

HELP!!!!

CAN YOU WRITE? CAN YOU DRAW OR SKETCH? CAN YOU DESCRIBE?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE OR HOW TO FIND A WATERING HOLE ALONG THE TRAIL, A SPRING, A SHUTTLE, A SAFE PLACE TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE, FOOD, MOTEL OR CAMPGROUND. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY ALONG THE TRAIL, AND WHY THE TRAIL IS. WHERE IT IS?? THEN WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

MANY ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS, BUT THE SOUTHWESTERN AT GUIDEBOOK IS GOING TO BE DIVIDED CREATING TWO BOOKS. VAUGHN THOMAS IS TO EDIT THIS BOOK. SHE LOOKING FOR THOSE FEW INDIVIDUALS WHO REALLY HAVE GOOD INSIGHT ABOUT THE TRAIL. SEVERAL HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO DATE. MANY OTHERS WILL BE NEEDED TO WRITE-UP DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TRAIL AREA WHICH WE HOPE WILL PRESENT THE TRAIL IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BETTER THAN BEFORE. SOME WILL BE NEEDED TO SKETCH DRAWING OF HIGHLIGHTS ALONG THE TRAIL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS VENTURE, PLEASE CALL VAUGHN THOMAS IN WINSTON-SALEM AT 919-768-3314. SO CALL NOW! THAT'S MS. VAUGHN THOMAS AT 919-768-3314.

FROM THE TOP OF MY PACK

In April, I received word that our forest rangers were at the right place at the right time recently. As we all know, motorized vehicles are not allowed on the AT. While two of our forest rangers were visually checking forest land by helicopter, they pasted over Chestnut ridge and spotted two bikers motoring around on the bald ridge. The rangers landed their helicopter and were able to confront the guilty parties.

Also, those who remember Jose Castro, the forest ranger in charge of trails on our section has been transferred to the Uwharries near Asheboro. We look forward to signing him up in our club.

The last weekend of April, I introduced backpacking to my niece and her friend from Myrtle Beach. Traveling up and over into Burke's Garden, the wildflowers covered the banks along the road. In the garden, the three Amish families were busy plowing and tilling their farms with three and four work-horse teams. Taking care not to intrude upon their lifestyles, you can't help but slow down a little to watch their children play in the yards. The boys and men dressed in dark overalls and vivid blue shirts and straw hats. The girls in wearing scarfs with their dresses. One of the families were selling cookies. We really appreciate having them near to us. They really take care of their land. Occasionally, the Amish families travel up the AT to Chestnut Knob, and at times carry along friends visiting from Pennsylvania. Last summer, Konnarock was able to get water from their homes, while working on the ridge above the Garden. It was nice to take a leisurely trip up to Chestnut Knob and down to the pond on the ridge. I wished that I had not left my fly rod in the car. After reaching the shelter, we had a nice rain shower followed by a double rainbow over Burke's Garden. The thru-hikers were great company Friday night. Two hikers would have passed for Waldo (from find Waldo) and Ed (from Northern Exposure). They were very appreciative of the some what "gourmet food" we shared with them. This is one trip worth repeating, soon!!

The worktrips have been going well. Because the trail is looking so good, we have been able to spend most of our time hiking along enjoying of our section. Please be sure to mark you calendars and attend our scheduled worktrips and Konnarock trips. The work trips in June, July and August will involve hiking open areas to check and clear undergrowth. The Konnarock trips will focus on the Trail south of FS road 222 in Poor Valley to Lick Creek. We will camp at Art Repass' fishing/hunting cabin. So look for the tents and/or the light green forest service vans. We are planning to have a cook-out on Saturday night of the July Konnarock trip. So be sure to send in your reservation and/or membership renewal now or before July 15.

In closing, I'd like to remind you to check your mailing label. This is the last newsletter you will receive if there is a CMP or CMP-1 above your name. And please note, if there is no membership status above your name, your name was given to us by ATC and this is your one time complimentary newsletter. PATH welcomes you to join by filling out the membership form in the front of this newsletter.

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Appalachian Trail

Hikers



PATH maintains sections of the Appalachian Trail
in Southwest Virginia

The APPALACHIAN TRAIL is a 2,100 mile footpath along the crest of the Appalachian Mountains from Mount Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia. The Appalachian Trail Conference in 1965, after The Rev. A.J. Shumate from Rural Retreat and ATC members had been assisting with the maintenance of the area for many years, assigned the PIEMONT APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKERS (PATH) maintenance responsibilities on 50 miles of TRAIL from Va. St. Rt. 670 at the south fork of the Holston River north to Va. St. Rt. 623 atop the picturesque Garden Mountain which encircles the entire Burkes Garden area like the rim of a punch bowl.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS!! PLEASE NOTE!!! CMP or CMP-1 above your name means that this is your last newsletter. A label with no membership indication above your name means that PATH received your name from ATC, and this is your one and only complimentary newsletter from PATH!!! PATH invites you to join!!!

