



Walkabout

SOUTH EAST HANTS RAMBLERS **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2023

The AGM will commence at **2.30pm** in All Saints Church Hall, Denmead.

Prior to the AGM there will be two walks from Kidmore Lane Car Park, Denmead. The longer walk of 7 miles will start at 9.30 and a shorter walk of 5 miles will start at 10am. Please bring snack/coffee with you.

Following the walks, at 1.30pm there will be soup, cakes and tea/coffee available in the church hall.

If you do not wish to walk please come along for refreshments and the AGM. It is your opportunity to see what your Committee has been doing during the year and what is planned for next year. There is also a chance for you to put forward your ideas and/or concerns or to stand as a committee member.

Our much esteemed Chairman, **Jim Byrne** will sadly be stepping down this year after many years of dedicated service. Jim has been the SE Hants Chairman for 10 years and prior to this has served on the committee in various roles. We wish to thank Jim for his long and committed service to the Ramblers.

Refreshments-Michele West would like to hear from you and would be very grateful if you could provide soup, make cakes or help set up/ wash up. Please contact Michele at michele.framfield@gmail.com



COACH TRIP



This years trip to **Royal Tunbridge Wells** is on Sunday 12th May, 2024.

Price- £25pp with 3 walks of 10.5m, 8m, and 4.5m being offered. Booking will open with forms available at the AGM on Sunday 29th October and priority will initially go to members who attend the AGM. Please bring your payment of **£25 IN CASH** with you to the AGM.

The coach trip is extremely popular. It will be first come, first served for Ramblers members. Once all places have been taken, a reserve list will be in operation both for members and non-members.

Any questions please e-mail jasperandgeorge@btinternet.com

MINCE PIE EVENT



This will take place on Monday 1st January. Venue and walks to be confirmed. A contribution towards the cost of the refreshments would be welcome on the day.



PATHS and ACCESS



It has come to our attention that more and more land is being converted to equestrian activities. There is very little guidance as yet on walkers safety and the adequacy of fencing. Sometimes the narrow access paths can feel intimidating with horses (or other animals) being very close. If you have any concerns about any footpath or footpath issues, please contact Hampshire Countryside Rights of Way path problems-(with a photo if possible) at the following e-mail address. <https://hantsrow.esdm.co.uk/>

There will be 3 new gates replacing stiles at Hole Farm near Hambledon. These have cost £1,100 and should be fitted in November.

WALKS PROGRAMME

We are delighted that Len Lovis will be retaining the evening walk for another year. Len will be trialling Wednesday evening walks at 7pm from May to August in 2024.

<https://www.sehampshireramblers.org.uk/walks/our-walks-programme.html> Please contact David Nixon (dnxn27@gmail.com) if you can offer a walk on any Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday. For Thursday walk leads contact Rob Kingshott (rob.kingshott@gmail.com)

WALK LEADER TRAINING

A new initiative is being launched by the Southampton and New Forest Ramblers to design a training course for local Ramblers members to give them the skills and confidence to lead walks. Initially they are looking for existing leaders to join a steering group and develop a training programme that will suit Hampshire Ramblers. If you are interested in joining this group please contact David Nixon. (dnxn27@gmail.com)

COMING in the NEXT ISSUE..... We thought you might sometimes like to go on your own walksmaybe with a friend or two? We will be giving you a suggestion for a short walk with a map and directions to try (with maybe a pub or tea room at the end!) 😊

FACEBOOK PAGE SE Hants facebook group now has 96 members. It continues to be well used by many of you to add photos and comments. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeasthantsramblers>

For any reports, photos or articles for the next edition please send to huw.ramblers@outlook.com