

# Nidderdale 01 November 2015



Today we have two coaches for our trip to Pateley Bridge at the heart of Nidderdale. The Blackburn and Burnley coaches will rendezvous at Skipton and travel together via Blubberhouses.

Due to road-works we need to make Skipton a quick stop so that the C walk, which needs to travel beyond Pateley; can start in good time.

Our financial year ends in September and the coach accounts have been submitted to the treasurer for inspection. Copies of the summary will be available on our return journey. Essentially we did OK during 2014-15 and with the finances nicely stable we can live a little; we now have a toilet on the coaches ☺

Finally, please note the earlier return due to the demise of British Summer Time and Sue's message to members overleaf.

## Today's Walks

**A Walk**                      **Harvey Thompson**                      **Off First**                      **13½ miles Moderate**

Blubberhouses to Pateley Bridge. A gentle start from Blubberhouses (SE 169554) as we follow the River Washburn up to Thruscross Reservoir. Along its banks we pass the village and go through Red Gate to reach open moorland. Ahead Little Pock Stones greet us. With "not much of a path" we have a short yomp over the moor to again across the River Washburn. From here a short climb gets us to Tewit Farm. Through the farm and the excitement begins as we near Yorkshire's latest and largest visitor attraction. Having feasted on this massive offering we gallop down onto the Nidderdale Way and into Pateley Bridge

It is 13½ miles long, with 1870ft (570m) ascent and less than a mile off-piste.

**B Walk**                      **Robert Eccles**                      **Off First**                      **10 miles Moderate**

Starting from Blubberhouses we pick up the Six Dales Trail and follow the River Washburn to Thruscross Reservoir.

Across fields we reach Padside Green then it's north to Dyke Lane Head and Hill Top before a gentle climb to High Crag Ridge. Picking up the Nidderdale Way we pass Guisecliff Tarn before dropping down through the woods to Glasshouses. Now we simply follow the Nidd to Pateley Bridge.

A gentle walk of ups and downs with potentially a quick trudge to a trig point.

**C Walk**                      **Hannah Rose**                      **Off Third**                      **8 miles Moderate**

Starting from Glasshouses follow the River Nidd to Low Laithe and Smelthouses. Then it's through the woods and up to Brimham Rocks with hopefully marvellous views.

We leave The Rocks and follow field paths to join the Nidderdale Way and Panorama Walk back to Pateley Bridge.

**D Walk**                      **Paul Brown**                      **Off Second**                      **6½ miles Moderate**

Starting in Pateley Bridge we walk steadily uphill for about ¾ mile along the main street and then the Nidderdale Way. We continue eastwards to Blazefield and White Houses, then descend along a track past Kiln House, continue downhill, cross a B road, then cross the River Nidd by footbridge. Soon afterwards we cross the route of the former Harrogate to Pateley Bridge railway (closed 1964), and then walk to Harewell Hall and on to Glasshouses along a good track and a pleasant lane. From Glasshouses a level path through woodland and alongside the river takes us back into Pateley Bridge.

Good views across Lower Nidderdale throughout this walk.

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

17:30                      Pateley Bridge                      Main Car Park                      Walks: A, B, C, D

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

Today we will be taking bookings for Windermere (06 December) and Kirkby Lonsdale (10 Jan). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond January, then contact Robert. NB: for Windermere coaches will drop off in pick-up order; if you're first on then you'll be first off.