

# BARNARD CASTLE RAMBLER'S ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER: Summer 2010

### COACH TRIPS

The "Lighting the Wall" coach trip was a huge success, so we have decided to have another coach trip in September. I know we have done the "Limestone Link" before, but the countryside is so different to our area with fantastic limestone pavements. Who could want more, 2 walks to choose from and an excellent meal at the Fighting Cocks pub in Arnside. Anyone not wishing to do either of the walks could go to Arnside on the coach and do the interesting walk on to Arnside Knot on their own.

For over 20 years I organised lots of coach trips, sometimes with the help of Joan and Mike, but its time some younger people took over. Tom, Lis, Ian and I are organising the one in September and Ken, Frances and Jean organised the "Lighting the Wall" trip. Why not think about next year and a few people get together and organise something. The biggest problem is getting someone to take the names and collect the money, which realistically is best done by someone who goes on quite a lot of the walks. All I am saying is. **think about it** and work as a "team".

I have stuck my neck out and said that if there is enough interest I will try and get another Morecambe Bay crossing organised for next year. The queens guide, Cedric Robinson is now over 80 and I am not sure how much longer he will carry on and whether there is anyone to replace him. It's very difficult getting places on the walk now, but I will try my best.

Joan

### COACH TRIP - 2010

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Coach Trip to do the **LIMESTONE LINK** – 2 Linear Walks.

Meet at 8.30am outside Charles Dickens Lodge, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

If there is no response by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010 the trip may be cancelled

**"A" Walk** – Limestone Link. Kirkby Lonsdale Hutton Roof Crags, Holme, Fairy Steps, Hazelslack, Arnside. 13 moderate miles.

**Leaders:- Tom and Lis (01833 650192)**

**"B" Walk** – Dalham Tower, Beetham, Fairy Steps, Hazelslack, Eves Wood, Arnside Tower, Arnside. 8 moderate miles.

**Leaders:- Joan and Ian (01833 637825, mobile on the day 07745 451198).**

**Cost of coach - £11** . Book with Lis Vlaming on 01833 650192 **before September 4<sup>th</sup>**, with choice of meal. **£5 non-refundable deposit required a.s.a.p.-** paid to either Joan or Lis.

### Menu for the Meal (cost £10)

#### Main Course

Haddock, Chips and Mushy Peas

Beef or Vegetable Lasagne, chips and salad (contd)

Meat and Potato Pie, chips, peas and gravy

Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan bread

Roast Ham or Cheese Salad with crusty bread

#### Sweets

Apple Crumble and Custard

Sherry Trifle

Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake and Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding

### SLIDE SHOWS

#### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August

Slide show by Joan and Ian Martin. ***“Our Adventure in Nepal”***

7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Barnard Castle.

Admission, including coffee/tea £2.50

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Slide show by Lis and Tom Vlaming ***“Canada Revisited – 40 years on”***

7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Barnard Castle.

Admission, including coffee/tea £2.50

### PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

Many thanks to everyone who has now got into the habit of emailing me with photos from walks for the scrap books. It's so easy to "copy" me in when emailing photo's to Maggie for the web site. I print out a nice cross section of photo's and print them out, so please keep them coming.

Joan, [ijmar8@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ijmar8@tiscali.co.uk)

### DEATH OF TWO FOUNDER MEMBERS

It is with sadness that I report the deaths of 2 founder members. The first was Bill Harwood who was 98 and was treasurer of the group when Ian and I joined. Just 2 weeks later Norman Jackson died at the age of 94. Norman was also one of the early committee members. They were both very active members and as our present day members do, they enjoyed the weekend walks and our weekends in the Lake District climbing the Fells and I think most of all the fellowship. Up to the end, both men still had a keen interest in the group and Bill came to the slide shows until last year.

Joan Martin

### RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES AND INK CARTRIDGES

You can recycle your old mobile phones and ink cartridges and at the same time help to raise funds for the Ramblers Association. To find out more visit [www.recyclingappeal.com/ramblers](http://www.recyclingappeal.com/ramblers) or phone **08451 302010**

### LIGHTING THE WALL DVD

As we had such a good trip to see the “Lighting the Wall”, we thought you might like to know there is now an official DVD which some of you might like to look at by following the links on

[www.illuminatinghadrianswall.com/site/](http://www.illuminatinghadrianswall.com/site/)

### DALEGARTH

Another group trip to Dalegarth has been arranged from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**

Anyone interested in joining the group please contact **Lis on 01833 650192**

### THE DANGER OF LIGHTNING - Advice on Staying Safe

The recent tragic death of a hill walker who was struck by lightning near a summit in the Southern Highlands has served as a reminder that, even though the chances of being struck by lightning are small, high on a mountain is a dangerous place to be during a storm. See the following link to get advice on staying safe.

<http://www.mcofs.org.uk/lightning.asp>

## **BARNARD CASTLE 'VISION' LANDSCAPE PROJECT**

There have been reports in the local press recently about funding having been obtained for a landscape project for what is being called the 'Tees Vale', an area of Teesdale from Eggleston to Winston, and including the countryside close to the river Greta.

The project covers a wide range of features and interests, from artists and archaeology to wildlife, and includes improvements to footpaths. There are paths in Flatts Wood that could do with some levelling.

The project has the backing of Durham County Council's Access and Rights of Way team which will be closely involved, as I hope to be as group Countryside Officer. The project is particularly to be welcomed when funding for rights of way work is likely to be cut.

## **REVIEW OF ACCESS LAND RESTRICTION**

Natural England has recently held a meeting with representatives of access land users, owners and managers, and conservation bodies to review the special restrictions imposed for wildlife and habitats within the North Pennines.

It was agreed that it is not possible to make reliable assessments of possible disturbance due to access on breeding success of black grouse, but it was very clear that the last two wet summers and the recent severe winter had drastically reduced numbers.

A public consultation is now taking place and decisions, including possible relaxations will follow in due course.

To view open access maps go to [www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess) and follow the links.

## **NORTH PENNINE NEWS**

The Spring & Summer 2010 issue has recently been published. It covers a wealth of information and illustrations on past, current and future activities and events within the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Copies were formerly available from Barnard Castle TIC, though are not at the moment. But you can see it (and much else besides) at [www.northpennines.org.uk](http://www.northpennines.org.uk) and you can ask to have your name added to the mailing list to receive a copy direct.

## **DEFINITIVE MAP**

Unfortunately Durham County Council did not make its digital definitive map of rights of way available on 14<sup>th</sup> February, as was promised, which was disappointing. But it is there now and is at [www.durham.gov.uk/definitivemap](http://www.durham.gov.uk/definitivemap). Keep clicking on the map to continue enlarging it, right up to 1:5000 metres, which you will probably need to be able to read the path numbers. This should make path problem reporting much simpler than previously.

**Jo Bird, Access and Countryside Officer**

## **SPECIAL BARGAINS EVENT FOR RAMBLERS AT BISHOP AUCKLAND**

Milletts outdoor shop at Bishop Auckland is holding a special bargains event for Ramblers on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30 – 7.00pm. Don't miss this chance to get 10% off sales items and 20% off full price items!

**Jo Bird**

**Access and Countryside Officer**

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