

BRADFORD CHA RAMBLING AND SOCIAL CLUB NEWS-SHEET

JULY 2023

Now we're into Summer, as usual it seems the weather in May and June is giving us its best. This newsletter and syllabus will take us through to the start of October. Everyone will have their own preference for how to keep up to date with what's going on, but a good idea might be to print the syllabus now if you can! We have plenty of other sources of information now, including the website and the Meetup pages for walks details and booking opportunities. From a pre-Covid surge we have gone to a steady trickle of new members, many of whom turn into stalwarts. We need a constant supply of new people to keep everything going and to keep the coach fares affordable. We try to raise interest by linking into any local events and festivals that we can, and this newsletter has details of two local walking festivals that might be of interest, plus a coach walk where we are collaborating with the Ramblers' programme. Happy reading and happy walking!

(This is coming to you with the assistance of the various contributors, distributors and computer wizards- many thanks)

Jackie Wilkes, Newsheet Compiler

To open, Malcolm has been thinking and reading extensively about the Right to Roam, before giving us the following thoughts

President's Address

Did you hear the great news? In a very recent parliamentary debate on access to nature, the **Labour Party confirmed they would introduce a Right to Roam Act for England if elected - and said that their policy was for a Scottish-style right of responsible access.**

Shadow Environment Minister Alex Sobel MP told the Commons:

"We will introduce a Right to Roam Act, a new law allowing national parks to adopt the right to wild camp, as well as expanding public access to woodlands and waterways...Like in Scotland, Labour's approach will be that our right to roam will offer access to high-quality green and blue spaces for the rest of Britain. We will replace the default of exclusion with a default of access".

But we can't be complacent. We're not naive - we know that pledges can be broken and there's a long way still to go to turn promises into law. We also know that now is when the real fight begins: that as a new Right to Roam Act begins to look like a possibility, its opponents will start to mobilise against it.

Let us hope the Conservative and other parties take up this challenge

What does the Right to Roam Mean?

The right to roam, also known as the freedom to roam, is the legal right of individuals to access and enjoy public or privately owned land for recreation and exercise. It is often associated with the concept of open access to nature and the outdoors.

The right to roam allows people to explore and enjoy the countryside, forests, mountains, and other natural areas, including bodies of water, without being restricted to designated paths or trails. It grants individuals the freedom to walk, hike, camp, and engage in other non-destructive recreational activities on land that is accessible to the public.

The specific laws and regulations regarding the right to roam vary from country to country. In some nations, such as Sweden, Finland, Scotland, and Norway, the right to roam is protected by legislation and is considered a fundamental right. These countries have established laws that grant people access to most public and privately owned land, with some restrictions to protect sensitive environments or private property.

In other countries, such as England and the United States, access to private land is more limited, and the right to roam is not as strongly established.

Here are some verses to celebrate a possible extension to the right to roam!

In fields and forests, far and wide, A right was sought by those allied. To roam the lands, both near and far, Beneath the moon and shining star.

With boots laced up and spirits high, We ventured forth, under blue sky. Through meadows green and mountain peaks, The right to roam, our hearts did seek.

No fence nor gate could hold us back, As freedom's flame burned strong and black. Through ancient woods and secret glens, We wandered free, like birds on winds.

From rolling hills to sandy shores, We claimed the right to explore. With every step, our souls set free, Embracing nature's harmony.

Through moorlands vast and rivers wide, We felt the joy that can't be tied. The right to roam, a sacred right, To wander wild from day to night.

For in the land, both wild and tame, A freedom dwells without a name. To walk, to breathe, to feel alive, The right to roam, let it survive.

So let us raise our voices high, And cherish nature, 'neath blue sky. For in the right to roam, we find, A bond with Earth, forever kind.

Malcolm Walters (President of the Bradford CHA Rambling & Social Club)

If you are interested in the back-up detail, there's more here:

[Labour vows to introduce Scottish-style right to roam law in England | Access to green space | The Guardian](#)

Next, we hear membership news from Jackie Hotchen

"Hi Everyone, thanks to many of you who have renewed your memberships. Special year as you know, celebrating 120 years since our club was founded. So far we have 170 renews, but still one or two who haven't done yet. Hope this is just an oversight on your part as your membership is greatly valued. Thanks again, and hope to hear from you soon"

Regards

Jackie Hotchen, Membership Secretary

And members will want to know what happened at the recent AGM

Report from the General Secretary Jean Galthen:

Hi all

I hope you are enjoying the very warm spring and looking forward to the many walks we have scheduled in the new syllabus, which is included with the newsletter.

