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North East Lancs Area

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COACH RAMBLER TO MASHAM 11TH APRIL 2010

This excursion takes us into the Yorkshire Dales visiting Masham in Wensleydale renowned for sheep and specialist ales. The rendezvous will be at Skipton then straight to Masham. Bookings will be taken for Appleby on May 9th, Hathersage in the Peak District on June 6th and Helmsley on the edge of the North York moors on July 4th. Please make cheques payable to Ramblers Association Coach Account. Note that telephone bookings will require a stamped self addressed envelope.

More volunteer leaders are **URGENTLY** needed to support the programme. Please think about giving your time for at least one walk. Current vacancies exist for all D walks from Hathersage on 6th June and onwards up to and including November. Please help out because without leaders there will be no coach rambles and I would not want this to be the last year – yes it's that urgent. Speak to Hazel Dean for more information. Map purchases will be reimbursed on production of a receipt. I am discussing an increase in the expenses paid to leaders and will advise next time.

COACHES RETURN FROM MASHAM AT 6 PM

'A' PARTY 14 MILES EASY LEADER HARVEY THOMPSON
Alight from the coach on the outskirts of Ripon walking towards the River Ure and joining the Ripon Rowell walking route. Follow this route through the hamlets of North Stainley, West Tanfield, Mickley and Grewelthorpe and through Hackfall Wood to reach the summit of Limehouse Hill. Continue and at the confluence of the River Burn follow this river before turning to reach Masham for well earned refreshments and perhaps a specialist beer. Well established paths and 650ft maximum ascent only.

'B' PARTY – There is no official B party today. However B party walkers can join the A party and leave to return to Masham towards the end of the walk accompanied by an experienced walker from the A party. I am advised that this is an easy walk and that experienced walkers should have no difficulties.

'C' PARTY 8 MILES MODERATE LEADER CAROL FIELDING
Alight in Masham and follow the lovely River Ure downstream for approximately 3 miles passing old farmsteads, then plunge into woods until reaching Hackfall Wood ancient gardens originally planted in 1750 and laid out with follies, grottos and viewpoints visited whilst in the ravine. Continue walking in the Swinton Estate land and follow lanes and paths back to Masham. Paths may be muddy in places.

'D' PARTY 7 MILES FAIRLY EASY LEADER CHRIS THORNLEY
Alight in Masham, walk down to Masham Bridge, and then follow paths alongside the River Ure to High Mains Farm. We then continue to the villages of Low Ellington and High Ellington, before taking field paths for about a mile to Low Spelder Bank. From here we follow a good track to Mile House Farm, cross the A 6108 road, then take a pleasant route back into Masham passing Mar Field and the Black Sheep Brewery on the way.

INDEPENDENT WALKERS – PLEASE PROVIDE A WRITTEN ROUTE, YOUR PARTY AND A CONTACT NUMBER

PLEASE WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS WHILST THE COACH IS IN MOTION