

## Redspearlands Footpath Group Newsletter #3

**Dalston Annual Parish Meeting** An information stand for the Group was displayed at this very well attended event, with much interest being shown in our activities. Membership leaflets were on hand for the benefit of villagers who might be tempted to join, and a number were taken and seen disappearing into the night. We have certainly gained an equestrian member as a result; no doubt the Treasurer will advise of any additional conversions.

**Lost Ways** Notices are going up around the Parish asking for volunteer surveyors to lend a hand with this important survey. Some people who took part in the last survey in 1994 have offered to repeat the performance, but extra willing hands are needed if the job isn't to become a burden. The work is not difficult and simply involves walking or riding a RoW nearest to one's home and recording its condition on a simple form. A map of each way is supplied together with guidance notes. Survey forms will be available later in the month and can be had by contacting the Hon. Sec. on (01697) 476304.

**March Talk** Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team provided members with a very professional (slick, even) film and equipment display last month. The impression they left us with was certainly one of confidence in their abilities. Anyone unfortunate enough to require rescuing couldn't be in better hands. A walks planning session followed - details are attached.

**May Walk** Participants in the Group's first walk of the year from Rose Bridge to Bog Bridge are invited to have a cup of tea at Haythwaite House on the return stretch, courtesy of our Treasurer, Alan Jackson, and Mrs Pat Jackson. Not sure if this is to get them out of going on the walk, but it will make a very welcome break regardless of who's at home putting the kettle on!

**Grant Aid** An application is being prepared for a Landfill Tax grant towards the cost of FP and BW improvements that, for whatever reason but mainly underfunding, are neglected by the highways authority. In Dalston's case, some attractive routes would be easier to manage if money was available to improve them.

**Health Walks** Two members have signed up to train as health walk leaders. Not bad, considering most of us felt we were more qualified to attend health walks than to lead them.