



# South Gwent Ramblers



## Minutes of the committee meeting held on 30 September 2004

*Members present* - Ken Phillips, Brian Williams, Fred Fee, Val Clark, Howard Harvey, Ian Reese, Kath Carter.

1. *Apologies for absence* from Kath Sadler, Adrian Sheehan and Keith Cooper who is currently enjoying panoramic views of Blorenge whilst steadily recovering from cellulosis in Neville Hall hospital.
2. *Minutes of last meeting* were adopted
  - 2.1. *Matters arising from the minutes*
    - 2.1.1. *Item 2.1.2 Map & Compass evening* Ian wants another evening before the 28 November practical. Ian will give Ken a date so that he can advertise the evening in the Newsletter.
    - 2.1.2. *Item 2.1.3 Paignton* is booked for 27 October.
    - 2.1.3. *Item 2.1.4 Area AGM* Ken has booked Cwmcarn Visitors' Centre and suggested that other committee members (wives as well) could volunteer for food provision or other duties. Sandwiches @ £2.50 are available from Cwmcarn. Adrian has sent an outline to Area and will get in touch with Ken when details emerge.

SGR AGM Thursday 25 November. Ken notes that tea, coffee and biscuits are available for £30. It starts 7pm and should last ~50 minutes. Fred will organise a slide show to follow the meeting.
3. *Officers' reports*
  - 3.1. *Secretary*
    - 3.1.1. Ken received 26 items and he outlined them.
    - 3.1.2. Ken suggested a joint walk from Grosmont to White Castle with Fred. Fred will get in touch about pre-walks &c.
    - 3.1.3. The Christmas dinner is scheduled for Thursday 16 December at Newport Golf Club: Ken has booked it.
    - 3.1.4. The Christmas walk from the Huntsman is scheduled for Tuesday 28 December. Adrian will lead the walk and Ken will organise the dinner.
  - 3.2. *Treasurer* Brian reported:
    - 3.2.1. Brian presented the proposed accounts for the year. A statement of interest from the bank is yet to come and some late-presented expenses may pass through the bank after the meeting.

- 3.2.2. The allocation for membership is £336, received from Area without a breakdown. The amount is not proportional to the increase in membership since last year and Keith is still trying to work out why. Ken also noted that the cost of subscribing to the RA had increased and that the allocation did not reflect the increase.
- 3.2.3. The programmes expenditure seems high, but it covers the last two years.
- 3.2.4. The payment for the Barbeque was banked late and was consequently carried over from last year.
- 3.2.5. The subscriptions for Ruperra again cover two years.
- 3.2.6. John Ridley *in memoriam* expenses break down as follows: £45 – plaque on stile; £21 entertaining London RA officials; and £20 donation to RNLI.
- 3.2.7. Alun Booth is to audit the accounts and Fred will typeset them.
- 3.3. *Footpaths Officer* Fred has agreed to receive papers concerning footpaths matters although he will not have the opportunity to attend associated outdoor duties. Fred illustrated a typical small diversion of a footpath that was not worth a comment and noted that most papers he receives demand little or no comment.
- 3.4. *Rambles Officer* Adrian reports that the programme is progressing without incident of note. The trip to the Hidden Gardens is postponed because it is too late to do sensibly.
- 3.5. *Membership Secretary* Val notes that membership was down to 197(-3). Three new members joined the last Sunday ramble, so Val hopes that we will soon be back over 200.
- 3.6. *Publicity Secretary* Ken spoke for Kath.
  - 3.6.1. Ken and Brian organised another display in the Newport library, this time more prominently on the staircase where it “hits you in the eye”.
  - 3.6.2. Fred gave 100 copies of the walks program to the library.
- 3.7. *IT Officer’s report* Keith is in hospital!
4. *AOB* Ian proposed the date for the Map & Compass evening should be Tuesday 9 or 16 November at 7:30pm.

*Next Committee Meeting* is the AGM on Thursday 25 November at 7pm.