

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER AGM 2024

Dear Members,

Firstly, thank you to all our volunteer walk leaders and co-ordinators and a big welcome to all our new members. We hope you have all been enjoying the winter walks.

We welcome Louise Whitelegg who has been seconded on to the committee as your Membership Secretary and Data Protection Officer. With having a great deal of experience in data protection Louise has been reviewing the systems in place. We wish Gill Smith well with her move back to the UK.

As you know the committee has updated the web site by inputting ready-made routes for you to use when leading a walk. There is now an excess of 80 walks round the island listed. This is a great resource. We could do with more volunteers tracking walks and emailing them to the web site.

If interested in helping please email Alistair Lothian chair@manxfootpaths.org

Happy Hiker wood carving Peel - The maintenance of securing loose limbs and oiling was done during the summer. The plaques have been removed and we are still waiting for them to be refurbished before we can re-fit them. We aim now to oil the carving twice yearly as an ongoing preservation programme.

The plan to have some of the walking books published by the Club and scanned into the history section of the web site is still on going. Thank you to everyone who have passed on books.

Our annual carol service at St. Luke's went very well. Many thanks to those who read the lessons. A big thank you to Sue and the team at St. Luke's for all their help. A special mention to Rev. Jo Dudley for accompanying the carols on the Organ.

The New Year Lunch was once again very successful with everyone enjoying the delicious carvery and quizzes. Our thanks to the Talk of the Town for making it a special day.

Looking forward we have the annual walk on the 18th of May, designed to bring together those who walk on different days.

This is actually two walks. One short and one a bit longer and then lots of social chat over tea, coffee and cake.

There are other events we are looking into such as a visit to Glen Truan Apiary and a trip to the Calf of Man.

Everything will be added onto the diary on the website as dates get confirmed.

Best wishes from your committee

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