

READING RAMBLING CLUB

Affiliated to The Ramblers Association, The Chiltern Society and HF Holidays

Winter 2026

Chat from the chair

Absolutely no rain on our Sedburgh trip and quite warm.

Colin & I met up with Aunt Evadne on our way up and we spent a few days in Wensleydale indulging in that delicious cheese. One evening we ordered Wensleydale cheese quiche for dinner and were surprised when it arrived covered in marmalade, (also made locally). Scrumptious.

We ran the Sonning Common 10k race in October and after I booked they called me to ask if I had made a mistake about my Date of Birth? Actually it's easy to remember the date, July 20th, as my 8th birthday was the day that Count Claus von Stauffenberg attempted to assassinate Hitler, (but he bodged it). Then there was a report of a newspaper asking a 100-year-old man about his ability to reach such a great age to which he replied "Running marathons around the World".

So if you are just content with our Wednesday rambles, you may struggle to get much beyond 99.

New research, (at the taxpayers expense of course), suggest that if you look a marauding seagull firmly in the eye and say "Go away", they will do just that. Your chance for further research on our trip to St Ives. On arrival in Cornwall I shall be carbo-loading with Cornish pasties and cream teas, (jam on first), so will be full of vim for our rambles along the spectacular Coastal path.

After 9 years as Chairman I shall be retiring at the AGM in what will be my 55th year with the Club. Thank you for your companionship and support. Happy Rambling in 2025.

Happy rambling for many years to come.

Tom

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DON'T FORGET
the AGM
on Saturday 24th
January 2026

At St. Peter's Church Hall,
Church Road, Earley,
Reading RG6 1EY
(in the upstairs room)

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Please send walk offers
for next quarter to
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Before 28th February 2026

Please send articles for
inclusion in the next issue to
Di Story
distory1@gmail.com

Before 4th March 2026

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Holiday Report - Sedburgh, 13- 17th October 2025

With its origins dating back to the 16th century, Thorns Hall, the HF house in Sedburgh, proved to be an interesting venue for our early autumn break. Some rooms are in the main house while others are in converted outbuildings around a cobbled courtyard. The dining room is located up three short flights of stairs in a converted attic, most unusual, but this did not detract from HF's usual high standard of meals.



Thorns Hall

Of course, the real reason for our visit was walking and our party of 17 had three options available each day graded 1 - 3, easier to harder. With insufficient support for option 3 on the Tuesday we divided ourselves between 2 and 1 (with one member doing their own thing). A short coach journey delivered option 2 to Aisgill; a short diversion to view Hellgill Force waterfall was followed by a climb to an isolated sculpture called "Water Cut" (representing the River Eden) for a coffee stop before descending to Thrang Bridge to join the route used by option 1. This followed the upper reaches of the River Eden to Kirkby Stephen visiting the ruins of Pendragon Castle (according to legend it was built by Uther Pendragon, King Arthur's father), Lammerside Castle and Wharton Hall, a fortified medieval manor house. With impeccable timing option 2 arrived in Kirkby Stephen just

as the coach arrived to take us back to Sedburgh.

On Wednesday all walks started from the house. Option 3 ascended Aye Gill Pike before descending into Garsdale and walking beside the Rivers Clough and Rawthey back to Sedburgh. On the top they found three black horses, as opposed to fell ponies, and later were squeezed into a nettle filled gateway by a truck which completely filled the lane. Option 2 left Sedburgh along the River Rawthey before crossing Frostrow Fells to Dent Dale. The whole party agreed to extend the walk in order to visit Dent, a quaint village with cobbled streets, for lunch. The River Dee and part of The Dales Way were then followed back to Sedburgh. After crossing a patchwork of fields beneath the Howgills option 1 walked over further field paths south of the River Rawthey. Along the way, at Hollin Hill, they

were accosted by smartly dressed gentleman; were they trespassing and about to be told off? Not a bit of it, he invited them in and gave them a guided tour of his historic house. He mentioned he also owned 6 castles one of which was Pendragon which we had visited the day before. It turned out he did have an ulterior motive; the party were asked to sign the visitors book so he could prove the house was open to the public so as to avoid death duties.

