

Ilkley 04 December 2011



Today we have just the one coach (boo!) heading to Wharfedale. The Burnley feeder coach and Blackburn main coach will combine just after Gisburn. After a brief stop at Skipton we will make for Draughton then Ilkley.

The web site for the coach has been running for a month or two. Besides its function as a promotional tool it has each trip's walks and logistics as soon as they become available. It can be used to book a seat but not as yet, due to card processing charges, pay for it. Address is www.coach-rambles.org.uk

Today's Walks

- A Walk** **Robert Eccles** **14.5 miles Strenuous**
Starting from Skipton we head south west up to Skipton Moor. After crossing the moor we turn east to Addingham Low Moor and Chelker Reservoir before eventually dropping down to the Wharfe at Bolton Bridge. If the weather's nice we'll pay Beamsley Beacon a quick visit but otherwise we'll sneak on by to Badgers Gate. Skirting Middleton Moor we drop down Dean Beck to Nesfield. Then east across fields before turning for Ilkley through Middleton Woods. Overall a nice mix of what Wharfedale has to offer south of the Craven Faults.
- B Walk** **Paul Brown** **9 miles Moderate**
This walk starts at the village of Draughton, just off the A65. We walk eastwards along a country lane and bridleway to Hawpikie Farm, then continue on field paths to Lobwood House (Quaker Meeting House and burial ground here). We then join the Dales Way and walk alongside the River Wharfe to Addingham, cross the river on a suspension footbridge and walk to West Hall before climbing fairly steeply for half a mile to High Laithe; hopefully good views from here across Lower Wharfedale to Ilkley Moor. We then descend through Nesfield, continue downhill to reach the river again which we cross by a stone bridge (built 1675) before walking into Ilkley for refreshments.
- C Walk** **Carol and Derrick Fielding** **8 miles Moderate**
Alight Ilkley, climb onto moor to White Wells, continue along the old bronze age track to visit the Swastika Stone, Noon Stone and onto Black Hill; we descend via Addingham Moorside towards Cocking End and the River Wharfe and return along the Dales Way to Ilkley. Good views weather permitting.
- D Walk** **Sue Baxendale** **6 miles Fairly Easy**
Leave town centre and walk down to river side path as far as the suspension foot bridge. Cross over River Wharfe and walk short distance along roadside and then field paths to Beck Foot Farm. Follow path to minor road to village of Denton then along edge of West Park Wood and fields towards Middleton. Couple of "ups and downs" to cross streams via footbridges. Continue through fields to Primrose Hill, great views down the valley and across to Ilkley Moor then descend down track past Middleton Hall to road junction. Descend through Middleton Woods and pass Swimming Pool into Ilkley (daylight permitting) or follow minor road and then river side path back into town.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

In addition to the walks' drop-off and pick-up points the coach will stop at Skipton on the outward and return trip. To help make sure no one is left will independent walkers let a courier know which of the two pick-up points they will be at. Pick-up times are:

05:00 PM	Ilkley	Railway Road, just off Brook Street	Walks: A, B, C and D.
05:20 PM	Skipton	Main Car Park	

The Blackburn coach will rendezvous with the Burnley feeder coach just before Gisburn and both will drop off in "last on first off" order.

Bookings for 2012

Today the couriers will be taking bookings for:

Grassington (08 January) Arnside (05 February) Hayfield (04 March)

Ticket cost is £13:00 / £6:50 for each trip but if we can negotiate a better coach price for Grassington then you'll be refunded the difference on the trip. After today contact Robert by email (bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk) or telephone (07795 250502 and 01282 798145) - or you could just do it all on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book

Problems, problems, problems #2 of probably a lot: The High Noon of Cancellations

This is a thorny issue and I want to just try and explain why cancellations after the dead-line cannot be refunded. (Wish me luck.) Immediately after the dead-line I contact Rigbys and order the coaches based on what money we have for the trip. At this point I have made a contract on our behalf and committed our money to that contract. In effect our money is no longer ours. Our reserves are low and our margins are tight thus refunding a ticket could mean borrowing from a future trip and that is simply against the law.

Today's contacts: Robert Eccles 07795 250502 (also to be found on a coach, on a walk or possibly in a pub)

Dates and Destinations for The Diary

Events

09 December: Burnley and Pendle Christmas Party

A buffet supper and dancing to be held at Saint Cuthbert's Church Hall. Tickets are £7:00 per person and available from Margaret Clarke.

08 January 2012: Coach Ramble to Grassington

Book today with you courier, or later by telephone (07795 250502) or web (www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

05 February 2012: Coach Ramble to Arnside

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Walking from Ilkley to Grassington via Christmas pudding; our local groups' walks between now and then:

Date	Group	Time	Destination
06 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Walk and Christmas lunch
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Paythorne
10 December	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Linton; Southfield
11 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Entwistle
	OXO Coach Rambles	08:45	Grassington and Christmas Meal
13 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Higham
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Thornton
17 December	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers		Christmas walk and meal
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Healey Dell, Lake Burwain or Barrowford
18 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Pendle Hill from Standen Hall Lane
20 December	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Thornley with Wheatley
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Townleyside
26 December	Clitheroe Ramblers		To be arranged
30 December	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:15/10:30	Bill Clegg Winter Walk to Wycoller
31 December	Clitheroe Ramblers		To be arranged
01 January	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Pendleton
03 January	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Local Impromptu
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Winewall
07 January	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Sawley
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Barley Area

To join any of the Above Walks then just Contact the Group's Co-ordinator:

Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	Janet Lofthouse on 01282 435352
Clitheroe Ramblers	Jane Donnelley at enquiries@clitheroeramblers.co.uk
OXO Coach Rambles	Hannah Rose on 01254 886105
Pendle Walkers	John Crabtree on 01282 859437