

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter June-July 2026



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Officers of the committee:

President – Warren J;
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Treasurer – Svetlana Z;
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Other Members of the committee:

Membership Secretary – Caroline H;
Wednesday Events – Jane R;
Other Committee Members – Teresa M & Anca V.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026.

We are running short of people to take on some of the work involved in running the club.

HOWEVER, WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO THANK NAGA ANDU FOR OFFERING TO BE THE NEXT CLUB EXAMINER, AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE OFFERED TO TAKE OVER SOME OF THE DUTIES OF THE RAMBLES SECRETARY'S JOB. THESE INCLUDE:

YVETTE G, NAGA A, CAROLINE H, GLENIS K, BRENDA R.

Coach Rambles

You can now book on the coach using our website <https://www.nottinghamhframblingclub.co.uk>.

Go to the walks tab and click on the RSVP button for the relevant walk, and you will be shown more information. Click RSVP on the page of the walk you have chosen and you will be prompted to enter contact details and where you want to get on the coach. You can also still reserve your seat by phoning or texting Jane R on 07896725396. The best time to phone is in the evening. Please give your name, the date of the walk, your contact details and the pick-up point at which you want to get on the coach when phoning them. If you turn up on the day without having booked a place on the coach we may have to turn you away.

To CANCEL your booking contact us by email: nottinghamhframbling@gmail.com or phone/text 07896725396. Please inform us if you wish to cancel your booking not later than the Thursday before the walk.

The cost of the Sunday coach rambles remains £13 for members and £15 for non-members. This still represents great value for money. Please bring the correct amount in cash to make things easier for the volunteers collecting the fares at the end of the day. 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 the Casino on Mount Street) at 9.15am, then the Nuthall Pub bus stop on the A610 going North (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.

Wear suitable clothing and walking boots dependent 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.

A Thank You from Bill Harrison

We rarely as a committee get thanked for what we do. Quite often criticisms, if not complaints. We received this note, from Bill Harrison and his partner both senior members of the club:

Dear Jane, sorry for the late renewal of our subscriptions. We do wish to support the HF club, which has fond memories for us. A big thank you to all those who work for and run the club. Kind regards Bil Harrison.

WALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday 14th June

Hayfield

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Mick A

10 miles. Hayfield, Kinder Road, Farlands, Kinderlow End, Brown Knoll, South Head, Mount Famine, Elle Bank, Hayfield.

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

'S' party – TBC

6.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or phone/text Jane R.

Mob: 07896725396. Picnic lunch for all parties.

Wednesday 17th June

Underwood - Felley Priory - variation

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R

Mob: 07896725396

This is a variation of the walk originally planned for Wednesday 29th April. The main garden will be worth a visit at this time of year.

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 primary school on the bend. **The lane is called 'Winter Closes'.**

Directions by bus: Catch the Trent Barton 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 5 minute walk to the meeting point on the bend by the Primary School by the **lane called 'Winter Closes'.**

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am start from Underwood.

Walk details: Length 6/7 miles. Circular walk through Underwood going down Felley Lane. Views of Underwood Countryside – Beech Wood Path loop from Felley. **A possible lunch at the Felley Priory Café.**

Dogs are not allowed entry anywhere. Entry to the café and plant nursery are free. Entry to the gardens is £7.50p for seniors – £8.50p for other adults, free for children under 16 years of age.

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

Sign up for the walk on our new club website or phone/text Jane R. Mob: 07896725396

Sunday 28th June

Hartington

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Hartington, Sheen Hill, Brund, Lowend, Lower Hurst, Beresford Dale, Reynard Lane, Hartington.

'M' party – Glenis K

7.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

'S' party – Jane R

6.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

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Wednesday 8th July

Hickling Area

Car Ramble

Leader: Dennis G Mob:
07776298121

Directions by Car: The Old Wharf Tea Rooms - The Basin, Main St, Hickling, Melton Mowbray LE14 3AH. Hickling is very difficult to get to by public transport from Nottingham. **Car-share can be arranged.**

Please contact Jane R – phone/text Mob: 07896725396 for further information.

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am.

Walk description: Meet up at The Wharf in Hickling for a **5-6 miles circular walk** beside the canal and through the fields. Hickling is a small, farming village on the edge of the Vale of Belvoir. The Grantham Canal runs through the north end of the village. Its history goes back before the Roman times. The railways and the canal have all left their mark on the village. But in the present-day, working farms supplying the Stilton Dairy in Long Clawson - supporting a vibrant rural community. **We will be visiting the church and looking for the headstones of the 'Belvoir Angels' and how many were 'Daft'!!**

Lunch at either 'The Wharfe' – closes at 4pm or 'The Plough' opens at 4pm.

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

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Sunday 12th July**Longshaw****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Andy I 11 miles. Longshaw, Jubilee Craggs, Froggatt Edge, White Edge, Bar Brook Reservoir, Totley Moss, Foxhouse.
- 'M' party – Glenis K 7.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.
- 'S' party – Jane R 6.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

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Wednesday 15th July**Bennerley Viaduct****Train/ Car/Bus Ramble**

Leader: Chris T
Mob: 07546834545

Directions by train: From Nottingham depart 10:17am arrives Ilkeston 10:29am. From Chesterfield / Alfreton 09:50 / 10:05 departures respectively arrives Ilkeston 10:15am

Directions by car: Access to car park is off Station Road Ilkeston, very close to the roundabout with the A6096 and Coronation Road. Charges apply 7 days 24 hours. 2018 daily rate: £3.00. Off-peak day: £2.20 (Valid after 10:00 until 02:30 Mon-Fri)

Directions by bus: 27 service, Kimberley-Ilkeston or get the Trent Barton bus the 'TWO' from the Victoria Centre, Nottingham, buses every 15 mins. Journey time approx. 40 mins.

