

A COVENTRY WAY ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 4TH DECEMBER 2014.

- Venue** St Martins In The Field Church Hall, Green Lane South, Coventry. CV3 6EA
- Present** J Aylmer, D Burrin, B Brandon, R Brown, B Carey, B Eve, K Greenall, J Green, N Meynell, K Nicholas, M Nicholas, P Page, B Roebuck, B Rainsley, B Swain, D Shelton, F Tonkinson, A Townsend, S Veasey .
- 7.30pm** Chairman Bob Carey welcomed the attendees and introduced the Guest speaker, Graham Hayden. Graham is a Qualified Combined Therapist for the Tiny Tim Charity, which is one of the charities which this Association supports.
- 7.35pm** Graham spoke of the work carried out to assist children, as young as six months up to 19 years of age, to overcome their health problems and, in so doing, bring respite to their carers too. The assembled found the presentation most interesting.
- A short refreshment break ensued.**
- 8.15pm** **A.G.M. commenced.**
- Apologies** I Bean, M Hewison, B Watson, M Aston, U Ulli, A Wade.
- Minutes of AGM 2013** Distributed to the Attendees. Formally accepted.
- Matters arising** Bill Eve confirmed a Defibrillator had been purchased by the Association. This was on show. Work has now started on gravel extraction between Ryton and Wolston - WCC are keeping the Association aware of footpath alterations which will effect A Coventry Way.
- Chairman's Report** Bob C reported that the year has seen the Associations activities include the Godiva Festival and a Skittles Evening, where cheques totalling £1100 were presented to eleven local Charities and appreciation was shown to the many active people for their assistance throughout the year. An excellent booklet has been compiled by Peter Page to assist Bedworth and Nuneaton Council in their defining of the network of footpaths in their area. These footpaths cannot be officially way marked due to not being on the definitive map. Our connection is Walk 14 so, hopefully, progress will be made. The Working Party has been active throughout the year installing 20 kissing gates, 4 bridges and board walks on Corley Moor and path clearance on Walks 3, 9 & 17. 130 Challenge 2015 entries have been received to date, including one from Spain.
- Secretary's report** Book sales have gone well. We now have a stock of less than 30 of the 21 Circular Walk Books having, since its first publication in 2002, sold approximately 9000. The new 21 Walks Book we hope to release early next year. However there is still a third party final survey to be done before the Committee can consider going to print. I have asked the overseers to carry out this and will be chasing them up in the coming weeks. Next year's "THANK YOU" event will be on Tuesday, 24th November. More details in the New Year but make a note in your diaries.
- Treasurer's report** John Aylmer presented the audited accounts to the attendees, these were accepted and showed the Association to be in a very healthy financial position. Thanks were extended to John and Bob Rainsley (auditor).

Committee: The following were elected.

Chairman	John Green	Retiring Bob Carey
Secretary	Ken Nicholas	Retiring John Green
Treasurer	John Aylmer	no change
Working Party	Bob Carey	New Post
Co-ordinator		
Member	Bob Brandon	no change

President: Iris Bean A proposer and seconder was received nominating Iris in recognition of the Bean family contributions to A Coventry Way Association. We are delighted to report that Iris has, subsequently, accepted this position.

Other Specific duties:

Auditor	Bob Rainsley
Membership secretary	Ken Nicholas
Webmaster	Peter Page
Newsletter Editor	Ken Nicholas
ACWA Challenge	Bob Brandon, Anne Wade, Bob Carey.
Geocaching	Keith Greenall
Book Sales	John Green

Footpath Overseers

Walks 1, 2 & 3	John Aylmer and Bob Rainsley
Walks 4 & 5	Anne and Vaughan Wade
Walks 6 & 7	Nick Meynell
Walk 8	Bob Brandon
Walk 9	Miranda Aston and Ulli Ulli
Walks 10, 11 & 12	Frank Tonkinson & Doug Shelton
Walks 13, 14 & 15	Alan Townsend and Bob Carey
Walk 16	Bob Brandon and Ken Nicholas
Walks 17 & 18	Bill Eve and Roger Brown
Walks 19, 20 & 21	Bob Watson and Stan Veasey

(note, the revised lists of Overseers was finalised after the AGM)

Challenge 2015 Bob Brandon reported that the date for the 18th Challenge would be Sunday, 12th April. There will be an additional Food Station at Barnacle and with Jim and Maureen Chapman vacating 25, Saunders Avenue Bedworth there is a need to liaise with the new occupants before next April. Apparently, a condition of sale was that ACWA would be able to use the front garden as normal. Covered accommodation for the Brinklow Food Station in the Village Hall to be negotiated.

A.O.B. Miranda and Ulli have kindly invited the Association to visit their Farm and John G and Bob C will get more details in the New Year.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.