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**North East
Lancashire**

COACH RAMBLES Issue 15

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Please forward this newsletter to a friend or fellow rambler

FIRST SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS

Volunteers needed please

Must be Ramblers Members

We need FOUR people to help out with checking people on to the coach or the feeder bus from *Colne, Padiham, Clitheroe and Darwen* and to hand out the Walk Details. This varies when we are going North, East, South and West so you would not have to do it on every trip - just from one of the start points.

We have two Couriers but they are not always available. Elaine is the Burnley Courier from Padiham and Lynn is the Blackburn Courier from Darwen. We need people who can take over when they are not available please. The Couriers do all the bookings and paperwork and tasks on the coach. They are also there to help with any queries during the day. **WE WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE BOOKINGS ON THE COACHES IF COURIERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE!**

Christine takes all the telephone bookings and it would be nice to know if anyone else would be interested if Christine is not available or on holiday. Otherwise we will not be able to take your bookings. That would mean TicketTailor ONLY.

The Coach Secretary deals with all the organisation, administration and financial matters before and after trips but the role does not include acting as a Courier on the coaches. Supporting the Leaders, Walk Registers First Aid equipment, liaising with the driver and providing publicity materials are the main on-the-day tasks.

We have First Aid kits and these need checking and sorting a couple of times a year and when they are opened and the contents used. This is another activity a volunteer could help with.

See further on for details of the Walk Leaders that are still required for the 2022 programme.



SEDBERGH, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Sedbergh is one of our regular destinations. We visit approximately every three years because it is a perfect centre for the Howgills. In previous years we have done two 'C' walks, or an easy 'E' walk of four miles.

Sedbergh is an attractive and historic market town set in the western dales of North Yorkshire. Developed at a confluence of four valleys and four rivers where ancient trade routes

merged, the town is dwarfed by some of Alfred Wainwright's favourite fells, the mighty Howgills. The views from all around the area are magnificent.

Sedbergh dates from the 13th century when the Market Charter was granted by King John in 1251. Dating from Roman times, Sedbergh shows evidence of Saxons, Vikings and Normans. George Fox, founder of the Quakers, preached in both St Andrew's churchyard and the nearby Brigflatts Quaker Meeting House, which dates from 1675.

RAMBLERS GUIDED WALKS - SEE BELOW. FULL WALK DETAILS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE <https://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/>

WALKERS - for those wanting a *self-guided walk* you can walk the surrounding countryside. Here is the link to several [WALKS](#).

Day Visitors - These walks can be downloaded as a pdf. A lovely walk along the river Rawthey to Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre, with a choice of return routes. [Fairfield Mill Route](#) 3.7 - 4.4 miles depends on the return route. A popular circular walk at any time of year visiting "the Pepperpot", Akay Wood, the ancient Akay Oak then following the banks of the Rawthey back to town. [Akay Wood Route](#) 2.3 miles. A walk exploring the main features of Sedbergh School. A mix of hard surfaces and grassy paths, which can be muddy after rainfall. [Sedbergh School Walk](#) 45 mins. A walk along the river Rawthey to the beautiful hamlet of Brigflatts with its ancient Quaker Meeting House, returning across fields to Sedbergh. [Brigflatts](#) 4.2 miles. [Sedbergh Information Centre](#) at 72 Main Street. [Download or order leaflets](#). Follow the Book Shop Trail around town.



RAMBLERS GUIDED WALKS - The walker leaders are:-

D Walk - 6.5 miles - Jane Cordingley

Leave Sedbergh via town, climb to Castlehaw tower, continue Northeast to Ghyll Farm, then drop to cross a minor road, and join A683 for a short stretch to join River Rawthey at Straight Bridge. Follow river, occ crossing sides and through Akay Wood and passing The Peppertpot all the way to Brigflatts. then field paths back to Birks and then more field paths, via the school back to town. 6.5 miles. total ascent 464Feet. moderate except for short climb to Castlehaw at start.

