

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Apr-May 2020



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Club Policy and the Corona Virus Situation

We are cancelling all rambles and social events until further notice.

The Rambling Association Policy on their national website is that they are cancelling all group led walks, and social events from 18th March until the 31st May.

However this is all very dependent on the changing health situation and government policy.

Welcome to New Members

We have four new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Una C & David B, Kim C and Jean R.**

Nottingham HF Club Membership 2020

It was mentioned at the committee that Black's (Millets) and Cotswold Outdoor give discounts to Nottingham HF club members on production of their membership card.

They are very welcome additions to the club.

Social Outings and Holidays

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 are two twin rooms still available. 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. **If you wish to go on the holiday you will have to arrange your own travel insurance and overnight stay on the Friday at the Premier Inn Gatwick North.**

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

PAST RAMBLES

Mid-Week Ramblings

Wednesday 8th January: Nottingham Enclosure Walk

Click on the link below to see the photo:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30796790/>

What a start for the Wednesday walkers for 2020 with 26 people on the walk. It began with taking a short bus trip to the start of the walk. Eddie was a little under the weather but managed to get the walk underway and with help from myself and others who had done the walk previously plodded on. The walk took us along the Robin Hood Chase, Arboretum, Nottingham General Cemetery and the Forest, jogging many peoples' memories on the way. The walk ended at the Maysum Restaurant where 16 of us had a meal. Surprise, surprise, Barbara, Fred Josie and Eddie joined us. David K



Wednesday 22nd January: Wilford Village

Click on the link below for photos:

<https://www.meetup.com/Nottingham-HF-Rambling-Club/photos/30692567/>

Brilliant turnout of 25 walkers starting out from the Riverside Farm pub on a murky morning. The walk took us along the bank of the Trent then over Gunthorpe Bridge dropping down into Wilford village. We passed many points of interest including the Church, the local extroverts' garden, two local schools, and a partridge in a pear tree. Joking apart the walk was enjoyed by everyone and on returning back along the Trent the walkers split into two with some taking the shorter route over the Toll bridge and some taking the longer route over the suspension bridge. All finishing back at the pub for a hearty meal. Thanks Dave K.



Wednesday 12th February: Ockbrook

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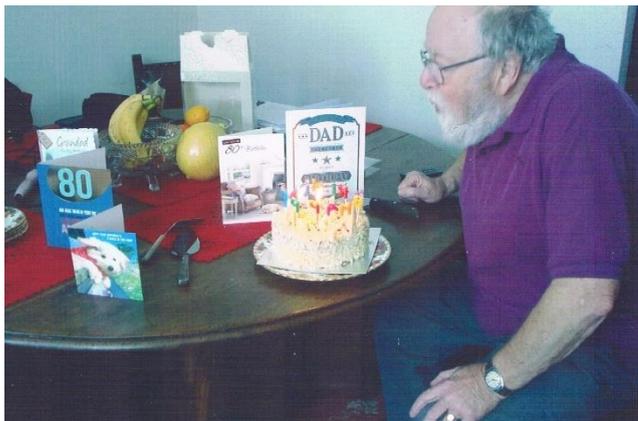
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On a rare clear dry morning Peter S led a circular walk from Ockbrook. Highlights were the fine display of snowdrops near Hopwell Hall, followed by the splendid views over the Derwent and Trent valleys. Lunch was taken at the Royal Oak, were the seven ramblers were joined by Eddie and Sheila. Many thanks to Peter S – good to see him back walking.



Monday 10th February: David – President's 80th Birthday
Click on the link below for photos:

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We (Teresa M, Janet S and myself) visited David – the Club's President and his wife Gillian at their home on the morning of David's 80th Birthday. We presented them with a framed photo of themselves taken at the end of a Sunday coach ramble in the courtyard of Cromford Mill.

We also brought with us a birthday card from the club and a birthday cake with candles. We are very grateful to both David and Gillian for all the work they both do in taking bookings for the Sunday coach rambles and also leading and planning many of the short walks on these rambles.

We are also very grateful to David for his steady and wise leadership of the club in the years of his presidency. Jane R

RAMBLING BACKWARDS

With the Club preparing to set forth on an HF holiday in Spain this year I thought it might be interesting to see how a similar HF group enjoyed or rather endured a holiday to Austria in **1937**, with the following travel arrangements.

Meet at 7.30 pm at Cannon Street Station for the boat train to Dover where the boat leaves at 10.00 pm arriving at Ostend three and a quarter hours later. After clearing customs the overnight train to Basle is boarded with an arrival time of 14.00 the next day - note the switch to 24 hour timing once the Channel is crossed. No sleeping accommodation and the only meal being a lunch before the Swiss town where a connection is made for a journey to Innsbruck arriving 22.15 making a journey time from London to Innsbruck of nigh on **27** hours. Travellers were advised to take a picnic(s). Overnight in Innsbruck thank goodness but no mention of food. No lie in the next day as a train departure time of 08.45 to Salzburg was scheduled after, presumably, a 'frustuck' of coffee and a cob. The final destination was reached after another connection arriving at Bad Aussee at 19.03 (note the 03!) as if 3 minutes would be noticed after such a journey. In fact there was still a coach trip to the Grundlsee in the Salzkammergut before the holiday started. A week of walks followed with a two day ascent of Dachstein staying in a mountain refuge overnight - I think this was optional! More traveling then to Vienna - less strenuous this with City cultural visits on the menu.

However the journey home now had to be looked forward to! Leaving Vienna on the Friday at 08.00 for Innsbruck, an overnight stop then back to Basle leaving on the Saturday at 20.00 arriving Ostend about 07.00 on the Sunday taking the ferry to Folkestone, the train to Victoria, arriving 2 pm and back to old money. Personally I would need a fortnight in bed to recover.

Thankfully your expedition to the Sierra Nevada will pose no such travelling hardships. Eddie G

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 9th April**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

June-July 2020 Newsletter

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



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