

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Aug-Sep 2017



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Walks and Social Outings Programme

Car Rambles. Circular walks which **start** at the time indicated. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before.

Coach Rambles. Unless otherwise stated, the coach picks up at County Hall, West Bridgford at 9.05 a.m., Mount Street at 9.15 a.m., then Nuthall at 9.25 a.m. Please specify pick-up point when booking. Fare £10.00. Pre-booking is essential. There is an option for a pick-up in Keyworth/Tollerton but this **must** be requested in advance when booking. In the event of bad weather, please contact the organiser before leaving home.

Wednesday 9th August

Leaders: George Z

Tel: 0115 9233401

Mob: 07944 705670

Hoby Ramble and Boules Match

5.5 miles, Meet 10.00 (note early start) at the Bluebell Inn, Hoby, Leics. LE14 3DT GR:668172. Take A46 towards Leicester, turn off onto B676 just after Murco petrol station. Follow signs to Ragdale and Hoby. Repeat of last year's event by popular demand. Thatched Pub, relaxed ramble.

Boules after lunch, or skittles if weather inclement.

Pub Lunch (in garden weather permitting)

***Non-walkers** are invited to join us for lunch and boules. New members welcome. Please advise the leader in advance*

Car Ramble

Sunday 13th August

'L' party: Leader – David R

'M' party: Leaders – Fred S

'S' party: Leader – TBA

Bookings to Barbara G

Tel: 01773 781118

Upper Derwent and Howden Edges

10 miles. Fairholmes, Howden Edge, High Stones, Cartledge Brook, Back Tor, Lost Lad, Fairholmes.

8 miles. Cutthroat Bridge, Derwent Edge, Abbey Brook, Ladybower, Fairholmes.

6 miles. Cutthroat Bridge, Ladybower, Fairholmes

Picnic Lunch for all parties

Coach Ramble

Wednesday 23rd August

Leader: Eddie G

Erewash Canal and Shipley Country Park, Ilkeston **Car/Bus Ramble**

5.5 miles but short cut available. Meet 10.30 at Car Park off Beauvale Drive Cotmanhay DE7 8RU, GR 467439 adjacent Cotmanhay Medical Centre on roundabout. Take Heanor Road A6007 out of Ilkeston and turn right just past Ilkeston Hospital into Church Street with car park at Roundabout.

Alternatively catch the Trent Barton TWO service bus from Victoria Centre at 09.25 or 09.35 arriving 10.12 and 10.22 respectively. Alight at Bridge Street, Cotmanhay - car park ahead.

Easy walking, one tricky stile, along the canal and into the Country Park. Some unavoidable tarmac but traffic free. Picnic stop en route. Good opportunity for non-drivers to participate - travel passes accepted on the 09.35. Return buses to Nottingham leave the same stop every 10 minutes.

Mob: 07860 205500

Picnic Lunch

Sunday 27th August

Beverley

Coach Ramble

Please note earlier pick up times: County Hall 8.30 am, Mount Street 8.45 am and Nuthall at 8.55 am. Please also note the coach fare in this instance will be £12.

'L' party: Leader – Jane C 10 miles. Humberside (Welton) to Beverley via Yorkshire Wolds Way and Beverley '20' routes.

'M' party: Leaders – Fred S 7.5 miles. Finishing at Beverley, based on the Long Party Walk, described above

'S' party: Leader – TBA 6 miles. Shortened version of the Long/Medium Routes.
Picnic Lunch for all walkers

Names to Jane C stating pick up point and walking or non-walking. Tel: 0115 9442692, Text 07542118834
Beverley, the County Town of East Yorkshire, is an absolute gem of a place, with its historical buildings, quaint old cobbled streets and courtyards and, of course, its magnificent 13th century Minster. It is surely well worth a visit, whether you are walking or not. **Non walkers** are therefore welcome to join the coach. Just identify yourself as a non-walker when booking, if that is your preference.

Sunday 10th September

Hartington/Ilam

Coach Ramble

'L' party: Leader – David R 10.5 miles. Hartington, Ecton and Wetton Hills, Ilam.

'M' party: Leader – Fred S/Jane C 7.5/8.0 miles. Alstonefield, Throwley, Rushley, Ilam.

'S' party: Leader – TBA 5.5 miles Manifold Valley and Ilam.

Bookings to David R

Tel: 0115 9282210

Picnic lunch for all.

Wednesday 13th September

Brinsley - Aldercar

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: David K

4.5 miles approx. Start at 10.30 Back car park of Brinsley Lodge Inn 56, Mansfield Road, Brinsley NG16 5AE Grid ref 465 487. Bus route Rainbow One Nottingham to Alfreton.

Pleasant walk past Aldercar nature reserve and Brinsley Hall

Tel: 0115 8377719 or

Pub lunch.

Mob: 07860607228

Non walkers are invited to join us for lunch. Please advise the leader in advance.

Sunday 24th September

Kinder Scout and Blackden Brook

Coach Ramble

'L' party: Leader – Warren J 9 miles. Blackden Brook (possibly some scrambling), rough walking over the plateau to Trig. Pt. 590 m and Madwoman's Stones, Crookstone Out Moor, Ringing Roger, Edale.

'M' party: Leader – Fred S 7.5 miles. Birchen Clough, Roman Road through Alport Bridge, Jagers Clough, Rowland Cote, Edale.

Long and medium parties take the train from Edale to Hope so bring your Railcard if you have one.