C Walk - 8.5 miles - Michael Bates

The route involves the rivers Rawthey, Deep and Lune. Lincolns Inn Bridge over the River Lune is a Grade II listed building. See the spectacular Lune Viaduct. Finally the walk goes on to open moorland. Details for this walk will be updated SOON - SEE THE WEBSITE..

B Walk - 10 miles - Tony Culverhouse

We will explore the fells west of Sedbergh, reaching a height of about 1000ft and walking some sections of the Dales Way. Fairly strenuous. Details for this walk will be updated as soon as possible AND WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.

We are looking for a volunteer leader for the A walk of 12 miles!

Note: Walk details are subject to change on the day due to the local weather conditions and other safety factors. These are at the discretion of the Walk Leader.

Please book early for SEDBERGH to avoid disappointment.

We will be booking a 51-seater coach. We will not be able to reserve the larger coach AT SHORT NOTICE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS so unfortunately we will need to operate a Waiting List. Places from the waiting list will be offered to RAMBLERS MEMBERS FIRST. We confirm the coach size on the Monday morning following the Sunday deadline and this is too short notice for the larger executive coach.

IMPORTANT - CANCELLATIONS, NO SHOWS and PICK UPS

We are getting a lot of CANCELLATIONS in the last few days before the trip and this means people on the Waiting List will have made other arrangements when we contact them so we have empty seats on the

day. CANCEL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN PLEASE.

We are also getting a lot of 'NO SHOWS' - people who do not turn up on the day and do not let us know. PLEASE be at your pickup point ten minutes before your pickup time. The coach drivers have been waiting five minutes for people to show up and we only need a few of these and the coach can be delayed by 15-20 minutes at the meetup point. **We will be leaving each pickup point at the allotted time and no longer waiting five minutes unless you contact us.**

Please phone Christine up to 9pm on the Saturday before the trip and let her know if you will not be turning up. NO PHONE CALLS but you can msg 07599 106670 after 7:30am and before your pickup time on the morning of the trip.

We want to keep the outward journey to the meetup point to the minimum time possible. We are also **removing some of the pickup points** that have not been used since BEFORE August 2021 and where our regular travellers have a nearby alternative. This is for the benefit of everyone. **Please email** coachramblenel@gmail.com **if this causes you problems and we can discuss.**

Day visitors and people wishing to do a self-guided walk are welcome on coach ramble trips.

It is important for safety reasons that independent self-guided walkers leave details of your names, brief route description or map and a contact mobile number with the Coach Secretary or Coach Courier as we need this information in case of an incident. You will be given a NE Lancs Coach Ramble mobile number for use on the day.

'LEADERS WANTED'

SEDBERGH - 4th SEPTEMBER, - **A Leader**, 12 miles, This is the last A walk of the 2022 programme.

CONISTON - 2nd OCTOBER - **B Leader** required 10 miles or less (9) if there is a lot of strenuous climbing!

BUXTON - 6th NOVEMBER - **C and D Leaders** required 8 and 6 miles.

OTLEY - 4th DECEMBER - Festive Trip - **B and D Leaders** required 10 and 6 miles.- can be shorter as this is the Festive Trip. Advance booking for those that have travelled with us in 2022!

Travel expenses £20 and a FREE seat are available so Leaders can pioneer their walks.

Please let us have your DRAFT route before you pioneer so we can avoid to much overlap between the various walks.

You must be a Ramblers member to Lead or Back Mark.

If Ramblers NE Lancs local groups would like to make a 'special event' group booking on a Coach Ramble and provided the walk leader please contact Barbara, the Coach Secretary, to discuss terms! Discount not available if you book online and group bookings should be for Ramblers members.

Email: coachramblenel@gmail.com

If you are not a Ramblers member now is an exciting time to consider joining. You can find out more about the benefits of Ramblers membership and also [JOIN HERE.](#)

Coach Rambles are run by the North East Lancs Area of the Ramblers.



DISCOUNTS - Cotswold Outdoors - Ramblers members will know that **by using the code on their membership card** they can get discount at Cotswold Outdoors. Branches in Preston, Skipton and Manchester.

