

Blockley Ramblers

Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 19th November 2007 in the Little Village Hall

1. Apologies for Absence

Liz Pritchard, Sheila Weir, Irene and Don Jowett, Anne Bourne, Jill Cadbury, Rachel Coley, John Dunwoody, Elaine Parker, Jenny & Trevor Price, Celia & Bob Jones, Pat Burne. (32 members attended)

2. Minutes of 2006 AGM

These were approved by the members.

3. Matters Arising

Dick Robinson pointed out the Cotswold Warden's working parties now meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

It was generally agreed that Edwina would produce a booklet containing the "forgotten walks" from the 2007 programme. These would tend to be in map format.

Keith Sissons agreed to apply to the Parish Council for a grant in order that the now unavailable 'Eight Walks Around Blockley' could be reprinted. This he said could mark the 40th anniversary of the Cotswold Wardens.

4. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson referred to her circulated report. She added that there had been an excellent programme of walks this year and that the membership had increased.

5. Treasurer's Report

Olivia reported that there were 65 members of Blockley Ramblers and 46 attended the 40th anniversary dinner. The current subscription of £2 per annum covered (operating) costs and there was no need to increase subscriptions.

Bernard Stubbs suggested that walkers had a very good deal.

Michael Amphlett proposed the acceptance of the report and Margaret Moore seconded.

Edwina thanked Olivia for her work during the year, especially as she had been involved in extra tasks.

6. Election of Officers

Michael Amphlett proposed Keith Sissons as chairperson and Reg Pritchard seconded the proposal.

Viola Stubbs proposed Jenny Bruce as secretary and Diane McCall seconded.

Brenda Williams proposed Olivia Amphlett as treasurer and Francoise seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations, the new committee was agreed unanimously.

7. Times of Walks

Michael Amphlett said that the optimum time to be out walking was 12 noon. Reg Pritchard suggested that the start time be fixed in relation to the length of walk and the time of year and that the committee should fix the start times in

conjunction with the leaders once it had organised the walks' programme. He also thought that walk leaders could suggest a pub for lunch if appropriate. In view of the possible variation in start times, Michael Amphlett suggested that start times be printed in heavy type in the programme for 2008.

8. Walks Programme 2008

The chairperson reported that 12 walks had been submitted and thanked members for their contributions.

9. National Trails

Peter Mansion listed the National Trails and recommended books about them. Having completed several of these trails, Peter particularly recommended the Ridgeway and the South Downs Way.

He reminded us that the Cotswold Wardens organise staged walks each year for 24 people, but there were already 50 people on the 2008 waiting list.

The Chairperson thanked Peter for his interesting contribution.

10. Any Other Business

- Jenny Bruce circulated a sheet, requesting members' e-mail numbers.
- Brenda Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Edwina, Olivia and Michael for arranging the successful anniversary dinner. The proposal was warmly endorsed by the members.
- It was suggested and agreed that there should be another social event in 2008.
- Keith requested that members inform him of any footpath problems.
- Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the Cotswold Wardens. Walks will be arranged in this area between 24th May and 1st June, and Keith asked that anyone interested in joining let him know once the programme has been published.
- A high level of interest was shown in response to Keith's suggestion that some additional weekday walks be arranged.
- After warmly thanking Edwina for serving Blockley Ramblers so well as Chairperson for the past 7 years, Keith presented her with a candlestick as a token of members' appreciation.
- Edwina thanked members for their support and co-operation and said how much she had enjoyed her role.

11. Date of Next Year's AGM

This would be held on Monday 17th November, 2008 at 8pm in the Little Village Hall.