'S' party: Leader – TBA

5.5 miles. Haggwater Bridge, south shore of Ladybower Reservoir, reservoir dam, Hope Valley Garden Centre.

Bookings to David W

Tel: 0115 9568375

Picnic lunch for all.

Wednesday 27th September

Gedling country Park

Car Ramble

Leaders: David K

4.5 miles approx. Meet at 10.30 a.m. Far end of car park Gedling Country Park off Spring Lane down from Mapperley Park area. Grid ref 615 443 Post code NG4 4PE.

Mostly in the Park and local area with extensive views. Lunch can be taken in the Country Park Café. Hot and cold snacks.

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Just a few memories of the Nottingham HF Rambling Club in earlier days.

I joined in the late 1950's introduced by my next door neighbours Harry and Mabel Truswell. There were fewer clubs around at this time. The coaches started at Keyworth and there were several members, from Loughborough who regularly walked with us one of whom, Vera Kirkaged aged 100 is still lives there. Membership was over 400 and if you didn't put your name down when the, then, monthly circular appeared, you would be too late. In addition to the fortnightly coaches. Trains were also in high demand. These were tricky for Leaders as on Sundays delays caused by repairs were common and a message would be passed down to eat your picnic before the stop! The trains also stopped at every station and often we didn't get home until 10 pm with work the next day.

There were no mid-week walks as most members were working, but there were regular Saturday walks and usually 3 evening walks in the summer. Anyone interested in leading was given help by experienced leaders until both sides were satisfied.

There were usually 3 weekends in February to Hope CHA The coach did not leave until Friday evening as several members worked in Banks and with no fast motorways it was always a late arrival. Even so the hardiest climbed the nearest hill before bed.

There were also very popular one week holidays. I remember going to Derwent Bank, Brecon Beacons, Whitby, Coniston, Selworthy. Also holidays abroad.

There were hardly any specialist shops for walkers, cycle capes were popular until you were on the top of a high stile in a high wind! Boots were heavy, strong and often studded.

In the early days the leaders often arranged tea in a barn in winter. The farmer's wife would provide strong tea in mugs and cups of various sizes and designs. The shelter was welcome in bad weather but the facilities were rather primitive - I suppose Health and Safety stopped all that. In winter the circular (Newsletter) always advised torches to be taken - also packed tea.

The coaches were smaller of course but they could go where they can't in the present day.

There was always a more "up market" occasion when we had dinner dances. I remember arranging one at Jessops when they were on King Street. There was always a security man there but it was quite "spooky" walking past the covered up models. Others were arranged at West Bridgford Masonic Hall and other various halls.

When we went on weekends our own gramophone records were taken and, in addition to day long rambles, there was always dancing in the evening - three dances were also arranged together with New Year's Eve dinner/dance at the Waterloo Hotel near Buxton.

I wouldn't have missed it for all the world - I have made lifelong friends.

Written by Grace L Southern (nee Jackson) April 20th 2017

PAST RAMBLES

Mid-Week Ramblings

Wednesday 24th May THURGARTON / BLEASBY

Ten intrepid walkers, including a lady from MeetUp, set off from the Car Park near Ferry Farm Park at Hoveringham. Three others did their own thing. This was the hottest day of the year so far. A path took us into Hoveringham village and after the cricket field a permissive path followed the water's edge of the old gravel pits. "Just like being at the seaside", someone remarked. After a short stop it was onwards to Thurgarton to a path by the Methodist church. After crossing the Nottm to Lincoln railway and proceeding north to reach Bleasby, lunch was taken at the church/pub. The party scattered searching for seats in the shade. Suitably fed and watered, a path round the church to the road led to Gibsmere. A path on the left brought us to the Trent Valley Way. Walking south, a stop at the Lancaster memorial was a few minutes back to square one. Some, plus two loners, adjourned to the Ferry Farm Restaurant. Mal T.

Wednesday 14th June BOTTESFORD

The weather, thankfully not too hot, greeted 11 of us to leave the attractive village cottages, then modern housing to reach open fields for a delightful ramble; views to both Belvoir and Normanton with the ever-present steeple of St Mary’s visible reputedly the highest in the country. Beacon Hill was “climbed” and the Trig. Pillar duly stroked. We entered the aforementioned church for a little R and R prior to a inspection of the village stocks and lunch in the welcoming Rutland Arms. Thank you Barbara and René.



Wednesday 28th June FLINTHAM – New members test report

We at Midweek HF like to test new members to see if they are made of the right stuff to join us. Our new member Tony, had already successfully survived a scorching at Bottesford at the hands of Barbara and Rene. Now for his final, and much sterner test, our leader Eddie arranged a very rainy day. Tony's results are as follows:

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| 1. Negotiating slippery stiles..... | | PASSED |
| 2. Cheerfully ploughing through wet crops..... | | PASSED |
| 3. Moaning about weather or anything else..... | nil | PASSED |
| *4. % Solubility in water..... | 0% | PASSED |

Having passed all his tests, we are pleased to welcome Tony to Midweek HF.

* Had Tony failed on item 4, we would have followed the usual procedure, which would be to scrape him into a bucket, take him home and pour him through the letterbox with a note: Regret unsuitable for HF - try Ramblers.

A great while ago the world begun,
With a hey,ho, the wind and the rain,
But that's all one, my story's done,
For the rain it raineth every day. GZ/WS



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