

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Oct-Nov 2025



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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 Gillian and David W. on 0115 9568375 if you prefer. 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. Please inform us if you wish to CANCEL your booking not later than the Thursday before the walk, using the email address or phone number above.

The cost of the Sunday coach rambles is now £13 for members and £15 for non-members. 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 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 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.

2025 NOTTS HF RAMBLING CLUB AGM

PLEASE COME AND TAKE PART - The committee would be interested in what you have to say about club policy and any suggestions you may have for social outings and walks.

The AGM will now be held on SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 1pm for 1.30pm start, finish by 3pm. It is to take place at Middle Street Resources Centre, Beeston, Notts, NG9 2AR.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks with some biscuits and cakes, will be provided by the club in the **Large Activity Room** which is to the right as you enter the centre. Go through the cafe and on to the side corridor the door is half way along the corridor on the left. Ask at reception if you get lost. There is a bus stop and tram stop just by the entrance to the centre. Get trams to Toton Lane from Nottingham and get off at the Middle Street stop on the way into Beeston. Alternatively, catch the TrentBarton 'Indigo' from Nottingham or the NCT bus 36, they both stop outside the centre. There is also a car park at the front and rear of the centre.

Teresa M will be resigning from the Rambles Secretary post at the AGM in November and the club is looking for someone or maybe 2 people to take on the role. It involves finding leaders for the coach rambles. The walk leaders will produce their own routes. Then checking the numbers on the coach. In October/November putting together the walks programme for the following year, with the help of other committee members. Liaising with the bus company. **If you are interested in taking on the role or want to know more, contact me.** I will of course help you as much as I can. **Teresa M**

We also need someone to take over the role from David & Gillian W. of main phone contact when booking on the Sunday coach rambles

Walks Programme

Sunday 5th October

Cromford/Crich

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Andy I

10 miles. Cromford Canal, Lea Bridge, Bow Woods, Riber, Dethick, Wakebridge, Crich Stand

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Jane R

6.5 miles. Cromford Canal up to Black Rocks and back.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or contacting Gillian and David W.

Tel: 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 8th October

Risley to Dale Abbey Circular

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Gareth H

Mob: 07757 234177

Directions by car: Risley Park Public House, Postcode DE72 3SS, OS grid ref SK 45810 35664. Car parking at Risley Park Pub or road parking nearby.

Directions by bus: Trent Barton i4 from Nottingham, Friar lane to Derby (buses every twenty minutes – journey time about half an hour) and alighting at the Risley Park Public House bus stop. Do not catch an i4 bus to Sandiacre. Best bus to catch is the 9.27am from Nottingham, arriving at the Risley Park Pub Stop at 10.05am.

Arrive 10.15am for 10:30am start. Walk length about 5.5 miles Starting from the Risley Park Public House. A pleasant undulating walk, using unmetalled roads tracks and footpaths across fields.

Pub lunch at the Risley Park Public House.

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 by contacting Jane R. Contact details at beginning of newsletter.

Sunday 19th October

Baslow

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Robin Hood, Gardom's Edge, Baslow Edge, Calver, Longstone Moor, Bank Wood, Baslow.

'M' party – Glenis K

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Teresa M

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or contacting Gillian and David W.

Tel: 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 29th October

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. The Bishops Drive car park (no charge). Postcode NG25 OJP. Grid Ref. SK700538. is on your left near the end of the lane.

Directions by bus: 26 NCTX 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 10.15am for a 10.30am start: Bishops Drive car park. **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.

Sign up for the walk on our new club website or by contacting Jane R. Contact details at beginning of newsletter.

Sunday 2nd November

Bakewell

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Rowsley, Stanton, Alport, Bradford Dale, Over Haddon, Bakewell.

'M' party – Teresa M

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Ann H and Isabel H

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or contacting Gillian and David W.

Tel: 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 12th November

Moorgreen Reservoir and Woods

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Dennis G
Mob: 07776298121

Direction by car: Reuben's Garden Centre, 121 Moorgreen, Nottingham NG16 2FF - SK484479, What 3 Words – defensive.exams.spire

Directions by Bus: From Nottingham get the tram to Phoenix Park Tram Terminus and get the 528 bus at Phoenix Park Interchange at 9.20am to arrive at Moorgreen, Willey Lane, Nursery Stop at about 9.35am. The bus journey is 15 minutes. However, buses only every two hours.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am start from: Reubens Garden Centre car park.