On Thursday we were again all taken by coach to the starts of our walks. Option 3 began with a steep climb from the Temperance Inn, a non-alcohol pub, before enjoying a day of good visibility tramping over the rolling whale backs of the Howgills. A sheep with its head stuck in a fence panicked as they approached and managed to free itself. Despite having the longest walk they managed to be first to the pub

at the end. Shortly after setting out from Newbiggin-on-Lune option 2 encountered a rather frisky bullock which had got out into a lane. Then over Great Ewe Fell into the Potts Valley and on to Crosby Garrett. Stopping for lunch just before the village overlooking the Settle Carlisle railway 2 lonely locomotives, no train behind, were seen trundling past. At Smardale Hall the route of option 1 was joined; this had started in Ravenstonedale, went over Smardale Fell to Smardale Hall

and followed the course of an old railway through Smardale Gill Nature Reserve to Ravenstonedale where we all met for drinks at the Kings Head before boarding the coach back to Sedbergh.

We were blessed with dry weather throughout albeit dull and cloudy with sun shine breaking through on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



Smardale Gill Nature Reserve

Thanks to Marion for organising another excellent trip with good company.

Robert & Christine Hurn

Feedback and photos from Susan Uttley, HF walk leader

Thank you all for being such an amazing friendly group. I have really enjoyed the holiday and hope to see you all again.



... and a Jolly Good Time was had by all

The annual Christmas meal at Badgemore Park Golf Club was, once again, a great success. As usual we were provided with an excellent meal as well as top service from the staff.

Unfortunately, I forgot to take photographs. However, as a member of the 'runners up' team in the Thinking Rambler's Quiz, I won a bright yellow water bottle, courtesy of Tom. Hopefully this will help keep me hydrated and improve my memory.

(PS. Thanks Tom for colour co-ordinating the prize with my spectacles - you are a true fashionista)

Ed.



Club Holidays for 2026

Enquiries/Bookings to Marion Hodgson on 07785 244 661 or email: marion.bh.hodgson@gmail.com

For online bookings please send Marion an email stating your requirements.

Please pay deposit or balance by on line banking:

Reading Rambling Club. Sort Code 08 92 99, Account 65274075, Include your name and the online payment reference. If that is not an option please phone Marion. She will take bookings on the phone and give details for Cheque payment. Cheques can be made out to Reading Rambling Club.

SPRINGTIME in St. IVES

Tuesday 17th March 2026 to Saturday 21st March 2026, 4 nights

Cost £509 for guided walking and £405 for non walkers.

This holiday has been very popular with all single rooms already allocated.

We have one twin/double room available on our allocation.

For single occupancy, there would be an additional charge of £100 for the 4 nights.

This holiday is now fully booked but if you would like to be on the cancellations list please contact Marion

Balance for payment is due by 13th January 2026 Reference: St. Ives

Derwent Bank, Northern Lake District

14th September 2026 to 18th September 2026

Accommodation will be at the Derwent Bank country house located on the shores of Derwent water run by Holiday Fellowship.

4 nights on full board basis with Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and Packed Lunches (on the 3 Full Days)

Walks will be led by the knowledgeable HF guides and there will be a choice of 3 different walks each day to cater for all abilities. The Northern Lake District is brimming with breathtaking scenery and glorious trails.

Price £685 per person

3 Guided walks

Deposit £75 per person, payable asap as this will secure your booking.

Bank Reference: **Derwent**

We have one standard single room available with ensuite but it's just a very small room. This room is available for **£585** and will go to the first person who emails requesting the standard room.

If you would like a price for a **non walker**, please contact Marion.



We are currently looking at holidays for 2027. Whilst the committee make decisions based on past experiences, availability and cost in out from members would be welcomed. If any members have any ideas about new destinations all suggestions will be considered.

Remembering Peter Dewey

Peter was born in July 1938 in Horning, Norfolk but moved to Devon at the start of the War. He was sent to Prep School in Chichester and then to Lancing College and was proud to be a Lancing Old Boy.

Peter enjoyed his school days but was often in trouble, frequently for poor spelling due to dyslexia. It because of this that, throughout his ministry, Peter gave his sermons 'off the cuff', hardly ever writing notes but speaking straight from the heart.

