

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Oct-Nov 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 am, Mount Street (of Maid Marian Way) at 9.10 am, then the Nuthall pub on the A610 at 9.25 am. 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.

Wednesday 9th October

Leader: René & Barbara L
Tel: 0115 9373565
Mob: 07985083811

Woolsthorpe by Belvoir - East

4.75 miles. Walk starts 10.30am.
Meet at Car park at The Dirty Duck (formerly Rutland Arms), Woolsthorpe Wharf. Post Code: NG32 1NY, GR 843351. Walking mostly on bridleways and towpath. One section deeply rutted when dry or muddy puddles after rain. Pub lunch. Sign-up sheet before start of walk. View menu at <https://www.thedirtyduckpub.co.uk/>

Car Ramble

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

Sunday 13th October

'L' party: Leader – Warren J

Churnet Valley

10 miles. A52, Cotton Bank, Oakamoor, Ross Bridge, Hawksmoor, Old Furnace, Dimmings Dale, Ramblers Retreat, Alton.

Coach Ramble

'M' party: Leader – Jane C

7 miles. A52, Foxt, Froghall, Ross Bridge, Hawksmoor, Old Furnace, Dimmings Dale, Ramblers Retreat, Alton.

'S' party: Leaders – Teresa M

5 miles. Kingsley Holt (A521), Staffordshire Way, Hawksmoor, Old Furnace, Dimmings Dale, Ramblers Retreat, Alton.

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 all parties.

Wednesday 23rd October

Leaders: Eddie G
Mob: 07860 205500

Trowell Moor, Hemlock Stone, Nottingham Canal

4 miles. Cars meet 10.30am at the Trowell Garden Centre, Stapleford Road Trowell NG9 3TG, GR490393. Take A609 Nottingham to Ilkeston, turn left at Trowell Church, under railway, over M1, turn left after Industrial units up narrow road to Garden Centre. Park at highest level. Two short hill climbs - sticks advisable. Sit down banana stop in Bramcote Park. Optional lunch in Garden Centre but no pre-order required.

Car Ramble

Non-walkers are invited to join us for lunch.

Club Insurance

All walkers on any on 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.

Sunday 3rd November Hartington Coach Ramble

'L' party: Leader – Warren J 10 miles. Tissington Gates, eastern edge of Dove Dale, Hall Dale, Alstonefield, Gipsy Bank, Biggin Dale, Hartington.

'M' party: Leader – Jane C 7 miles. Tissington Gates, Gag Lane, Bostern Grange, descend to Green Lane east of Shining Tor, upper Dove Dale, Biggin Dale, Reynards Lane, Hartington.

'S' party: Leaders – Gillian & David W 5.5 miles. A515 car park near Alsop en le Dale, Tissington Trail, descend to Dove Dale north of Lode/Green Lane Bridge, upper Dove Dale, Biggin Dale, Highfield Lane, Hartington..

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

Wednesday 13th November Cropwell Butler Circular. Car Ramble

Leader Tony W 4 miles circular walk. Start 10.30am.
Mob: 07908 108933 Cars meet in the car park of The Plough, Main Street, Cropwell Butler, NG12 3AB, GR685370. Circular route via Foss Bridge, Grantham Canal, Hoe Hill, edge of Cropwell Bishop. Undulating pastures with views towards Vale of Belvoir. Kissing gates but no styles. Toilets at start.

Pub lunch. Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of start to make menu selection.
N.B. Cropwell Butler is accessible once hourly by bus from Friar Lane (Stand F2) Nottingham using the CT4N No33 service. Transit time is 53 minutes and walkers would need to catch the 8.45am bus alighting at 9.38am Cropwell Butler, Main Street, well in time to join the walk. Return buses from Cropwell Butler, Main Street are scheduled at 10 minutes to the hour.

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

Sunday 17th November Fox House Coach Ramble

'L' party: Leader – Warren J 10 miles. A621, Big Moor, Saltersitch Bridge, Tootley Moss, Fox House, Mother Cap, Moorseats, Hathersage.

'M' party: Leader – Chris N 7.5 miles. Saltersitch Bridge, Tootley Moss, Longshaw, Fox House; Padley Gorge, below Tumbling Hill, Grindleford Bridge, Leadmill Bridge, Hathersage.

