

North East Lancashire Ramblers - Coach Ramblers

MASHAM 2nd APRIL 2017

Our two coaches will rendezvous at Skipton for a short comfort stop and then continue together to Masham. All the walks start from there. Please make sure you join the correct walk and will independent walkers leave details of your names and routes with your courier on the coach and a mobile phone number if available.

A Walk – no volunteer leader today.

B Walk **Druid Temple Walk** **Leader Michael Counter** 9.6 mile **Moderate**

We alight the coach in the market square in Masham town centre and leave passing the Old Theckston's Brewery. The Ripon Rowl Walk is now followed for about 4.5 miles passing along Low Moor Road and heading onto Boardmires and Hall Wood. The route calls in at the Druid Temple site, an eighteenth century folly created by William Danby, a very impressive site. After the temple, the route enters Sole Beck Plantation and then follows Sole Beck Gill downstream. A short road walk leads to Shaws Bridge and then a riverside walk alongside the River Burn crossing the local golf course until the town of Masham is reached. Don't forget to sample the local beers of a small town noted for two breweries.

C Walk **Leader Barbara Sharples** **8 miles** **Moderate**

We start the walk at the Market Cross in Masham and head towards the River Ure. We follow the river along the Ripon Rowley Walk via Low Burn Bridge. We then leave the river bank and take the higher route through Nutwith Cote Wood to avoid a lot of mud! We reach Hackfall broad-leaved ancient woodland to enjoy original features such as grottos and glades, rustic temples and waterfalls. Hackfall is now a Grade 1 listed garden. Time here for photography. To return to Masham we take a track through Nutwith Common and on to Roomer Farm and Swinton Hall. Expect mud, a climb, seven stiles, a couple of streams to cross on stepping stones and finally a bit of tarmac back to our start. Please note at time of reccy this walk one stile was broken and we will need to climb over the fence unless it has been repaired after I reported it.

D Walk **Leader Roger Haythornthwaite** **6 miles** **Moderate**

From Masham Town Square, follow a road through the town to the Parish Church. Walk down to a track, part of the Ripon Rowel Walk, and follow the RIVER URE to LOW BURN BRIDGE. Follow now the RIVER BURN to SHAWS BRIDGE and follow a lane to SWINTON SAW MILL. Following the Ripon Rowel Walk again follow LOW MOOR LANE and part of MICKLEBURY LANE and then follow a straight one-mile path into Masham.

Pickup Time for the Return Journey 6.00pm from Masham. On the return journey please do not ask the drivers for extra stops. This can be dangerous and will also make the return journey longer for everyone.

Book today for our next two coach rambles – **Pooley Bridge on 7th May and Llangollen on 4th June**

Or after today telephone Margaret Boothman for the **Burnley** coach on 01282 692901. (NOT after 9.00pm) or for the **Blackburn** coach telephone Kathleen Parker on 01254 396894 (between 6.00pm and 9.00pm)

Leaders needed to continue to offer a choice of 4 walks we need volunteers for the A walk for Pooley Bridge on 7th May and A, B and C at Llangollen on 4th June. All leaders get a free seat on the day and a donation towards their expenses of reccyng the walk beforehand. Please contact Sue Baxendale if you are available to help and to check the route we will be taking – tel 01254 235049.

Web Site – thanks to Michael Counter you can now go onto our coach rambles web site. Just key in Coach Rambles and North East Lancs Coach Rambles will appear. All information about future trips, pick up times etc.

Lost Property Contact Moving People on 08454751212 Pair of gloves on Burnley coach on last trip.

Social Trip everyone welcome – Sunday 21st May, Family Race Day at Ripon. £20 including admission. Meal on the way home at a cost of £16. Tickets today from Margaret Clark or telephone 01282 616838.