.

Rule 3. Officers - The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:- President, Vice President, Secretary, treasurer and Ramble Organiser.

Rule 4. Committee - There will be a committee of four, (two ladies and two gentlemen), elected at the Annual General Meeting in addition to the above mentioned officers.

Rule 5. Vacancies on Committee - Any vacancies occurring on the committee and/or officers between annual meetings, shall be filled in by the committee.

An interesting comparison to be made here on membership fees and coach fares: Using data on the purchasing power of the Pound over the years from the Office of National Statistics, the annual membership fee of 5/- in 1946 (equiv 25p for those not versed in £sd) would be equivalent to £7.50 in 2006. The cost of the first coach walk to Llangollen was 5/6d (equiv 27.5p), this is equivalent to £8.34 in 2006.

General Information

Gilsland Holiday Spring Bank Holiday 2006 - Grace Harding
49 members & a baby stayed at The Gilsland Spa Hotel overlooking Hadrian's Wall! There was a full programme of 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks, based around Brampton on the Saturday & at various places along Hadrian's Wall on the Sunday - non walkers visited Hexham. Whilst the food & entertainment in the hotel were good, there were other distractions in the form of local real ale pubs! Others had their own Jacuzzi to while away their time!

Newquay Holiday September 2006 - Grace Harding -
31 members stayed at The Barrowfield Hotel, enjoying a good standard of food, entertainment & service. Organised walks oc-

cupied members on the Monday, Tuesday & Thursday and a visit to the Eden Project on the Wednesday.

Monday Walks - Fowey area - 'A' party - Cliff W & Bryan R - 12.5 miles, similar to 'B' party ~9.5 miles - Lorna & David L starting at Polmear on SW Coastal path via Polkerris, Gubbin Head, then lunch and on to Fowey. Interesting little town and estuary, some members choosing to sample the local beers! Return to Polmear via an inland route - The Saints Way - then disaster struck with Howard Gibson falling over a small rock and breaking his forearm and dislocating his elbow. Excellent response by the Emergency Services, with a paramedic there in 10 minutes, followed by an ambulance in another 10 minutes.

Footnote: To receive your newsletter by e-mail, please e-mail your request to - bryan.roe@docroe.freeserve.co.uk

A copy of this newsletter is also published on the Club Web Site in the Archive section.



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General Information

'C' party - Sybil H ~7 miles down the SW Coastal path and return on a parallel track.

Tuesday walks - Local 'B' & 'C' walks in Newquay (Drivers day off) 'B' party Harry N & Grace H along seafront to Towan Beach, observing & photographing seals playing in the harbour. Further along youngsters - under supervision - were jumping off the cliffs! Coffee overlooking Fistral Beach, watching surfers. Down to Pentire to cross the River Gannel by small ferry. Lunch overlooking Crontock Beach, continuing inland to cross the river again, but by footbridge. Afternoon teas/ice creams at Trenance Park overlooking the lake and back to the hotel. 'C' party Sybil H - similar shorter walk in the opposite direction.

Wednesday - Visit to The Eden Project - A fascinating experience for all, seeing plants and vegetation from all around the world growing in 'biomes' to suit their climatic conditions.

Thursday walks - Coastal walks heading north from Newquay, then around the headland and finally south into Padstow. 'A' party, Cliff W & Bryan R ~15 miles, 'B' party, Albert S ~8.5 miles, 'C' party, Sybil H ~7 miles. Superb coastal walking and scenery in brilliant sunshine for all parties. This day was a

'surfers' paradise with breakers up to 10 feet (sorry 3 metres!). Non walkers enjoyed the day browsing around Padstow.

Chamois Weekend 2006 - John Fuller - A great weekend was enjoyed by the members who attended and the weather was absolutely glorious. Fine views and glorious sunsets were enjoyed. On the Saturday one group climbed Moel Hebog and its satellite peaks, whilst the other group did a circular walk from Beddgelert. All met up at Rhyd-Ddu for a pint. On the Sunday the whole group did a circular walk from Sychnant Pass. Chamois has been booked for 7th, 8th and 9th September 2007.

Pick-up points for Sunday walks - the committee has agreed to an additional pick-up point at The Earl of Crewe.

Finally - The committee & members send their best wishes to Howard Gibson, who suffered multiple fractures to his right arm on the 'B' walk on the first day on the Newquay holiday. Due of the complexity of the fractures, 3 operations were needed and Howard spent nearly a fortnight in hospital at Truro. He returned home on 22nd September, courtesy of the NHS Hospital Transfer System.

Walks Activities

2007 Winter/Spring Walks Programme - there are still a number of gaps on this programme, which needs urgent completion, offers please ASAP to the Ramble Organisers.

'C' Walks - A full 'C' walk programme in the next quarter:

15th Oct - Llangollen - Sybil Hackling

29th Oct - Frodsham (Hot Pot) - Chris England

12th Nov - Longnor - Pete Winby

26th Nov - Edale - Ken Elkins

10th Dec - Castleton (Mince Pie Walk) - Pete Winby

Please note that 'C Walks are often added to the programme at short notice and are usually announced on the coach on a previous walk, updates can also be found on the Web Site.

Hot Pot Walk - 29th October 2006 - Frodsham - this walk must be pre-booked at a cost of £12, (£6 Hotpot + £6 coach fare). A booking slip is attached for return to Mavis Thorpe, please make cheques payable to 'Crewe & Nantwich Rambling Club'. **There are still a few places available on this walk and anybody interested should contact Mavis Thorpe as soon as possible.** Members wishing to attend the Hot Pot only

should discuss the possibility with Mavis Thorpe - tel 01606 559151

Mince Pie Walk - 10th December 2006 - Members proposing to attend this walk should bring along a small gift to the value of £1.50

Club Spring 2007 Holiday - North Pembrokeshire Coast. - Organised by Joan Yarwood. 23rd - 27th April 2007 (Monday - Friday) at The Cliff Hotel, Gwbert-on-Sea, nr Cardigan. This is within reach of the northern end of the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path and the Preseli Hills.

This holiday is **fully booked** and a waiting list is in operation.

The balance for this holiday will be due in mid-Feb 2007 and a form will be included in the January 2007 Newsletter.

Future Club Weekends/Breaks - in view of the considerable interest in holidays abroad, the committee is prepared to consider locations in Europe suitable for all types of walks.

Members with suggestions for locations, either in this country or abroad, should contact any member of the committee.



HOT POT WALK - FRODSHAM 29th OCTOBER 2006

Please reserve places @ £12 per person (incl coach fare). I/We enclose a total of £.....

Names..... Tel No.....

Address.....

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Please return to:

Mavis Thorpe, 1 Peregrine Close, Darnhall, Winsford CW7 1SH as soon as possible
Please make cheques payable to: 'Crewe & Nantwich Rambling Club'
