



**North East
Lancashire**

COACH RAMBLES Issue 17

4th OCTOBER 2022



Please forward this newsletter to a friend or fellow rambler

'LEADERS WANTED'

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. ***Possibly a C Leader 8 miles - tbc.***

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 your route so we can avoid too much overlap between the various walks.

You must be a Ramblers member to Lead or Back-Mark RAMBLERS WALKS

MAKE SURE YOUR CHEQUES ARRIVE BY THE BUXTON & OTLEY DEADLINES - POST EARLY or BOOK via TicketTailor.



BUXTON - Friday, 28th October & OTLEY - Friday, 25th November

The Communication Workers Union (CWU) has called on its members who collect, sort and deliver parcels and letters to take further national strike action on the following dates:

- Thursday 13 October 2022
- Thursday 20 October 2022
- **Tuesday 25 October 2022**
- Monday 28 November 2022

ALSO

- Deliveries on: 4, 10, 16, **25 November** and 2 December 2022



Sunday, 4th December. TICKETS ON SALE.

Ramblers Members will be able to book seats for Otley from 0900 on Sunday 2nd October (Coniston Trip).

Non-Members will be able to book from 0900 on Friday, 21st October (before the Buxton trip on 6th November).

There is NO Refund for a cancellation and NO CARRY FORWARD to February 2023 as this is a special trip.

We are sorry but as this is our **Festive Trip** we are unable to take bookings from people that have not attended a Coach Ramble during 2022. If we have seats available you will be able to book from 6.00pm on Tuesday, 8th November.

This is to ensure that Ramblers members and our regular Coach Ramblers take priority and have first choice.

NO CASH PAYMENTS FOR OTLEY CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE



BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE

6th NOVEMBER 2022 - BUXTON, *High Peak, Derbyshire*

Buxton is the place to refresh your body, mind and soul. Ramblers Members can book from Sunday, 2nd October. Non-Members from Wednesday, 12th October 2022

Home of Buxton Water, this special thermal spa town is nestled in the centre of the beautiful Peak District, surrounded by the UK's oldest National Park. Stunning ornamental gardens and world-famous Georgian and Victorian architecture provide an impressive backdrop to a rich and vibrant range of music, theatre and festivals. Discover a wealth of independent shops, cafes, bars and restaurants, natural wonders such as Poole's Cavern and relaxing spas. If you're after a Peak District adventure, a relaxing escape or a bit of both, Buxton is the place to be with East Lancs Coach Rambles on the 6th November. Buxton is surrounded by a network of public footpaths and trails waiting to be walked. ***You might get a glimpse of the fireworks from 4.00pm.***

[Buxton Town Guide](#) download.

<https://www.visitbuxton.co.uk/walking/>

<https://www.visitbuxton.co.uk/buxton-country-park-woodland-walks/>

As this is a Winter trip we will leave at 5:00pm.

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



DAY VISITORS - Discover the history of the town with Discover Buxton Tours' walking tours and character-guided tours. More information [HERE](#). All aboard, for a fun and informative tour of beautiful Buxton, on a unique Victorian style Tram. [More Information](#). From history and heritage, a walking tour featuring Buxton's finest pubs, oldest building, local bookshop and smallest museum there are lots more tours [HERE](#). Useful [BUXTON Information](#).



Serpentine Walks -

Many coach ramblers will be well acquainted with the charms of the Pavilion Gardens but how many have ventured across to the lesser-known Serpentine Walks? Explore this hidden spot by crossing Burlington Road (just next to the Pavilion Gardens Car Park by the Octagon) and heading down the steps at the bridge. Much quieter than the main gardens, this compact corner has its own wild flower meadow and if you explore a little further, you can visit the [Serpentine Community Farm](#) on Wednesdays and Sundays. These [vintage images shared by Explore Buxton](#) capture the magic of this secret nook.

This is the most accessible of the walks and the round trip takes around 30 minutes from Buxton Town Centre.



WALKERS - for those wanting a *self-guided walk* you can walk the surrounding countryside. **Self-Guided Hikers** - Just one suggestion but there are others! You might find a walk in the Goyt Valley [here](#).

If you are doing a self-guided walk please supply a route, contact mobile number and the names of the people in your party to the Coach Courier or Coach Secretary. If you are a large group (more than four) please supply this a week prior to the walk if possible.



COACH RAMBLES GUIDED WALKS - The walker leaders are:-

D Walk - 6+ miles - LEADER tbc

C Walk - 8 miles - LEADER tbc

B Walk - 10 miles - LEADER Tony Culverhouse, 10 miles. You will head north from Buxton to explore the moors and reservoirs of the Goyt Valley.

The route details will be added as soon as possible and be on the website <https://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/> - [SEE THE WEBSITE...](#)

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 BUXTON to avoid disappointment.

We will be booking a 53-seater coach. We will not be able to reserve the larger coach. Everyone is welcome but RAMBLERS MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK FIRST THEN NON-MEMBERS. We may need to operate a Waiting List. Last month six people on the waiting List were offered seats during the week prior to the trip. We confirm the coach size on the Monday morning following the Sunday deadline and this is too short notice to book the larger executive coach.

We have now included Child Tickets on TicketTailor. Children from Year 3 (aged 7 and above Key Stage 2) to Year 11 (aged 16 and under) will be classed as a child. 16 year olds that have left Year 11 will be classed as adults. Our walks, long days and coach journeys are not suitable for younger children.

Book for the NEXT Trip to BUXTON - 6th NOVEMBER 2022

We are now allowing Ramblers Members to book in advance of non-members which is the traditional way bookings were taken in previous years.

Bookings for BUXTON cannot be carried forward to OTLEY they will be carried forward to FEBRUARY 2023.

BOOKINGS taken from 0900, Sunday, 2ND OCTOBER 2022 for RAMBLERS MEMBERS.

Non-Members can book from 0900 WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER.

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, 28th October. CHECK POSTAL STRIKE DATES. 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, 30th October 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!



Simply click on the TicketTailor image to discover our **online ticket sales** and then select your event and the correct ticket.. You can book online for BUXTON & OTLEY on either the Blackburn or the Burnley coach - other events to be added for 2023.

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 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.

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](#).

Concessionary membership There are special rates so please make sure you have seen them [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](#)