

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Oct-Nov 2021



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Walks & Holiday Programme

Car/Bus 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 (off 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.

The Sunday coach rambles are not open for booking more than two weeks in advance

Read the instructions and details for each walk before booking.

Wear suitable clothing and walking boots dependant on the weather that day.

Each walker is advised to bring their own hand sanitiser and a facemask.

Please do not turn up on a walk without booking because we will have to turn you away.

30th September-5th October

DARTMOOR COACH HOLIDAY Autumn 2021

If you have already booked on this holiday, the FINAL PAYMENT is now due ASAP.

Pay by cheque/postal order or bank transfer (please reference your name and what the payment is for). For payment details please contact Margaret, contact details at the beginning of newsletter. The total cost of a single room (without having paid a deposit) will be £497pp and for a twin/double room will be £430pp. If you have already paid a deposit of £50pp, the final payment you need to make for a single room will be £447pp and for a twin/double room will be £380pp. All costs include coach travel. Pickup points for the coach are 8.45am at Mount Street and 9am opposite County Hall at the pull-in for buses facing south.

Margaret booked accommodation at The New Continental Hotel, Plymouth. Warren and Teresa provided a good variety of walks and outings to choose from provided we have decent weather. See below.

Princetown, circular walk

Both walks with typical moorland scenery and prehistoric remains

Haytor Vale finish in Widecombe in the Moor

–similar to some things we saw on the Ridgeway.

Teign Gorge

A very popular walk, finishing at Chagford

Coastal Walk

Based on Salcombe, some parties may use a ferry

Wednesday 13th October

Codnor – Denby Circular

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: David K

4.5 miles aprox. Meet 10:15am for 10:30 start at the Marquis of Ormonde car park, 35

Mob: 07860607228

Codnor Lane, Codnor DE5 9SP; Grid ref 417487. Bus route: TrentBarton Rainbow one, from

Tel: 01159701116

Victoria Bus Station, or Upper Parliament Street in town, getting off at Crosshill bus stop.

Go back up the hill to the Church on the corner of Codnor Lane. The pub is on the left just up the road. Pub lunch, arrive in time to choose menu if required.

Easy walk, mostly on flat country lanes, food paths, through woods and fields.

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

Sign up by contacting Gillian or David W on 0115 9568375 to give the leader some idea of numbers; Please state your name, contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

Sunday 17th October**Ashford in the Water****Coach Ramble**

'L' party: Leader – Warren J

10 miles. Monyash, into Deep Dale, Taddington, Brushfield, Monsal Head, Ashford.

'M' party: Leader – Jane C

7.5 miles. Monyash, western Lathkill Dale, Mill Farm, Green Lane, Sheldon, Shacklow Woods, Ashford

'S' party: Leaders – David W

6 miles. Monyash, into Deep Dale, Sheldon, visit to Magpie Mine, Shacklow Woods, River Wye, Ashford.

Booking opens for this walk on Monday 4th October at 6pm.

Reserve your seat by contacting Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375; please state your name, contact details, title and date of the walk as well as the pick-up location. **Picnic lunch for all parties.**

Wednesday 27th October**A Bimble Round Barrow****Car/Bus Ramble**

Leader: Linda B

Mob: 07790596643

(on the day)

4 miles approx, Meet 10.30am in the Old Station car park. Parking is free. There is a sign on the right by the railway bridge and just before the Dinosaur roundabout. LE12 8QL is the nearest postcode. Grid ref. 574 174.

Car sharing may be possible to arrange.

Bus: Kinchbus No. 9 at 8.25am from Greyfriar Gate, Nottingham. Arrives Loughborough, Baxter Gate 9.11am. Pick up the Kinchbus No. 2 from Baxter Gate at 9.45am. Arrive Barrow-upon-Soar, Crossly Close stop, just over the main river bridge into Barrow. At approximately 10am. Buses once an hour.

An interesting circular walk by river and canal at Barrow on Soar. Easy flat walk mostly on good paths, some fields and roads. Mostly gates, two stiles. Can be muddy after rain. Pub lunch at Soar Bridge Inn: near the start of the walk. Arrive 10.15am to pre book menu choices. Other riverside venues also available for drinks and snacks.

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

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Sunday 31st October**Matlock****Coach Ramble**

'L' party: Leader – Warren J

10 miles. Below Birchover (B5056), Winster, Via Gellia, Middleton, Cromford, Matlock.

'M' party: Leader – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Winster, south to Ible, Limestone Way to Bonsall, Masson Lees Farm, Matlock

'S' party: Leaders – Isabel H and Ann H

5.5 miles. Grangemill (A5012), Grange Lane, Ible, Limestone Way to Bonsall, Masson Lees Farm, Matlock

Booking opens for this walk on Monday 18th October at 6pm.

