

## **BARNARD CASTLE RAMBLERS**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2019**

#### **Observations from the Chair**

Autumn is well underway. The trees are turning and we have their wonderful colours, greens, gold and red. The clocks have just changed and shortening days are with us. A time for some special walks with friends.

Since the last newsletter we have had a full programme of walks led by a small but really dedicated group of leaders. My thanks go to all of them for helping and supporting the group. Wednesday walks have been well supported and again my thanks to the small band of dedicated leaders.

Although there have been no coach trips again this year the group did have a successful visit to South Shields and, for a novelty, a strawberry tea and walk. Thanks to those who organised these events. We held two evening pub walks in the summer which were well supported. Some of these events may be repeated in the future.

Unbelievably the navigation course we were to have held first of all in July and then October was cancelled each time due to heavy continuous rain and cold. We are trying to re-arrange it currently.

As I am sure many of you enjoy our walks perhaps some may spare a thought for our small team of leaders and consider helping them by leading some of the walks. Help in planning and leading is readily available. Just ask any of the walk leaders.

Please don't forget the AGM on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at Romaldkirk Village Hall. There will be a walk in the morning starting at 10.00 (details on website), followed by the AGM starting at 2pm. The hall will be open from 1pm for members and the meeting starts at 2pm. Our speaker this year will be Richard Betton, well-known Teesdale farmer, who will talk about farming in Teesdale, the role of walkers in the dale and how hill farmers view Brexit.

The meeting will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes, and a chance to chat to your fellow Ramblers.

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held at the Langdon Beck Hotel again on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Details are in this newsletter.

Although Christmas is some two months away I wish you all a joyful festive season.

**From Lynda**

**Christmas Lunch on SUNDAY , December 8<sup>th</sup> at 13.00**

After a short morning walk (*details to be confirmed in the Walks Programme*) the Christmas Lunch is booked for 13.00 at the Langdon Beck Hotel with a choice of:

1. Turkey served with Pigs in blankets, Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce, Roast and Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.
2. Roast Beef served with Roast and Mashed Potatoes, homemade Yorkshire Pudding, and Seasonal Vegetables.
3. Roast Pork served with Roast and Mashed Potatoes, homemade Yorkshire Pudding, and Seasonal Vegetables.
4. Vegetarian option (please contact Lynda for details).

The cost is £16.50 including the two courses with Desserts to include Homemade Christmas Puddings and a selection of their other seasonal puds and homemade puds., all followed by tea/coffee and Mince Pies.

Everyone interested should please **contact Lynda on 01833 640258 or [lyndabares@gmail.com](mailto:lyndabares@gmail.com)** as soon as possible (with choices) so we can let the Hotel know the numbers. We will again have the private dining room to ourselves.

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**Winter Walks**

We have a full programme of Saturday and Wednesday walks through November and December, over Christmas and into the New Year. Please check the Walks Programme regularly for updates and details.

A date for your diary : **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Pancake Lunch and Walk**

After a morning walk (details to follow), meet at The Forresters in Middleton in Teesdale at 13.30 for a Pancake Lunch – both sweet and savoury pancakes available. More information later.

Looking forward to seeing you at all our events and walks.