Description of Walk: 5/6 miles. Easily-accessible paths. Suitable for all skill levels. This trail travels beside the picturesque Moorgreen Reservoir. It's a great path for walking, jogging and cycling and you are afforded lovely views of the lake and surrounding woodland. **Lunch at the garden centre.**

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 by contacting Jane R. Contact details at beginning of newsletter.

Sunday 16th November

Carsington

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Mick A

10 miles. Cromford Hill, Bolehill, Wirksworth, Carsington Reservoir, Callow, Kirk Ireton, Carsington Dam, Visitors Centre.

'M' party – Gareth H

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Jane R

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or contacting Gillian and David W.

Tel: 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 26th November

Little John Circular Ramble

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R
Mob: 07896725396

Directions by car: The Little John Inn, 177 Main Road, Ravenshead, Nottingham, NG15 9GS, - SK566554, What 3 Words – crowbar.mend.basically

Directions by bus: Catch the 141 Stagecoach Bus to Sutton-in-Ashfield, from Nottingham, Stand 9, Victoria Centre Bus Station, leaving at 8.45am, arriving in Ravenshead (Hereford Road Stop) at about 10.00am. Buses are once an hour.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am start from: The Little John Inn Car Park.

Description of walk: 6 miles. This circular walk from the pub takes us northwards and eastwards along Rainworth Water and then goes back to the South eventually turning left at Rickets Lane and then the path back to the Inn. **Pub Lunch.**

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 by contacting Jane R. Contact details at beginning of newsletter.

Sunday 30th November

Ashbourne

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Ashbourne, Woodhead, Kniveton, Fenny Bentley, Mapleton, Ashbourne.

'M' party – Yvette G & Brenda R

7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Teresa M

6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or contacting Gillian and David W.

Tel: 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.**

Welcome to New Members

We have had **three** new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Elizabeth D., Keith H. and Suzanne C.** They are very welcome additions to the club.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Wednesday 5th November.** If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

Dec '25 -Jan '26 Newsletter

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

CLUB HOLIDAYS

Small Group Club Holiday Weekend 10th-12th October 2025

We will be staying in [Hartington youth hostel](#) in the Peak District. Yvette will be leading a medium level walk on the Saturday and Sunday from the youth hostel, starting at 9am each day. Jane R will be leading short level walks. **We are looking for leaders for long walks on the holiday.**

The YHA Hartington is a beautiful building and an economical option for accommodation. You can book your own room or a space in a shared room. The holiday is to celebrate 10 years on the Meetup website. Booking early is recommended as the rooms do fill up. We currently have 10 people booked on this holiday.

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

Club Group Walking Holiday Planned for Spring 2026

11 people now have a confirmed booking on the 7 day guided walking holiday staying at the HF Holidays' centre at Church Stretton. It begins on the 3rd April 2026. **It is not too late to book on this holiday.** Anyone who comes with us will be entitled to the group rate - however this is of course subject to room availability, and single rooms especially do go quite quickly. We will be paying the group rate of **£969 for a single room**. The brochure price of this holiday for a single room is £1119. If you are an HF holidays member you will get an extra £30 off your holiday. A deposit of £100 is required to secure your place. The idea is that we should arrange car share to keep down costs.

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.](#)

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

A Bit of Humour

Things My Mother Taught Me:

About Weather: Your room looks like a tornado hit it.

About Religion: You better pray that comes out of the carpet.

About Time Travel: If you don't straighten up, I am going to knock you into the middle of next week.

About Osmosis: Shut your mouth and eat your supper.

About the Circle of Life: I brought you into the world, I can take you out.

About Envy: There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have wonderful parents like me.

About Receiving: You're going to get it when you get home.

