

Nottingham HF Rambling Club

Newsletter Feb-Mar 2026



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Officers and members of the committee: President – Warren J, General Secretary – Jane R, Treasurer – Svetlana Z, Rambles Secretary – TBC, Newsletter – Svetlana Z, Holidays & Websites – Yvette G, Wednesday Events – Jane R.

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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.

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. 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.

Saturday 31st January

Club Annual Lunch

City Event

The next club annual lunch is to be held at The Punch Bowl (NG3 6HG) 214, Porchester Road, Nottingham. It offers traditional pub lunches. A very nice venue with a separate dining area.

Directions by car: There is a large car park at the back of the pub and routes depend on which direction you intend to arrive from.

Directions by bus: From the city get the 39 NCT bus on Queen Street to Carlton Valley stop Q3 just up from the Brian Clough Statue. Buses every 10 mins getting off at the Morley Road stop. It is a five minute walk from there to the Punch Bowl. Total journey time about 25 mins.

The meal is due to start at 12.30pm but please arrive at least 15 mins before then.

Click on the link below to see the menu choices available:

[Main Menu at The Punch Bowl in Nottingham | Ember Inns](#)

**Sign up for the event by emailing nottinghamhframbling@gmail.com
or phone/text Jane R. Mob: 07896725396**

WALKS PROGRAMME

Sunday 8th February

Ashover

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Ashover, Northedge, Stubbing Court, The Great Pond, Bole Hill, Farhill, Ashover.

'M' party – Yvette G and Brenda R 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 11th February

Linby, Papplewick & Newstead Abbey

Car/Bus Ramble

Leader - Jane R **Directions by Car:** Car Park, Horse & Groom, 10 Main St, Linby, Nottingham NG15 8AE. They may ask us to at least have a drink there at the end of the walk.

Directions by Bus: StageCoach 141 from Nottingham Victoria Bus Station, stand 9. Buses once an hour. Best time is 9.30am bus arriving at Brooke Farm, Linby, 10.11am

Start time: 10.15am for 10.30am. Meet in the cafe at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby, Nottinghamshire, NG15 8AE or outside in front of the Horse & Groom. **Walk 5/6 miles.** A circular walk linking pleasant villages and one of the most famous stately homes in Nottinghamshire. **There will be a coffee/lunch break half way round at the Newstead café, and/or at the Brooke Farm Café at the end.** This walk is mainly on very quiet roads and tracks and should be suitable to be done in all weather conditions.

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

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Sunday 22nd February

Winstar

Coach Ramble

'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Winstar, Brightgate, Jughole, Bonsall and Mines, Green Lane, Horse Dale, Bonsall Moor, Winstar.

'M' party – Yvette G and Brenda R 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 25th February Radcliffe Cliff Walk Loop to Shelford & back Car/Bus Ramble

Leader: Dennis G, **Directions by car:** From Nottingham A52, left into Radcliffe-on-Trent. Opposite the church turn left onto Wharf Lane NG12 2AN. Meet and park in the small car park 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 time: Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am. About 5.5 miles. Moderate hike. Good fitness required. Easily-accessible paths. Suitable for all skill levels. Easy walk along cliff path. Interesting church at Shelford.

Picnic Lunch: (could eat in Radcliffe Memorial Park on the return journey). **Or have lunch at a local pub.**

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

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Wednesday 4th March

Wysall to Keyworth Loop

Car Ramble

Leader: Chris T: **Direction by car:** Meet by the Wysall Village Hall, Main Street, Wysall, Nottinghamshire, NG12 5QS
Mob: 07546834545
Difficult to get to Wysall by public transport – **Car share can be arranged.**

Start time: Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am. from the Village Hall in Wysall, we walk to Keyworth via the nature reserve. On route there is an option for hot drinks in the café at Keyworth. Then over to Willoughby on the Wolds and back to Wysall. **Optional pub lunch at the Plough Inn at Wysall.**

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

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Sunday 8th March**Tissington****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Tissington, Sharplow, Bostern Grange, Green Lane, Coldeaton Bridge, Alsop Moor & Village, Newton Grange, Tissington.
- 'M' party – Gareth H 7.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.
- 'S' party – Isabel H 6.5 miles. Shorter version of the above.

