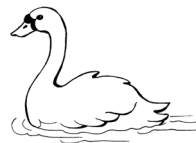




Bury St Edmunds Ramblers

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Spring 2021 Newsletter



Dear "Bury Ramblers"

As I explained at our AGM via Zoom in November, it had been my intention to stand down as Group Chairman at that AGM.

Having been Chairman by then for 15 years – already far too long – I felt my retirement was very much overdue and it would be good for the group to have a change! But, as we all know...

"life happens whilst we're making other plans!"

and the year had overtaken us with Coronavirus Pandemic, Lockdown, and the suspension of all Ramblers walks and events (and then gradual re-start of walks!) and another key post was becoming vacant with retirement of our Group Secretary.

It was thus not a good time to step down but, with my family needs becoming greater, I felt that I would be unable to continue in the role for another full year, so we arranged that I would continue for a further six months until the end of April.

However, my home situation changed at Christmas and my retirement has now been postponed until this year's AGM, prior to which nomination forms will go out in the usual way.

Meanwhile, please do think about who you might like to put forward then for the role of Group Chairman – perhaps it's something you would be interested in yourself?!

With the resumption of our group walks this month, we have renewed opportunities to share thoughts and encouragements, and to contribute in fresh ways, including leading walks please!

Thank you for being part of Bury Ramblers in whatever capacity – your membership is greatly valued, and a special welcome to those of you who have joined recently.

Warmest good wishes all round, *Rosie*

Chairman, Bury St Edmunds Ramblers

Resumption of Ramblers walks!



Walking back to happiness...!

Photo by walk leader Chris Flood, 3rd April 2021

We're delighted to have been able to resume our group walks again!

Walking with friends or family is limited by government regulations to groups of six or two households, but Ramblers' covid-secure group walks are classified as "organised physical activities" and are exempt.

Whilst there is no legal restriction on our numbers, we are currently setting our own maximum of thirty, although those leading walks are generally specifying lower limits to help manage physical distancing, both at meeting points and during walks – and those limits are included in our walks descriptions, to give everyone the opportunity to make an informed choice before booking.

From 1st June, we plan to offer some walks for unlimited numbers where booking will not be required, alongside other walks indicating limits which will necessitate booking as at present – giving leaders and participants the choice of what feels comfortable individually.

Thank you for your support all round and happy walking!

We are progressing through the stages of the government's "Roadmap", but ongoing uncertainties mean plans might need to change at short notice, which continues to make resumption of our paper programmes unviable, and we are publishing all walks on our website where they can "pop up" at short notice – please keep checking what's on offer! and it's been good to see those of you not online accessing walks in other ways.

Ramblers
pin badges,
for anyone taking
part in our walks,
are available free
on request

Date for Diaries!
Bury Ramblers'
Members Day
AGM
Sat. 6th November

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP IN TOUCH:

It's always been a priority for us to keep in good touch with you, but never more so than during these constantly changing times!

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the "Sign Up" link in the
home page "Updates" box
on our Group website.

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if you haven't already,
for emails to be sent to you –
helping us to help you!

For regular updates from
Ramblers Central Office
you will need to ensure that
your permissions are set to
allow this on the
main Ramblers website

If you need any assistance,
Dave Hodgkinson
our Website Manager,
contact details overleaf,
will be very happy to help.



A number of events and activities we had planned for last year have similarly had to be cancelled for this year as well – including our Flexi Break, Summer Outing and Long Distance Walk.

We are very pleased though to have been able to simply postpone our April Break in N. Wales to become an Autumn Break this year, 27th Sept. – 1st October. For further details or to express interest in booking one of the last remaining places please contact Rosie.