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Hi Everybody,

I hope you all had a good Summer. Those long sunny days seem like a world away already and now here we are in Autumn. I must admit it is one of my favourite seasons as the leaves change from green to gold. A lovely time to get the boots on and get outdoors and, to help us do that, we have another full programme of walks and events with, hopefully, something for everyone.

The club holiday to La Villa in Italy then Lech in Austria was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Stunning scenery, the beautiful alpine flowers and walks to suit all abilities made it the success it was.

Mike Everill again organised a club walk followed by a meal. This time around the Alton area with the meal at The Peakstones Inn. 4 grades of walk with a few non walking members joining us for the meal meant 45 of us sat down to eat and socialise.

Mike also organised a YHA weekend at Hartington which was well supported with some members trying hostelling for the first time. Again all grades of walks were catered for and made for an enjoyable experience.

On offer is a chance to try Persian food at the Eesha Restaurant in Newcastle. Due to the close date of this meal after receiving the newsletter please, if you are interested, book straight away.

Details of this year's Christmas meals are in this newsletter. These tend to fill up quickly so it is advisable to get your booking forms off as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We welcome a **new member**, Stuart Ross from Blurton and look forward to seeing him on our walks and social events.

It is my sad duty to impart the news of the death of club member Terry Grattage on 11th July 2017. Our sincere condolences go to his family and friends. There is a thank you message from Terry's family in this newsletter.

Pauline Oliver (Editor)

Next Winter Programme Key Events

- Committee Meeting 17th January 2018
- Chairman's Ramble 25th February 2018
- Borth YHA Weekend 2nd to 4th March 2018
- Annual General Meeting 8th March 2018
- Daffodil Dawdle 8th April 2018

Forthcoming Events

The Chairman's Ramble

After a number of positive comments Garry is again using The Hotel Rudyard as the venue for next years Chairman's Ramble and Meal. The carvery will cost £7.95 per person with Desserts priced at £3.95 each making a total of around £12.00 each. As always there will be two grades of walk on offer plus a warm welcome for those members who just want to come along for the meal. Further details and the booking form will be in the Winter newsletter.

Spring 2018 Coach Holiday to Tenby

Jane is organising a coach holiday to Tenby from Thursday 26th April to Tuesday 1st May 2018. The stay will be at The Hotel Belgrave and cost £275.00 per person including gratuities. There is no single room supplement but there are only five such rooms. The booking form and further details will be in the Winter newsletter.

Kettlewell Youth Hostel

Plans for a YHA event at Kettlewell Youth Hostel are being considered for the weekend of 20th to 22nd April 2018. This will be suitable for A, B and C walkers so, if you enjoyed the recent Hartington YHA weekend, here is a chance to give hostelling another try. If you are interested in joining the party or want further information please contact John Butler on 01782 615725.

Letter from the Social Secretary

Hi Everybody,

Just a few lines from me to let you know a few things that have come to my attention since seeing you last. Looking through some of the coach tour brochures it occurred to me that there are some very good deals for short breaks in the New Year (Jan/Feb). If any of you are interested I will happily set one up. This could also double up as a re-union or a catch up for any members who, for whatever reason, have not been able to get out on the walks for a while. Let me know what you think.

Have any of you been to any good restaurants lately? We, as a club, are always on the look out for a good venue especially if recommended. So, if you have been to a place you would happily return to, then share your secret with us.

By the time you read this we will have been to Liverpool and are in Torquay (even as we speak) so I can't comment on that yet.

Remember I am always pleased to hear what you want to do and where you want to go; Theatre, day trips and places of interest etc.

Jane Rushton

From the Walks' Co-ordinator

Programme

I would like to thank: all those who have volunteered to lead walks and events on the Programme, and the Compilers (Bill, John, Alan, Ashley and Ken) who have collected the details.

Peakstones

Thanks also to the 45 who booked onto the Peakstones Inn walks and meal on 13th August 2017 and the others who joined us for the walks. These went well, made easier by Bill Walshaw's path clearing efforts. I had a number of comments and emails expressing appreciation for the quality of the meals and service. I have one quibble – book earlier in future. I was left in doubt whether it would go ahead with about a fortnight to go with few showing interest, and the last booking was made the day before the event. Thanks to Bill Locker and Sue who led the walks along with me.