'S' party: Leaders – Pat & Isabel 6 miles. Saltersitch Bridge, Tootley Moss, Longshaw, Fox House; Padley Gorge, Leadmill Bridge, Hathersage.

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.
Coach lunch for short and medium parties; picnic lunch for long party.

Wednesday 27th November Beeston - Bramcote area Car Ramble

Organiser David K Approx 4 miles. Cars meet 10.15 for 10.30am at Nurseryman Pub 177, Derby Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 3AE Grid 522382.
Mob: 07860607228 An interesting figure of 8 walk taking in Beeston and Bramcote areas along paths woods fields etc..
Tel: 0115 8377719 Pub lunch

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

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.

News and Announcements

Wanted New Wednesday Rambles Secretary

From January we need a new mid-week walks secretary. If you are interested in this role which co-ordinates the walks programme and has a place on the Club committee, please contact Jane R (General Secretary). You can find out more from past secretaries Eddie G and Linda B (present Wednesday Rambles Secretary) contact details at the beginning of the newsletter. There will be support in identifying dates and potential leaders, and there is potential to share the responsibilities.

We are also keen to build a pool of leaders for these mid-week walks. If you can help by leading one or two walks a year please let Jane R know. The more leaders we have the better. So if you have walked with the club but never led a walk please think whether you could do so by buddying up with someone to identify and recce a suitable walk and lunch venue. Similarly if you are a Sunday walker but able to lead occasional mid-week walks please let us know.

We are keen to maintain a programme of mid-week walks as well as one or two more social events.

Announcement of a Christmas Wednesday Walk

There will be a Festive Wednesday Walk and Christmas Pub Lunch to be held on **Wednesday 11th December**. Please make a note in your diaries.

Miller's Barn Car Park and Fines

It has come to our attention that the Miller's Barn Car Park at the Nuthall Stop is no longer available for free parking on Sundays and several members of the club have been issued with £50 parking fines.

However you can park on the slip road leading to Phoenix Park Tram Terminus. There is usually plenty of spaces and there is no restriction on parking there. You can also park in the tram terminus car park as long as you buy a tram ticket or validate your travel pass.

Welcome to New Members

We have nine new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Mitra R & Mohsen S, Olga D, Elaine P, Matthias U, Tony & Christine O, Arthur M and Lesley G** they are a very welcome additions to the club.

AUTUMN CLUB HOLIDAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

18th-21st October 2019

Margaret C will email final details to everyone sometime in September.

TENBY COACH HOLIDAY 7th-12th June 2020 - 5 nights

A non-refundable deposit of £25 pp is due early September 2019. More details nearer the holiday.

There is one twin room available + half of a shared twin. We will be staying half/board at the Clarence House Hotel on the south beach and walks will be along parts of the Pembrokeshire coastal path and one day inland on the Preseli Hills. The approximate cost will be £370 pp including the coach fare. For more information and to book a place please **contact Margaret C. tel: 0115 9200756.**

SPANISH HOLIDAY WITH HF October 2020

Places are now being booked for this holiday. The chosen destination is Andalucía- walking in the Sierra Nevada approx £999 – levels 2 & 4. The price quoted is Per Person sharing a double room, half board and include flights and are based on 2019 prices. We would hope that we could get a discount of some sort if we go as HF group. There will be extra costs for single rooms and transport to the airport.

Please contact Margaret C. tel: 0115 9200756 for further information.

PAST RAMBLES

Mid-Week Ramblings

Wednesday 26th June: Croquet at West Park Leisure Centre, Long Eaton

Would you believe this contrary weather with the most English of summer games, croquet, played in misty conditions with a coolish breeze drifting over from West Park meadows? A full house, 16 however, enjoyed the sport with the usual expert tuition. A league match was scheduled after ours hence the earlier start so possibly a little too early for the customary fish 'n chip lunch at noon so most, but not all, went home without. This event is popular and will be repeated next year - an early indication of date will be given so members may arrange their holidays to suit!

Wednesday 10th July: Beeston Rylands & Attenborough

See photos on the Meetup website. Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30155239/>

David Knight led a well attended 5 mile walk around Beeston Rylands, Attenborough village and the Attenborough nature reserve. Starting from the Heritage Centre weir cottages we walked along the canal and Trent with lunch at the Heritage Centre.



