

OADBY HILL WALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

BARB'S LEICESTERSHIRE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024

Together we raised
£3100



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All the best and keep putting your best foot forward...

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GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHALLENGE

September 2024

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Charitable Endeavours

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Amount Raised

To time of publication, through the [OHWC JustGiving page](#), we have managed to raise an incredible **£1452.00** for Cancer Research UK.

That, coupled with money that Geoff and his and Barb's family have raised separately raises the total to approximately **£3100.00**.

I think we can all agree, this is a fabulous achievement and as Geoff said above; "well done, you did Barb proud".

The [OHWC JustGiving page](#) will remain open for the foreseeable future. If any Club members would still like to donate to this worthy cause, please do through the [OHWC JustGiving page](#).

If you would prefer to donate in a more traditional manner, you can deposit cheques or cash through the OHWC Treasurer, Martin Beckett.

Sponsorship through JustGiving

To start fund raising either use the following web page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/ohwc>; or, if preferred, you can print off a more traditional sponsorship form at the back of this Newsletter.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving, they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, JustGiving send your money directly to the charity, so it's the most efficient way to donate, saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Anne Whichcord's Leicestershire Three Peaks Challenge – 22nd September 2024

Charity Link's

Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge

On 22 September Anne Whichcord will be undertaking the Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge in aid of Charity Link, a local charity that supplies essential items to families in need in Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire (for further information see their website at charity-link.org).

The challenge is a 16-mile walk in Charnwood which includes the 3 highest hills in the county - Bardon Hill, Old John and Beacon Hill.

Anne would be very grateful if you're able to sponsor her. If you would like to do so, please use her JustGiving page [here](#).

Request for volunteers

OHWC are desperately short of walk leaders for our monthly coach trips and mid-month walks. If any club members would like to be considered for this worthwhile role, please get in touch with either Geoff Mattock on 0116 239 5381; or email the club at ohwcmail@gmail.com. No previous experience is necessary and full training will be given.

September's Walk Report, by Kevin Millard

Sunday 1st September to Sparklow, Peak District

We could have called our September "long" walk from Mouldridge Grange to Sparklow "The Famous Five go to Five Dales".





The route took us along Long Dale, Bradford Dale, Lathkill Dale, Cales Dale and Fern Dale, with a few climbs up the side to admire the views and visit the beautiful villages of Youlgreave and Moneyash.

Along the way, we met Geoff's group just before Youlgreave, and John's group enjoying a Cream Tea in Moneyash.

Altogether a very sociable and enjoyable day out and thanks to the Gods of Wells and Water for keeping us dry.



September's Local Mid-Month Walk – Catherine Gwinnett

Sunday 15th September – Hungarton, Tilton on the Hill, Cold Newton and past Quenby Hall

Catherine Gwinnett will be leading the walk. Please bring something to eat and drink.

Meet in the Ashby Arms pub car park, Main Street, Hungarton ([what3words](#) location [///sculpture.mandolin.weeks](#)). Please car share if possible.

This will be an approximate 9.5-mile walk, taking in Lowesby, Tilton on the Hill, Cold Newton and past Quenby Hall.

If you'd like to join the walk, please contact Catherine by text on 07941855762

Next Monthly Walk: Waterhouses, Peak District

Sunday 6th October

Coach departs: Oadby Central Car Park (adjacent to the Trinity Methodist Church) at **8.00am sharp**.

Please note the coach will leave the pub at 5.30pm.

Coach Route: M1 to J24, A50, A515, A53, A523

Boot stop: Ashbourne

Pub: Ye Old Crowne Hotel

Map: [OS Explorer OL24 1:25 000](#) Map of Buxton, Bakewell, Matlock & Dove Dale; or [OS Landranger 119 1:50 000](#) Map of Buxton & Matlock





Walk Leaders:

- G. McPhail (long walk)
- M. Beckett
- J. Bastow
- C. Gwinnett
- H. Everett (8 mile short walk)

Booking Trips: When booking onto monthly and mid-month walks, please **only** use the club email rather than phone, text or word of mouth.

Coach Fare: Preferably by BACS to the bank details given at the end of this Newsletter.

From May 1st, 2024, the Coach fare has increased to the following amount per person:

- Adult Members and Guest **£18**
- Junior/Student Members **£12**

Cancellations - members and guests

- Cancellations up to Tuesday Midnight before the Sunday walk - no penalty.
- Cancellations thereafter - full cost of the bus fare due.

Prospective Walkers

If you have not put your name down on the last coach trip, please contact ohwcmal@gmail.com to book a seat on the bus this month, prior to making a payment. You will receive a reply confirming the availability or otherwise of a seat. Please note that it is first come first served.

If you delay booking, you may not get a seat. Please do not turn up without booking and receiving confirmation that you have a place. You must book a place on the coach in advance, or you may not be allowed on as it picks up at various places on the ring road members who have already booked a seat.