Hartington Hall Youth Hostel

Another event that went well despite the problems caused during the booking by changes in the hostel staff and changes in the YHA rules. Luckily we completed the longer of the two sections of the Roller Coaster when the weather was good and the shorter when the weather was poorer. Thanks to the leaders: Bill Walshaw, Norman Smith, Ashley Steadman, Sue Everill, Peter Johnon and Wayne and Pauline Oliver. We all managed to meet in The Greyhound at Warslow for the lunch stop on the second day.

Walks' Co-ordinator

I mentioned in Committee in May 2017 that I have decided to relinquish the Walks' Co-ordinator position before I next go to New Zealand in January 2019. Ideally a replacement should take the role at the AGM in March 2018 and I could then help during the next few months if this were wanted.

Please give my successor the same help you have given me; make the Programme Compilers' jobs easy by offering to lead walks; suggest and support future events and write articles about them. I will continue as Webmaster unless someone else feels they would like to take over.

A Thank You Message (1)

Joan Grattage and family wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards of condolence and donations in memory of Terry.

The family were overwhelmed by the large number of people who attended the Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of Terry and for their generous donations.

The total donations amounted to one thousand pounds. The monies were split equally with five hundred pounds each going to Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Donna Louise Trust.

A Thank You Message (2)

Hi Everyone,

As I was on holiday when the AGM took place, I wish to thank the members of the club for making me an Honorary Member.

When I first joined the HRC it was a lifeline for me and I have enjoyed the sociability it afforded me. I have made many wonderful friends whose company and help I have appreciated. I have served on the committee for about thirteen years in various positions, not least having the honour of being HRC Chairman.

I hope that many of you enjoyed the holidays and social events I provided in the past. Now, as old age rears its ugly head and the body is not quite so active, I reluctantly felt the need to resign from the committee in the hope that others younger and fitter would take over.

I shall still remain a member of the club and hopefully still enjoy its amenities and the company of its members. It only remains for me to wish you all well and hope you get as much joy and pleasure from the club as I have.

Best Wishes for the future.

Margaret Bailey

Photographic Competition Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7.30 pm Burslem Cricket Club

Once again it is time to sift through your prized photographs in an attempt to win our prestigious trophies. Our venue is Burslem Cricket Club, Greyhound Way, Festival Heights, Cobridge, ST6 3LQ. Parking is free in the large car park outside the premises. There is a bar and a free buffet will again be provided.

Entries will be accepted as **digital files only** and should be entered on CD or sent by internet to my e-mail address below. Images will be projected onto a large screen for judging which will give us large, clear images for all to enjoy. The categories are listed below. Please note that in the first category only photos taken on Club events are eligible. There are no such restrictions on the other three categories. The winning photos plus 3 runners up entries in all 3 categories will be included in the Club Calendar for 2018.

- **The Paul Rey Trophy** for the best photo illustrating the spirit of rambling taken on a Club walk or Club holiday.
- **The Broadhurst Trophy** for the best photo of flora and fauna.
- **The Margaret Bailey Trophy** for best photo depicting the Great Outdoors
- **Special Award** for the most amusing photo.

A maximum of eight entries per member in total is allowed which should all have been taken within the last three years. These eight can all be for one category or split, as desired, between the first three. A further two photos can be submitted in the Humorous category. Please indicate which category you wish to enter a photo by **FF** (for Flora and Fauna), **SR**

(for Spirit of Rambling), **GO** (for Great Outdoors) or **HU** (for Humorous) by incorporating into file/directory name as appropriate. An attached, written list of entries by category would be useful to avoid any confusion. On landscape views it would be helpful if the location is disclosed for the judge to use in his commentary. Please note that cropping and colour enhancement of digital images is allowed but any removing or inserting of features is not.

After the judging there will be a small buffet provided by the Club which will give the opportunity to socialise for the final hour. Our resident photographic expert Martin Kessel has again kindly agreed to do the judging and always provides an illuminating and amusing evening as well as a few surprises. Do try to come along to enjoy this popular event which usually provides an interesting selection of Club highlights during the past year.

Send your entries to **Ken Elkin by 25th October 2017**. Please ensure any CD is "finalised" so that it can be read by another computer. I will acknowledge receipt of entries so please check your e-mails.