Start walk at 10.30am from Ilkeston Train Station. We wait for bus/train in case of late arrival.

Walk: Approximately 6 miles. From Ilkeston Railway Station walk along the Erewash Canal southbound for a mile & then turn west across the midland railway footbridge going over the fields through Strelley Village & past the ponds to Smeaton, Kimberly & Bennerly Viaducts new visitor centre & cafe where we have lunch. Then walk over the viaduct onto the Erewash Canal & back to Ilkeston.

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

Sign up for the walk on our new club website or phone/text Jane R. Mob: 07896725396

Sunday 26th July**Warslow****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Warslow, Revidge, Upper Elkstone, Hole, Butterton, Warslow.
- 'M' party – Yvette G & Brenda R 7.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.
- 'S' party – Isabel H & Ann H 6.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or phone/text Jane R.

Mob: 07896725396. Picnic lunch for all parties.

Wednesday 29th July**Southwell Area Circular****Car / Bus Ramble**

Leader: Margaret C
Mob: 07914 210390
(contact on the day)

Directions by car: A612 into Southwell/ right onto Westgate/ first right down Bishops Drive which then bends to the right and then left. Carry on straight down the lane, southwards. Bishops Drive car park (no charge). Postcode NG25 OJP. Grid Ref. SK700538. The car park is on your left near the end of the lane.

Directions by bus: 26 Pathfinder from King Street, bus stop K1, Nottingham @ 9.10am. Get off at the 'Leisure Centre' bus stop - almost the first stop as you come into Southwell. The journey time is approximately 50 minutes – buses every half an hour. 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.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am: Bishops Drive car park (no charge). Postcode NG25 OJP. Grid Ref. SK700538. **Walk length 6 to 6.5 miles.** We can walk beside the picturesque river Greet which looks quite different from when we first walked there a few years ago. Also we can walk through the orchard in the Easthorpe area. An Egret was spotted near the water recently.

Picnic lunch outside (benches in the grounds of the minster) or possible lunch at the Minster café.

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

Sign up for the walk on our new club website or phone/text Jane R. Mob: 07896725396

Welcome to New Members

We have one new member join the club since the last newsletter, **Faye Z.** Welcome to the Club!

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Wednesday 1st July**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know before the meeting.

Aug-Sep 2026 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in mid-July. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the editor
NO LATER THAN 27th June 2026

CLUB HOLIDAYS

NEW: Small Group Club Holiday Weekend

19th-21st June 2026 Castleton

Situated in the heart of the Peak District National Park, [YHA Castleton Losehill Hall Hostel | Cheap Peak District Accommodation](#) is a fully refurbished gothic mansion, set within 27 acres of parkland and offering stunning views across its picturesque surroundings.

There are various options for accommodation, such as £50 per person per night for an ensuite dorm of 4; £125 for an ensuite single room, or camping at £15 a night. Booking early is recommended as the rooms do fill up. Yvette will organise the shared rooms. There is a self-catering kitchen so you can take your own breakfast and make lunch easily, though you can also purchase breakfast to eat in (£5.95 continental; £9.95 cooked). We will eat at the hostel one night (mains are between £9 and £13), and at a pub / restaurant in Castleton on the other night (to be decided).

Yvette will be leading a medium level walk on the Saturday and Sunday from the youth hostel, starting at 9am each day, and there will also be a shorter walk on the Friday afternoon. **We are looking for leaders for short and long walks on the holiday.**

For further information, or for a place in a shared room, please contact Yvette G, text 07946 857080. Or contact through the club email at the beginning of the newsletter or speak to Yvette on the club Sunday coach rambles.

HF Spring Holiday: Church Stretton



11 of us went on a 7-day HF guided walking holiday to Church Stretton in April 2026. Everyone enjoyed the holiday. It is a beautiful area for walking, with lots of hills to challenge us. The accommodation in the recently renovated HF house was superb, with great views and food. None of us won the skittles, despite some good performances, but some of us did win the house quiz!

Yvette is planning to organise another club holiday. If anyone has any suggestions for location, these will be considered. Please contact Yvette G by text on 07946 857080, or through the club email at beginning of the newsletter or speak to her on the club Sunday coach rambles to discuss.

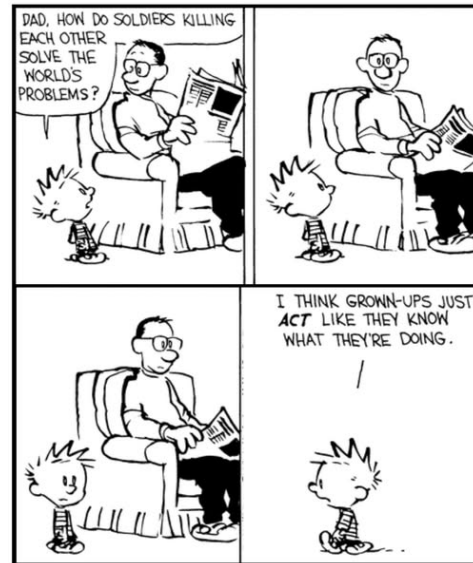
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In Ireland in 2018

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Everybody knows this poem by Seamus Heaney! Here's Heaney (from *Death of a Naturalist*, 1966) (the photo by Bobbie Hanvey: Heaney at a bog in Bellaghy, Co Derry, 1986):

Digging

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.
Under my window, a clean rasping sound
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down
Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.
The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge
deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.
By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.
My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down and down
For the good turf. Digging.
The cold smell of potato mould,

the squelch and slap of soggy peat,
the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.
Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.