PATH

27 YEARS!!



DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE RENEW NOW!!!

PATH MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 1992 (6/92)

*PATH MEMBERSHIP:

NEW(), RENEWAL(), GIFT()
 FAMILY-\$10.00, INDIVIDUAL-\$7.50, STUDENT-\$5.00, \$
 DONATIONS: PATH IS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION \$

JULY 25, SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER \$5/PERSON \$
 (MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15!!!)

*APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP:

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE?
 IF YOU LIKE, SEND PATH YOUR DUES TO JOIN ATC, AND PATH WILL
 FORWARD YOU MEMBERSHIP FEE TO THE CONFERENCE IN HARPERS
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THE ATC OVER SEES THE ENTIRE AT AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH
 THE 33 RECOGNIZE MAINTAINING CLUBS, WHICH INCLUDES PATH.
 ATC MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THE TRAILWAYS MAGAZINE PUBLISHED
 5 TIMES/YEAR. *MAKE ATC MEMBERSHIP OUT TO "ATC"
 THE DUES ARE: FAMILY \$30, INDIVIDUAL \$25,
 IF YOU ARE A PATH MEMBER YOUR DUES ARE \$18 A YEAR.

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VIRGINIA STATE POLICE
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PLEASE REPORT ALL INCIDENTS PROMPTLY
 TO A CLUB OFFICER OR FIELD REP.
 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ATC BE NOTIFIED PDQ!!!!

NOTICE!!!

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE AND PIEDMONT APPALACHIAN
 TRAIL HIKERS, INC. STRONGLY ADVISE HIKERS ON THE APPALACHIAN
 TRAIL TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GAME
 REGULATIONS DURING HUNTING SEASONS.

** PATH OUTINGS AND WORK TRIPS **

UNLESS INDICATED, YOU MAY NEED TO DIAL 919 WHEN CALLING THE
 LEADER!! ALSO, SEVERAL HIKES LISTED MAY BE THOSE OF OTHER
 CLUBS WHOSE NEWSLETTERS WE RECEIVE, SUCH AS THE SIERRA
 CLUB, NC PARKS & REC., ETC...

JUN 5-7 AT CLUB PRESIDENTS RETREAT IN HARPER'S FERRY.

JUN 11-15 KONNAROCK/PATH WORK TRIP & FRED (FREDERICA ANNE)
 WE WILL HIKE IN FROM POOR VALLEY ST. RD. 222 DAILY
 TO LICK CREEK. WE ARE GOING TO BE RELOCATING A
 SECTION OF TRAIL FROM A WET AREA. WE WILL BE CAR
 CAMPING IN THE POOR VALLEY AREA, AND BASE OUT
 FROM AN OLD HUNTING/FISHING CABIN. COME FOR THE
 DAY OR WEEKEND. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST BRING
 YOUR CAMPING GEAR AND WORK GLOVES. PATH MEMBERS
 WILL ASSIST THE KONNAROCK CREW IN THE TRAIL WORK
 TOO LARGE FOR THE CLUB TO HANDLE OVER AN ORDINARY
 WEEKEND. JOIN IN THE FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND
 CAMARADERIE. WORK FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF FIVES
 DAYS WITH KONNAROCK DURING THE SUMMER, AND RECEIVE
 A FREE T-SHIRT. FOR MORE INFO AND DIRECTIONS, CALL
 GORDON BURGESS 723-9819 OR KEN ROSE 299-4046 BY 9
 PM ON TUESDAY NIGHT, OR DAN BOOKER 349-5893 BY 9 PM
 ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

JUN 19-24 FIFTH ANNUAL "BIKE VIRGINIA"
 Come join a thousand cyclist for a fun filled week
 of cycling and friendship as they tour through the
 Chesapeake Bay area with beautiful scenery and
 historic sites. For more info call 804-229-0507.

JUN 20 UMSTEAD STATE PARK DAYHIKE
 A ten mile hike that will cover most of this state
 park in Raleigh. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

JUN 21 THIRD ANNUAL GUILFORD COLLEGE BRUNCH RIDE.
 Join the Triad Wheelers on a 8, 12, 15, 18, or 24
 mile ride leaving Guilford College at 9:30 am.
 Riders will meet at 11:00 am for brunch at the
 Village Tavern before completing the ride back to
 the college. For more info call Juanita Jennings
 at 996-3793..