Wednesday 24th July: Great Central Railway Walk

See photos on the Meetup website. Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30299658/>

Sylvia led an interesting 4 mile walk from Quorn Station next to a stream and on pleasant paths through fields and woodland to Rothley station where we had a cup of tea and caught the Great Central Railway back to Quorn. It was one of the few very hot days with clear views to Old Harry in Bradgate Park from our lunch stop.

Wednesday 14th August: Bradmore /Ruddington Country Park

See photos on the Meetup website. Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30299465/>

Eight people set off in the rain on the Wednesday circular walk starting off at the Bradmore Garden Centre through Ruddington Country Park and Bradmore Village. What a contrast from the survey when we were walking in the sunshine and the footpaths were lined with poppies. On the day we needed all our wet weather gear, a canoe would have come in handy. Later we had lunch and spent a happy hour chatting and munching jacket potatoes, Paninis and fish finger sandwiches. What more could a person ask for. It was good to see a couple of new faces on the walk braving the continual downpour which tested people's equipment.



Past Sunday Ramblings

Sunday 28th July: Bamford to Snake Inn Coach Ramble

See photos on the Meetup website. Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30210175/>

A short walk of six miles led by David W. Thirteen of us set off on a cloudy day from Lady Bower War Memorial, up a steep stony path. At the top were lovely views. Then the rain set in just after lunch. We arrived at Oyster Clough which was in full flood. The medium party and some of the short party jumped over it. However Josie S and myself did not make it and we were helped from the water wet through top to bottom. Our thanks to Chris N, Mui Chin, Tony W and Teresa M for our rescue. Then on to the Snake Inn for a cup of tea. David W and seven ladies back tracked to find another way out. Very sensible they were. Gillian W



Sunday 25th August: Summer Walk and High Tea to Celebrate Fred's 90th Birthday

See photos on the Meetup website. Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30291760/>

After two consecutive Sundays of atrocious wet weather conditions, the coach load that set out on Sunday 25th August must have felt that they had been blessed, as the day developed with cloudless brilliant sunshine and soaring temperatures. But, this was no routine day; it was in fact the Club's plan to celebrate Fred's ninety years – not 'Rambling Years' we hasten to add, as no one really knows at what stage in his life Fred first hitched a pack on to his back, and lumbered off into the nearest wilderness. One assumes, quite rightly, that this occurred well past the 'nappy stage'. No, the celebration by the Club was to mark Fred's approaching 90th Birthday. And the activities for the day culminated in a late afternoon high tea at good old Cromford Wharf.

Fred's unstinting service to the Club, is well known as is also the wealth of knowledge and experience that both he and other likeminded colleagues have been able to impart, particularly by way of encouragement to prospective new leaders. Earlier in the day, the three customary groups had donned their boots to undertake the various planned walks, one of which was centred mainly in the surrounding Cromford area, whilst the other two groups were deposited by the coach further afield, in order to make their way back from the Carsington area.

The heat of the day began to show in the weariness of our plucky band of trudgers as they dragged their aching boots (to say nothing of their limbs) up to Bolehill, and then beyond to the mast on the summit. But who in their right mental state, one might well ask, would think of submitting a group of poor unsuspecting souls to such misery on this, one of the hottest days of the year? They were buoyed along rather more easily however in the subsequent descent, in lighter mood, and helped from time to time by humorous quips from a resident comedian.

Finally, upon a somewhat delayed arrival, some of us were greeted with applause (?) from many of the 'troops' who were already lined up sampling the goodies. Fred (and Barbara, his partner) were presented by the President (David W) with a framed certificate giving them life membership of the club and a framed photograph of Barbara and Fred sitting together on one of the club's holidays. A successful day, and Fred no doubt felt it heart-warming to be greeted by a host of happy smiling faces, as he effortlessly took up the invitation to extinguish all of the candles on his cake with a single breath.

The Club's thanks are extended to those who expended their energy in organising this event particularly Anca V, the two Janes and Teresa M, and to Fred for making it desirable in the first place. Three Cheers to Fred!

Ramblings by David R



Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 10th October**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

Dec-Jan Newsletter

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



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