

# Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Feb-Mar 2025



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## Coach Rambles

*The cost of the Sunday coach rambles is £12 for members and £15 for non-members until February. This still represents great value for money. It would be helpful if everyone could bring the correct amount in cash to make things easier for the volunteers collecting the fares. Anyone who comes on a walk but does not travel on the coach will be charged £5. Payment in cash should be made to the leader of the walk.*

Unless otherwise stated, the coach picks up at County Hall (usually free parking), West Bridgford at 9am, Bus Stop on Maid Marian Way going North (just round the corner from Mount Street) at 9.15am, then the Nuthall Pub on the A610 (free parking on the slip road to Phoenix Park Tram Terminus opposite) at 9.25 am. Please specify pick-up point when booking. 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.

Cancellations must be notified before or on the Thursday before the date of the Sunday coach ramble by phoning David & Gillian on 0115 9568375 otherwise you will be fined. Please do not turn up on a walk without booking because we may have to turn you away. Wear suitable clothing and walking boots dependant on the weather that day.

**Wednesday Car/Public Transport Rambles.** Unless otherwise stated these are circular walks sometimes with an optional pub lunch. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before the time advertised for the start of the walk.

## AGM 2024 – MAIN DECISIONS

**Membership subscription for 2025:** The committee decided that the **annual club subscription will remain the same as last year** i.e., for a single person it will be **£15** and **£25** for a family.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025 – IT IS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL!!!**

**Coach Fares:** The financial report showed that this last financial year we had lost over £1000 on the Sunday coach rambles. After much discussion at the AGM **THE CLUB HAS DECIDED TO RAISE THE FARE FOR THE SUNDAY COACH RAMBLES TO £13 PER PERSON FOR MEMBERS (UP FROM £12) STARTING FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY.** For non-members it will remain **£15 per person.** The committee will review this decision in **6 months' time.**

**IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT NO ONE NEW OFFERED TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OR TAKE OVER SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED IN RUNNING THE CLUB. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE FINANCIALLY SOUND AS AN ORGANISATION BUT ARE RUNNING SHORT OF PEOPLE TO TAKE ON SOME OF THE WORK INVOLVED. IT DOES NOT HAPPEN BY MAGIC.**

**CLUB ANNUAL LUNCH - SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 12:30 – 14:30  
The Nuthall Pub, NG16 1PT**

This year's annual club lunch will take place at Nuthall Pub. If you are interested, please sign up by talking to Jane R (secretary) on a walk or using the contact details at the beginning of the newsletter. The lunch menu will be available to view in late January and your menu choices will be requested then. You will be able to pay individually for your meal/drinks on the day.

## Walks Programme

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### Belper

#### Coach Ramble

'L' party – Paul W

10 miles. Belper, Cowhill, Holbrook Moor, Duffield Bank, Duffield, Hazlewood, Firestorm Hill, Belper Meadows.

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Jane R

6.5 miles Shorter version of the above.

**Booking for this walk opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 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 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### Underwood – Brinsley Circular

#### Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R.

Mob: 07896725396

**Directions by Car:** arrive by 10.15am. Meet on the bend opposite the primary school in Underwood, Main Road, Notts, NG16 5GQ. There is free parking on the side lane going off from the main road, opposite the school on the bend.

**Directions by Bus:** Catch the TrentBarton Rainbow One to Alfreton via Selston from Nottingham at 9.10am – Victoria Centre Bus Station or Upper Parliament Street. Get off at the Felley Hill stop Underwood (arrives about 10am) and walk a few yards back down the road and turn right into Underwood and keep following the road. It is about a five minute walk to the meeting point on the bend by the Primary School.

**Start time: Please arrive by 10.15am for a 10:30am start.** Meet on the bend opposite the primary school in Underwood, Main Road, Notts, NG16 5GQ.

**Walk: Approx 5/6 miles:** Underwood, Brinsley and back. Mainly walking on tracks on the side of fields or along country lanes. A few difficult stiles to negotiate, and a gentle uphill bit into Brinsley. We will take our time though, no hurry. Lunch: Possibly half way round at Brinsley Lodge or at the Hole in the Wall Pub, Underwood, at the end - decide on the day.

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

**Sign up by contacting Jane R contact details at beginning of newsletter** to give the leader some idea of numbers. Please state your name, contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

#### Winster

#### Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Cromford, Middleton, Griffie Grange, Grangemill, Ible, Winster.

'M' party – Yvette G and

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

Brenda R

'S' party – Isabel H & Ann H

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

**Booking for this walk opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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 26<sup>th</sup> February

#### Keyworth to Widmerpool Circular

#### Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Dennis G

Mob: 07776 298121

**Directions by car:** Keyworth Tavern, Fairway, Nottingham, NG12 5DW, GR-SK620309. Meet in the pub car park.

**Directions by bus:** Catch the TrentBarton bus: The Keyworth from Nottingham, Broadmarsh Bus Station at the latest 9.40am. Buses every 15 minutes, journey time about half an hour.

