

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Feb-Mar 2019



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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 the Nuthall pub on the A610 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 (pick-up time 8.40am) but this **must** be requested in advance when booking. In the event of bad weather, please contact the organiser before leaving home.

Sunday 10th February **Wetton** **Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party: Leader – Warren J 10 miles. A515, Milldale, Hall Dale, Castern Hall, above the Manifold valley via Wetton, back of Ecton, Hulme End.
- 'M' party: Leader – David R 7.5 miles. Alstonefield, Stanshope, Castern Hall, above the Manifold valley to Wetton, back of Ecton, Hulme End.
- 'S' party: Leaders – David W 5.5 miles. Alstonefield, Stanshope, Wetton, back of Ecton, Hulme End

Reserve your seat by emailing bookings@nottinghamhframblingclub.org.uk remembering to supply ramble date and pick-up location and full name. Alternatively Tel. Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375. Picnic lunch for long party, coach lunch at Wetton for medium and short parties.

Wednesday 13th February **Watermead Park** **Car Ramble**

Leader: Linda B 5 miles: can be shortened if weather is bad. Walk starts 10.30am.
Tel: 01509 559480 Meet at the White Horse Inn Car Park, Birstall.
Mob: 07790 596643 Post code LE4 4EF. GR SK597089. Arrive 10.15 for menu choices.
A flat walk on good paths around lakes and by the canal at Watermead Country Park near Birstall Leics. Those who did last May's boat/walk will remember it. Lunch in the White Horse Inn.

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

Sunday 24th February **Ogston Reservoir** **Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party: Leader – Halina G 10 miles. Long Higham Dairy, Ogston Reservoir, Hanley, Woodhead, Bole Hill, Press Reservoir, Northedge, Alton, Farhill, Ashover
- 'M' party: Leader – Jane C 7.5 miles. Wessington, Brakenfield, Ogston Reservoir Woolley (coach lunch). Milltown, Ashover.
- 'S' party: Leaders – Pat/Isabel 6 miles. Shorter version of above.

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Wednesday 27th February **Riverside / Suburban Walk, West Bridgford** **Car Ramble**
Leader Martin P 5 miles. Start 10.30 am. It will start at The Poppy and Pint, Pierrepont Road, Lady Bay, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5DX GR 594378.
Tel: 0115 9233358 A riverside/suburban walk dry underfoot.
Mob: 07805556914 Lunch available at The Poppy and Pint.
***Non-walkers** are invited to join us for lunch. Please advise the leader in advance.*

Sunday 10th March **Dovedale** **Coach Ramble**
'L' party: Leader – Warren J 9 miles. A515 Alsop parking, Bostern Grange, Moor Barn, high above Dovedale on east and west sides, Bunster Hill, Ilam.
'M' party: Leader – Tony W 7 miles. A515 Tissington Gates, Moor Barn, high above Dovedale on east side returning along valley floor, stepping stones, Ilam.
'S' party: Leaders – Teresa M 5 miles. A515 Alsop parking, Shining Tor, Milldale, along Dovedale valley floor, stepping stones, Ilam.

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Picnic lunch for all parties.

Wednesday 13th March **Ockbrook** **Car Ramble**
Leader Peter S 5 miles. Start 10.30 am. Meet at the Car Park at Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Tel: 0115 9526455 DE72 3SE GR 422 354 Easy walking, steady gradients.
Pub lunch at Royal Oak, Ockbrook
***Non-walkers** are invited to join us for lunch. Please advise the leader in advance.*

ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH Saturday 16th March 2019

We will be returning to **Fothergills, Castle Road, Nottingham** where there is an excellent menu choice.
Lunch will be at 1 p.m. For more details and to book a place please:
Contact Margaret C. on Tel. 0115 9200756.

Sunday 24th March **Tideswell** **Coach Ramble**
'L' party: Leader – Halina G 10 miles. Peak Forest, Tideswell, Litton, Wardlow, Monsal Head.
'M' party: Leader – David R 7.5 miles. Tideswell Litton, Longstone Moor, Little Longstone, Monsal Head.
'S' party: Leaders – Pat/Isabel 6.5 miles. Wardlow Mires, Litton, Little Longstone, Monsal Head.

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Wednesday 27th March **Warsop circular** **Car Ramble**
Leader Mal T 7 miles. Start 10.30 am. Meet at the Car park off the A60 at Church Warsop.
Mob: 07703 167493 Left just before the church SK 568 687. Nearest postcode NG20 0SJ
Walking via Warsop Vale. Boon Hills and Warsop Wood.
Picnic lunch.

Ramble Requirements

All members taking part in rambles must be suitably dressed for the type of terrain and weather conditions expected. Stout boots with good ankle support are essential and waterproofs must be worn or carried. Members must carry a small personal first aid kit and a torch and whistle. Members must be confident of having the physical capability to complete the level of walk selected. Any necessary medication should be carried and the leader informed of any special medical conditions which could be a problem. Any member bringing a guest on a ramble is responsible for ensuring they meet these requirements.

Club Insurance

All walkers on any of the club rambles including guests, members of the meetup website group or new walkers who have not already joined the club, as well as club members are fully insured for 'Public Liability'. This includes accident or injury on a supervised walk or any damage done by the walkers while on a ramble.

Social Outings and Holidays

SUMMER CLUB HOLIDAY BY COACH 5th-8th June 2019

To all club members booked on the Herefordshire/ Wales holiday; a deposit of £25 pp is now required. This is non-refundable.