JUN 21 ROCKINGHAM CO. NATURALIST CLUB CANOE TRIP
 For more info call Floyd Rich 349-4682.

JUN 26-28 SUMMER GLORY DAYS/WORKTRIP
 FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!
 JOIN PATH FOR THE DAY OR THE WEEKEND. WE WILL BE
 STAYING AT STONY FORK CARCAMPING. PATH MEMBERS
 WILL BREAK-UP AND HIKE SECTIONS OF OUR TRAIL,
 ASSESS THE TRAIL CONDITION AND WORK A LITTLE IF
 NEEDED AS WE HIKE ALONG. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE
 TO HIKE SOME OF OUR SECTION THAT YOU HAVE MISSED OR
 HAVEN'T HIKE FOR SOME TIME. SATURDAY NIGHT, WE
 MAY RIDE TO WESTERN STEER FOR DINNER AND THEN HAVE
 POPCORN BY THE FIRE. KIDS MY BRING THEIR BIKES TO
 RIDE IN THE CAMPGROUND. SEVERAL OF US MAY EAT
 BREAKFAST AT THE 76 TRUCK STOP AT I-81677 SATURDAY
 MORNING, THEN HEAD OUT AT 8:00 AM. IF YOU COME
 LATE, CHECK THE PICNIC TABLE AT STONY FOR INFO AS
 TO WHERE WE ARE HIKING ON THAT DAY. IF YOU NEED
 MORE INFO CALL GORDON BURGESS 723-9819 OR KEN ROSE
 299-4046 BY 9 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OR DAN BOOKER
 349-5893 BY 9 PM THURSDAY NIGHT.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

There are certain risks which are inherent in any hike
 or other Club activity. Each PATH, INC member, guest or non-
 member hiker agrees to accept personal responsibility for his
 or her safety and the safety of minors accompanying such
 persons. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant
 on hikes. In participating in Club hikes, each such person
 agrees to hold harmless and free from blame the hike leaders,
 and the PATH, INC, its officers and members, for any accident,
 injury or illness which might be sustained from participation
 in hikes or other Club activities.

JUL 10-12 SUMMER FUN DAYHIKE/WORKTRIP

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JUL 19

FALLS LAKE DAYHIKE
An eight mile hike along the shores of Falls Lake, north of Raleigh. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

JUL 23-27

KONNAROCK/PATH WORK TRIP & FRED (FREDERICA ANNE)
WE WILL HIKE IN FROM POOR VALLEY ST. RD. 222 DAILY TO LICK CREEK. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RELOCATE A SECTION OF TRAIL FROM A WET AREA. WE WILL BE CAR CAMPING IN THE POOR VALLEY AREA, AND BASE OUT FROM AN OLD HUNTING/FISHING CABIN. IF WE FINISH UP EARLY, WE WILL MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. SO PLEASE CALL AND CHECK FOR FINAL AGENDA. COME FOR THE DAY OR WEEKEND. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST BRING YOUR CAMPING GEAR AND WORK GLOVES. PATH MEMBERS WILL ASSIST THE KONNAROCK CREW IN THE TRAIL WORK TOO LARGE FOR THE CLUB TO HANDLE OVER AN ORDINARY WEEKEND. JOIN IN THE FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CAMARADERIE. WORK FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF FIVES DAYS WITH KONNAROCK DURING THE SUMMER, AND RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT. FOR MORE INFO AND DIRECTIONS, CALL GORDON BURGESS 723-9819 OR KEN ROSE 299-4046 BY 9 PM ON TUESDAY NIGHT, OR DAN BOOKER 349-5893 BY 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. SEND \$5/PERSON FOR OUR SATURDAY NIGHT COOK-OUT!!!!

AUG 8-9

MOUNT ROGERS BACKPACK
A fourteen mile backpack using the AT and assorted side trails. We'll see the new shelter near Mount Rogers and pay our respects to the old Deep Gap Shelter site. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

AUG 9

ROCKINGHAM CO. NATURALIST CLUB RIVER CLEANUP
For more info call Floyd Rich 349-4682.

AUG 14-16

SUMMER GLORY DAYS/WORKTRIP
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!
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**** TRIP RESERVATIONS ****

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE TRAIL USE DECISION APPROVED BY THE ATC, DAYHIKES ARE LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS AND OVERNIGHTS ARE RESTRICTED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS. IF YOU DECIDE TO GO ON AN OUTING, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADER IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE. BE SURE TO GIVE THE LEADER YOUR PHONE NUMBER, FIND OUT WHERE THE TRIP WILL MEET AND LEAVE FROM. IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL OUT, PLEASE ADVISE YOUR LEADER IN ADVANCE.