He was also involved with a few notorious student pranks, including the disappearance of the Anthony Armstrong Jones waxwork from Madame Tussauds in 1960. It was later found in a telephone box in the Strand., all plotted by Peter and a schoolfriend.

Peter was interested in the deep connection between the world's spiritual traditions and throughout his life worked on an extraordinary range of projects bringing people from different faiths together. He searched all the World Religions believing that there is "One Source of All."

Colour blindness prevented Peter from joining the RAF for National Service so he opted for the Royal Signals. He served in Cyprus where he learned to ski in the Troodos Mountains using army landrovers as ski lifts.

After leaving the army Peter gained his Pilot's licence and, with a friend, set up a small company selling Italian light aircraft. On one return trip from Italy, they ran out of fuel and landed in a field in France, to be confronted by a very irate French farmer.

Peter's real aim was to be a politician, at the age of 7 or 8, he had told an aunt that he wanted to be Foreign Secretary. He became a keen Young Conservative and speaking from the Hyde Park soap boxes gave him lifetime voice training.

Whilst campaigning for a seat in Parliament a TB diagnosis resulted in a lengthy stay in a Sanatorium. It was here he started reading Gurdieff, befriended a patient who was an ordained Minister and began to feel a call to the Ministry. He applied for training at Wycliffe College, Oxford, was ordained Deacon in 1971 and Priest in 1972.

In 1975, on a scuba diving holiday in Jordan, he met a mermaid called Hilary in the Red Sea. They travelled through former Yugoslavia and came home engaged to be married. By that time Peter was Priest in Charge of All Saints, Isleworth where they were married in 1977.

Later Peter became Vicar in the Dorchester-on-Thames Team and Chaplain to the Honourable Artillery Company. He continued to travel and, with Hilary, led groups for Interchurch Travel as well as Chaplaincies for the Intercontinental Church Society in the Alps.

For 20 years Peter was an active member of Reading Rambling Club enjoying walks, holidays and social events. We are all the better for having had him in our lives and will miss him dearly.



After 10 years in Oxfordshire, Peter became a school Chaplain before feeling a calling back to parish work, becoming Team Rector of St. Lawrence in Thanet, Ramsgate. In 2003, a health scare led him to a retirement post as Rector of St Mary's, Sulhamstead. Reaching his 'sell by' age with the Church of England he then spent 13 years as Chaplain for St Bartholomew's Chapel in Goring Heath. Poor health finally forced retirement and a move at the age of 86. His retirement back to Ufton Nervet was content but sadly too short.

A friend once described Peter as a Mystic who happened to be ordained in the Church of England. He had a quiet, contemplative manner but a sharp wit and sense of humour. He had a huge impact on the lives of many people who benefitted from his wisdom and kindness, and left an incredible mark on those who were fortunate to meet him.



Walks General Information

PRE-WALK CHECK LIST

- Walk details – check start time, location and estimated distance from the walks programme. Take a note of the walk leader's mobile phone number in case you need to contact them. Leader's phone must be charged up and ON ready to receive such calls.
- Make a final check of walk details on the website if available.
- Parking – Leaders Identify /locate car park accurately. Is it free of charge? - if not, expected fee.
- Car share – consider if you can share a car with other members.
- Clothing – take adequate warm or waterproof clothing for the forecast weather conditions. You are likely to be out of doors for several hours
- Food – you are advised to carry some food and drink. On Wednesday walks there is usually a stop for a picnic lunch along the way. A packed lunch is recommended for longer weekend walks.
- Footwear – good boots help to prevent slipping and give support to the ankles.

WALKS START LOCATIONS

The location of walk start points are now given as **Postcode**, **Grid Reference** and **what3words**.

To use the postcode with a satnav app:

1. Click on the postcode. Google maps opens directly. The link to Google maps now provides the exact location of the start of the walk.
2. If you enter the postcode manually into a satnav app, please be aware that postcodes cover a significant area especially outside of built up areas and will not necessarily lead exactly to the walk start point.

