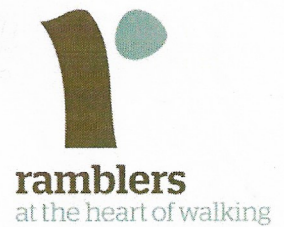


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Today we have two coaches for our trip to this market town in Wharfedale. The Burnley and Blackburn coaches will meet at Skipton and then travel together via the A59 and Fewston to Otley. To give our leaders a sporting chance of getting there for at least a sniff of the Victorian Fayre then a slick arrival to and slick departure from Skipton would be appreciated.

Hannah Rose

As many of you will be aware; Hannah is stepping down from running the OXO Coach Rambles after 35 years on the front line. I hope you'll all join with me in thanking her for organising so many great days out, for putting up with many of us for so long, for promoting walking and for being totally awesome; thank-you Hannah.

Today's Walks

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| A Walk | Robert Eccles | Off First | 15 miles Strenuous |
| <p>Starting at Bolton Bridge we climb to Haw pike and then turn towards Addingham. Picking up The Millennium Way we get to Addingham High Moorside. Then it's east via the Swastika Stone to The Cow and Calf. We continue to skirt the access land to Burley Woodhead. Now we decide; if time and weather is in our favour we'll continue to Otley via Menston and The Chevin otherwise we'll take the easier journey north via Askwith and Clifton.</p> <p>A good walk from, to and in Wharfedale with options to adapt to light and weather. Total of 800m of ascent over the whole walk.</p> | | | |
| B Walk | (The) Alan Bennett | Off Second | 11 miles Moderate |
| <p>Starting at Blubberhouses on the A59 we essentially travel south to Otley through the Washburn valley and Wharfedale.</p> <p>First we're along-side Fewston reservoir before heading through the plantation to clip Swinsty reservoir. After a few fields we pick up the River Washburn and follow it to Lindley Wood reservoir. We soon enter Wharfedale where we turn west to follow the Wharfe to Otley.</p> <p>At just over 11 miles the walk is still classed as a moderate B due to no climbs. Expect great views of the Washburn valley and options to shorten the walk if needed.</p> | | | |
| C Walk | Allan and Avril Aspinnall | Off Fourth | 8 miles Moderate |
| <p>We start from Otley Bridge and head north to Farnley, through fields to Peartree Farm, Haddockstones Farm. Rosetree Farm. Then head towards Lindley Wood Reservoir and a scenic walk through the woods. We continue to Leathley Bridge and follow the River Wharf back into Otley.</p> <p>An 8 miles circular walk, mainly field paths and forest tracks, expect some mud!</p> | | | |
| D Walk | Paul Brown | Off Third | 6 miles Fairly Easy |
| <p>This walk takes us through part of the valley of the River Washburn and then into Lower Wharfedale. We leave the coaches at the viaduct over Lindley Wood Reservoir (GR-SE 210500) and follow a track through Lindley Wood along the side of the reservoir. We then walk along woodland and field paths to the hamlet of Leathley, continue to Leathley Bridge to cross the River Washburn, then join a path alongside the River Wharfe. We follow this for about 2 miles, approaching Otley Bridge through the pleasant Wharfemeadows Park. Finally we cross the bridge and walk into the town centre.</p> | | | |

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have two pick-up points:

05:00 PM	Otley	Cattle Market Street	Walks: A (hopefully), B, C and D
05:15 PM	Ilkley	Brook Street	Walks: A (probably)

If you intend to get on at Ilkley then please let you courier know. Any additional stops on the return journey 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

Grassington (04 January), Arnside (01 February) and Hayfield (08 March). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond February, 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.

Walking from Otley: Our Group Walks between Now and Grassington

This section is having a rest this month since I still haven't received 2015 walks from a couple of our groups!