PS. New entrants are urged to give it a try. It's fun and not too serious and photo owners remain anonymous unless, of course, they win. For any queries contact me. Best of luck!!

Our HRC Club Calendar 2018 Celebrates the Photographic Competition

How many of you read the HRC Newsletter and see something that interests you? You then put the newsletter to one side intending to look at and deal with it later. The disappointment sets in when you do since you find that you've missed the date, forgotten to return the form, hadn't remembered that was on etc. Is this familiar? Well hopefully we can all be more organised in 2018 by purchasing the HRC Club Calendar, which was a successful new venture for the club last year. Allan has changed the format of the calendar in response to members' feedback. The calendar remains A4 size and with a page per month but has more space for your personal notes. Additional club information will be included which will be colour coded. An example of a page in the revised format (A5 size) is shown opposite.

We intend to celebrate the Annual Photographic Competition by including a selection of images from each category within the calendar. Even more reason to show off your photographic skills this year, so send your entries in! Please support us by ordering a Club Calendar for 2018 or even more than one, to pass onto friends or family for Christmas! This is a good opportunity for us all to promote our club and hopefully encourage new members to join us on our walks and travels. Calendars are £3.50 this year with postage an additional 75p for those who may not be able to receive them on walks or events.

Please complete the order form within this newsletter and making cheques payable to HANLIENSIAN RAMBLING CLUB.

Orders and payment may be placed at the Photographic Competition. Otherwise by post or via any committee member.



The Great Outdoors 1st Hazel Waters 2016

For Hanliensian Rambling Club walks information and contact details see the back cover.

Walking Days			<h1>January 2018</h1>			HRC Events		
1	M	New Years Day	17	W	Committee Meeting			
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Persian Meal at the Eesha Restaurant

Wednesday 8th November at 7.30 pm

It is now almost 5 years since we held a Persian – themed meal at this restaurant. Most of those who went last time thoroughly enjoyed it and many have asked for a repeat. Jane suggested we put this event on after the meal at Thornbury Hall did not obtain the support required.

Persian food is more delicately, aromatic and fragrantly flavoured than Indian food.

Persian Menu

Starter

Chicken Vegetable Soup

Kobida

(Lamb Mince Meat Kebab & Chicken Kebab)



Mains

Qabuli Pulao

(Rice Dish cooked with Lamb Meat, Carrots & Sultanas)

Kofta

(Chicken Mince Meat cooked with Lentils, Tomato, Onion, Fresh Garlic & Persian Spices)

Spinach

(Cooked with Coriander & Persian Spices)

Persian Nan



Dessert

Almond Sweet

Cup of Green Tea

£16.00 including a tip

There is no need to make a choice from the menu. You can take your own alcoholic beverages, but soft drinks must be purchased there; glasses are provided.

Car Parking: If you use the multi storey on the opposite side of the road you need to pay £2.10. You have to type in your car registration.

Eesha Restaurant, 12 The Midway, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1QG. Tel: 01782 660252.

Please book straight away as this has been arranged soon after the Newsletter circulation to keep away from December events. Please complete the booking form in this newsletter and return with a cheque for £16.00 per person to Mike Everill.

A & B Walkers Christmas Walk and Meal at The Traveller's Rest, Stanley, ST9 9LX Thursday 7th December 2017

The A & B Walkers Christmas Walk and Meal will start at 9.00 am prompt from Tompkin Car Park Grid Ref:- SJ 946513. To reach the car park drive past the Travellers Rest Public House, Stanley, on Tompkin Lane for 1.4 miles.

The walk itself will be approximately 7.5 miles in order to be back at the pub for our meal at 2.00 pm. The landlord wasn't prepared to offer us a set menu so main course choices on offer include:-

Cod and Chips
Salmon and New Potatoes
Roast Turkey
Braised Steak
Steak and Mushroom Pie
Veg, Bean and Chick Pea Chilli (v)

Alternatively the menu can be viewed online and further choices made. Enter your required meal(s) on the booking form including any you choose that are not listed above. All main courses range from £6.00 to £9.00 each.

Starter and Dessert choices (if required) can be made on the day, but will be extra.