To use the what3words codes with a satnav app:

1. Click on the **what3words** for the walk. what3words webpage opens.
2. Select "Navigate"
3. Select your preferred satnav app

To use the grid reference with a satnav app:

1. Click on the grid reference for the walk. **Streetmap** opens showing the start point.
2. At the bottom of the map, find the text "**Click here to convert coordinates**"
3. Click on the word "**here**". A list of alternatives is displayed
4. Copy the numbers from the line "**Lat, Long (WGS84)**"
5. Paste the text into Google maps

Programme of Walks January - March 2026

Sat 3rd January - Rotherfield Greys and Greys Court 5 miles. Meet 10.30 am The Maltsters Arms car park [RG9 4PN SU726823 possible.squabbles.gymnasium](#) or on roadside near the church. Walk via Greys Green and Greys Court. Bring lunch or stop for food and a drink to welcome in the New Year at the pub. *Sally Sinclair-Webb* 07890 361862 & *Martin Eatough* 07400 373671

Wed 7th January - Peter's Seat 6.1 miles. Meet at Purley Barn [RG8 8BW SU655760 pillow.fortunate.jelly](#)
The walk skirts the hill within the woods, & down to valley & across an SSSI to go alongside the Pang to Tidmarsh.. Then over Pang & Sul to go uphill through woods across the road & double back to reach Stoneham Grove & on for picnic break at the seat set up in memory of Peter Brown. The return of 1 mile to the Barn goes alongside the nature friendly pastures of the new project of Sulham Estates.

Jacky Brown 07859982785

Sun 11th January - Around the Hagbournes 7 miles. Meet 10:00 am in Boham's Road car park, Blewbury [OX11 9PE SU525855 helpful.motivator.workforce](#) Ramble through Upton, West and East Hagbourne, returning via Mill Brook and Blewbury Mill. Bring own food or visit Savages Nurseries in Blewbury at the end for lunch. *Dave Sayer 07972 580232*

Wed 14th January - West Reading Parks, 6 miles. Meet 10:30am Prospect Park car park, [RG30 2EB, SU691728, incomes.ruby.fresh](#), entry off Liebenrood Road, (or No. 33 bus, dep. St. Mary's Butts 10:08, arr. Waverley Road 10:19 – leader will meet bus). Walk via Prospect Park, Lousehill Copse, McIlroy Park, Arthur Newbury Park, Little Heath and Calcot Recreation Ground to Sainsbury's, Calcot for bus back – bring your bus pass and lunch.

Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161,C (on day only) 07587 852 659.

Sat 17th January - Stanford Dingley 5.5 miles. Meet 10:00am Stanford Dingley church, [RG7 6LS SU575716 shoelaces.pads.promise](#). Walk via Rushall Manor Farm, Bradfield village and River Pang. Bring lunch, Map and Route *Vyv James 07771877456*

Wed 21st January- Hannington 6 1/4 miles. Meet 10:30am White Hill car park, [RG25 3EJ SU516565 moved.ended.direction](#) (additional parking in lay by opposite). Walk via Walkeridge Farm, North Oakley, Manor Farm, Hannington, Cottingtons Hill and Stubbington Down. Walk will include some quite steep hills, no stiles. Bring lunch. [Map and Route](#)

Chris Jones 07754 699 160 Pam Johnson 07985 470 651

Saturday 24th January - AGM

Wed 28th January - Moor Green Park 5 miles. Meet 10.30am Moor Green car park, Finchampstead [RG40 3TF SU805628 stags.stiffly.swaps](#) Walk over Finchampstead Ridges and then around Moor Green Nature Reserve. *Tom Harrison 07483 227 836*

Sat 31st January - Greys Green, 6.4 miles. Meet 10.00am at the Greys Green village hall car park [RG9 4QQ SU721829 gent.deluded.downsize](#) for a 6.4 mile mostly level walk through mixed woodland. Please bring a snack. *Josefina Brady 07378 404 716.*

Sun 8th February - Over Ashley Hill 8 miles. Meet 10:00 am in the Horns pub car park, Crazies Hill [RG10 8NB SU800809 sway.coins.gather](#) Ramble via Warren Row and Ashley Hill to Hurley, then back on Thames Path and Rose Lane, or possibly the other way round. *Dave Sayer 07972 580 232.*