Reserve your seat by contacting Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375; please state your name, contact details, title and date of the walk as well as the pick-up location. **Picnic lunch for all parties.**

Wednesday 10th November**Lambley, Burton Joyce, River Trent****Car/Bus Ramble**

Leader: Margaret C

Tel: 0115 920 0756

6 miles. Meet 9.45am in car park at The Lambley pub, 33 Main Street, Lambley, Nottingham NG4 4PN.

NCTX Bus route: 47. From the city, on Parliament Street [Stop P1]. Best time 9.15am to arrive in Lambley, Catfoot Lane, 9.39am. Pub nearby. Buses once an hour.

Walk takes in the surrounding fields and towards Burton Joyce and River Trent.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the walk to make menu selection and for toilets.

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

To book a place on the walk: Tel: Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375 to give the leader some idea of numbers. Please state your name, your contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

Club Insurance

All walkers, including guests, members of the meetup website group or new walkers who have not already joined the club, as well as club members are insured for 'Public Liability' on any of our rambles and social outings.

Sunday 14th November

Carsington

Coach Ramble

- 'L' party: Leader – Warren J 10.5 miles. Tissington, Parwich, Ballidon Quarry, Bradbourne, Newhouse Farm, Standlow Lane, Riddings, Hognaston, Carsington.
- 'M' party: Leader – Jane C 8 miles. Tissington, Parwich, White Meadow House, Bradbourne, Newhouse Farm, Standlow Lane, Riddings, Hognaston, Carsington.
- 'S' party: Leaders – David and Gillian W 5.5 miles. Tissington, Bent Lane, ford (near B5056), Wigber Low, Standlow Lane, Riddings, Hognaston, Carsington.

Booking opens for this walk on Monday 1st November at 6pm.

Reserve your seat by contacting Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375; please state your name, contact details, title and date of the walk as well as the pick-up location. **Picnic lunch for all parties.**

Wednesday 24th November

Linby, Papplewick, Newstead Abbey

Car/Bus Ramble

- Leader: Jane R
Mob: 07896725396
Tel: 0115 9256213
- 5/6 miles, meet 10.30 am in the car park at the Horse and Groom, Main Street, Linby, Nottingham NG15 8AE.
Bus: TrentBarton 141 from Nottingham Victoria Bus Station, stand 9.

Buses once an hour. Best time is 9.30am bus arriving at the Horse and Groom, Linby, 10.11am. Pub lunch: Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the walk to make menu selection and for toilets.

A circular walk linking pleasant villages and one of the most famous stately homes in Nottinghamshire. This is mainly on very quiet roads and tracks and should be suitable to be done in all weather conditions.

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

To book a place on the walk: Tel: Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375 to give the leader some idea of numbers. Please state your name, your contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

Sunday 28th November

Chatsworth

Coach Ramble

- 'L' party: Leader – Warren J 10.5 miles. Robin Hood (A619), Wellington's Monument, Nelson's Monument, Dobb Edge, Huntington Tower, above Chatsworth House to Rabbit Warren, Hell Bank, Fallinge, Rowsley,
- 'M' party: Leader – Teresa M 7.5 miles. Robin Hood (A6019), Dobb Edge, Huntington Tower, above Chatsworth House to Rabbit Warren, Hell Bank, Fallinge, Rowsley,
- 'S' party: Leaders – Isabel H and Ann H 5.5 miles. Robin Hood (A619), Dobb Edge, Huntington Tower, Queen Mary's Bower, Carlton Lees, Rowsley

Booking opens for this walk on Monday 15th November at 6pm.

Reserve your seat by contacting Gillian and David W on 0115 9568375; please state your name, contact details, title and date of the walk as well as the pick-up location. **Picnic lunch for all parties.**

Past Rambles

To see all the photos taken on past rambles organised by the club, click on the link below:

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

100 YEARS OF WALKING

In February 2023 Nottingham HF Rambling Club will be 100 years old. Founded in 1923 with the encouragement of Holiday Fellowship (now HF Holidays) to find customers for their holidays. The Club has remained in existence for the entire 100 years although there have been quiet periods – during World War II, the foot and mouth epidemic, and more recently the covid pandemic. The focus of the Club has evolved to suite its membership and the environment in which it operates but always with the emphasis on walking. In the early years membership comprised a dynamic group of people in their 20s and 30s who built a holiday bungalow at Cromford.continued on next page

We still have a connection to this era through Club Past President Barbara Greenwood whose father was one of the founding members. The Club changed after the WWII with the return of men from the armed forces and in more recent times to cater to a wider age range of walkers.

To celebrate 100 years of walking we are planning a number of activities and events over 2022 and 2023 i.e. either side of our birthday. This article briefly describes what is planned, more detail on each activity/event will be provided at an appropriate time.

2022 Ten Stage Circuit of the Peak District.

During the spring, summer and autumn ten linking coach rambles are being planned to form a circuit around the areas of the Peak District we frequently walk. It is hoped that many members will be able to complete all ten long, ten medium or ten short stages as appropriate. Those that do will be awarded a special cloth badge which can be sewn onto a hat, fleece jacket or rucksack.