We will be making a return visit to the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, staying half board for 3 nights. Walks will be in the surrounding area and will differ from our previous visit. The cost will be approximately £270 pp including coach fare. To book a place please **contact Margaret C. on 01159200756. A deposit of £25 will secure a place. This is non-refundable.**

AUTUMN CLUB HOLIDAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT 18th-21st October 2019

To all club members who wish to book on this holiday a deposit of £75 pp is now required. This is non-refundable and must be paid by January 31st 2019.

A booking has been made for a short break (3 nights) staying at the HF House at Monk Coniston. This will be full board at a cost of approximately £299 pp. **We will be taking our own cars (sharing can be arranged)** and will be using the HF walk leaders. There will be a choice of 3 walks each day of varying lengths. **Places are limited, so early booking is advised. Contact Margaret C. for more details; Telephone 01159200756.**

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Welcome to New Members of the Committee

We have four new members join the committee since the AGM in November:

Linda B (Wednesday Rambles Secretary), Caroline H, Teresa M (Coach Rambles Secretary), Alex M, they are a very welcome addition to the committee. **Josie A, David K, Jane R (General Secretary), Anca V (Treasurer), and David W (President)** remain on the committee for another year. **Margaret C remains as Social Secretary** and will still occasionally report to the committee.

Availability of the Committee Meeting Minutes

It has been decided by the committee that a copy of the latest committee meeting minutes can be made available to any club member on request once the committee has ratified them. Jane R

Report on the AGM held in November 2018

The raffle organised by Josie Armstrong made £144 which helped to pay for the expenses of the AGM. Many thanks to Josie A for all her efforts in making the AGM a success. The venue was found to be satisfactory and it was decided to have the AGM at the same place (Wollaton Park Community Centre, Ida Page Room) next year. **The next AGM is to be held on Saturday 23rd November 2019.**

Our heartfelt thanks go to **Fred S** for his 15 years of service as Coach Rambles Secretary. He was presented with a special pen and card at the AGM on his semi-retirement from the post – he is gradually handing over responsibility to Teresa Marjoram. He said how much he had enjoyed the experience as Rambles Secretary and was pleased to have made many friends on the way. Also many thanks were given to **Eddie G** for his stewardship as Wednesday Rambles Secretary who is now retiring due to health problems. He will support Linda Barrett until she finds her 'feet'. Also thanks to **David K** (and **George Z**) for keeping the Wednesday walks so popular. Many thanks to **Jane C and Gillian W** for their contributions to the committee meetings who are now retiring due to family and other commitments. Thanks were also given by the President (**David W**) to all the leaders of the walks who go out of their way to make the club what it is.

Over the issue of the dispute with **George Z** at the AGM the committee decided to take no further action. He is welcome to renew his membership of the club if he so wishes. The committee is very grateful for his contribution to the club in organising original outings for the Wednesday walks, social outings and for his witty and amusing contributions to the newsletter.

PAST RAMBLES

Mid-Week Ramblings

Wednesday 14th November Hoton,

Linda B led her first walk of 5.5 miles. From the ridge there were wonderful views of the countryside and the very impressive views of Stamford Hall, which is now under renovation for injured personal of the armed forces. We returned along Kings Brook. We had lovely weather for this easy walk, with lunch afterwards in the Packe Arms, Hoton. 14 people attended.

Wednesday 28th November Sawley

Despite the dire forecast 16 members turned up in the Harrington Arms car park in windy conditions but only drizzle type rain which soon petered out as David K took us over the Trent onto the tow path of Sawley Cut, over the footbridge, then followed the river to Trent Lock, then onto Cranfleet Cut. A route well known to boaters, now a chance to do it on foot. Heading back to cross the Erewash Canal by foot-bridge, and the Golf Course along the flood bank heading for the prominent landmark of Sawley Church spire. We were joined at lunch by Michael and his brother Jeff. Eddie said a few "end of term" words thanking David for his leadership and members for their support over his tenure and trusting this will be applied to his successor Linda B who was present. All in all and, again despite the weather a pleasant walk and convivial lunch. No one knows why no walks in December so we reconvene in January for our Traditional City Walk - see you there.



Ramblings Backwards

Have you ever wondered how or why our Club commenced organising Mid-Week rambles? Which are now a well-established part of the club for those members who prefer a Wednesday ramble, as normally walking clubs met just at weekends or holidays. I thought not, so anyway I am going to tell you.

Way back in the sixties, give or take a decade or so either way; the Club members had married, had children and were missing their rambling due to family commitments. Margo and Jim Goodchild, of baking fame, had the brain wave to have a half day ramble mid-week while the children were at school with the timing to suit the school hours hence 10.30 to lunch. Why Wednesday was chosen I guess was a random choice. It was Mums only as Dad was at work but the club's retired members soon cottoned on and joined the ladies. The rest as they say is history. A few questions remain as to why the second and fourth Wednesday were chosen and why no walks in December whereas the Sunday walks continued in that month. How were the Leaders organised and I guess the lunch breaks were always a picnic as pub food in those days consisted of a packet of crisps and a scotch egg if you were lucky. My thanks to Doreen, David, Grace, Ray and Jan for their memories. Any member who can add to this please get in touch via the Editor.
Eddie G

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 14th February**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

Apr-May Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in mid-March. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the editor **NO LATER THAN 27th February**.



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