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Sunday 22nd March**Hulme End****Coach Ramble**

- 'L' party – Warren J 10 miles. Hulme End, Top of Ecton, Wettonmill, Gateham, Gratton Hill, Narrowdale, Archford Moor, Hulme End.
- '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 25th March**Calverton to Woodborough and back****Car/Bus Ramble**

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

Directions by car: from Nottingham A60 northbound/A614/ right turn B6386 signed Oxton & Southwell/ right turn to Calverton. The Admiral Rodney Pub is on left hand side of Main Street. They may allow us to park in their car park and use their toilet facilities as long as we buy a drink or have lunch there at the end of the walk.

Directions by bus: TrentBarton Calverton Connection every 15 minutes from Upper Parliament Street (Stop 1) journey time approx. 45 mins. There is a bus stop just by the Admiral Rodney in Calverton.

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30am start.

Description of Walk: Circular walk approx 7.5 miles. Starting from the Admiral Rodney Pub Car Park, Main Street, Calverton, NG146FB. Good views over Calverton & Woodborough through pleasant countryside.

Picnic lunch or possible lunch at a café or the Admiral Rodney at the end in Calverton.

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

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

Welcome to New Members

We have had **two** new members join the club since the last newsletter: **Richard C. and Jennifer Th.** They are very welcome additions to the club.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4th February**. If any member wishes to raise a topic for discussion, please let any committee member know.

Apr-May 2026 Newsletter

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

2025 CLUB 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.

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 LOSING 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.** **Svetlana** also helps editing the **newsletter**.

Teresa M has stepped back from being the **Rambles Secretary**. But a rota has been set up for counting people on and off the coach, organising toilet stops and drop off points, and coordinating bookings. The Sunday walks programme for 2026 has also been planned and published.

Jane R remains as **General Secretary and Wednesday walks organiser** and becomes the **main telephone contact for bookings** and enquiries, taking over from **David & Gillian W.**

Yvette G remains as our **main IT expert** in charge of updating our new club website and our club Meetup website and is also in charge of **organising our club holidays**.

Caroline H remains as the main **Membership Secretary**.

Teresa M & Anca V are remaining on as **club committee members**.

A BIT OF HUMOUR



This would be an efficient timeline compared to some of the roads by ours



Found out today that ostriches sometimes wander aimlessly and forget what they were doing — honestly, never felt closer to an animal.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The British By Benjamin Zephaniah

Take some Picts, Celts and Silures
And let them settle,
Then overrun them with Roman conquerors.

Remove the Romans after approximately 400 years
Add lots of Norman French to some
Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings, then stir vigorously.

Mix some hot Chileans, cool Jamaicans, Dominicans,
Trinidadians and Bajans with some Ethiopians, Chinese,
Vietnamese and Sudanese.

Then take a blend of Somalians, Sri Lankans, Nigerians
And Pakistanis,
Combine with some Guyanese
And turn up the heat.

Sprinkle some fresh Indians, Malaysians, Bosnians,
Iraqis and Bangladeshis together with some
Afghans, Spanish, Turkish, Kurdish, Japanese
And Palestinians

Then add to the melting pot.
Leave the ingredients to simmer.

As they mix and blend allow their languages to flourish
Binding them together with English.

Allow time to be cool.

Add some unity, understanding, and respect for the future, Serve with justice And enjoy.

Note: All the ingredients are equally important. Treating one ingredient better than another will leave a bitter unpleasant taste.

Warning: An unequal spread of justice will damage the people and cause pain.
Give justice and equality to all.

