

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter Aug-Sep 2026



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Treasurer – Svetlana Z;
Rambles Secretary – TBC;
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Other Committee Members – Teresa M & Anca V.

Contact the committee by email: nottinghamhframbling@gmail.com or phone/text 07896725396.

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.

NOTTS HF RAMBLING CLUB AGM 2026

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 21st NOVEMBER 2026 1pm for 1.30pm start, finish by 3pm.** It is to take place at Middle Street Resources Centre, Beeston, Notts, NG9 2AR. The same venue as last year. Coffee, tea, cold drinks with some biscuits and cakes will be provided by the club in the **Large Activity Room.**

WALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday 9th August

Parwich

Coach Ramble

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Parwich, Ballidon, Blackstone Low, Pasture Lane, Pinder's Rock, Minning Low above Royston Grange, Parwich Hill and Village.
- '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 19th August

Keyworth, Stanton on the Wolds, Roehoe Brook

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Dennis G,
Mob: 07776298121

Directions by car: The Keyworth Tavern is closed for refurbishment and their car park is not available. However, there is parking on side streets nearby. Meet at Sophia's Café near the bus stop, 77 Wolds Drive, Nottingham NG12 5FT.

Directions by bus: Catch the Trent Barton bus: The Keyworth from Nottingham, Broadmarsh Bus Station at the latest 9.40am. Buses every 15 minutes. Journey time about half an hour. Get off at the Wolds Drive Shops bus stop in Keyworth. Sophia's Café is just by the bus stop.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am. People who arrive very early can meet in Sophia's Café which is just by the Wolds Drive Shops bus stop in Keyworth to have a coffee/snack or late breakfast if they wish.

Walk description: Length 6 miles. Mostly on footpaths through fields and on pavements, with a few stiles. Fairly easy terrain but with one uphill section, some places which may be muddy after heavy rain and a short section on a slightly uneven verge alongside Melton Road (A606) which needs to be walked with care.

For lunch we might stop at the Wolds Wine Estate which is near the end of the walk. Or try other cafes in Keyworth including Sophia's. Decide on the day.

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

Sunday 23rd August

Castleton

Coach Ramble

- 'L' party – Andy I 10.5 miles. Castleton, Cavedale, Eldon Quarries, Eldon Nature Reserve, Bull Pit, Rushup Edge, Mam Nick, Path above Winnats Pass, Castleton.
- 'M' party – Yvette G & Brenda R 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 26th August

Lambley & River Trent and Back

Car/Bus Ramble

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

Directions by bus: The meeting point is on the bus route via Lambley. The NCT bus is number 61 from Parliament Street (P1), Nottingham. They leave every half hour. Journey time about half an hour.

Directions by Car: Meet at the small airfield in Lambley which is on Green Lane; there is parking for cars near the airfield on Green Lane, NG4 4QE.

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am. Walk description: Walk length 7 miles. Lambley Dumbles, open fields north of Lambley. Lambley Village, Burton Joyce, River Trent, return to Lambley. **Picnic lunch** half way round **and/or light lunch and drink at the 'The Woodlark Inn'** the pub at the bottom of Green Lane at the end of the walk.

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Sunday 6th September

Ilam

Coach Ramble

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Ilam, Dovedale, Coldwell Bridge, Woodhouse, Musden Low, Calton, Slade House, Rushley, Ilam Park and Hall.
- 'M' party – Glenis K 7.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.
- 'S' party – Teresa M 6.5 miles. Description of the walk will be circulated on the coach on the day.

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Wednesday 9th September

Circular Walk Gotham Area

Car / Bus Ramble

Leader: Teresa M
Mob: 07551 992768

Directions by car: Take Nottingham Road to Gotham. Parking is available in the Square Gotham NG11 0HX next to St Lawrence Church. SK536301

Directions by bus: Get the Loughborough No 1. Stop M2. Maid Marian Way (next to Lighting Shop). Best time 9.36am, journey time every 35 minutes. Buses every 20 minutes. Get off at Leake Road. Walk back towards the church.

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am. Walk description: The walk length 6.5 miles: Gotham, Cuckoo Bush, Mid Shires Way, West Leake, Leake New Wood, Gotham. Walking on footpaths, farm lanes and Bridleways. Two short climbs. Beautiful views over the valley. The walk can be shortened if necessary. A stop half way round for a drink at the Rushcliffe Golf Club and **Pub Lunch** at the end at The Sun Inn N11 0HX.