AUG 22-23 BACKPACK MT. ROGERS

A trip to the cooler elevations in the highlands of Virginia. Enjoy the bald ridges and wild ponies. Leader: Bill Sims 272-7971.

AUG 28-30 ROCKINGHAM CO. NATURALIST CLUB

Maybe a canoe trip on the New River. For more info call Floyd Rich 349-4682.

AUG 29

BLUE RIDGE BRUTAL 100
Join the Mount Jefferson Century Flyers as you choose a 25, 50, or 100 mile bike ride on the Parkway. For more info send a SASE to Mt. Jefferson Century Flyers, PO Box 1102, W. Jefferson, NC 28694-1102 or call 919-246-4483.

SEP 4-7

SOUTHERN REGION MULTI-CLUB MEET NEAR ROANOKE
@ CAMP CARYSBROOK, \$15/PERSON(CHILDREN NO FEE) CALL MARY STEWART, 703-343-5068 FOR INFO & REGISTRATION BY AUG. 15. (LEAVE MESSAGE).

SEP 12-13

HAMMOCKS BEACH STATE PARK
Join Bill as he revisits this state park during Loggerhead Turtle hatching season. We'll camp on the island. Easy quarter-mile in sand to camping area. Call Bill Sims at 272-7971.

OCT 9-11

CADES COVE IN THE SMOKIES
This trip has promise for those who are laid back. We'll car camp, bike, and do some night hiking under the full moon. Leader: Bill Sims 272-7971.

JUNE 5, 1993

NATIONAL TRAIL DAYS
Mark this date on your calendar now as the first National Trail Days. Scheduled to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, this nationwide event will unite trail users, trail advocates, and the outdoor industry in a day spent enjoying trails of all kinds. For more info on how you and/or your organization can participate call 202-833-8229.



HISTORY OF THE PIEDMONT APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKERS (PATH)

The history of PATH began with the vision of North Carolina conservationist Louise Meroney Chatfield. The idea of forming a regional club with responsibility of maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail was Louise Chatfield's in the mid-1960's, and it was through her efforts that volunteers interested in hiking and backpacking were recruited for the club from communities in north-central North Carolina. She knew the Appalachian Trail well from here many regional travels, and believed that hikers should be good citizens of the pathway. That goal contributed to the selection of the new club's name - Piedmont, for the section of North Carolina represented; Appalachian Trail, for the club's aim to become a trail maintaining organization; and Hikers, for the club's major interest. The acronym "PATH" seemed particularly appropriate. Mrs. Coleman Gentry designed the club's logo, a footprint containing a pine tree and a mountain. Charles Adams, a librarian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was chosen the club's first president. Greensboro was designated as the club's headquarters. The club's by-laws were modeled upon those of the Carolina Mountain Cub, an AT maintaining organization located in Asheville, NC.

The Appalachian Trail Conference accepted PATH as a maintaining organization in August 1965 and assigned the club 27 miles of trail in a section previously maintained by the Roanoke AT Club. This original assigned section ran from US 52 and 21 on Big Walker Mountain in Southwest Va. to Va. 16, where the Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area headquarters now stands. Much of this section had been under the care of the Rev. A.J. Shumate of Rural Retreat, Va. and a troop of Boy Scouts from Grace Lutheran Church he supervised. The club began its close and productive relationship with the US Forest Service and the Jefferson National Forest in 1968 after Congressional approval of the National Scenic Trail Act. Almost immediately the trail saw a series of trail relocations, prompted by residential development and the construction of the Mountain Empire Airport and Interstate 81. Scouting trail relocations, blazing and painting over old blazes gave the club a rapid introduction to trail maintenance. By far the most significant relocation involving PATH occurred in the late 1970's, when the AT and several shelters were removed from the lengthy ridge summit of Big Walker Mountain, a 25-mile route that offered good views but little or no source of water. The new route of the trail incorporated the grassy summit of Chestnut High Knob, and the Garden Mountain rim of the unique and beautiful high basin known as Burke's Garden.

PATH has experienced steady growth and has maintained a steadfast commitment to the AT. Currently the club has over 400 members of all ages and walks of life. Recently the club has undertaken and completed substantial relocations near Nebo and Groseclose. The projects have been made possible by the purchase of tracts by the National Park Service to create a protected corridor for the AT, ensuring that the footpath retains a rural and forested character. In April 1986, Glade Mt. Shelter, constructed by the club and the Forest Service, was dedicated the Chatfield Shelter in honor of Louise Chatfield and her work. Louise Chatfield, ill and near the end of her life, was wheeled on a stretcher to the top of the mountain and the site of the ceremony by club members present for the dedication in her honor.

