



FRIENDS OF LADY ANNE'S WAY

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Welcome to the last Spring Newsletter; in future there will be an annual report in the autumn which will be full of the latest news about the trail and walkers' tales from throughout the year.

Walker on the 'Way'.

In September Nigel contacted me to say that he was walking the trail in stages and playing Renaissance music on recorders at each of Lady Anne's castles and lodges. As he states in his email 'These tunes would have been known to her during her lifetime. She may well have danced to or sung some of the melodies'. He caused quite a stir at Brough Castle as one of the visitors thought Nigel was part of a visitor experience and was disappointed that he wasn't wearing period costume. On another occasion at Pendragon Castle he ended up giving an extended talk about Renaissance music. Nigel especially enjoyed playing tunes in the chapel and courtyard at Appleby Almshouses and later in the Church of Saint Lawrence at the bottom of the High Street. I'm sure the people he met on his travels had their experience enhanced by his playing. His videos can be seen on the Friends of Rombalds Recorders Facebook Page.

Review.

The story of Lady Anne's life in the north of England is obviously an important part of doing the trail, as a walker mentioned in an email I received last August- 'I completed Lady Anne's Way last weekend..... the hiking was amazing & as an avid history lover the history of Lady Anne & the castles, towns etc. has this as one of my favourite ever long distance walks. I'm telling all my friends to do it too!'



Hebden at the end of Stage One of the Nine Day Version.

Latest News.

Brigantes, one of our baggage carriers, has been taken over by a group based in Derby after the retirement of Annette who was based at Halton Gill in the Dales. The new company have a vast range of walking holidays on their books, amounting to 22 in the Yorkshire Dales alone and including Lady Anne's Way and The Dales Highway. Still retaining the Brigantes name, the group can be found on www.brigantesenglishwalks.com

Publicity.

We were delighted to hear that Lady Anne's Way will be featured in Ramblers Walks Magazine. The article showcases ten wonderful walks on a particular theme. In this instance the theme is trails developed by Ramblers members and volunteers and is due out at the beginning of March.

We've just had 2,000 new flyers printed for the route and will be distributing a significant number of these over the next few weeks. Kirkby Stephen Visitor Centre alone gave out 300 last year - maybe it's the life-size sculpture 'in the spirit of Lady Anne's Way' outside the centre which attracts people. When I was there last summer I managed to purchase a maquette of this and it sits proudly in my workroom.



Leaving Buckden at the start of Stage Three of the walk.

Happy walking
Sheila and Frank