If you wish to be picked up, at other places than the Oadby Car Park, please mention where when booking and please be aware that very occasionally another Orbit coach may go past before ours arrives.

Walk Reminder

Please make sure that you are carrying your completed Club Safety Form in the top of your rucksack - it could help you in a difficult situation. N.B. Don't forget to keep the form up to date. The form is available on the Club Website [here](#).

Walk Route Map

Please go onto the News section of the Club website [here](#) a few days before the monthly walk, to see a map showing the walk routes. Hopefully, this will speed up selecting your walk when signing up on the coach. The club has four OS maps available for Walk Leaders to use when leading walks.

Boot/Toilet Stop

Members are urged to keep the time taken at the boot stop to a minimum. At the end of the walk members should change their footwear and place dirty boots and rucksacks in the luggage locker before getting onto the coach, thus avoiding any congestion and mud in the coach.

Please do not wear dirty boots on the coach.

Those getting off the coach at Fosse Park and the Ring Road, may alternatively put your dirty kit into a plastic bag and then take it onto the coach; thus, negating having to search for your gear in the bus luggage lockers.

Essential Wear

Members and guests must be suitably equipped. As a minimum this must include:

- Suitable walking boots
- Waterproof coat and over-trousers
- Warm clothing
- An appropriate rucksack.
- Food and drink for the whole day

A First Aid Kit is recommended.

N.B. Jeans and, or trainers/sandals are NOT suitable.

If you are not properly equipped for hillwalking, you may not be able to participate.

Only Registered Assistance Dogs are allowed on club walks, except on mid-month walks at the discretion of the Walk Leader.

Cotswold Outdoors Discount Card for Club Members

Once again, Cotswold Outdoors has allowed all Club members to apply for a Discount Card. This discount is for the personal use of club members only and must not be shared with others.

Club members benefit from:

- 20% discount in-store and online,
- Expertise, advice and guidance,
- Sustainability services,
- Explore More membership.

OHWC discount

OHWC Club Members will receive a 20% discount on full-priced items (excludes electronics and selected lines) both in-store and online with Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Need and Snow+Rock. The code to use is **AF-RAMBLERS-E9**.

This discount is strictly for personal use only and must not be shared with non-club members. Cotswold Outdoors reserve the right to amend or cancel it with immediate effect if they find this code has been leaked to unauthorised persons in any way.

Explore More

Club members will need to be signed up for their free Explore More benefits scheme to use the discount. This comes with its own benefits such as a 3-year extended warranty, a 100-day returns policy, Price Match Promise and much more! Members can sign up through any of the following brands:

- [Cotswold Outdoor](#)
- [Runners Need](#)
- [Snow+Rock](#)

Expertise, advice and guidance

The best way to tap into their outdoor expertise is for Club Members to book an in-store appointment at Cotswold Outdoor, Runners Need or Snow+Rock. These ensure one of our store specialists is on hand to help you get the best kit for your adventure.

Alternatively, Cotswold Indoor have a whole host of blogs online in our Advice & Inspiration areas. These include kit guides, itinerary ideas, inspirational stories and suggestions on how to be more sustainable. You can find these below:

- [Cotswold Outdoor](#)
- [Runners Need](#)
- [Snow+Rock](#)

Sustainability Services

For us the outdoors is everything, and across our three brands, we do everything we can to look after it for generations to come.

As a company, Cotswold Outdoors are working to become more sustainable, and they want to help their customers do their bit too. The services they offer to help with this are available across all their stores:

- [Make The Right Choice](#)
- [Care and Proofing](#)
- [Recycle My Gear](#)
- [Recycle My Run](#)
- [Our planet](#)

Monthly Club Meetings

Unless otherwise stated in this Newsletter, monthly club meetings are held on the Wednesday following the Sunday coach walk at the Wigston Conservative Club, 38 Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AH at 7.30pm. All club members are welcome.

Safeguarding

The OHWC Safeguarding Policy and Guidance document is on the club website at <http://oadbyhwc.com/safeguarding>.

If anyone has any safeguarding concerns that involve the club, club activities, or club members, report in confidence by email, any safeguarding concerns to the club at OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com.

Blacks Closing Down Sale

Blacks will be closing their Leicester High Street store by the end of September this year. They have a closing down sale between now and then, which at present is offering 30% off all stock. Looking at their website [here](#), there are some massive bargains to be had.

Club Media and Bank Details

Website	http://oadbyhwc.com/
Email	ohwcmal@gmail.com
Safeguarding Email	OHWCsafeguarding@gmail.com
Facebook	Oadby Hillwalking Club group
Instagram	Oadby Hillwalking Club
Bank Details	Barclays Bank
Account Name	OHWC
Account Number	50124990 Please quote surname and month of walk (i.e., Smith July)
Sort code	20-49-08

OHWC Committee 2024 – 2025

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