

Nidderdale 02 October 2011



If you are reading this then I have successfully managed to book my first coach. This is a good start ! Today we have just one main coach with the Burnley feeder meeting the Blackburn coach at Gisburn. There will be a brief stop at Grassington before heading to Pateley Bridge and on to How Stean Gorge where the coach will remain until it is time to come home.

Forward to December, public opinion is that "*there is nothing to do in Holmfirth in December*" thus the final destination of the year has been changed to Ilkley. This West Yorkshire spa town should provide us with a little more to do and see; I am reliably informed that the charity shops are second to none.

Today's Walks

- A Walk** **Chris Thornley** **11 miles strenuous**
Alight at the How Stean Gorge car park. Follow the Nidderdale Way to Middlesmoor. Continue on Moor Lane to Scar House Reservoir. Cross the embankment. Then follow Carl Fell Road in a westerly direction, then north to Shaw Gill Close. Continue to the crest of the hill. Then pick up a path that goes west to the top of Little Whernside. Then we strike south to Ryedale Knotts and Hard Bank. Down to Angram Reservoir. Then cross the embankment to the south side of Scar House Reservoir. Continue east and join the Nidderdale way again and retrace our steps back to Middlesmoor and the How Stean Gorge.
- B Walk** **Robert Eccles** **9 miles Moderate**
Alight at How Stean Gorge car park and walk to How Stean Gorge, then up to Middlesmoor and on to Lofhouses. We then pick up the Nidderdale Way and follow this all the way back down to Pateley Bridge.
- C Walk** **Carol & Derrick Fielding** **8.5 miles Moderate**
Alight at How Stean; short climb to Middlesmoor, then a gradual 800' climb along Moor Lane to Scar House Reservoir. Continue to Low Woodale to join a bridleway which affords beautiful views around the head of the valley to Lofhouse and the Coach Park.
- D Walk** **Michael Counter** **7 miles**
Studfold Farn, Lofhouse, follow the Nidderdale Way heading North along Thrope Lane to Thwaite House. Cross the River Nidd and then return via How Gill, Middlesmoor, How Stean Gorge to the car park at Studfold.
Some hills are encountered, but plenty of time is available to tackle them at an easy pace.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

This is the first time in a long time that we're attempting to do multiple pick-ups on the return journey. To help make sure no one is left could independent walkers let one of the couriers know which pick-up point they will be at.

05:45 PM	How Stean Gorge	Car Park at Studfold Farm	Walks: A, C and D
06:00 PM	Ramsgill	Yorke Arms by the village green	
06:15 PM	Pateley Bridge	Main Car Park by the bridge	Walks: B

The Blackburn coach will meet the Burnley feeder coach at Gisburn and drop off's for both will be in order of "last on first off".

Bookings for the Remainder of 2011

Today the couriers will be taking bookings for 06 November Hawkeshead and 04 December Ilkley. If you wish to book after today then please contact Robert Eccles by email (bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk) or telephone (07795 250502 and 01282 798145).

2012 Dates, Destinations and Ticket Price

At a meeting on Thursday we managed to thrash out the calendar for 2012. Hopefully we've managed to choose a varied and interesting mix of destinations within our logistical constraints. Ticket price for 2012 will be the same as 2011 and it may be possible to reduce this to £10 for closer destinations (e.g., Grassington and Ingleton). Below are the dates and destinations for you diaries.

08 Jan	Grassington	13 May	Dent via Sedbergh	02 Sep	Broughton In Furness
05 Feb	Arnsdale via Carnforth	10 Jun	Bakewell	07 Oct	Buxton
04 Mar	Hayfield	08 Jul	Kirkby Stephen via Tebay	04 Nov	Ingleton
01 Apr	Grasmere	05 Aug	Ruthin	02 Dec	Kendal