Please complete the booking form at the back of the newsletter and return it along with a deposit of £5.00 per person to Ray Green,

Turkey Trot at The Rose and Crown, Stanley Thursday 14th December 2017 at 10.00 am

This years Turkey Trot Meal will be held at The Rose and Crown, Stanley Grid Ref: SJ 924523. A walk of approximately 5 miles will start from the pub car park at 10.00 am. However club members wishing to come for the meal only, particularly non-walking members, are asked to meet at the pub at 1.00 pm.

The cost of the meal is £15.00 for two courses (including a tip). Please make your choice from the menu below.

Main Course

Roast Breast of Turkey with all the trimmings
Roast Topside of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Salmon Fillet in Parsley Sauce
Vegetable Lasagne

Dessert

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce or Custard
Lemon Meringue with Pouring Cream
Warm Chocolate Fudge Cake with Pouring Cream

Tea or Coffee

Please fill in the booking form at the back of the newsletter stating your choice of meal and send, along with your remittance, to Bill Merchant. **Early booking is advisable for this very popular club event.** Further details can be obtained from Bill.

YHA Weekend at Borth **Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March 2018**

It is both Kath Moran's and my own special birthdays this year and we felt it would be a good idea to arrange a joint YHA weekend for just after.

I am planning a stay at Borth (Near to Aberystwyth) YHA for the weekend from Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March 2018.

Arriving on the Friday, with an A grade coastal walk on the Saturday , followed by a 10 mile walk including Plynlimon (Pumlumon Fawr) from Nant y Moch Reservoir on the Sunday.

- Elevation: 752m (2,467 ft)
- Prominence: 526m (1,726 ft)

To indicate your interest and/or for more details contact Karl Lawton. I will be confirming prices over the next few days but due to YHA rules all money is now requested up front.

Articles

Club Holiday to La Villa, Italy and Lech, Austria **Saturday 8th July to Saturday 22nd July 2017**

Saturday saw us flying from Manchester to Innsbruck where our coach was waiting to take us to our hotel in La Villa. As a reward for early booking we had free wine with our evening dinner and also fifty euros each to spend on drinks from the bar which was then increased by a further fifty euros each and two free excursions owing to building work going on next to the hotel. After our evening meal the next days walks were discussed. We split into two groups, A and C. I decided to walk with the C group for the two weeks.

Sunday morning, after a good breakfast, both groups set off to purchase passes for the lifts and buses. The C party, led by Sue Everill, then used the lift from La Villa to the plateau of Piz La Ila. After a stop for coffee we walked across the plateau to descend to Corvara and walked back to La Villa following the river.

Monday saw the C party take advantage of the first free trip. A guided walk led by John, the Inghams rep, who took us by bus to the Colfosco Panorama Path. As we descended the path he pointed out various plants and explained the geology of the Dolomites.

Tuesday we took a bus to Badia where we took two lifts to La Crusc then walked back to Badia through picturesque countryside along woodland paths.

On Wednesday Bill Merchant led the walk. We got the bus to San Cassiano and then the lift to Piz Sorega and, after a beer or two, walked back to La Villa.

Thursdays walk, led by Sue Everill, saw us on the bus to Badia then using the same two lifts as earlier in the week but this time we returned by a different route. On our way we saw a number of butterflies and again wonderful scenery.

Friday and the second free trip. This was to Cortina a town that hosted the 1956 Winter Olympics. We also visited the Cinque Tom (fire towers) scene of some horrific fighting in the first World War. Some of the trenches and buildings have been restored. We took a chair lift up to the site, led by John from Inghams, who was very knowledgeable about the area and the fighting there. We left the trenches and walked back to the coach to return to La Villa.

Saturday saw us on the coach to Innsbruck and then on to Lech arriving in time for the evening meal. Here we were met by four other club members who had made their own travel arrangements. After filling in our forms for the free lift and bus passes we were ready for our week in Lech.

Sunday, and Sue Everill led the walk. We used the cable car then the chair lift to the Kruger Alp where some of the group took a detour to see an Anthony Gormley statue on the mountain side. When they rejoined the group we made our way down hill to Zug where we followed the river back to Lech.

Monday saw us boarding the cable car to Ruffkopf a geological area with strange rock formations. The main party made their way down to Zurs and then back to Lech by bus. The rest of us enjoyed a small beer at a cafe before returning by the cable car.