The AGM held on the 26th April was well attended. There have been a couple of changes to the committee and the following were elected:

President – Malcolm Walters, **Vice President** – Rita Schofield, **General Secretary** – Jean Galthen, **Treasurer** – Ron Wade, **Membership Secretary** – Jackie Hotchen, **Weekend Co-ordinator** – Jayne Noble, **Saturday Secretary** – John Feather, **Sunday Secretary** – Gill Darnbrook, **Newsletter Editor** – Jackie Wilkes, **Social Secretary** – Linda Richardson, **UK Holiday Co-ordinator for 2023** – Rita Schofield, **Meetup Administrator** – Patrick Caulfield, **Coach Booking Administrator** – Sally Tetlow, **Website Administrator** – Mick Melvin. **Committee Members** – Ray Wilkes, Jean Shepherd, Andrew Blakeley, Ann Terry, Helen Woodley and Bill Saint.

I would like to thank all committee members for their hard work and support over the past year.

We currently have a vacancy for UK Holiday Co-ordinator for 2024 and if you are interested in joining the committee to take up this post, please contact me via email jeangalthen@hotmail.com or by phone on 07940 564408. If you are interested, you will be fully supported by Rita and the committee.

It was agreed to support the committee recommendation on donations. The following organisations will receive an increased amount of £80 each – The Ramblers Association, Cave Rescue, Calderdale Search & Rescue, Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

We continue to work together with the Midweek Wayfarers (previously the Senior Wayfarers), who organise weekday walks.

It was also agreed that subscription rates for the forthcoming year will continue at £10 for a single person and £18 for a couple living at the same address.

I hope everyone who went on the Fort William holiday had an enjoyable time.

Best Wishes, Jean Galthen

Now, on to the events we can look forward to, firstly from Saturday Secretary John Feather

We have a full syllabus of Saturday walks and 3 important events. The first is happening on the 8th of July and is to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the club. Details are in the syllabus.

The following week we are going by coach to Blackpool. We start the B walk at the North Pier and walk to Lytham, 9mls. There will be a C walk of around 5mls. from the South Pier to Lytham, led by Rita, and the coach will cost £16 with the usual pick up points. Bookable through the club website, Meetup or Sally Tetlow, or for more information contact me personally.

The other event worth a mention is the Baildon Walkers are Welcome 10th Anniversary Festival in September; we will be offering a Saturday walk in this and details can be found in the syllabus for 2nd September.

Finally you will notice a walk around Settle on 16th September, using the train. This is a new departure for us and one that I would encourage in the future.

Thanks to all walk leaders contributing to the above and of course all of you who continue to support those walks.

Sunday Secretary's Report Summer 2023 comes from Gill Darnbrook

Hi Everyone

You will have received the next syllabus (for July to October) with this newsletter, with some interesting destinations to tempt you out with us, including trips to the Lake District, Peak District, North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Dales.

We have a Remembrance Walk for our member Mick Farrar, who sadly died last month. Mick led many A walks for the club, particularly to the area around Smardale and Ravenstonedale, so on 6th August we will have a coach to that area.

On Sunday 16th July the walk will be a public transport walk due to there being John's Saturday Coach the day before. Please see the syllabus for full information.

As I write this, the coach for 14th May had just one place to fill with six days left before the trip. Most coaches do not fill this quickly and few exceed 40 members, this is a shame as we make a financial deficit on many coaches. We try to visit a variety of areas and our leaders put in a lot of work in planning walks. Please support your club by turning out on Sundays.

The shortage of walk leaders is ongoing; please consider leading a walk for us, support will be provided if you're new and willing to have a go.

The club has various WhatsApp groups, I look after two of them: the main club information group (title: Bradford CHA Club) and the photo/general chat group (title: Bradford CHA Photo Group). Please ask if you wish to be added to these groups.

The main group (Bradford CHA Club) should ONLY be used for posting walk information, gpx files etc. Please do not post photos and general chat on here as this makes it harder to see important posts and may be removed.

