**Chairman Report – Annual General Meeting (AGM) 13th January 2022**

This is my 2nd Chairman’s Report for the Selby Fell Walking Club (SFWC), sadly due to COVID-19 the year didn’t start any better than 2020, also the wet and cold weather didn’t help things while we were in Lockdown. It’s nice to see so many members attending our AGM for 2022, here at the Drax Sports and Social Club.

I hope my report finds you and your family all well and healthy.

Unfortunately, the club lost one of its current members Christine Millington, Chris was one of the handful of members who also walked with the Saturday Club, I know Chris will be sadly missed. I was also informed by members present at the AGM a former member who walked with the club Barry Noble passed away, he walk with the club in the early 1980/90’s.

Due to the Government National Lockdown, the walks for **February & March 2021** where Cancelled.

The committee did manage to keep the club running by having Zoom meetings, but due to the rule of six and 2 families in a house, we won’t be able to meet up until August 2021.

Due to restrictions on coach travel with limited numbers around 25% passengers, the club were travelling to walk venues in cars, so it was decided to keep the journey’s short where possible.

So, the first walk of the year was on **18th April 2021**. The long walk was 12 mile circular which was led by Steve Howard from the village of Welburn. The short walk led by Elizabeth Dear & John Bell, which was a 7 ½ mile circular from the Castle Howard Estate.

**9th May 2021**, both walks were a circular from Ripley Castle, long walk was led by Steve Howard been 12 miles & the short been 8 miles was led by Alan Abdy & Elizabeth Dear.

**13th June 2021**, circular walks from Knaresborough, the long was 12 miles led by Tim Darley & Simon Reed, the short was led Alan Abdy and was 8 miles.

**11th July 2021**, both walks again were circulars from Pateley Bridge, sadly I don’t have the mileage for these walks, the long was led by John Bell & Neil Foster, the short was led by Karen Bell & Elizabeth Dear.

**8th August 2021**, both walks were a circular from Pocklington, the long was 11 miles led by Tim Darley & Simon Reed, the 8 ½ mile short walk was led by Steve Howard & Mick Higgs.

**12th September 2021**, the circular walks were from Leyburn. The 11 mile long, walk was led by Helen Robertshaw & Sonja Allen, the short walk of 7miles was led by 1st time walk leaders Linda Paxton & Wendy Dye. Many Thanks ladies I hope you continue by leading a walk or two this year.

The walk on the **10th October 2021**, saw the club using a coach, both were linear walks. The long which started near Folkton was 13 ½ miles and led by Irene Brereton & Steve Howard, the short starting at Muston was 9 miles and led by Sonja Allen & Hilary Putman.

**14th November 2021**, was a circular from Driffield, the long walk of 11 miles was led by John Bell & Neil Foster and the 7 ½ mile short walk was led by Karen Bell & Elizabeth Dear.

**12th December 2021**, our Xmas Lunch walk was a 5 mile circular led by Steve Howard, followed by a wonderful Traditional Christmas Lunch at The Coachman Inn at Snainton.

**9th January 2022**, were circular walks from Wetherby, the long walk of 10 miles was led by Steve Howard and the short walk was 8 miles but the walk leader was replaced at the last minute by Alan Abdy, **Thank You** Alan for standing-in at short notice and not being able to recce the walk. I hope Pauline Hall is feeling a lot better and recovered from Covid.

I would like to Thank all walk leaders personally for the time, and effort it takes to plan and recce your walk. **Thank You**

Our next walk on the **13th February 2022** are circulars from Harewood House. The long led by Helen Robertshaw & Jayne Waterhouse and the short by Pauline Hall & Carol Oxberry.

Over the weekend **21st to 23rd May 2021**, 7 members of the club spent the weekend at The Black Bull in Reeth. The walks were led by Steve Howard, the Friday was a wet and cold 7 mile circular from Reeth via Fremington Edge. The Saturday was an 8 mile circular walk from Muker, via Keld, with a detour to East Gill Force. Our final walk on the Sunday was a 6 mile circular from Reeth and was able to see some of the damage from flash flooding in the area from 2019 and finished with a light lunch at the Copper Kettle Tearoom in Reeth.

The club’s annual visit to the Lake District was over the weekend of **17th to 19th September 2021** the 25 members stayed at Glaramara, near Seatoller, I was informed that it was the clubs 30th year staying at Glaramara. On the Friday, a circular walk from Kirkland in Cumbria was led by Steve Howard the 9 mile walk which went via Cross Fell at a height of 893 meters. Another walk was led by Pauline Hall this 8 mile circular from Keswick went via Walla Crag. On the Saturday, the main walk was a circular walk led by Carol & Alan Abdy from the village of Grasmere, which was a 6 mile circular heading via Alcock Tarn. Tim Darley & Simon Reed led a much tougher walk from Glaramara, heading via Great Gable. Due to several events in Keswick & Grasmere our original walk, which was planned in Keswick, was changed and a 5 mile circular was led by Steve Howard from Glaramara via Castle Crag.

This year’s visit to Glaramara is booked for the weekend **16th to 18th September 2022**, names and deposits will be required by the March 2022 walk.

Helen Robertshaw has organized and has booked 10 members of the club for a weekend away from the **25th March to 27th March 2022**, where we will be accommodated in Raven Hall, at Ravenscar on the East Coast, final payment is due at the March Walk.

We are always looking for walk leaders/deputies so if you are interested then please contact a member of the committee, likewise if there is any walks or areas you would like to visit, this would be very much appreciated.

Everyone on the committee are happy to continue, but I would like to welcome any club member who wishes to join our committee.

The club finances are healthy and have been Audited, but as you will hear later, we are making a loss on coach travel.

And finally, I would like to thank all the members of the SFWC for their support, also I would like to thank my Committee Members for their challenging work and supporting me over the last 12 months.

Date and time for the next AGM, is **Thursday 26th January 2023** at **18.30hrs** hopefully here at the Drax Sports & Social Club. This venue was confirmed at the end of the meeting.

Steve Howard