Tuesday, and most of the C party got the bus to Oberlech to follow the path to Korbersee. Two of us got the bus to Hochkrumbach and took a shorter route to meet the others at Korbersee for lunch. All the party then walked back to Hochkrumbach to get the bus back to Lech.

Wednesday's walk was along the riverside path, through woodland and fields to Bodenalpe (a small refreshment hut). When we arrived it was to find it was closed for the day but, with great linguistic skills!!, Peter Johnson chatted to a German couple who then produced bottles of wine from their car and offered us a drink. Afterwards, as we were walking back, we came across some avid Robbie Williams fans who, once they knew where we were from, questioned us about him.

On Thursday we walked from the hotel. The path quickly started to climb and kept going. When we reached Stierloch alpe we had a long and quite steep descent to complete. We eventually reached a supply road which we followed back to Zug and the bus back to Lech. Friday and our last day of walking. We took the cable car then made our way to the Gipslocher Nature Protection Area (gypsum holes). These 'holes' made the mountainside look like a moonscape but with vegetation. There are at least ten different orchid species in

this area and I think we found most of them. After a short stop at a local Alpe we made our way back down to Lech passing a very strange statue. I'm sure we will see photos of this in the Photo Competition.

Saturday and we travelled back to Innsbruck and our flight to Manchester.

In summary it was a most enjoyable holiday with good 'add ons' from the early booking. The walking was excellent thanks to Sue Everill and Bill Merchant who led most of the walks. A big thanks to Carol and Bill for organising the holiday and thanks to all who were there for your good company over the two weeks.

Garry Melbourne

La Villa and Lech A walks

There was a lightning show during our first evening due to an impressive thunderstorm; it proved an exciting accompaniment to our evening meal. Maps and walks information were soon on display and were scrutinised for via ferrata signs. Sun and possible thunderstorms was the message on the weather sites for the rest of the week and this influenced walking decisions. We were for both leaving and getting back early.

Bill and Mick led the walks for the core of six; Bill, Mick, Paul, Vanda, Hazel and myself, plus Peter on the first day. The plans were somewhat flexible with "we will get to here then decide which option", usually this meant an extra climb. Lift/bus passes purchased we headed for the heights: 3,500 feet of climbing the first day got the legs toned up.

Second day we did not make it back before the thunderstorm, having decided when we got back to the valley on an extra lift and then walk back to the hotel. Fortunately we were near a hut and sheltered while it went over, getting back to our hotel just as a second rainstorm was starting. Afternoon temperatures were often in the mid twenties. Flowers were abundant and various; going a month earlier was a good decision from this viewpoint. The high walking from the numerous lifts was often on rocky paths which could be slippery when wet, but overall we enjoyed warm sunny days.

Day three offered more thunderstorms but these did not appear until after we got back to the hotel, after 4,500 ft of descent. Highlights for me were the ascent/descent of Piz Boe on the ropes and the circuit of Setsas. New flowers could be spotted on each walk. Panoramic views from the tops made the climbing all worthwhile.

The second week our group, including the newly arrived Phil, walked on more grassy tops but there were rocks to be found. It was surprising how different the two areas proved. Colder here, 10 degrees when we arrived in the late afternoon.

Monday there was a cold wind but on Tuesday we were soon stripping off to toil up another ascent. As with last week it was looking across the valley, for accessible paths to future tops, planning for the rest of the week. The flowers were still prolific. The benefit of revisiting both places was that club members had experience of the areas from previous visits to draw on.

Tuesday we took the tourist bus to Zugantäl for a walk from Formarinsee Lake to the Gehren Ridge and Spullersee Lake. The large area of impressive limestone pavement was a treat with fossils evident in the rocks.

Wednesday we tackled the Green Ring Leg 2 taking the bus to Zurs in warm sunshine

before starting climbing. Soon thunder was heard and quickly followed by very painful hailstones which showed no sign of melting for a long time. We had no shelter so kept climbing towards the Zursensee Lake, fifteen minutes later and we would have found a cave to shelter in. It did not last long and the sky turned blue so we continued climbing diverting to visit the wooden Taurin the Giant sculpture high in the rocks. Ibex watched us from the skyline of adjacent cliffs.

