

Nottingham HF Rambling Club

Newsletter Dec' 25 - Jan' 26



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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 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. 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 AGM – MAIN DECISIONS

Membership subscription for 2026: 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 2026 – IT IS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL!!!

Coach Fares: THE CLUB HAS DECIDED TO KEEP THE FARE FOR THE SUNDAY COACH RAMBLES AS IT IS FOR THE TIME BEING **£13 PER PERSON FOR MEMBERS** and for non-members it will remain **£15 per person**. We took this decision for several reasons. Although we lost over £650 on the coach fares this last financial year, we have made enough money on membership fees and interest from our savings account to cover our costs make a small profit. Also, the coach company Littles, that we employ, has quoted us a price for the Sunday coach trips for 2026 which is not much more than the previous year. **HOWEVER, THE CLUB COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THE COACH FARES WE CHARGE IF WE FEEL WE ARE LOOSING TOO MUCH MONEY.**

Warren J has agreed to stay on as **President** for another year.

Svetlana Z has taken over as **Treasurer** from **Anca V.**

Teresa M has off loaded some of her duties as **Rambles Secretary**. She is willing to support anyone who is willing to take on the job.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT NO ONE NEW OFFERED TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE FINANCIALLY SOUND AS AN ORGANISATION BUT ARE RUNNING SHORT OF PEOPLE TO TAKE ON SOME OF THE WORK INVOLVED.

Walks Programme

Wednesday 10th December Beeston Lock – Attenborough Nature Reserve Car/Bus Ramble
 Leader: Jane R. **Directions by car:** Please park at side of canal, on South Road about 50 metres before the lock. No parking at the Heritage Centre. Post Code NG9 1LZ, GR 543 357.
 Mob: 07896725396

Directions by bus: Take a CT4N bus: number 18 from the Bus Stop (B1), Beastmarket Hill in Nottingham to Canal Side (Sw-Bound), Beeston Rylands. Buses are once an hour, best bus at 9.45am from Nottingham arriving Beeston Rylands at 10.10am approx.

Arrive 10.15am for 10.30am start. Please arrive at the Canalside Heritage Centre earlier to take food orders. Distance: **5 miles.** Starting from the Canalside Heritage Centre, Weir Cottages, Canal Side, Beeston Rylands, over the small bridge just before the lock on the right looking over the weir. Great walk taking in Beeston Rylands, Attenborough village, Attenborough Nature Reserve Centre, nature trails with return by the side of the Trent. All on the flat with toilet stops at both centres. **Lunch at Heritage centre.** The centre offers hot and cold food. You cannot eat your own food on the premises. They have asked for pre-order and prepayment on the day. Other options are available such as a bar and a cafe nearby. Some seating outdoors.

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 14th December	Wirksworth	Coach Ramble
'L' party – Warren J	10 miles. Wirksworth, Gorsey Bank, Lane End, Alton Mill, Kirk Ireton, Carsington Water, Wirksworth.	
'M' party – Yvette G and Brenda R	7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.	
'S' party – TBC	6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.	

The club will provide Christmas cake, stolen, mince pies, sweets, etc on the coach at the end of the walk to celebrate the festive season and if anyone wishes to bring along their own flask of mulled wine they are welcome. **Reserve your seat by signing up on our new club website or phone/text Jane R. Mob: 07896725396. Picnic lunch for all parties.**

Sunday 28th December No coach

Wednesday 7th January Nottingham Lace Market, Canal and the Park City Walk

Leader Chris T - Mob: 07546834545

Walk: Length 4 miles. Meet at the Brian Clough Statue at the junction of King & Queen street, **at 10.15am** for 10.30am start. We will explore the Market Square via some old Victorian narrow passageways, Greyhound Street, Norfolk Place & Hurts Yard. Heading to Nottingham Castle & Robin Hood Statue via The Bell Inn & Ye Old Salutation Inn. Then heading through the Park & through the Victorian coach Tunnel & out along the Nottingham Canal to the Great Northern Railway Station building & then up Malin Hill to Commerce Square looking at the Narrow Marsh Steps & into the Lace Market area via St Mary's Church & back into the Market Square. **Plenty of eating places to go to in town at the end.**

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Sunday 11th January	Rowsley	Coach Ramble
'L' party – Warren J	10 miles. Darley Dale, Oaker, Wensley, Birchover, Stanton Moor, Rowsley.	
'M' party – Teresa M	7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.	
'S' party – Jane R	6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.	

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Wednesday 21st January Underwood – Brinsley Circular Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R **Direction by car:** arrive by 10.15am. Underwood, Main Road, Notts, NG16 5GQ. Parking is free on the side lane going off from the main road, opposite the school on the bend.
 Mob: 07896725396

Directions by Bus: Catch the TrentBarton Rainbow One to Alferton 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 leader in advance.*
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Sunday 25th January

Matlock

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Ambergate, Fritchley, Park Head Wheatcroft, Dethick, Tansley, Matlock.
'M' party – Glenis K 7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.
'S' party – TBC 6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

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Welcome to New Members

We have had **three** new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Dan W, John S. and Fiona H.** 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.

Feb-Mar 2026 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in mid-January. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the editor NO LATER THAN 27th December 2025

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 G on the club Sunday coach rambles

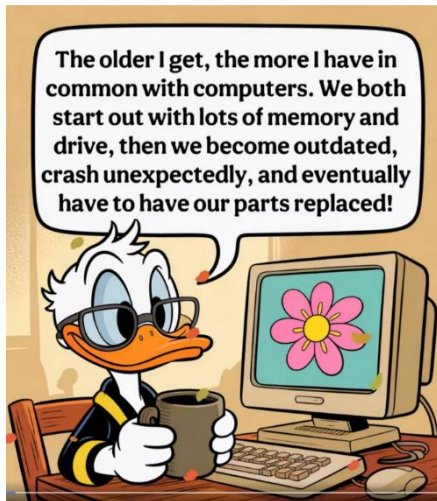
Club Group Walking Holiday Planned for Spring 2026

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.](#)

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A Bit of Humour



When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking at you right now.



Food for Thought

A Little Poem For Seniors

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'

We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches..
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old!

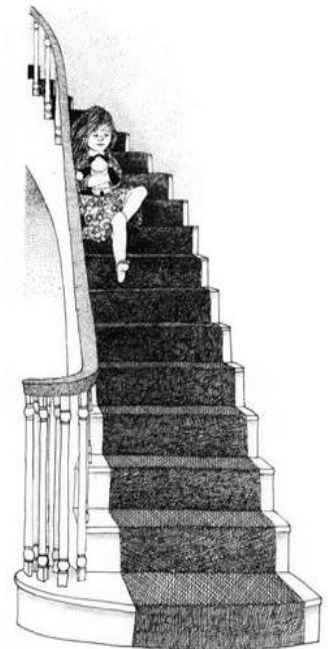


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Halfway Down by A. A. Milne

Halfway down the stairs
is a stair
where i sit.
there isn't any
other stair
quite like
it.
i'm not at the bottom,
i'm not at the top;
so this is the stair
where
I always
stop.

Halfway up the stairs
Isn't up
And it isn't down.
It isn't in the nursery,
It isn't in town.
And all sorts of funny
thoughts
Run round my head.
It isn't really
Anywhere!
It's somewhere else
Instead!



Help a Teacher

