

Hayfield 04 March 2012



Today we have two coaches heading to Derbyshire and the High Peak town of Hayfield; a fitting destination on the 80th anniversary of the Kinder Trespass¹.

The coaches will rendezvous at Glossop and, after a brief stop, travel together for the short hop to Hayfield.

Surprisingly this seems to be a new destination for us; I can't find mention of our coach having visited in, at the very least, the past decade. Hopefully it turns out to be a great day and Hayfield can be added to our list of destinations.

Finally, I'd like to mention how helpful Rigby's have been by reducing their hire charges for the trip. This has allowed us to have two coaches and avoid turning away (as of Wednesday) 14 people.

Today's Walks

- A Walk** **Frank Walker** **13.5 miles Strenuous**
Alight just south of Grouse Inn on the A624. We climb up to Mill Hill. Follow Pennine Way to Kinder Downpour and Kinder Low (633m) then down through Edale Rocks to Edale Cross. Onward to Brown Knoll then South Head and the Pennine Bridleway to Peep-O-Day and Hill Farm. Climb to ridge at 426 and follow it down to Birch Vale and Hayfield.
- B Walk** **Trevor Whittaker** **10.5 miles Moderate**
Alight at Hayfield and head south to Ridge Top and Phoside Farm. A steady climb alongside Foxholes Clough and through the quarries to Chinley Churn where the views suddenly open out to the west. (The trig point at 451m though is just out of reach of the path.) Drop down to Buxworth and the river Goyt. Follow the Goyt Way to New Mills and The Torrs, Archimedes Screw and Millennium Walkway before returning to Hayfield via the Sett Valley Trail. The day starts off with a 200m climb out of Hayfield but then it's mainly downhill or on the flat. A lovely mix of the High Peak's views and heritage.
- C/D Walk** **Paul Brown** **7 miles Moderate**
We alight at Hayfield and follow the Sett Valley Trail to Birch Vale, cross the River Sett, then walk steadily uphill (on the Pennine Bridleway at first) for 1¼ miles before descending to the small village of Rowarth. We then walk north eastwards to join the Pennine Bridleway again which we follow southwards, pass below Lantern Pike, then start to descend to return to Hayfield. Most of this walk is on good surfaces along tracks and lanes, some ups and downs, but not many stiles to cross. If the weather is clear expect good views throughout the walk.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Just the one pick-up point for this trip:

06:00 PM Hayfield Sett Valley Trail Car Park, Station Road Walks: A, B and C/D.

The Burnley coach will drop off at Padiham first and the Blackburn coach at Darwen first.

Our next trips

Today we'll be taking bookings for: Grasmere (01 April), Dent via Sedbergh (13 May) and Bakewell (10 June). Ticket cost is £13:00 / £6:50. After today then contact Robert by email (bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk), telephone (07795 250502 / 01282 798145) or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book.

NB: our numbers seem to be, thankfully, increasing but at the moment we're still in no-man's-land between having one or two coaches. This means that places are either plentiful or very limited and it's difficult to predict which. I've managed to avoid turning people away today (with Rigby's help) but booking late does now run the real risk of not getting a seat.

Arnside Review

Arnside was down to be a well attended trip until the snow came and the cancellations started flooding in. Darwen, Blackburn and Accrington passengers were oblivious to the snowy happenings further east and, indeed, once Rigby's had collected what remained of us and turned west, the snow was just a rumour. The two coaches met at a very autumnal Forton services and continued north together back into a winter landscape.

During the day there were brief glimpses of blue skies but more often than not the visibility was bad. Walking along the estuary though in the silence and the fog was rather eerie. There were some tricky moments on the couple of inches of snow but it was mainly fun to have some snow to play in!

All the walks went really well and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves when we finally regrouped in the pubs and cafes on the "promenade". It turned out to be a good day from such an unpromising start. Financially, we made £11.

¹ Technically we're a few weeks early; the mass-trespass was 24 April 1932.

Dates and Destinations for The Diary

Walking from Hayfield to Dent; our local groups' walks between now and then:

Date	Group	Time	Destination
06 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Haworth
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Haslingden Grane (C)
07 March	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Hebden Bridge
10 March	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	09:45	Austwick and Crummockdale
	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Alston for Loud Valley
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Chunal, Derbyshire (A)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Gorple Stones from Worsthorne (B)
11 March	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:00	Over Pendle and Clarion House
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Wycoller
13 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Paythorne, stroller walk
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Around Weets (C)
14 March	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Preston
17 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Todmorden
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Bolton Abbey and Addingham Circular (A)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Longridge Fell (B)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	St Ives (C)
18 March	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	09:45	Wharfedale and Bolton Abbey
	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:30	Plantation Street for Circular
	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	The Reelers Way
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Chipping
20 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Giggleswick
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Shipleigh Glen (C)
21 March	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Holcombe and Affetside
24 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Hutton, Preston
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Grassington, Hebden and Beyond (A)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Malham Cove from Airton Bridge (B)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Whalley (C)
25 March	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Cliviger Gorge and Towneley
	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:30	Arnsdale for Silverdale
	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	Turton and Entwistle
	OXO Coach Ramblers	08:45	Kirby Lonsdale and Leck (A and B)
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Grane
27 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Farm visit and walk
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Bolton by Bowland (C)
28 March	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Langcliffe
31 March	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Hanlith
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	The Monks Road to Littondale (A)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Cliviger Gorge (B)
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Cowling Pinnacle (C)

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
Hyndburn Ramblers	Phil Bedson on 01254 398670
OXO Coach Rambles	Hannah Rose on 01254 886105
Pendle Walkers	John Crabtree on 01282 859437
Rossendale Ramblers	Martin Corbett on 07801 146864