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

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Sunday 20th September

Yorkshire Bridge

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Mick A 10 miles. Ladybower, Bamford Edge, Moscar Moor and Lodge above Higshaw Clough, Gordon Edge, Stone Circle, Jarvis Clough, Heatherdene, Yorkshire Bridge.
'M' party – Yvette G & Brenda R 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 23rd September

Circular Walk Tollerton Area

Car / Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R,
Mob: 07896725396

Directions by car: Plenty of parking on the streets in Tollerton (the pub car park is quite small). Meet at 'The Air Hostess', Stanstead Avenue, Tollerton, Nottingham, NG12 4EA, Grid Ref: SK 607 340

Direction by bus: Catch the TrentBarton bus: The Keyworth from Nottingham – Broadmarsh Bus Station. Get off at the Tollerton Lane Bus Stop on the Melton Road, Tollerton and walk back north-west a short distance to find Stanstead Avenue leading directly to the Air Hostess. Buses every twenty mins – journey time 20 mins.

Start time: Arrive 10.15am for 10.30am. Walk: 6.5 miles. Meet at 'The Air Hostess' car park (details above). Circular morning walk Tollerton, Clipston, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Tollerton. 6 stiles (including one with quite a steep access and in slippery conditions will be safer using walking poles). The route can be adapted to suit the weather conditions. A hot tea/coffee may be available from the farm shop in Clipston halfway through in the morning. We should be back at the pub for about 2pm.

Pub Lunch - order your menu choices before the start of the walk.

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

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Welcome to New Members

We have three new members join the club since the last newsletter: Helen S., Helen F. and Manjeet R. They are all very welcome additions to the Club.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Thursday 8th October**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know before the meeting.

Oct-Nov 2026 Newsletter

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

CLUB HOLIDAYS

New: Navigation Course

A couple of club members are going on a navigation course on the August bank holiday
- <https://www.emmahollandmountaintraining.co.uk/product/bronze-nnas-navigation-award/>

It leads to a bronze NNAS award and covers map and compass skills. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is considering leading but lacks confidence, or for those who already plan their own walks but feel that they could benefit from some further help. It is £175 for two days which doesn't include accommodation, but it is based in Hathersage so is drive-able or there is the option to find your own accommodation. We are staying at Castleton youth hostel again, where there are options for camping or your own room or a bed in a dorm. The course is for a maximum of 4 people so may sell out, but it is a nice small group unlike some similar courses. See Yvette for further information.

Small Group Club Holiday Weekend in June

Nine of us went to Castleton youth hostel for a long weekend in June. The first day's walk started and ended at Edale and the other two day walks were from the youth hostel itself. This enabled us to cover the whole Castleton ridgeway and Rushup Edge over the three days and quite a bit of the wider area, but more importantly allowed us to try out coffee, cake and ice-cream in both Edale and Castleton! We now know most of the twitchells in Castleton from going back and forth from the youth hostel. We had a nice night out in Castleton, and confused ourselves with the rules of various games at the youth hostel. The grounds of the hostel were a lovely place to relax after all the walking, as the weather was nice and sunny. Everyone enjoyed the weekend.

There are no further holidays currently booked, however Yvette will be planning another youth hostel weekend and another HF holiday, so watch this space in the next newsletter.



A BIT OF HUMOUR



SIR HUMPHREY: The only way to understand the Press is to remember that they pander to their readers' prejudices.

JIM HACKER: Don't tell me about the Press. I know exactly who reads the papers. The Daily Mirror is read by people who think they run the country; The Guardian is read by people who think they ought to run the country; The Times is read by the people who actually do run the country; The Daily Mail is read by the wives of the people who run the country; The Financial Times is read by people who own the country; The Morning Star is read by people who think the country ought to be run by another country; and The Daily Telegraph is read by people who think it is.

SIR HUMPHREY: Oh, and Prime Minister, what about the people who read The Sun?

BERNARD WOOLEY: Sun readers don't care who runs the country as long as she's got big t*ts.

"It was a DREADFUL cruise. It never stopped raining. But the buffet was amazing. I ate two of everything."