Trespass Outdoors - are now offering a 15% discount, in store only, at The Mall, Blackburn and Bury, Skipton and Preston branches on production of your Ramblers membership card at the till.

[Blacks](#) 10% discount - Skipton

[Millets](#) 15% discount - Bury and Skipton

[Rohan](#) 10% discount - Preston, Hebden Bridge and Long Preston

Go Outdoors - we understand that there may be discounts here too but you need to ask and show your membership card.

Local stores offering discounts include Ken Varey in Clitheroe and Whalley Warm and Dry.

Discounts at other stores may be available. Please let us know.

CHECK FOR MORE DISCOUNTS AND INCENTIVES [HERE](#)

Book for the NEXT Trip to SEDBERGH - 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

**BOOKINGS taken from 0900, Sunday, 7TH AUGUST 2022 for the
SEDBERGH trip.**

**IMPORTANT - We cannot accept cheques without a telephone booking
first. Send your cheque for £20 made payable to RA Coach Account to arrive
with Christine by post on Friday, 26th August. If your cheque will not arrive
in time please book online via TicketTailor.**

Christine will give you the address details and pickup time when you make your
telephone booking.

Wrongly completed cheques and those without name/s, destination and pickup
points on the reverse will be returned.

**Please book as soon as possible and by 9pm on Sunday, 28th
August on TicketTailor.**

**You must book and pay in advance to reserve a seat. Bookings are
provisional and seats cannot be guaranteed until payment is received. We**

operate a waiting list if tickets sell out early. You may lose your place to someone on the waiting list if your cheque does not arrive on time (see below).

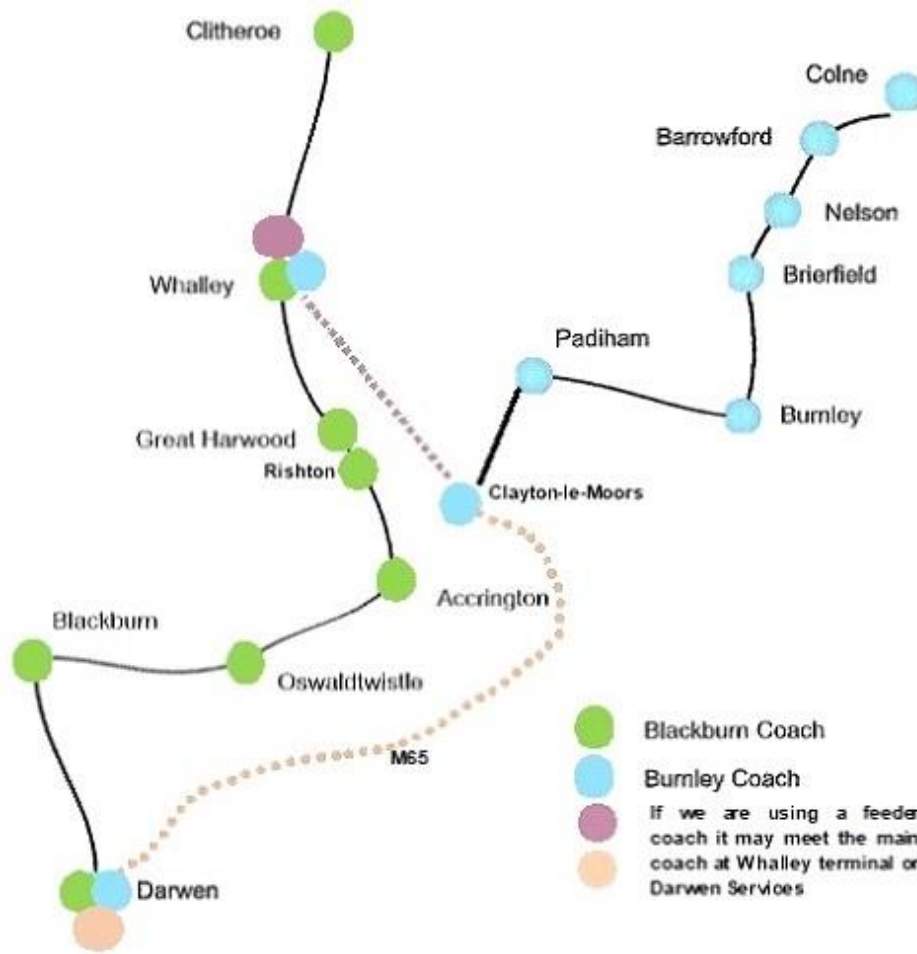
TicketTailor (see below) is a quick and easy way to book!

