

Haworth 01 December 2013



Today we have just the one main coach for our trip to the Worth Valley with the two coaches merging just out-side Burnley. There is no official rest stop in the morning but people can take advantage of the extortionately priced facilities in Hebden Bridge if required when the B walk disembarks.

The main coach is full [fingers crossed, not too full] so please consider using the coach's "boot" for your rucksack and leaving double seats for couples when the coaches meet.

Sue spotted that today is "Scroggling the Holly" day in Haworth so keep an eye out for small children in Victorian dress welcoming Christmas into the Village.

Just to try and make this routine for us: again we'll have rubbish collection as a courtesy to (for?) our drivers.

Today's Walks

A Walk **Robert Eccles** **Off first at Todmorden** **13.5 miles Strenuous**
This is not an easy walk; but it is a good walk. Starting from just after Todmorden we head to Mankinholes before climbing to the ridge and on to the Stoodley Pike Monument (390m). Then we're straight back down to Mytholm before straight back up to Heptonstall with its three churches. On to Midgehole - where I spent a lot of my misspent youth - before, via "Little Switzerland" we reach the war memorial at Pecket Well. Continuing north we reach the lovely Crimsworth Dean with its pack-horse bridge and waterfall before reaching our highest point Top of Stairs (425m). Finally we drop down to Lower Laithe Reservoir and through Penistone Hill Country Park to Haworth.

Overall, a good walk in the South Pennines with Points of Interest throughout but also with 1000m of ascent.

B Walk **Chris Thornley** **Off Second at Hebden** **10.7 miles Moderate**
Starting from Hebden Bridge we follow the Haworth to Hebden Bridge walk in reverse to Midgehole. Then along the beautiful Crimsworth Dean with lovely views looking back to the Calder Valley. Continue to Top Of Stairs. Then a bit of a yomp over some boggy moorland to Oxenhope Stoop Hill and Dick Delf Hill. Here we join the Pennine Way and follow it to Top Withins. Then we join the Bronte Way and follow it to Bronte Bridge and Bronte Waterfalls. Continue to Penistone Hill and into Haworth.

A classic Pennine walk!

C Walk **Paul Brown** **Off third at Haworth** **7.5 miles Moderate**
We leave the coaches in Haworth, walk past the parish church and the BrOonte Parsonage Museum, then continue into open country towards Lower Laithe Reservoir, We cross the reservoir dam, walk through Stanbury village, then join lanes and tracks rising steadily towards Upper Heights. We then descend to the Bronte Waterfalls, cross the beck (by footbridge) then climb steeply up a narrow rocky path towards Round Hill. From here we change direction to walk eastwards across Haworth Moor, then follow country lanes and field paths back to Haworth.

Expect good views across the Worth Valley.

D Walk **Roger Haythornthwaite** **Off third at Haworth** **6 miles Moderate**
Alight at/near Haworth Railway Station. Take a level path almost to Oxenhope Station, but cross the line and climb up to Bents House, Old Oxenhope Farm and the hamlet of Hole. Follow field and enclosed paths to Sowden's Farm, Haworth Churchyard, the Bronte Parsonage and to the top of Main Street, Haworth. Walk down Main Street and Butt Lane (cobbled, take care) to Mytholmes Lane and then, further enclosed paths to Oakworth and then Haworth stations.

This is a figure-of-eight walk meaning that when we reach Haworth again, around midday, you may, if you wish, leave the walk to spend the afternoon in the town.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have two pick-up points.

05:00 PM	Haworth	Sun Street Car Park	Walks: A, B, C and D
05:10 PM	Keighley	North Street (A629) bus stop	

The coaches will split at Colne. One will drop off on the Colne, Padiham, Great Harwood, Whalley and Clitheroe route and the second on the Clayton to Darwen route. Any additional stops are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.

Our Next Trips

Today we'll be taking bookings for Settle (05 January), Grange-over-Sands (02 February) and Hawes (02 March). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond March, then contact Robert by email at bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk, telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book.

Events

Dec 06 Burnley and Pendle Christmas Social at St Cuthberts Church Hall. Buffet and dance starting at 19:30; tickets, £7, are available from Margaret Clark (Burnley coach)

Dec 14 Hyndburn Christmas Social at Duckworth Hall, Oswaldtwistle. £12.50 for two courses or £17.50 for three. Please book by end of November with Michelle (61 Sparth Avenue, Clayton le Moors, BB5 5QT).

Finances 2012-13

Our financial year starts in October and below is a summary of how we fared from October 2012 to 2013.

Overall

Income and Expenditure	Credit	Debit
Coach Parking		£115.30
Leaders' Expenses		£320.00
Drivers' Tip		£230.00
Other Transport		£50.00
Interest	£2.28	
Coach Hire		£8,980.00
Ticket Sales	£10,384.00	
Totals	£10,386.28	£9,695.30

Per Trip

Month	Coach Cost	Ticket Sales	Parking	Leaders' Expenses	Driver Tip	Other Transport	Trip Balance
October	£790.00	£839.00	£20.00		£20.00		£9.00
November	£790.00	£878.00		£30.00	£20.00		£38.00
December	£790.00	£929.50		£20.00	£20.00		£99.50
January	£525.00	£618.00		£20.00	£20.00		£53.00
February	£525.00	£669.50		£20.00	£10.00		£114.50
March	£790.00	£1,029.00	£14.00	£40.00	£20.00		£165.00
April	£820.00	£1,092.00	£21.30	£30.00	£20.00		£200.70
May	£790.00	£923.00		£40.00	£20.00	£50.00	£23.00
June	£790.00	£851.50	£50.00	£30.00	£20.00		-£38.50
July	£790.00	£838.50		£30.00	£20.00		-£1.50
August	£790.00	£806.00	£10.00	£30.00	£20.00		-£44.00
September	£790.00	£910.00		£30.00	£20.00		£70.00
Totals	£8,980.00	£10,384.00	£115.30	£320.00	£230.00	£50.00	£688.70

Summary

Profit / (Loss) for 2012	£690.98
Future Sales	£864.50
Unused Credits	£90.00
Cash in Hand	£100.00
Reserve	£1,918.34

We increased our reserves by £691 during 2012-13 which sounds like a lot but equates to just four people per trip and would suggest that we're running the coaches "close to the wire" which, in many ways, is how it should be.

Overall though we have a reserve above my minimum and we will make it to 50 years and our weekend away in, what is looking like, North Wales.