

Nottingham HF Rambling Club Newsletter April-May 2026



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**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026 –
IT IS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL!!!**

IT WAS ALSO NOTED AT THE AGM IN NOVEMBER 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.

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 U, 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. **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 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.

WALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday 5th April

Grindleford

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. The Maynard Hotel (Junction Station Rd and B6521) Bole Hill, Surprise View, Winyards, Higger Tor, Trig Point 457m, Carhead Rocks, Mitchell Field, Scaperlow, Greenwood, The Maynard.

'M' party – Glenis K 7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Isabel H 6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

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

Mob: 07896725396. Picnic lunch for all parties.

Wednesday 15th April**Underwood – Felley Priory****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. The lane is called Winter Closes.

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 at the entrance to the lane called Winter Closes.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am start from Underwood.

Walk: Length 5.5 miles. Circular walk through Underwood going via the churchyard and park, to Felley Priory and returning back on country lanes and fields. **An option of a visit to the nearby bluebell wood and 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 19th April**Longnor****Coach Ramble**

'L' party – Mick A

10 miles. Longnor, Beggar's Bridge, Glutton Bridge, Hollinsclough, Trig Point 424m, Hole Carr, Barrow Moor, Shining Ford, Sycamore Farm, Over Boothlow, Longnor.

'M' party – Yvette G and Brenda R

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 29th April**Borrowash/Elvaston Castle Walk****Car/Bus Ramble**

Leader: Jane R

Mob: 07896725396

Directions by Car: There is a 2-hour time limit for parking at the Borrowash Co-op Car Park, but there are public toilets round the back of the Coop. **It would be wise to park on a side road nearby in Borrowash. Watch out for parking restrictions on the side roads though.**

Directions by Bus: Indigo (Trent Barton) from Nottingham to Victoria Avenue Borrowash. Best Indigo bus is from Friar Lane in Nottingham at 9.23am and arrives at the Borrowash, Victoria Avenue bus stop, around 10.21am. Or take I4 from Nottingham, Friar Lane Stop F, to Borrowash, Victoria Avenue.

Start time: 10:30am from Borrowash Cross Roads.

Walk length 6/7 miles. Start from the cross roads near the Victoria Avenue Bus Stop in Borrowash. Walk along the riverside and into the grounds of Elvaston Castle to admire the gardens and trees including some large Redwoods. There will be time to wander around the castle area and stop for coffee. Dogs are welcome on this walk. We can have lunch either in the café or bring your own picnic to sit and eat in the grounds. An interesting spring walk. *Non-walkers are invited to join us for lunch. Please advise the organiser in advance.*

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Sunday 3rd May**Monyash****Coach Ramble**

'L' party – Warren J

10 miles. Monyash, Lathkill Dale (high level route), Haddon Grove Farm, Sheldon, Deepdale, Flagg, Monyash.

'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 13th May**Thurgarton to Hollybeck and back****Car/Bus Ramble**

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

Directions by car: Parking at The Red Lion, Southwell Road, Thurgarton, Nottingham, NG14 7GP.

Directions by bus: Catch the NCT bus 26 (they are scheduled to leave every 30 mins) to Southwell from the bus stop K1, King Street - up the hill on the right from the Brian Clough Statue, Nottingham at 9.10 am, and get off at the bus stop in Thurgarton, 'Corner Croft' by the Red Lion - due to arrive at 9.48 am. Ask the driver if you are not sure.

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am. Walk length 6 miles. Going along the bridleway from Thurgarton to Hollybeck Garden Centre & back (6 miles). A high level concrete path with good views of the countryside & a chance to see wild birds on route.

Coffee stop and browse around at the Hollybeck Garden Centre. Return for lunch at the Red Lion Pub when we get back.

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

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Sunday 17th May**Calver****Coach Ramble**

'L' party – Andy I 11 miles. Calver, Combs Dale, Black Harry Gate, Wardlow, Wardlow Cop, Longstone Edge, Calver.

'M' party – Gareth H 7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

'S' party – Teresa M 6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

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Wednesday 27th May**Ruddington & Rushcliffe Country Park****Car / Bus Ramble**

Leader: Chris T
 Mob: 07546834545

Direction by car: Free Parking off Church Street behind the Coop which is across the road from St Peters Church in Ruddington Village. NG11 6.