**Start time:** 10.30am. **Walk length 5.5 miles.** Arrive early for menu choices. People who arrive very early can meet in Sophia's Café which is along the row of shops by the bus stop round the corner from the Keyworth Tavern to have a coffee/snack if they wish.

**Walk description:** Walk involves mixed surfaces and moderate gradients. **Pub lunch**

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

**Sign up by contacting Jane R contact details at beginning of newsletter** to give the leader some idea of numbers. Please state your name, contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March****Strelley/Cossal Marsh/ Bennerley Viaduct****Car/Bus Ramble**

Leader: Jane R,  
Mob: 07896725396

**Directions by car:** Park at the Strelley Hall Car Park, Main Street, Strelley, Notts, NG8 6PE.

**Directions by bus:** Buses from town are every twelve minutes, journey time about half an hour - NCTX 35 getting off at the Wigman Road Top bus stop – B134. Walk a short way northwards and turn left along Strelley Road in a Westerly direction to the junction with the main road. Cross over the main road carrying on in the same direction down a lane, pass the Broad Oak pub, follow the road round to Strelley Hall.

**Start time: 10.15 - 10.30am.** Walk: 6.6 miles. Meet at the Strelley Hall Car Park, Main Street, Nottingham NG8 6PE. A few ups and downs, a few difficult stiles, and going to be quite muddy in places. Lunch either at the Mulberry Tree Cafe at Strelley Hall or a pub lunch at the Broad Oak down the road at the end of the walk. *Non-walkers are invited to join us for lunch. Please advise the organiser in advance.*

**Sign up by contacting Jane R [contact details at beginning of newsletter](#)** to give the leader some idea of numbers. Please state your name, contact details, the title and date of the walk when booking.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March****Ashover****Coach Ramble**

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Ashover, Cocking Tor, Bentley Bridge, Cuckoostone Lane, Shooters Lea, Eaton Lane, Kelstedge, Ashover.

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – TBC

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

**Booking for this walk opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 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.](#)**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March****Millthorpe****Coach Ramble**

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Millthorpe, Cartledge, Common Side, Ingmanthorpe, Linacre Reservoir, Barlow Grange, Moorhall, Unthank, Millthorpe.

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Isabel H & Ann H

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

**Booking for this walk opens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 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 26<sup>th</sup> March****Southwell Area – Circular walk****Car/Bus Ramble**

'L' party 8/9 miles - Margaret C

**Directions by car:** A612 into Southwell/ right onto Westgate/ first right Memorial Drive, off Westgate, NG25 0GD, down Bishop's Drive.

Mob: 07914 210390 (contact on the day)

**Directions by bus:** 26 Pathfinder from King Street, bus stop K1, Nottingham @ 9.40am. Get off at the 'Leisure Centre' bus stop - almost the first stop as you come into

'S' party 6 miles – Jane R

Southwell. Cross over the road and walk along the path on your left at the side of the Minster School leading to the Bishops Drive Car Park. Check times nearer to date.

**Start walk: Later than usual: 11am** at Memorial Drive, off Westgate, NG25 0GD. Grid Ref. SK700538.

Route is mainly flat with some slight undulations on tracks and farmland, passing Brackenhurst College. Picnic lunch – long party. Possible lunch at the Minster café – short party.

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

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## TWO FUTURE PLANNED CLUB HOLIDAYS

### Small Group Club Holiday Weekend 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

We are having a holiday to celebrate 10 years on the Meetup website, and to hopefully interest new members. We will be staying in Hartington youth hostel in the Peak District. There will be short and medium level walks on the Saturday and Sunday from the youth hostel, starting at 9am each day. **We are looking for a leader for long walks on the holiday.** [YHA Hartington](#) is a beautiful building and an economical option for accommodation. You can book your own room (from £100 for two nights) or book a space in a private shared room (£46 place in six bed room shared bathroom or £62.50 in 4 bed with private bathroom for two nights). PTO

Breakfast is available to purchase (£5.95 continental or £9.95 full) or you can use the self-catering facilities to make your own breakfast as well as your picnic lunch.

[Evening meals](#) are also available at the hostel, these are between £9 and £13 for a main. And there is the [Devonshire Arms](#) pub nearby as another option for an evening meal. The menu looks nice and mains are between £13 and £20. Booking early is recommended as the rooms do fill up. For further information or for discussing booking a bed, please contact Yvette G, text or email contact details at the beginning of the newsletter or speak to her on the club Sunday coach rambles.

## Club Group Walking Holiday Planned for Spring 2026

We are looking for expressions of interest in an HF walking holiday for April/May 2026. For 5 to 7 nights in the HF Holidays' centre at Church Stretton. A minimum of 10-15 people is required to get a discount. The prices are not yet available, but to give an idea, this year the discount was £175 pp on a guided 7 day holiday for a group of 10 or more, bringing the price down from £1119 to £944. If we got 15 people, one place is free and so split between everyone that would make the holiday £881. **We want to register interest as soon as possible, but at the very latest before the end of March 2025 as this is when the offers come out.** Doing it at this time is our best chance to get single rooms which go quickly.