The last day was a farewell to the mountains with a walk to the Stuttgarter Hut from Rufikopf lift, at a gentler pace but with still a long descent down to the valley floor.

Twelve days of excellent walking with good companionship in fine surroundings. Lots of talk about next year strongly suggested that it had been a successful holiday. Thanks to Carol and Bill for organising the holiday and Bill and Mike for leading the walks.

Anne Jepson

Peter Johnson's 80th Birthday Walk

Sunday 30th July 2017

To celebrate his 80th birthday, Peter decided to do an A walk similar to the first one he did for the club in 1987. Peter's A walk started at Youlgrave along with two C walks which Peter Hand and Mike Gibson led. One clockwise and one anti clockwise which is the one I did.

When we got to the Red Lion at Birchover, Peter Hand's group was already there and Peter Johnson's party arrived soon afterwards. Peter opened a tab at the bar so everyone had a free drink and a pleasant party mood developed.

Margaret Bailey had had a cake made and decorated with a model of a track cart with a broken wheel and a number of Boy Scouts looking on. This goes back to our days in Cobridge Boy Scouts when Peter was attempting to become a Queens Scout. One of his tasks was to take a group of six younger Boy Scouts, push the track cart with all the gear on it and set up camp at Consall.

Peter worked Saturday morning so six twelve year old Boy Scouts, including me, started to push the track cart to Consall. We lost control of it on Lime Kiln Bank and it smashed into the roundabout at the bottom. One wheel came off and the handle broke and all the gear was scattered. As best we could we stuck the wheel back on and, with difficulty, continued our journey. When Peter arrived he was not very pleased, we had not even passed Bucknall!! It did not look like we would reach Consall let alone set up a camp that would impress his assessor. Luckily a kind motorist saw our plight and made several trips to Consall with our gear. Two Scouts were left behind to bring the empty track cart to the camp. To make matters worse it started to rain heavily and we could not start a fire so went to bed tired, hungry and wet.

Next day his assessor came out and it was still raining heavily and the camp site was a mess. Peter gave him a hard luck story and somehow, much to my surprise, was awarded his star towards his Queens Scout Badge.

Peter's wife Margaret read a poem, which had been written by Margaret Bailey, about

Peter's life including the tale of the track cart. At 2 o'clock we left the pub to continue our walks. My party got back to our cars just before a downpour.

A sincere thanks to Peter and the two Margarets for such a memorable day.

P.S. Sixty four years is a long time to wait to be bought a pint no matter how dubiously earned.

John Critchlow

Pie and Pea Supper 2nd August 2017

The Pie and Pea Supper attracted its usual large number of participants, success guaranteed with Carol and Bill Merchant in charge – The Dynamoc Duo.

Thirty people managed to fill the car park of The Traveller's Rest in Stanley before starting off in pleasant conditions on the walk. The walk length was just right, whatever it was, taking in sailing boats on Stanley Pool and through a small hamlet where we managed to upset quite a few large dogs who were, thankfully, all fed and penned up. They did at least put off any potential burglars in our midst.

Back at base twenty more people joined us and after everyone had caught up with old friends we all sat down for an excellent meal after which the Chairman circulated, chatting with everyone, bringing the very enjoyable evening to a successful and pleasant close.

Alan Huthwaite

Walk and Meal at Peakstones Inn 13th August 2017

I decided to try the C walk led by Sue Everill. It was my first C walk with the club for sometime.

We met at the Peakstones Inn car park and set off on the Cheadle Road before taking a footpath that descended through woodland and crossed a number of fields towards Newtown and then on to Old Furnace. The path led us through Dimmingsdale Wood and into the dale where we joined a track to Rakes Dale, skirting Toothill and into Alton.

This was our pub stop at The Royal Oak. A chance for a drink and, for some, a bit of lunch before setting off on the return journey to the Peakstones. We walked via Rakes Dale and Threapwood and finally climbing a set of steep steps to the side of the Peakstones Inn.

Here it was so nice to meet a lot of people, some of whom I had not seen for quite some time. The meal was enjoyed by all ending a wonderful day. Thank you Mike and Sue for your organising skills and to the other walk leaders for making it a lovely day.

Sandra Melbourne