

# BARNARD CASTLE RAMBLERS

## NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2021

Welcome to our first, and very short, newsletter of 2021, a message from our chair, bringing you up to date with where we are now.

#### From Gordon

This is August 2021 and we are living with a disease which is affecting us all and our daily living. Little could we have imagined this state 2 years ago. Now the good news is that most of us have learned to continue our daily routines.

The Group resumed walks in April which seems an awful long time ago. Initially we started with Wednesday leisurely walks but have resumed Saturday walks as well. Owing to a shortage of walk leaders we haven't been able to put on a full monthly programme to date. We have managed to provide monthly Wednesday walks and so far we have at least one Saturday walk each month. The best way to keep abreast of planned walks is to look on our web-site. As the holiday season nears an end more walks will hopefully appear on the programme.

The committee have agreed, in line with Ramblers guidance, that walk leaders should be able to decide how many people they are happy to lead. So walk numbers will vary. Again check the web-site for this information. Walk leaders should be contacted beforehand by email, text or phone to see if there are vacancies on the walk. We are following government guidelines on social distancing and car sharing. If you have any further questions I would suggest you consult the Ramblers web-site.

At a recent committee meeting it was decided that we should have our Annual General Meeting on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. On the assumption that we will still be allowed to meet together the Reading Room at Romaldekirk has been booked for this meeting and a walk will be arranged for the morning. Precise arrangements will be communicated later. If we are no longer allowed to meet together it is likely the AGM will be held via Zoom as in 2020. It has been suggested that at the meeting our Blog – see the web-site – should be discussed and members made aware of its usefulness as a means of communication. Until the Covid-19 situation clarifies we are not planning on any winter social activities.

I am pleased to say that our membership numbers have increased and our finances remain healthy.

I would like to thank all the committee for their support and we continue to look forward to a more promising future.

Gordon

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Let's hope that we shall have an autumn free from a return to more Covid restrictions, so we can continue walking, and see as many as possible of you all for the traditional tea and chat after the AGM in early November.