The Long Mynd House at Church Stretton is undergoing very extensive refurbishment. Initially HF had the property on a lease but have now bought it and they are spending heavily. This should be a lovely place to stay. See [Why you need to visit the new and improved Longmynd Hotel - HF Holidays](#).

The idea is that we should arrange car share to keep down costs. Church Stretton is also easily reached on the train. For further information please contact Yvette G, text or email. Contact details at beginning of the newsletter or speak to her on the club Sunday coach rambles.

## REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE AGM 2024

### 13 club members attended the meeting at Middle Street Resources Centre, Beeston

**Membership subscription for 2025:** The committee decided that the **annual club subscription will remain the same as last year** i.e., for a single person it will be **£15** and **£25** for a family.

**Coach Fares:** The financial report showed that this last financial year we had lost over £1000 on the Sunday coach rambles. After much discussion at the AGM **the club decided to raise the fare for the Sunday coach rambles to £13 per person for members up from £12** which it has been for the last two years. For non-members it will remain £15 per person. The committee will review this decision in 6 months' time.

**Election of the Officers of the Club:** Rambles' Secretary: Teresa M; Treasurer: Anca V; General Secretary & Wednesday Rambles Secretary: Jane R, Holidays Secretary: Yvette G. All officers were voted in unopposed.

**Election of committee members:** Membership Secretary: Caroline H; Newsletter Editor: Svetlana Z, Meetup & IT Expert: Yvette G. All committee members were voted in unopposed.

**Appointment of Honorary Examiner** for 2025: Tony W. Voted in unopposed.

**AGM 2025:** Time and place for the AGM next year to be decided at the next committee meeting.

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## Welcome to New Members

We have a few new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Charlotte C, Cynthia B, Sally D,** and **Dik Hung Choy and family**. They are all very welcome addition to the club. Welcome also to our returning members, **Hilda A** and **Shirley M!**

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## Food For Thought

I like living.  
I have sometimes been wildly,  
despairingly, acutely miserable,  
racked with sorrow; but  
through it all I still know quite  
certainly that just to be alive is  
a grand thing.

-Agatha Christie

### Because of us

This morning I learned the English Word – **gauze**  
(*finely woven medical cloth*)

It comes from the Arabic word **Ghazza**

Because Gazans have been skilled weavers for  
centuries.

I wondered then

How many of our wounds have been dressed because  
of them.

And how many of theirs have been left open because  
of us.

## A Bit of Humour

So the trees okay?

They talk to each other right? They use an  
underground network of fungus and roots  
to send electrical signals and ask for  
nutrients, water, and even warn about  
danger. Okay?

Brother, it's basically an underground  
mushroom telephone. Mother, trees have  
even been shown to recognize their  
offspring and favour them over other trees  
when sending nutrients. Some trees even  
become brothers and are careful not to  
take each other's sunlight space. The trees  
are sentient brother. It's a symbiotic  
mushroom-tree relationship, man.



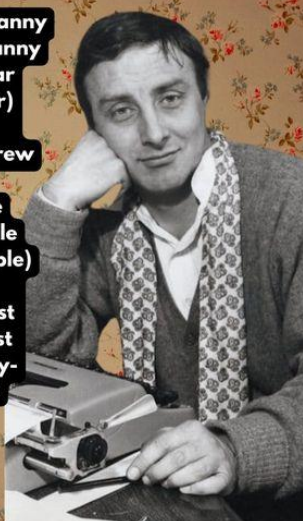
Through every nook and every cranny  
The wind blew in on poor old Granny  
Around her knees, into each ear  
(And up her nose as well, I fear)

All through the night the wind grew  
worse

It nearly made the vicar curse  
The top had fallen off the steeple  
Just missing him (and other people)

It blew on man, it blew on beast  
It blew on nun, it blew on priest  
It blew the wig off Auntie Fanny-  
But most of all, it blew on Granny!

Spidey Milligan



As I've grown older, I've  
learned that pleasing  
everyone is impossible,  
but pissing everyone off is  
a piece of cake.



## This is One of Those Poems Without any Rhymes

This is one of those poems  
Without any rhymes,  
The sort of thing you might read  
In the *Telegraph or Times-Guardian*

For as proper poets know,  
Rhyme's deleterious  
And only gets in the way  
When you are trying to be serious profound.

It's childish and cloying,  
Simplistic and singsong  
To bat rhymes back and forth  
Like some dull game of Ping-Pong table tennis

To the literary critic  
It will cause great affront.  
Which will make you resent them  
And think them a snob.

This is also one of those poems  
Which looks as though it might go on to say something  
insightful about the human condition  
But then just kind of ends.

**Brian Bilston**

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### Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

### Apr-May 2025 Newsletter

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



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