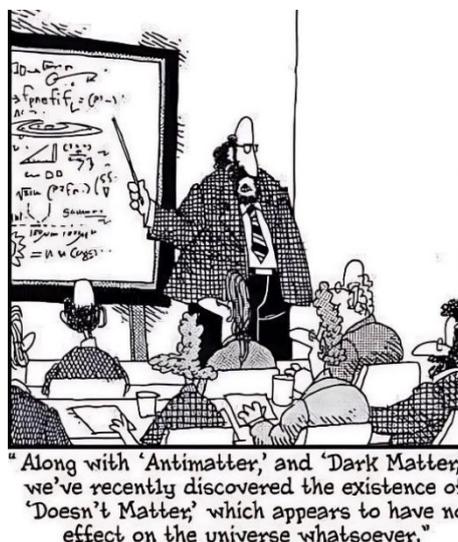
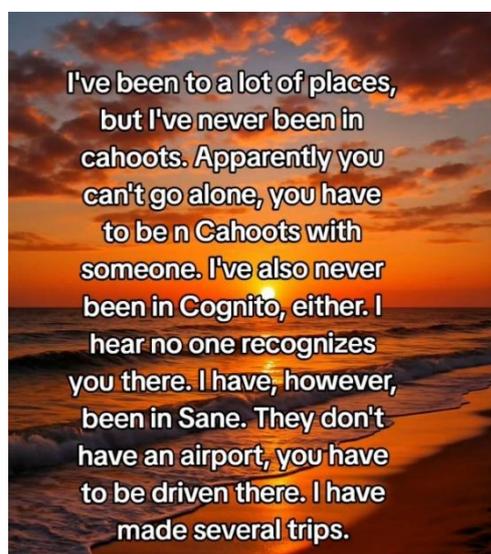
About Geneology: Shut the door. You think you were raised in a barn?

About Justice: One day you'll have kids And I hope they will turn out just like you!

About Logic: Because I said So! That's why!

About Stamina: You'll sit here until your spinach has gone.

About Irony: If you don't stop crying, I'll give you something to cry about.



Obituary: Barbara Skinner

Written by her daughter Kate:

Barbara was born in Stapleford on 30th April 1939, having 2 older brothers and an older sister. Her Dad went off with the BEF to France (being a reservist) later that year. She spent her childhood between her own home and her Grandads small farm on Toton Lane. I think spending so much time on the farm, from being a small child, in the countryside with the farm animals started her lifelong love of the outdoors. She rode horses, milked cows and spent lots of time in the styes with (her favourites) the piglets.

Mum at the age of 12 saw a photograph of my dad and said "I'm going to marry him" much to the amusement of her siblings. My dad actually went out on a few dates with mum's sister June (a very glamorous lady) while my mum was too young to put up any sort of opposition! Well as I said at mum's funeral, she was the most determined woman I know and I won't go into all the crafty lengths she went too to snare him! However, it included going out with a chap who fought in Korea, basically to prove she was grown up enough to go out with someone more mature than my dad. She also went about proving she could walk further and put up with more outdoorsy type hardship than any of my dad's friends and not only that was able to produce a hot hearty meal on a Primus stove. They started dating when she was 16 and married in 1959. They honeymooned in the Rhineland.



My mum attended local schools until 14 when she went to Nottingham Art school near the Arboretum. She started working in C&A as a window dresser but only a few years later moved to Raliegh and after a year or so became a office manager.

Mum was very a good allrounder with arts and crafts and made many of her own clothes and most of ours when we were children. She was still using her treadle Singer sewing machine up until around a year before she passed away.

Mum was also as you'd expect very sporty, playing many sports in clubs for a lot of her life. She was particularly good at badminton playing in quite a high league. In actual fact my conception (I'm the younger daughter) was put off a year or so as she was having a particularly good season!

Mum was involved in many political campaigns throughout her life. The most memorable of which was writing to prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union. This came to a natural end with the fall of the Soviet Union.

My mum never flew until she was in her early fifties. Her first flight was to New Zealand to see her brothers. One of the engines failed and there was an emergency stopover in Tahiti. My mum did a lot of travelling after this, mainly to Europe but 2 more trips to New Zealand, and trips to Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

Both me and Liz enjoyed several individual Scottish walking holidays with her, backpacking between hostels. My particular favourite memory was staying in a Blackhouse on Berneray in the Outer Hebrides with her, Mum was in her late 60's. Mum was 86 when she passed away.

We in Nottingham HF Rambling Club remember her as a long standing member with some outspoken views on how to behave. I was once told off for using swear words in the club newsletter, but we often had amicable 'discussions' on Sundays coming home on the coach about her Christian faith and my lack of it!!! Because of her upbringing on a farm she was a very useful asset when it came to dealing with cattle on club walks. She often told some very funny stories about her past life (some of them I think a bit exaggerated) and some of them sad. Her attitude to life reminded me of my own mother's. A very strong character, lived life to the full right up to the end and would tolerate no nonsense from others.

Jane Restorick – General Secretary Nottingham HF Rambling Club