Directions by bus: Number 10 NCT bus from Nottingham – bus stop Angel Row A1, to Church Street, Ruddington. Buses every 15 min, journey time about half an hour. **Best bus to catch is the 9.45am at Angel Row, arriving at 10.15am at 'The Green' in Ruddington.** Get off at the High Street shops or on the green & walk to the meeting point on the corner by the Co-op Store on the bend round to the church in Ruddington.

Start walk: at 10.45am, 6 miles approx. The walk will take us through Rushcliffe Country Park including a look into the visitor centre which explains & illustrates the history of the two World Wars time ordnance site. We will walk a loop via Bradmore Village.

'Coffee and Cake by the Lake' is the new takeaway café in Rushcliffe Country Park which serves cold & hot food (including paninis & bake potatoes) as well as drinks.

The Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre at Ruddington - the northern base of the Great Central Railway will have, at the time of this event **'The Tornado'** joins **'The Flying Scotsman'** in residence - and might be worth viewing at the end of the walk. There might be a charge of around £10 for this.

For more information click on the following links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18PWQLyFyR/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AjX5Yc7rE/>

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

Sunday 31st May**Hope to Edale****Coach Ramble + train**

'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Hope, Fullwood Stile, Ward's Piece, Hollins Cross, Lord's Seat, Barber Booth, Edale.

'M' party – Gareth H 7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

There is no organised Short walk today.

People going on the Long and Medium walks will need to **bring money for their train fare.** Cost approx £5.10. Bring your rail card if you have one.

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Welcome to New Members

We welcome **Kathryn R.** as our returning member. Enjoy the walks!

Next Committee Meeting

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

June-July 2026 Newsletter

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

Club Group Walking Holiday Planned for Spring 2026

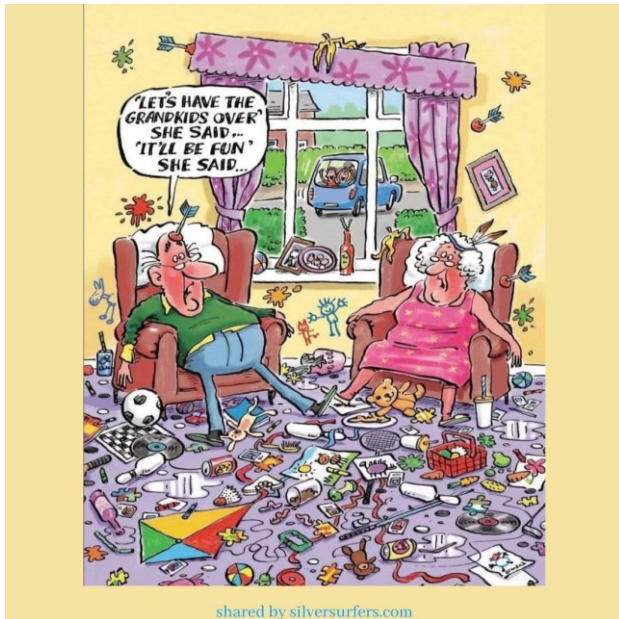
11 people now have a confirmed booking on the 7 day guided walking holiday staying at the HF Holidays' centre at Church Stretton. It begins on the 3rd April 2026. **It is not too late to book on this holiday.** Anyone who comes with us will be entitled to the group rate - however this is of course subject 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



Less is More (More or Less)

While it may be hopelessly optimistic to think we can get an accurate estimate of how common oxymorons are these days, we can be almost certain that in a world of fake news and alternative facts, it's a figure which isn't growing smaller.

And while some may be awfully good, critically acclaimed or have real potential, others are often clearly confused or essentially useless, with pretty horrible results. Even those which claim to be 'new and improved' are nearly always extremely average.

It's an open secret that some oxymorons are nothing more than meaningful nonsense. My impartial advice would be to treat them with either reckless caution or utter silence. And the same goes for tautologies, too, if past history is to be believed.

Brian Bilston

Lines Written in Early Spring

By William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

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