

# Hathersage 05 October 2014



Today we have two coaches for our trip to this Derbyshire village in the Hope Valley. The Burnley and Blackburn coaches will meet at Glossop and travel together to Hathersage via Snake Pass. It will thank-fully be a far shorter journey than last month!

## Today's Walks

**A Walk**      **Harvey Thompson**      **Off First**      **14.5 miles Moderate**

Shortly after passing the Snake Inn we find Hayridge Farm (SK 138896) where we start by first crossing the River Ashop to follow a Roman Road to climb Win Hill Pike, at 1,516 ft our highest point of the day. From this lofty height we see the Derwent Valley and think of the RAF Dam Busters who practised here. Next we skip through the hamlets of Aston, Tornhill and Bamford and climb onto Stanage Edge. We walk along the Edge and turn to go down Fiddlers Elbow in order to seek the pleasures of Hathersage!

The walk is 14½ miles long on recognised paths with 2297 feet of ascent.

**B Walk**      **Chris Thornley**      **Off Second**      **9 miles Moderate**

Starting in Hathersage we take a path along Baulk lane to Bronte Cottage. Continue to Green's House. Onto Dennis Knoll, High Neb, Stanage Edge. Then we follow Sheffield Country Walk to Cowper Stone, Upper Burbage Bridge and Burbage Moor. Then we take a path to Carl Mark Fort, Hathersage Moor, Mitchell Field, Scrapperlow, High Lees and back into Hathersage.

**C Walk**      **Robert Eccles**      **Off Second**      **8 miles Moderate**

This is a homage to [i.e., blatant rip-off of] Carol and Derricks' 2010 walk. Starting from Hathersage we negotiate our way out of town via the church and Camp Green. Fields and a bit of road eventually get us to Callow Bank, Higger Tow and the Iron Age fort at Carl Mark. Heading east we pick up the Sheffield Country Walk to Stanage Edge. Finally we drop down via Bronte Cottage back to Hathersage.

Just 8 miles but with some ascent thus not an easy C walk; expect fantastic views and a bit of history.

**D Walk**      **Sue Baxendale**      **Off Third**      **6 miles Easy**

We continue through Hathersage on the A6187 until we reach the Fox House Inn letting the coach do all the days climbing. Leaving the coach we cross into the Longshaw Estate, going past the Estate House and through the woods onto the edge of Topley Moss passing the remains of Little John's Well. Continuing on the along the edge of White Edge Moor to drop down through the fields to cross the A625 at the Grouse Inn. Field paths again to enter Hay Wood.. Here the path is a little steep in places but descends down to the road (B6521). We then take the field paths along the river edge into Hathersage.

An easy walk with good views across the moors (weather permitting), no climbing and no stiles.

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

06:00 PM      Hathersage      Odd Fellows Road / Swimming Baths      Walks: A, B, C and D

NB: depending on spaces the coaches may need to park out of town. 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

Ambleside (02 November), Otley (07 December) and Grassington (04 January). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50 and there will be no increase for 2015. After today, or to book beyond January, then contact Robert by email at [bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk](mailto:bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk), telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at [www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book](http://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

## Finances: October 2013 to September 2014

We've just completed another financial year and the news is good; we're solvent!

Our income was £9,998 and our expenditure was £9,404 to give a profit for the year of £594. The profit equates to about 4 seats per month so I'm happy that we're running things as close to the wire as is safe to do. Expenditure was on coach hire (£8,815), parking (£49), Leaders' expenses (£320) and Drivers' tip (£220).

If any RA member wants to "view the books" then just let me know and I'll get the information to them. This level of detail does have to be restricted to RA members though due to Data Protection but everyone can always get a summary of how we're doing from the finance page on the web site.