Wed 11th February - Goring 5 miles. Start 10:30am Goring car park rear of the Catherine Wheel. [RG8 9HB, SU599806, cabbage.magnum.irrigate](#) Walk through Hartslock reserve, Great Chalk Wood and Little Meadow Nature reserve. We also go under Brunel's fine railway viaduct. We return along the river Thames to Goring. *John Cahill 07842 307 741*

Sun 15th February - Snowdrops and Tea, 7 miles. Meet 10:30am at St Botolph's Church, Swyncombe, [RG9 6EA, SU683903, outings.interviewer.boating](#). Park on one side of the lane leading to church. Note later than usual start to fit in with teatime. A hilly walk via Ewelme Park, Ewelme and Swyncombe Downs with own coffee/lunch stop en route. Hopefully snowdrops, tea and homemade cakes at the end and a sale of plants, cakes, jams etc.

Robert and Christine Hurn 950 7696, mobs R 07810 364 161, C (on day only) 07587 852 659

Wed 18th February - Warfield 7 miles. Meet 10:30am Frost Folly Car Park Wellers Lane, Warfield. [RG42 6EN SU873726 grades.bake.socket](#) Walk along country lanes and bridleways via Warfield, Brock Hill, Chawridge Bank, Tickleback Row. Very flat. Bring lunch [Map and Route](#)

Dave Edelman 01189 876 268, 07821 539 265

Sat 21st February - Checkendon 7.5 miles. Meet 10.00 am Checkendon Car Park [RG8 0SS, SU664830, began.withdraws.random](#). Walk around Stoke Row, Garsons Farm, Woodcote Farm & Heath End. Picnic lunch near end and possible stop at Blue Tin Cafe.

Sally Sinclair-Webb 07890 361 862 and Martin Eatough 07400 373 671

Wed 25th February - Ashford Hill & Baughurst 5 miles. Meet 10:30 am at car park Chapel Lane. Drive slowly as Chapel Lane turning is easily missed [RG19 8BU SU555621 detriment.deflection.mobile](#) Walk through woodland and open country to Baughurst. Return via Haughurst Hill and Ashford Hill National Nature Reserve. Walk can be very muddy in winter. Bring lunch. [Map and Route](#)

Chris Jones 07754 699 160 Pam Johnson 07985 470 651

Sun 1st March- Walbury Hill 11 miles. Meet 10am at Walbury Hill car park [RG17 9EL SU369620 grid.evoke.nowadays](#) Walk to Faccombe and Linkenholt - returning along the ridge over Inkpen Beacon and Combe Gibbet. *Tom Harrison 07483 227 836*

Sat 7th March The Blue Tin, 8½ miles. Meet 10:00am Checkendon car park, [RG8 0SS, SU664830, began.withdraws.random](#). Walk via Garsons Farm (hopefully a chance to visit The Blue Tin café and farm shop), Stoke Row and Heath End. Bring lunch.

Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161, C (on day only) 07587 852 659

Sun 15th March - Meet 10.30 a.m. at junction of Featherbed Lane and A417. [OX12 8GS SU464894 clenching foresight.organisms](#) Walk to East Hendred, West Hendred, Lockinge and Ardington 7-8 miles. Bring packed lunch. *Christabel Winny. 01189 264 134 or on day only 07514 354 500*

Wed 18th March - Basingstoke Canal and Tundry Pond 6 miles. Meet 10:30am at Barley Mow Slipway car park, Winchfield [RG27 8DD, SU777537, reveal.catch.knowledge](#) Along the Basingstoke Canal, through Dogmersfield, Swing Bridge Copse, Parsonage Copse and Tundry Pond. Mostly flat as it is along the canal. Barley Mow at end of walk. Bring lunch. [Map and Route](#)

Dave Edelman 01189 876 268 or 07821 539 265

Wed March 25th - Ipsden 7.5 miles. Meet 10:30am King William 4th Car Park in Hailey [OX10 6AD SU642858 mirroring.await.lightens](#) for a 7.5 to 8.5 miles that could take in Mongewell Wood, Ipsden Heath, Garsons Farm (Blue Tin Produce for tea/coffee) and Fludgers Wood (Mr Bean House) . Refreshments at the pub to finish or bring lunch. [Map and Route](#) *Vyv James 07771 877 456*

Sun 29th March - Littlewick Green and Ashley Hill 7.5 miles. Meet 10.00 am [SL6 3RA SU839800 televise.static.empty](#) Park carefully around green near The Cricketers Pub or at car park opposite side of green. Walk via Ashley Hill, Warren Row, Cockpole Green, Bowsey Hill & Knowl Hill – maybe hilly! Bring lunch and/or Cricketers pub at the end.