Donation of PNFS Signpost Christmas 2022

The Club intends to make a donation to the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society to sponsor one of their traditional footpath signs. PNFS has been working for walkers rights for over 100 years; it was formed in 1894 to fight for the establishment of the Snake Path which took place in 1897. Close to Christmas all three walking parties will meet at the sign to enjoy mulled wine etc.

February 2023 Celebratory Meal

We are planning to organise a celebratory meal on a date very close to the Club's founding date. Members who have completed all ten stages of the Peak District Circuit will be awarded their badges at this event.

May 2023 Long Distance Walk

The Club is interested in putting together a party of walkers to complete a long distance trail. The West Highland Way is being considered. Previously the Club has completed the Pennine Way and Wainwright's Coast to Coast. Booking considerations mean we need to act quickly on this activity and more information appears below in this Newsletter.

We hope at least some of these activities/events will interest you and you will be able to take part. SURVIVING 100 YEARS IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT AND DESERVES CELEBRATION.

WALKING THE WEST HIGHLAND WAY

As part of the Club's 100 year celebrations in 2022/2023 we are considering organising a party to walk the West Highland Way (WHW) in May 2023. This short article has been written to determine possible Club members' interest in undertaking the walk.

The WHW is a popular walk attracting people from around the world. It is 95 miles long and walked over 7/8/9 days is viewed as of moderate difficulty. The walk starts near Glasgow, passes along Loch Lomond and the side of Rannoch Moor, crosses the top of Glen Coe and enters Fort William along Glen Nevis. Using an 8 day itinerary the longest walking days are just below 15 miles and the shortest 9 miles. I feel the 8 day itinerary is the best choice; if you go for a shorter itinerary then a few much longer days are needed. You should not underestimate the physical requirements of multiple days walking.

My intention would be to assemble a list of members wanting to undertake the walk fairly quickly. Unfortunately because we would be booking a party of perhaps 6-8 walkers and the WHWs popularity we need to place our booking very early. This ensures we get what we want. I would like to have a list of people committed to the walk by Jan/Feb 2022 for May 2023.

The booking would be placed through a specialist trekking company. A number of reputable companies offer services for the WHW – there is not a lot to choose between them so I would go for the Cromford based Contours Walking Holidays. Putting "West Highland Way Contours Walking Holidays" into Google will take you to the relevant part of their website.continued on next page

The current cost of the trip, 8 days walking and 9 nights B&B, is £815 per person for 2 people sharing. Obviously there are going to be some price increases between now and 2023 but as a reasonable sized group we would get a small discount. Cost of luggage transfer is included in the price, this means you carry only a day bag. Other significant expenses you need to allow for in your budget are:

-9 days evening meal and packed lunches, say 9 times £25 = £225,

-return travel to and from Glasgow, say £120 by train**,

-single from Fort William to Glasgow, spectacular train journey passing through Corroir Halt which has no public road access, say £35**,

** We should be able to get a reduced price by making a group rail booking

-suitable holiday insurance.

If you are interested please speak to the President: Warren J on the Sunday coach rambles.

In Fred's Memory

In memory of Fred Shepperson, family, friends and people from the club contributed to sponsor two PNSF signposts, in the Ashover area of Derbyshire. Please see photos below. Also a donation was made to The Yemen Appeal of Save the Children Charity.



Obituary - Pat Thornley

It is with much sadness that we have to announce the passing of Pat Thornley. She led many short walks for the club. Always enthusiastic, she had a great knowledge of Derbyshire which she was happy to share with others. I know Isabel and Ann in particular will miss her friendship as will many club members. We send our condolences to her family and friends at this sad time. Teresa M

A bit of Humour

Wimbledon – not too seriously

Be Careful When Heckling at Wimbledon, a video contributed by David K. Click on the link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/479293115440685/videos/271306901220468>

Pear Shaped

By the Bandana Bard - Some people have a midlife crisis. Some people become poets. Helen is the latter. Middle aged musings to peruse, provoke and entertain.

I'm afraid it's all gone pear-shaped
Not apple, peach or plum
And if it all went grape-shaped
Well, that would just be dumb
The use of the term 'pear-shaped'
This situation suits
Which would not be applicable
To other types of fruits!
Not mango and not orange
Not nectarine nor cherry

Not apricot, not kiwi fruit
Nor any type of berry
Watermelon? Nope, too big
Banana? Way too bendy
Lemons? Leave a sour taste
Kumquats? Just too trendy
Pear-shaped is the only term
The one that is best fit
A much more pleasant way to say
It's all just turned to shit

Welcome to New Members

We have seven new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Samantha B, Neil B, Linda H, Jane B, Robert S, Britt R and Jo M** they are a very welcome additions to the club.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 28th 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 October 27th**



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