

Mendip Ramblers

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2025

at The Highwayman at 12.00

Present : Connie Moore, Claris Brown, Lucy Rowntree, Tony Dyson, Jane Dyson,
Les Stather and Janet Morland.

Apologies : Mike Plaskitt

1 Festival matters.

- A Deposits have been paid for the meal after the Festival for the helpers. We do not feel it was an appropriate use of Ramblers funds to pay for the meal. Mendip has paid the deposit to make things simple up front, but we thought the people coming were happy to pay the full cost on the night.(the pub can handle individual payments and can refund Mendip the deposit)
As all the meal participants will be leading, back marking or working in the kitchen during the festival, paying for the meal or otherwise is absolutely nothing to do with individual contributions to Mendip activities. The conversation about individual contribution was a general beef about encouraging some of our regular walkers to offer to lead a weekly walk.
- B Over the past year donations at the Festival have not paid for room hire. It might help if a few £1 coins are in the dish before the first group arrive for tea.
- C Connie will put the Festival walks on the RA website.
- D Some walk leaders have made a detailed account of their walks. A minimum of a paragraph and a map is need for all walks.
- E Lucy has done a lot of work on advertising the Festival in Somerset and Wiltshire. She wants some A5 fliers.

2 The barbecue on 4th July has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

3 Walk leaders

- A National RA has stated that all walk leaders who have not led 12 walks in the past 3 years must do the online training. All walk leaders will soon be informed about this.
- B Les said that they do not have the authority to do this and many walkers are objecting.
- C Recently a man with dementia has been left by his daughter to walk with us and it has caused problems. Anyone with health problems that could cause difficulties may only join the walk if accompanied by a

responsible adult.

- D New walk leaders may lead a walk with an experienced leader.
- E Walk leaders will have ICE cards.
- F Can we have group sessions for the training?

The next meeting will be on Wed 30 July at 12.15 at The Highwayman.