Sally Sinclair-Webb 07890 361 862 & Martin Eatough 07400 373 671

Please bring this agenda to the Annual General Meeting

READING RAMBLING CLUB

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY 24th January 2026

St. Peter's Church Hall, Church Road, Earley, Reading RG6 1EY

Commencing at 2.30 pm (doors open 2.00pm).

Please note the meeting will take place in the **upstairs** room.

Parking available adjacent to the hall, with overflow car park 50 yards eastwards.

Nearest bus stop is outside the Three Tuns public house.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of 2025 AGM – Résumé of Minutes attached.
4. Matters arising.
5. Walks Coordinator's Report.
6. Holiday Coordinator's Report.
7. Treasurer's Report and statement of accounts.
8. Membership Secretary's Report.
9. Newsletter Editor's Report
10. Website Report.
11. Election of officers and committee members (see note 1).
12. Motions of which notice has been given (see note 2).
13. Any other business.

Note 1 item 11

a) Please contact the Secretary (see below) if you wish to nominate somebody as a committee member; The nominee's agreement should first be obtained. All committee members are willing to stand apart from Tom Harrison as chairman and Vyv James. 

b) It is proposed that Hilary Dewey takes over as chairman. The following persons are willing to stand for a further year: **Treasurer** and **Holiday Coordinator: Marion Hodgson, Membership Secretary: Jane Sellwood, Newsletter Editor: Di Story; Joint Secretaries: Martin Eatough, Sally Sinclair-Webb, Committee Member and Walks Coordinator: Dave Edelman.** It is proposed that John Cahill joins the committee.

Note 2 Item 11

Please contact the Secretary concerning any official proposal that you wish to have included on the AGM agenda. There will also be an opportunity to raise issues from the floor.

The Secretaries can be reached at: 8 Blythwood Road, London N4 4EU, 07890 361 862 or 07400 373 671
Email: sally.sinclair-webb@sky.com & barnd00rs@yahoo.co.uk

AFTER THE MEETING there will be the usual refreshments (coordinated by Christine Hurn) for which members are invited to bring a contribution – sandwiches, savouries, cakes, mince pies and the like – whether bought or home-made. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided free of charge.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 2025

31 names & signatures were recorded on the Attendance Register now held by the secretaries.

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks.** Tom welcomed new members a number of whom have been leading walks. He announced that this is the Club's 95th year and since it is his 9th year in the chair he was giving 12 months' notice for someone new to be appointed.
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Received on behalf of Hilary Dewey (moving house), Pauline & Tim Humphries, Jacky Brown, Joyce Childs and Janet Busby
3. **Minutes of last AGM.** For chairman's signature if accepted by attenders: Jane proposed, Marion seconded, no dissenters; Tom signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** none.
5. **Walks Coordinator's Report.** Dave said in 2024 there had been 91 offers of walks, 45 on Wednesdays and 43 at weekends, 3 walks were cancelled due to bad weather. Plans for next quarter April to June appear on the website, offers to lead invited please. Jane asked whether the RRC Standard Walks Library was being used? Yes, said Dave, I use it (!) and so do others. Leaders could help by giving Dave numbers after completing a walk which would give a bit more useful detail for his reports.
6. **Holiday Coordinator's Report.** Hilary's report was given by Marion who recommended our holidays based on her own recent enjoyment and general approval by others. The next holiday is already well supported 20 members are booked. April 1-4 2025 Spring Holiday: Isle of Wight, Freshwater Bay, Holiday Fellowship (HF) house. Car sharing strongly recommended to share high cost of ferry. Discounts available to HF members. Late applications for places are still possible. October Holiday: Cumbria, another HF house, for details check Newsletter. £75 deposit due. Tina added her support including the fact that these trips enable us to mix with other walkers as well as each other. RRC has also picked up new members in this way. Vyv James also mentioned other points about HF holidays including the HF walking options such as Fully Guided and Tread Lightly (i.e. no transport pollution but walking between the HF house and the walk start-point). Most members preferred the Fully Guided option though more expensive. On display at the meeting was some 'preloved' walking apparel supplied by Hilary, with an honesty box to receive donations to the Berkshire Vision charity.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Marion handed out copies for inspection. Sally asked whether it had been reviewed independently and Jane confirmed that it had. The slight loss was explained by the difficulty of dealing with HF administration staff over one particular booking complication where HF refused to accept responsibility so the Club had to cover the cost. Hilary was complimented, not for the first time, on her flexibility and resilience in dealing with the holiday arrangements and HF admin. in particular. Marion as treasurer is taking over as Holiday Coordinator with help from Di Story with effect from after the Spring holiday. Thanks to Hilary for all her hard work.
Membership Subscription: Marion indicated that it should be raised to a round £10 for two reasons: no change required for cash payments and banks do not readily accept cash any more, also to cover a general price increase. Proposed and seconded by Bob Hurn and Jane Sellwood.