Job Interview with a Cat

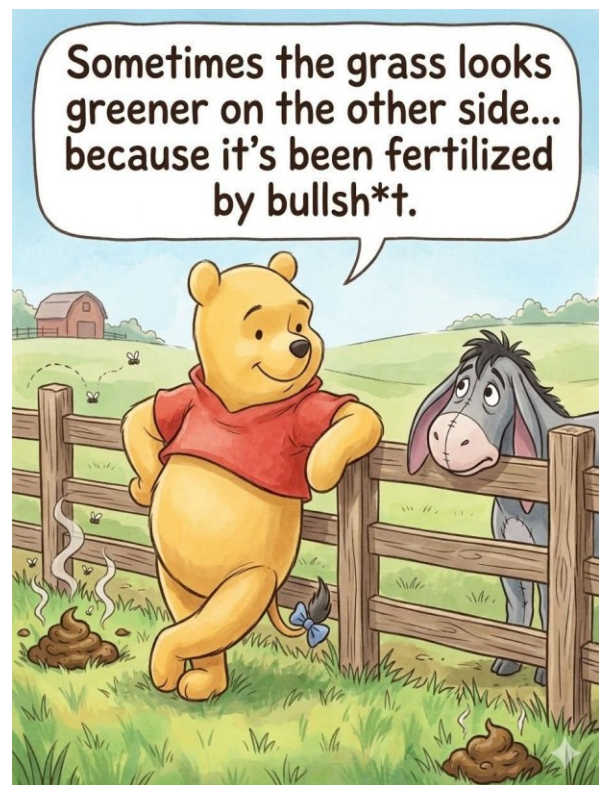
Tell me, what is it about this position that interests you?
The warmth, perhaps? The security?
Or the power you must feel by rendering me useless?
Feel free to expand if you wish.

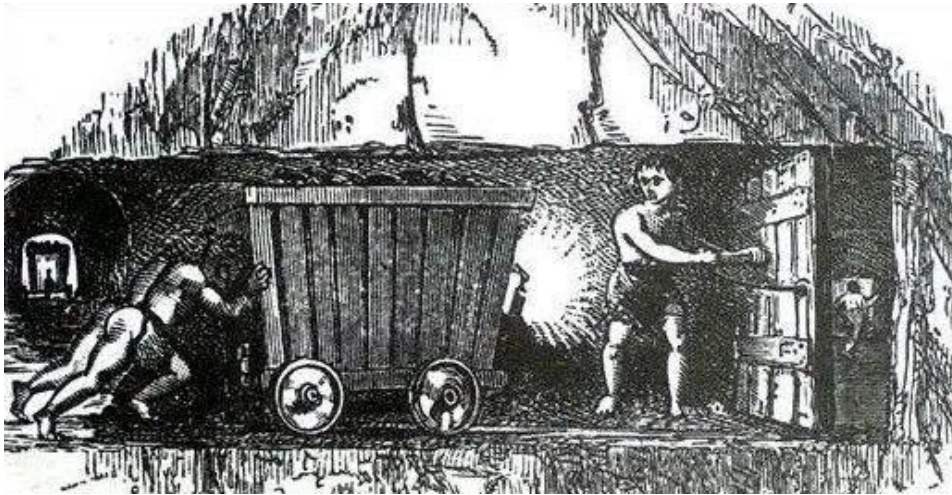
I see you have had experience of similar positions.
Can you talk about a time when you got somebody's tongue?
Or were set amongst the pigeons?
Tell me about a time you've had to deal with a difficult situation –
for instance, have you ever found yourself in a bag?
If so, how were you let out of it?

How would you feel if you had to walk on hot bricks?
What about a tin roof of similar temperature?
With reference to *any* of your past lives,
has curiosity ever killed you?

Finally, where do you see yourself in five years' time?
In the same position? Or higher up to catch the sunlight?
What's that? You would like to be where I am now?
Oh, it appears you already are.

Brian Bilston





Our History – Child Labour in the coal mines

Fascinating real insight - worth reading: This is a transcript of a statement made by a 7 year old boy submitted as part of the report by Children's Employment Commission on the mines, 1842.

Transcript

No. 7— John Saville, 7 years old, collier's boy at the Soap Pit [Sheffield] Also examined January 19th :—
I have worked in the pit for two weeks; I stand and open and shut the door; I'm generally in the dark, and sit me down against the door; I like it very well, it doesn't tire me; I stop 12 hours in the pit; I never see daylight now, except on Sundays; they don't illuse or beat me;
I fell asleep one day, and a corve [coal truck] ran over my leg and made it smart; they'd squeeze me against the door if I fall to sleep again.
When I go home I wash myself and get my drinking [local word for tea] and sit me down on the house floor; I've tea and bread and butter for my drinking; I've sometimes dry bread, sometimes bread and cheese, and sometimes red herring and potatoes to my dinner in the pit [coal mine]; I've my breakfast before I go into the pit; I eat four times a day in the pit.
I don't know my letters; I've never been to school at all; I go to Park Sunday-school, and they teach me writing, but they don't teach me my letters. I go to chapel every Sunday; I don't know who made the world; I never heard about God.
This boy cannot write or tell one letter.

They talked to another child. He was very young, not much above five, his job was to sit in the dark and open doors every so often to help ventilation in the pit. They asked him if he was not afraid in the dark. He said he was but he said his prayers. They asked him what prayers he knew and he said he knew "Our father". They asked him to say it. He repeated the words "Our father", but knew no more of the prayer. A small, scared child repeating "Our Father" in the dark.

Why there was never a revolution I do not know.