Syllabus: each new syllabus is proof-read as part of the compilation process. During this time the transport arrangements given to the Saturday Secretary for Saturday walks are checked for timetable changes and altered if necessary. This means that Saturday leaders may see slight differences between information given and that which appears in the syllabus. We also check that connection times allow adequate time for the bus/train from Bradford arriving in e.g. Keighley, Huddersfield, Shipley. An earlier bus/train may need to be used if necessary.

Best Wishes for a great summer
Gill

Michael Ralph Farrar 1946-2023

As Gill mentioned, in May we sadly said goodbye to Mick Farrar, who had been a member since 1993. It's a few years since he had been out walking with us as he struggled with cancer and its after-effects, but he was still in touch and enjoying a drink. He'd been leading innovative A walks since before I was Sunday Rambles Secretary (yes so long) and he always punctiliously filled in the details on the old 'Can you lead a walk' form. Always, of course excluding any dates to do with CAMRA events and beer festivals. The turnout for his funeral was so large it made clear what a special impression he had made in his many areas of interest. JW

Our monthly Wednesday evening events continue to go well; here's Social Secretary Linda Richardson:

Hello everyone, the weather is getting warmer at last, and we can enjoy being outside more. Make the best of it while you can.

Socials we have enjoyed.

In April we met at The Crown. Horton Bank Top, for a short walk led by Rita. The weather was wet so we soon rushed back to the pub for supper. In May we met at Bottomleys Arms. Shelf. It was a mild evening and Sally Tetlow took us to look at the bluebells in the woods. We met at Wetherspoons in June for a walk round Bingley on a warm evening. The walk took us through Myrtle Park and along the river Aire, led by John Feather.

Bradford CHA Walking Club's 120th anniversary

The details of this event are in the syllabus and previous newsletter. It's on Saturday 8th July 2023. The walks start at The Salt (formerly the Tram Shed), Saltaire, at 10.30. There is an 8 mile and a 5 mile walk, getting back to The Salt at about 3.30. Order and pay for food on the day. If you want to come or need more information ring me on 01274 575944.

Socials to look forward to.

2nd August 2023: The Boathouse. Saltaire. Led by Jayne Noble.

6th September 2023: Old Dolphin. Clayton Heights. Led by Linda Richardson.

4th October 2023: Chapel House. Low Moor. Just the meal, no walk (it gets dark!).

Many thanks to all the people who have led walks and to members who have come along to make them a success. Also to Jean Shepherd who gives me the bus times.

Best wishes from Linda

***Rita's Holiday Coordinator's Report is here; be sure to read to the last line!
You'll find the booking form for Tenby 2024 as a separate document at the end.***

Holiday Coordinator's Report

Last week, a coach full of CHA walkers returned from a week in Fort William. What a memorable week it was! We were blessed with the warmest weather in the country – a full week of unbroken sunshine and blue sky, making the lovely scenery absolutely stunning! Congratulations to all those who climbed Ben Nevis in very hot conditions. My thanks go out to Ron who did all the hard work planning the walks.

Next year, we are going to Tenby in Wales. The booking form is in this newsletter so please book early as we are expecting this to be very popular.

We are still looking for someone to take on this position, as I would like to retire now that I've reached the grand old age of 80. I have already booked the Tenby holiday, but if no one comes forward to do the job, I'm afraid there will be no holiday in 2025.

Rita

Jayne, Weekend Coordinator, is already making plans for Spring next year, and sends a payment reminder for Llandudno

October weekend 20th-24th October 2023

The weekend at The County Hotel Llandudno is now fully booked and I have a waiting list.

If anyone wishes to be added to the list, please email me or use WhatsApp if that is easier.

Final payment is due on August 31st. It is £210 for a twin/double room and £255 for a single.

March 2024

I have made a reservation at the Derwentwater Hotel, just outside Keswick for March 1st next year. It is a 3 night break and there are limited twin rooms. Further details and booking form in the next newsletter.

Jayne Noble,
Weekend Co-ordinator

And there might even be time to do some reading...Jackie Walters outlines the programme for the CHA Book Club

The next book club meeting is Monday 17 July at 12 noon at The Stansfield Arms, Apperley Bridge over lunch. The book chosen by Anita Cook is **Half Lives by Lucy Jane Santos**.