PATH now maintains 50-miles of the Appalachian Trail. It's northern section begins at Va. 623 on Garden Mt. The route continues along the crest of Garden Mt. for six miles. The Trail passes through Walker Gap, then ascends to Chestnut Knob (4,409 ft.), the Chestnut Knob Shelter and spectacular views of the farmlands in Burke's Garden. Looking like a punch bowl, Burke's Garden is a basin encircled by an unbroken range of mountains. The Trail then leaves Garden Mountain at Chestnut Knob, descending southward along the open meadows of Chestnut Ridge with views of Big Walker Mountain and Beartown Ridge. Along the crest of Chestnut Ridge, the AT skirts the boundary of the Beartown Wilderness, a 6,300-acre federally designated area. It eventually drops from the ridge, descending through woodland to Poor Valley. The Trail crosses Lick Creek in Poor Valley and climbs to cross the crest of Lynn Camp Mountain. It then descends, crosses Lynn Camp Creek, passes Knot Maul Shelter, and ends to cross Brushy Mt., then descends to Va. 42 in Rich ey and passes the O'lystery Community picnic shelter.

From Rich Valley, the Trail crosses the North Fork of the Holston River and climbs to Tison Gap on the crest of Big Walker Mt., then descends to Crawfish Valley. The route ascends from Crawfish Valley to the wooded crest of Little Brushy Mt., passes Davis Path Shelter on the descent to the Great Valley and the Middle Fork of the Holston River, where the trail joins Va. 683 and crosses Interstate 81 and US 11 near Groseclose. The Trail rises southward past the proposed site of the Settlers Museum and climbs to the crest of Glade Mt. past the Chatfield shelter. It descends from Glade Mt., crosses locust Mt. and rises to the wooded crest of Brushy Mt., which it follows to Va. 16. At this crossing is the headquarters of the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. The route continues south along the crest of Brushy Mt., passing through an area extensively strip-mined for manganese during World War II and logged during the early 1900's, following old railroad grades and logging roads. It subsequently descends to the South Fork of the Holston River at VA. 670, where PATH's section ends.

THANKS TO THE FORDS

Since moving to Max Meadows, there is no telling how many hours Henry and Doris have devoted to our trail. They are constantly out there clearing, trimming picking up garbage, working at shelters. The plexiglass windows that let in the light at the Chestnut Knob Shelter is Henry's handiwork. Most of us go on a few worktrips a year; these two go out practically every week. THANKS, Henry and Doris for all you do.

WORKTRIP NOTES

MARCH BLOWDOWN TRIP

Everyone had a great time and we got lots done. The weather wasn't too bad. It rained on the early birds Wednesday and Thursday, it was clear and cool Friday and Saturday, and late Saturday night a strange thing happened - it snowed!

We had a fairly good turn out of 18 club members plus Bryan Staley's scout troop of 11.

Accomplishments: On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the early birds cleared 11 miles of trail. On Saturday, 5 crews were sent out and they cleared most of 26 miles of trail.

Some highlights:

Having people for their first worktrip - Mike Kane, Drew Welch, and Raymond Lewis. They did a great job, so please come back.

The Friday crew was treated to the beauty of rime ice as they walked from Walker Gap to Chestnut Ridge.

We met the first thru-hiker, David Denton of Atlanta. he left Springer Mtn. on January 21.

Having the scouts with us. We were impressed with their conduct and enthusiasm.

The hot showers at Stony Fork. Thanks, Forest Service, for opening up early for PATH.

The camaraderie around the breakfast table at '76 Truck Stop after waking up to the snow at Stony Fork.

As always, the joy of having Rachel and Rebecca there to brighten things up for us.

MAY WILDFLOWER/WORKTRIP

17 PATH members meet at Stony Fork for a great weekend of fun, laughter and a little work. Those who came ranged from 2 years old to 72 years young. Many of the wildflowers were blanketing the ridges as we meandered along the trail. The highlight of the trip for Gordon, Ken and Henry was relocating the privy at Knot Maul Shelter. The trail being fairly cleared of blowdowns, most of the trip was spent enjoying the beauty of our section. We traveled to Western Steer for a group dinner and had breakfast at the 76 Truck Stop. A great time was had by all. Ken, Gordon and Henry are looking for a super turn out this summer by PATH on Bonnarock and club trips.