

Summer FOOTSTEPS



*Dronfield Footpaths & Bridleways Society
Spring/Summer Newsletter 2023*

Success in a Quiz!

With our close connection with the Friends of Dronfield Station, DF&BS was invited to submit a four man team to take part in their annual Quiz Night on the 28th March. Held at the Gosforth Fields Sports and Social Club, our team of Peter Carr, Graham Gill, Martin Hanrahan and Peter Hubbard managed to hold off some stiff competition from teams from FODS, the Rotary Club and Civic Society, and managed to win on the night. It was excellently hosted by FODS, and everyone involved had a really enjoyable evening. All we have to do now is defend our title next year!

Winter Walks

A big thank you from Graham Gill to all the walk leaders who volunteered their time to lead walks on the winter walks programme. Your commitment is very much appreciated. Also, thanks to everyone who managed to walk with us throughout the winter months. On the whole we had a very well attended programme, which gives the walk leaders and the committee the encouragement needed to maintain a flourishing society.

Walk Leader Training:

We welcome new walk leaders.....this is not onerous, you just need to plan a route, do a 'recce' and advise us if there are many stiles, muddy patches etc...lots of

help is available, so please...if you have a favourite walk, let us know.

You may have seen in March this year some emails to you with details of Walk Leader Training being offered by North East Derbyshire District Council. The sessions cover the basics and last a morning or afternoon. Whilst the training is set up for Walking for Health and aimed at potential leaders for this initiative, it covers aspects that any of our members would consider if you're wanting to lead a walk for the Society. If we get further dates available we'll circulate them to you. In the meantime if you want further information, let Peter Carr or any committee member know.

Details from the 2022 AGM :-

Adrian Slome confirmed his resignation as Treasurer after ten years of sterling effort on behalf of our Society and was thanked for this.

The committee now comprises:-

Philip Brightmore, Peter Carr (Secretary), Graham Gill (Project Officer), Pete Hubbard (Publicity Officer), Joe Kelsall (Membership Secretary and Treasurer), Steve and Ros Sadler, Adrian Slome and Jeannie Thorpe plus Jane and Richard Smith (Acting Chair)

There are a couple of vacancies if anyone is interested please let any of the above know, we have three meetings a year plus

the AGM so nothing onerous. We would also welcome anyone interested in shadowing the Officers detailed above.

One change approved that everyone needs to be aware of is that subscriptions are not now due at a fixed time but on the anniversary of the first payment on joining or the last payment made by existing members. Joe will endeavour to provide a gentle reminder by email when due!

The Chesterfield Walking Festival is from the 13th to 21st May and some members of our committee or group are leading four walks in this.

Grant Moneys

The Society has been successful in its application for a Grant from Derbyshire County Council to produce and print an up to date leaflet of the North Chesterfield Way and to purchase portable battery operated trimmers and hedge trimmers. Sightings of the North Chesterfield Way leaflet have been scarce in recent years so if you have a copy you have a rarity. We hope to have the leaflet available for everyone in the summer. The trimmers and hedge trimmers mean that members don't always have to use their own on the occasions of clearing the vegetation on paths.

Barnes Lane vegetation cutting back on Tuesday 30 May...come along and try our new tackle...

CPR and Defibrillator training:

The Society has the opportunity to take advantage of free training being offered from Ronnie Dick, representing East Midlands Ambulance Service regarding

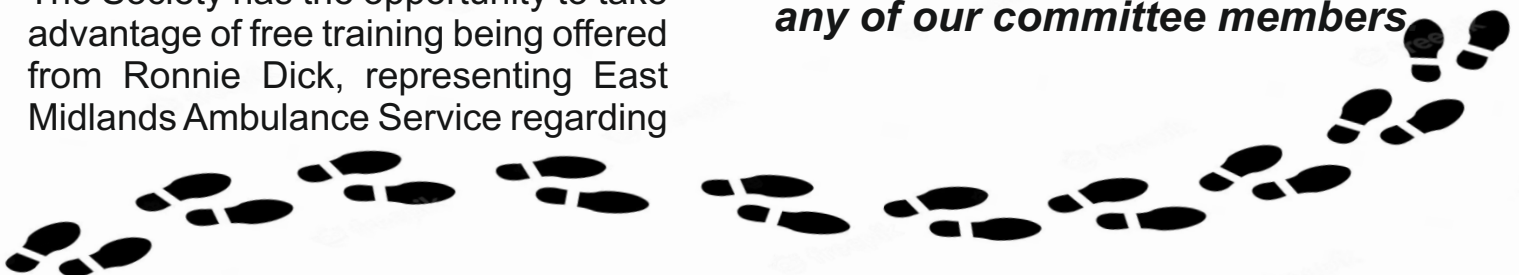
CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator). The sessions last 90 minutes and he can train up to 25 people at a time. The sessions will take place at Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park and will likely be in an evening. Can members who are interested let Peter Carr know by email at peterwcarr@hotmail.com with dates/days to avoid and he'll try and arrange a date to suit as many as possible. It will also help to gauge interest.

Summer Walks

Our summer walks programme has been sent out to members via email. If you haven't received yours please contact Pete Hubbard, email: phubbs@sky.com

The programme is also available on our website dronfieldfootpaths.org.uk as a download (navigate to Walks on the main menu and then select Walk Calendars as PDFs from the sub menu.) The website is regularly updated with details of the latest walks...Alternatively, selecting the View Full Calendar button on the home page displays all future walks and includes links to Google Maps for meeting points. It's a varied programme with lots of local walks and some that are further afield.

Well, that's just about it for this newsletter...we look forward to seeing you on our walks, joining in on our Facebook page...and if you have any questions, please chat to any of our committee members



Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints