

Nottingham HF Rambling Club

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Officers of the committee:

President – Warren J;
General Secretary – Jane R;
Treasurer – Svetlana Z;
Rambles Secretary – TBC;
Holidays & Websites – Yvette G;

Other Members of the committee:

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

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

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, M6 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.

2026 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 be held on SATURDAY 21st 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.

The General Secretary – Jane Restorick is looking to hand over or at least share some of the work she does as club secretary. **Does anyone else wish to join the committee and contribute their own views towards club policy?**

WALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday 4th October

Baslow

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Andy I 10.5 miles. Baslow, Wellington Monument, Birchen Edge, Robin Hood, Gibbet Moor, Hobs Hurst House, Chatsworth Lakes and Park, Baslow.

'M' party – Yvette G and 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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Mob: 07896725396. Picnic lunch for all parties.

Wednesday 14th October

Bennerley Viaduct

Train/ Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Chris T **Directions by train:** From Nottingham departure 10:17am arrives Ilkeston 10:29am.
Mob: 07546834545 From Chesterfield / Alfreton (09:54/10:05 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: 24hr daily rate £3.00. Off-peak day: £2.20 (from 10:00 to 02:30 Mon-Fri)

Directions by bus: 27 service, Kimberley-Ilkeston or get the TrentBarton 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 to cross the midland railway footbridge going over the fields through Strelley Village & past the lions to Swingate, 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 18th October

Monsal Head

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Andy I 10.5 miles. Bakewell, Ashford in the Water, Sheldon, Deepdale Dale, Monsal Head, Little Longstone, Bracknell Wood, Bakewell.

'M' party – Halina G 8 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 28th October Underwood – Moorgreen Reservoir Circular

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Jane R **Directions by car: 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 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 by - **the lane called 'Winter Closes'.**

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am.

Walk description: 5.5 miles (moderate difficulty). Walk through Underwood to the Church Cemetery and then down Felley Lane, to the Pill Box by the woods at the end. Turn sharp right down the lane and into the woods at the bottom turning right onto the High Park Wood singletrack due South (might be boggy in places), and then follow onto the Moorgreen Reservoir Trail, also due South. Turn sharp right round the bottom of the reservoir and follow Willey Lane Northwards back to Underwood. **Pub Lunch** at the 'Hole in the Wall'.

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Sunday 1st November**Belper****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Halina G 11 miles. Belper Hillside, Coneygrave Hillock, Alport Heights, Peat Pits, Beggarswell Wood, Toadmoor, Scotches, Belper
- 'M' party – Teresa M 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 11th November Radcliffe on Trent to Holme Pierrepont**Car / Bus Ramble**

Leader: Dennis G, **Directions by car:** From Nottingham A52, left into Radcliffe-on-Trent. Opposite the church
Mob: 07776298121 turn left onto Wharf Lane NG12 2AN. Meet and park in the small car park down Wharfe Lane or on the road. What 3 Words = frogs.trade.unit.

Directions by bus: The Mainline (Trent Barton Green Bus) to Bingham goes through Radcliffe-on-Trent from Friar Lane Stop F2 every ten minutes. The journey takes about half an hour. Get off at Vicarage Lane. Ask the bus driver if you are not sure.

Start walk: 10.15am for 10.30am. Meet in the car park down Wharfe Lane

Description of walk: 6 miles From the Wharfe Lane car park, we will walk along Holme Lane, around Skylarks nature reserve, finally around the open water swimming lake before returning to Radcliffe.

Picnic lunch. Or have lunch at a local pub in Radcliffe on Trent at the end of the walk.

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Sunday 15th November**Ashford in the Water****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Ashford in the Water, Sheldon, Wheal Lane, Taddington, Brushfield, Monsal Trail, Ashford in the Water.
- '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 25th November**East Midlands Airport Circular****Car / Bus Ramble**

Leader: Mark R & Jane R, **Direction by car:** Park for a small fee at the East Midlands Aeropark, Hill Top, Castle
Mob: 07896725396 Donington, DE74 2PR

Direction by bus: The local Skylink bus services run frequently and drop off passengers directly at several joining points along the perimeter trail, including East Midlands Aeropark.

Start time: Arrive 10.15am for 10.30am. Walk: 6 miles. Meet at the East Midlands Aeropark, Hill Top, Castle Donington, DE74 2PR. It is a popular six-mile circular walking route that follows the outer boundary of the airport, with fantastic viewpoints for watching plane take-offs and landings. The route mixes aviation views with quiet countryside, looping through local woodlands, open meadows and historic country lanes. A mix of grass, paved tracks, packed dirt and gravel. The path features five unique, locally designed sculptures and multiple plane spotting viewpoints. The East Midlands Aeropark is an aviation museum and houses several historic aircraft. The café at the Aeropark offers snacks and drinks or if you bring your own food there is picnic site at the eastern end of the runway. There are also local pubs nearby at Castle Donington and Diseworth if the weather is bad.

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

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Sunday 29th November**Darley Dale****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Halina G 11 miles. Darley Dale, Clough Wood, Birchover, Robin Hood's Stride, Elton, Winsters, Brightside, Snitterton, Oaker, Darley Dale.
- '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.

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Welcome to New Members

We have one new member join the club since the last newsletter: Janine B and we welcome Halina G as a returning member.

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.

Dec '26-Jan '27 Newsletter

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

CLUB HOLIDAYS

Long weekend 9-11 October 2026

There will be another youth hostel long weekend based near to Buxton from 9th to 11th October at YHA Ravenstor <https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-ravenstor>.

The prices are £142.20 - 4 bed dorm for 2 nights / £158.40 - 6 bed dorm for 2 nights. These are for the whole room, not per person.

The Angler's Rest at Miller's dale <https://www.anglersrestmillersdale.co.uk/> looks good for food and is only 0.6 miles away. We will eat there one night and at the hostel on the other.

There will be a medium level walk on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We may spend a bit of time in Buxton itself on one day as well. If anyone from the long or short party wants to come and lead short or long walks they would be very welcome. Please contact Yvette if you are interested, using the club email address nottinghamhframbling@gmail.com.

A BIT OF HUMOUR

Paddy McGinty's Goat

Mr. Patrick McGinty, an Irishman of note,
Came into a fortune, so bought himself a goat.
Said he, "Sure, of goat's milk I mean to have my fill!"
But when he got his Nanny home, he found it was a Bill.

And now all the ladies who live in Killaloo
Are all wearing bustles like their mothers used to do.
They each wear a bolster beneath the petticoat,
And leave the rest to Providence and Paddy McGinty's goat!

Missis Burke to her daughter said, "Listen, Mary Jane, .
Now who was the man you were cuddling in the lane?
He'd long wiry whiskers all hanging from his chin."
"Twas only Pat McGinty's goat, " she answer'd with a grin.

Then she went away from the village in disgrace,
She came back with powder and paint upon her face.
She'd rings on her fingers, and she wore a sable coat,
You bet your life they never came from Paddy McGinty's goat.

Little Norah McCarthy the knot was going to tie,
She washed all her trousseau and hung it out to dry.
Then up came the goat and he saw the bits of white:
He chewed up all her falderals, and on her wedding night:

"Oh turn out the gas quick!" she shouted out to Pat,
For though I'm your bride, sure I'm not worth looking at.
I'd got two of ev'rything, I told you when I wrote,
But now I've one of nothing, all thro' Paddy McGinty's goat.'

Mickey Riley he went to the races t'other day.
He won twenty dollars and shouted, "Hip Hooray!!"
He held up the note, shouting "Look what I've got!"
The goat came up and grabbed at it and swallowed all the lot.

"He's eaten my banknote," said Mickey, with the hump.
They ran for the doctor, he brought a stomach pump.
He pumped and he pumped for that twenty dollar note,
But all he got was ninepence out of Paddy McGinty's goat.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. If I was Prime Minister I would replace Border Control with GP Receptionists. Let's see who is getting in then.
2. Noah's Ark is insane. Catching two of every animal. It takes me 3 hours just to get one cat to the vet.

AND FINALLY!!!

The Question *by Brian Bilston*

Erm, well – I begin, shifting nervously in my chair –
if it's true there is no heaven and no hell,
no eternity or long hereafter,
no divine plan or offstage direction from an invisible hand,
then how do we make sense of it all,
how do we make our way through this life,
this glorious, ridiculous, ramshackle world of ours,
with its wars and brutality, conflicts and petty arguments,
the ten thousand tiny acts of kindness
which happen unnoticed before breakfast,
and all that love and pain, happiness and loneliness
that comes to us unannounced, by turns,
as if we ourselves were pitched daily
onto the waves of one of its vast, mysterious oceans,
not knowing whether today is the day we drown
or we find ourselves washed up
on some strange but friendly shore?

Mmm – you say, after a lengthy silence –
what I meant was ... do you have any questions
about *the job*?

Cat Philosophy

THE CAT DECLINED MY CRISIS

I explained everything
to the cat.

betrayal.
debt.
the collapsing universe.

he yawned,
sat on my chest,

and prescribed
remaining alive.



Justin Hatchett