Email: coachramblenel@gmail.com

Pick up our latest leaflet for future 2022 trips from the courers or the coach secretary on the coach or email coachramblenel@gmail.com

Updates and last minute changes to individual trips will be notified to you via email. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to make individual telephone calls.

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR PICKUP POINTS AND TIMES HERE



There are pickup points across East Lancashire.

We are sorry but, at the moment, we cannot include extra pickup points due to the length of the journey to our ramble destinations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CHANGES TO PICKUP TIMES AND POINTS FROM AUGUST 2022



Simply click on the TicketTailor image to discover our **online ticket sales** and then select your event. You can book online *from 9am on the 4th August 2022* for SDBERGH on either the Blackburn or the Burnley coach

- other events to be added monthly. See 2022 Programme below.

CANCELLATIONS

You can cancel by phoning Christine up to 9pm on the Sunday seven days prior to the trip. For those individuals, although there is no refund, you can carry your booking forward to one of the next two available trips but you must specify which trip when cancelling and cannot have a carry forward if you cancel a second time.

PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL VIA WALK LEADERS, COURIERS or the COACH SECRETARY AS WE MAY HAVE PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST WHO WILL TAKE LAST MINUTE PLACES. Christine manages the waiting list!

If you cancel after the deadline or do not turn up on the day you will lose your money. This is due to the fact that we will have committed to a specific size of coach. ***You cannot make changes to your booking after the booking deadline as the information will already have been sent to the coach hire company. YOU CANNOT CANCEL AND THEN REBOOK YOUR PLACE.***

You cannot cancel via TicketTailor. You must cancel via Christine please.

[NE Lancs Coach Rambles Website](#)



WALKS PROGRAMME 2022

This will be our SEVENTH coach ramble for 2022. The coach trips are run by the North East Lancs Area of the Ramblers and are open to members and non-members. However, we encourage everyone to join the Ramblers after three coach rambles so if you have travelled with us three times during 2021 & 2022 please join. Leaflets are available on the coach.

You can find out more about the benefits of Ramblers membership and also [JOIN HERE](#).

You will not be covered by Ramblers insurance once you have attended three trips and you will not be eligible to volunteer with Coach Rambles if you are not a Ramblers member.



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Ramblers Website - [LINK](#)

[Facebook - www.facebook.com/coachrambler](https://www.facebook.com/coachrambler)

[Twitter - @ramblecoach](https://twitter.com/ramblecoach)

When you book with NE Lancs Coach Rambles you are accepting our terms and conditions which include the Rules which can be found on the [website](#). Insurance - Walkers undertaking taster walks are only covered by our insurance for their first three walks. In order for insurance to continue you must become a Ramblers member.



Ramblers - The coach rambles are run by members of the Ramblers North East Lancs Area. If you are not a member of the Ramblers, please join. Part of your membership fee will go to support local Ramblers groups in East Lancs. You are allowed three 'taster' walks as a non-member and after this you will be encouraged to join. We may have to introduce a system where Members can book one-week prior to non-members or, when we have a waiting list, preference may be given to Ramblers members. The Ramblers board of trustees have decided to hold fees at 2019/2020 rates for an additional year to the end of Sept 2022.

The Ramblers means The Ramblers' Association, a charity registered under number 1093577 in England and Wales and in Scotland under number SC039799, a company limited by guarantee registered under number 4458492 in England and Wales with its registered offices at 1 Clink Street, 3rd Floor, London SE1 9DG

