



Relative Mutters

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The new Management Committee held its first meeting recently and I would like to update you on some of the decisions made. We hope you like the new name for our regular updates: Relative Mutters?

We are committed to creating a fun and supportive community for the bagging of Relative Hills, whilst respecting the joy of bagging hills and islands on a range of lists. We agreed to develop a member's survey to seek your views on a number of items such as Halls of Fame award thresholds and the Relative Matters Editorial Policy. So.. watch this space.

We have arranged an Autumn Bagger Rambles meeting at Slaidburn in the Forest of Bowland to which you should have received an invitation. This will be on 22nd – 24th November. There may be further such meetings in the Spring prior to the Annual Dinner and AGM which is intended to be in the Glencoe – Fort William area.

Following the detailed feedback received before the AGM about matters of consistency and style in our revised Constitution, it has now been finalised. We believe this describes clearly how we plan to run the Society in a transparent and inclusive way. We have also developed a Privacy Notice, as required by law, informing you as members what we do with your personal data. I am sorry this is a bit technical, but you will be have been getting similar letters from your banks etc. so hopefully there is nothing in it that is too surprising. Both documents are attached.

We have made two appointments. New member, Ben Wilson, has agreed to be our Webmaster and will join the Editorial Group. Stuart Maddocks, an experienced accountant with an interest in hill-bagging, has offered to give an independent review of our accounts before next year's AGM.

The forthcoming St Kilda trip to the main islands only is fully booked and all participants have now joined RHSoc. Rick Salter is still taking names for the Stacs trip later in the year (rick_salter@yahoo.co.uk) Such trips are one of the few ways to access these beautiful and remote Marilyn's so it may be worth thinking about for next year.

Thanks to all of you who have sent details of existing MS/ BMC memberships. Can I also give a quick reminder to anyone who has yet to do so? We are gradually completing the process of affiliation of RHSoc to MS and learning about the slickest way to do this. We will complete this process for the main body of our members at the time of the annual renewal in January 2020.

Finally, to island baggers amongst you, you will be pleased to hear you are 'on trend'. There have been recent articles in the Sunday Times, Guardian and Telegraph as well as on BBC Radio Scotland, extolling the virtues of such micro adventures without air travel. Both myself and Rob Woodall were featured.

Congratulations to Mark Whitehouse who recently entered the Marilyn Hall of Fame and Henry Marston who will reach that milestone on Bardon Hill this coming weekend.

Let's hope this Autumn's weather is better for bagging than the rather wet August we have had.

Best wishes, Denise

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