**NEWSLETTER - October 2019**

**Oadby Hillwalking Club** [www.oadbyhwc.com](http://www.oadbyhwc.com)

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**OHWC Committee 2019-2020**

Chair: Jenny Fox 0116 2911491

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Treasurer: Alison Beckett 07557199247

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Membership Secretary: Carol Hinks 0116 2592144

**Monthly Club Meetings**

Monthly club meetings are held on the Wednesday following the Sunday walk at the Wigston Conservative Club, 38 Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AH at 7.30pm. All club members are welcome.

**October Mid-month walk**

Colin New is leading an 8-mile circular walk on Sunday 20th October. 9.15 ready to set off at 9.30 Meet on the right-hand side of Forest Hill Golf Club car park, Markfield Lane, Near Botcheston, LE9 9FH.

**Social events**

**Chef and Spice Charity Meal**

In aid of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance.

7pm Monday 28th October

**Tickets still available – please contact Jenny Fox**

**OHWC Christmas Dinner – 6 places remaining**

Thursday 12 December 2019 at 6:30pm

£23 for a 3-course meal with coffee

Licensed bar

**TASTE RESTAURANT**

Leicester College,

Floor 2, Freemen’s Park Campus, Welford Road, LE2 7LW

**Contact Alison Beckett or add your name to the list on the November bus walk with menu choices and give cheque for £23.00 payable to OHWC.**

**Casepak Recycling**

The Ramblers have recently been on a visit to Casepak Recycling and they have recommended it to our club. Jenny has made enquiries and it may be able to arrange a visit in early December. **We need to know if it worthwhile pursuing this idea so please send your expressions of interest to Jenny Fox.**

**Charity Walk Support**

If you would like to donate to this year’s Children in Need Ramble, please go to their website:

<https://www.donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

If you are taking part in a charity walk and you would like to have information in the Newsletter, email OHWC.

You will need to have a JustGiving page or a similar fundraising page – no collections on the coach, please.

**Walk Report October 2019 Hayfield – Carol Birch Long walk**

6 of us got off the coach well prepared for the forecasted weather of rain and wind, with waterproofs and rucksack covers on. Despite the driver having to drop us a bit beyond the chosen start point we soon located a convenient path to get to our planned route. Thus started a 3 mile climb up to Mam Tor. As we drew nearer we could see people swarming all over it and the many paths leading to it. While there were some older walkers mostly the crowd was of younger people in groups, mostly walking quite determinedly and including an 18th birthday party. There were also some fell runners.

Fortunately the cloud was high enough for us to get good views of the excellent panorama around Mam Tor but the wind was so strong it was a struggle for the lighter members of the group to stay upright! As we descended along the ridge to Hollins Cross the cloud broke little and we saw the first of several rainbows over Edale. By now we all wanted a coffee break but there was nowhere to shelter so we carried on down towards Edale till we found a wall with a bank to sit on. Another very good rainbow appeared stretching from Edale village to the eastern edge of Kinder Scout.

Crossing over to Edale and noting the rivers in spate we took the decision to go up onto Kinder via Upper Booth and Jacob’s Ladder and so began our second long climb. Jacob’s Ladder is more of a staircase but it was a lot drier than the original route up Grindsbrook would have been. By the time we reached the top we were ready for lunch but it was still very windy so we headed on up towards the top of Kinder Scout until we found a sheltered spot where the rain held off long enough for us to eat our sandwiches.

After lunch we carried on up on the Pennie Way. After about a mile we could see where Kinder Downfall was with a lot of white spray, no doubt very impressive but we were not going that far as I had planned a way down that I hadn’t used before. We went as far as Red River then turned back on ourselves and took a minor path traversing gradually down along the western edge of Kinder. We had good views over the Kinder Reservoir and Hayfield, and beyond. On reaching the edge of the moorland area we some steep slippery wet grass fields to cross then an attractive track through woodland to join the Kinder valley route into Hayfield.

Although the rain persisted on and off throughout the day we never got soaked, had some sunny intervals and great views. My fellow walkers were all reluctant writers so I asked for comments to include. “We saw a black grouse, sparrow hawk and a dipper, it was a good workout, liked the rainbows, interesting route, and I’m feeling tired” were offered.

**Next monthly walk – Sunday 3rd November Hope, Peak District**

**Please remember that when walking as part of a group it is essential that the group stays within sight of the leader.**

**Coach departs:** Oadby Central Car Park (adjacent to the Trinity Methodist Church) at **8.00am.** Please note the coach will leave Hayfield at **5**pm. Finishing point: The Old Hall Hotel, Market Place, Hope.

**Coach Route:** M1 (J26), A610, A6, A623, B6049, A6187

**Boot stop:** Trowell Services

**Maps:** OS Explorer OL1

**Walk Leaders:** Andy (long) Geoff (11) John (11) Jenny (10) Mike (8)

**Walk Routes.** To Mike Hinks, preferably as a gpx file or as a JPEG file by 24th October at the latest, please. mike.hinks19@gmail.com

**Please contact Carol ohwcmail@gmail.com if you would like to book a place on the coach or if you are unable to go and need to cancel.**

**All OHWC members can claim one free ride on a monthly walk between November and December 2019.**

**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 [**oadbyhwc.com/essential-information/**](http://oadbyhwc.com/essential-information/)

**Walk Route Map**

*Please go onto the News section of the Club website,*[www.oadbyhwc.com](http://www.oadbyhwc.com/)*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.*

**Prospective walkers – please contact the group email address to book a seat on the bus this month:** OHWCmail@gmail.com. You will receive a reply confirming the availability or otherwise of a seat. You are reminded 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 Woods coach may go past before ours arrives.

Members can book for the next month’s walk on the return journey back to Oadby. You don’t have to wait for the Club meeting or the Newsletter.

**Bus Fares –** preferably by cheque payable to “Oadby Hillwalking Club” or simply “O.H.W.C.”

Adult Members £12, Junior/Student Members £5, Guests/Visitors + £3. (subject to review at the AGM)

**Cancellations - members and guests *- Cancellations up to Tuesday Midnight before the Sunday walk - no penalty. Cancellations thereafter - full cost of the bus fare due. (AGM 2011).******Please send fare due to the Treasurer, Alison Beckett, 5 Spinney View, Great Glen, Leics, LE8 9EP***

**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.

***Those getting off the coach at Fosse Park and the Ring Road, may alternatively, put your dirty kit into a “Bin Liner” and then take it onto the coach; thus negating having to search for your kit in the bus Luggage Locker.***

**Interested in being a Walk Leader?** Please speak to any Committee Member, who will gladly arrange this for you – or better still come along to our Club Meetings.

**Safety**: The club walk organisers are not qualified guides. You join them at your own risk and of your own free will. You are part of an autonomous group, responsible for your own safety and happy to accept the discretion and actions of any or all the participants on that organised walk or activity in the event of injury to you, the need to have you rescued or otherwise.

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

Members and guests must be suitably equipped and 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

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

Please do not wear dirty boots on the coach.

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

**Sunday Monthly Walks by coach: 2019/2020**

Return departure is at 5pm during GMT and 5.30pm during BST.

**2019**

3 Nov Hope – Peak District

1 Dec Ambergate – Peak District

**2020**

5 Jan Monyash – Peak District

2 Feb Bradwell – Peak District

1 Mar Blockley – Cotswolds

5 April Symonds Yat - Wye Valley

10 May Hadfield – Peak District

**Almoner’s Report**

*If you know of any member that is poorly or unable to walk for any reason, please let one of the committee know.*