

# Rambling On

Spring 2004

Duncanrig Rambling Club

## MYSTERY WALKER



FIRST EDITION. During our action-packed Monday evenings and Sunday walks there is not enough time to give out essential information. We hope that this Newsletter may be informative and interesting. We would also like to send out information by e.mail and we will be collecting e.mail addresses shortly. Ideas and articles for future issues will be welcome.

## MAY WEEKEND

Arrangements for this weekend are being finalised and we would like to remind all members who are coming along that the balance must be paid in full by the end of March.

## STOP PRESS!!

## BUTE WALKING WEEKEND

Thanks to funding from the Lottery, a subsidised weekend to Rothesay, Isle of Bute has been organised on the weekend of 9-11 July. The cost of this outing which includes the coach, ferry crossing, 2 nights bed & breakfast, dinner on Saturday evening is only £50. The bus will leave at 7 pm on Friday, 9 July and travel to the Glenburn Hotel in Rothesay. On Saturday and Sunday, walks along the West Island Way will take place and there will be entertainment on Saturday evening. The coach will return to East Kilbride late Sunday evening. Initially it will be open to members only but should there be any places available these can be filled by family or friends. A non-refundable deposit of £10 is required to reserve a place

## NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome 6 new members, Jim McNair, Jim & Helen Brown, Eleanor Love, Tanne Kennedy and David Robertson to the club and hope that they enjoy the walks, the social evenings and make many new friends.

## BOOKING ON RULES

The club is delighted to note that the bus has been very full on the last few walks. Could members please be reminded that all places must be paid for 'up-front' at the time of booking, including anyone being booked on by another. Telephone bookings can be paid on the bus but should a member make a telephone booking and be unable to come along, the £7 outstanding must be paid at the next opportunity.

## SPRING CLEANING

Now is the time to look in your cupboards for any items that would be suitable for our Bring & Buy Sale on Monday, 26 APRIL. Anything in good condition as well as home baking, jam, etc, will be really welcome.

## IRISH DANCERS

A group of young dancers will be performing on Monday, 29 March. This is sure to be very entertaining as those of us fortunate enough to have seen 'Riverdance' will know. A good turnout would be appreciated to support this event.

## LOTTERY FUNDING

The club was delighted in its successful application for an award of £5,000 from the Lottery. These funds have been used to buy a laptop computer which will be the club's future 'filing cabinet'. It will also be used to send e-mails to members as well as storing digital photographs. John Whitley has purchased 2 Global Positioning Systems which will be invaluable during future 'reccies' and walks. Other items purchased include 2 walkie-talkies, 2 reflective jackets and a new first aid bag. It is also proposed that the club purchase a digital camera. Funds have been set aside to subsidise the July outing to Rothesay and for First Aid and Navigation Courses. Gordon and Linda will be collecting names for the above activities.

Members of a 'certain age' may enjoy this poem by Jim C Wilson which was published in the Herald.

**How Can You Hang On To A Dream?**  
(Tim Hardin, 1966)

*A whiter shade of pale? I really must get out more.  
Wear flowers in my hair? Well, trim the lawn on Sunday.*

*Strawberry fields forever but aren't they now so tasteless?  
Still, I can hear the grass grow despite this bloody tinnitus.*

*So, altogether now (but not too strenuously);  
All you need is love And a good index-linked annuity.*



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