The book club meets every 4 to 6 weeks. We usually meet over lunch at the Stansfield Arms but recently after reading a book about Korea, the Island of Sea Women by Lisa See, we were tempted to try the wonderful Korean food described and met at the Korean Seoul Kitchen in Halifax where we got to eat lots of Kimchi and other Korean specialities!

We take it in turns to choose a book and lead the discussion. We have a WhatsApp group where we share our views on good books to read. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch with me: Jacquelinewalters9@gmail.com

Thanks to Ann Terry for the following information about walking festivals. The first one is a bit short notice for us and not quite as convenient as the second one!

OTLEY WALKING FESTIVAL 2023
Saturday 24 June to Sunday 2 July

The festival offers 40 walks and events over the nine days of Otley Walking Festival, there really is something for everyone. Catering for all abilities – shorter town-based walks, meadows and field paths, strenuous moor land hikes, entertaining evening events, including old favourites and new themed walks. Otley Walking Festival showcases the historic market town and Wharfedale countryside.

<https://otleywalkingfestival.co.uk/festival-programme/>

BAILDON WALKERS ARE WELCOME

One of our Saturday walks is part of this programme, thanks to Ann, and Chris Flecknoe of Walkers are Welcome sends us the following item

Baildon Walkers are Welcome 10th Anniversary Walking Festival will take place from Saturday 26 August to Saturday 2 September with a wide range of walks of varying lengths, and associated events across every day of the week.

“Special activities” include: walking and sketching; walking with a camera; outdoor drama at Bracken Hall Green; a “dementia-friendly walk”; a historical-focused evening presentation about the history of Baildon Moor; introduction to map-reading and navigation for walkers; a film show - and much more. The launch of the Festival will take place at Wesleys at 9.30am on Saturday 26 August and we hope that the opening ceremony will be performed by the Town Council Chair, Gill Dixon.

All the walks and events will be posted soon in our Whats On pages at www.baildonwalkersarewelcome.org

We will be pleased to welcome any of your members to take part in our Festival and are particularly grateful for the walk which you will be leading “Beyond Reva” on Saturday 2 September.

From our member Peter Mann comes news of the programme for the first of this Autumn's Shipley Slide Shows, which a few of us often attend. The shows are at Shipley Library, admission £3 to include refreshments.

Across the Red Centre, Australia -
Friday 1st September, 7.30pm
by Geoff Budd

Bed Pans and False Teeth 49 Years With The NHS
Friday 15th September, 7.30pm
by Denise Adlard

1973 - Around Britain 50 Years Ago
Friday 6th October, 7.30pm
by Roger Hepworth

If you'd like something more active, Djamel Bouzidi is hoping someone could take up the benefit of his surplus garden as he describes:

I have a medium-sized garden plot set aside for growing fruit and vegetables. The property is in the Saltaire/Shipley area. There are also two greenhouses, one very large one with a water tap and another medium one with an external tap. There is also a third tap by the allotment. The land is within half an acre's back garden with established trees, plants and pond. Easy access is via a separate locked entrance. If you'd like to discuss further, my email address is: DBouzidi1@gmail.com. Thanks

Just before you get to the programme, here's an extra bit on COACH ROUTES I wrote to try help anyone who joined recently since we had a printed syllabus which explained it all.

In the syllabus, the route number in brackets against the departure time shows the route. The main pickup is Nelson Street, Bradford. It is always 09.00 there (except 08.30 for the Lake District). Route 1 will then go via Manningham Lane and through Saltaire, Bingley, Hard Ings and Steeton. On Routes 2,3 and 4 (called K routes) the first pickup is at Speaks in Keighley, leaving at 08.30, then via Crossflatts, Bingley, Saltaire, the Branch and along Manningham Lane into Nelson Street for 09.00. These routes also have stops after Bradford, according to where we are going. We come back the same way unless there is a * against the route. Departure is 17.00 when it's GMT or 18.00 during BST.

Currently, you can check the route pickups on the website www.bradfordwalking.org by clicking on Sunday Walks, then Coach Booking. You will be prompted to click the google map screen and you will see the pick-ups listed.

And finally, as we are still not quite weekly with our coach, remember our affiliates The Ramblers are happy to include us on theirs when applicable:

Sunday 20th August 2023

Sandstone Trail from Frodsham. 4 levels of walks – see syllabus

Book with Rasha on 07963 477049 or by email coachrambles.rasha@gmail.com