- 8. Membership Secretary's Report.** Jane reported 97 current members including 17 life members. There were 11 non-renewals in 2024 including 1 sad death, most of the others just gave up walking. There were 9 new members so membership while not growing remains at a steady level as before. Jane invited us to watch a presentation after the break showing her recent Antarctic Expedition holiday including the Falkland Islands, which looked cold but was warmly received. We now know a lot more about penguin varieties and types of ice, were reminded that it was Amundsen of Norway who got to the South pole first and Colin Cottell is planning to visit the same part of the earth soon.
- 9. Newsletter Editor's Report.** Di said everything was going well and repeated Jane's point that the website is our primary portal, paperwork has almost completely disappeared. Please supply some interesting material to Di to add in, it need not be directly to do with walking.
- 10. Website Report.** Vyv confirmed everything was going well. Mainly looked after by himself, Di & Dave. We used to be no. 1 but there are many more sites now.
- 11. Election of Officers and committee members.** Current committee have agreed to continue in office. Tom Harrison Chairman, Marion Hodgson Treasurer, Jane Sellwood Membership Secretary, Sally Sinclair-Webb and Martin Eatough Joint Secretaries, Di Story Newsletter Editor, Dave Edelman Walks Coordinator, Vyv James Website, Marion Hodgson Holiday Coordinator, Hilary Dewey Committee Member. This was put to the vote and accepted. Tom reiterated that this would be his last year as Chairman.
- 12. Motions of which notice has been give.** None.
- 13. Any other business.** None
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COMMITTEE CHANGES

Tom Harrison is standing down as Chairman.

It is proposed this role be taken by Hilary Dewey for a period of 1 year
(to be reviewed in 2027).

Vyv James is standing down from the committee.

John Cahill has been proposed to join the committee.

Please contact the current secretary with any nominations, nominee's agreement,
proposer and seconder are required.

Current Secretaries:

Sally Sinclair-Webb and Martin Eatough
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

The annual subscription is due on **1st March** and is now **£10.00 per person**.

To simplify administration please use only this form to renew your membership leaving the on line form for new applications. Existing members only need to complete a renewal form if personal details have changed eg. email address or phone number

To pay on line use Sort Code **08 92 99**, Account **65274075**,
include the online payment reference **SUBS**.



READING RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 1st March 2026 to end February 2026

To: Membership Secretary: 17 Adwell Drive, Lower Earley, Reading RG6 4JY.

T: 0118 931 0219, E: readingrambling@gmail.com.

Subscription = £10.00 for each individual renewable in March each year.

Please accept my / our application for membership of Reading Rambling Club.

I enclose cash ☐ , cheque (payable to **Reading Rambling Club**) ☐ for £

I will pay by online banking ☐ For online payment use ref: **SUBS**.

Name: Tel:

Name: Tel:

Address:

..... Post Code:

1st e-mail address: Mobile:

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I give Reading Rambling Club permission to store my data and to contact me regarding RRC activities. ☐

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