



**Spring Vale  
Rambling Class  
Darwen**

**2020 Season**

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## RULES FOR RAMBLERS

1. Follow the Countryside Code.

### Respect other people:

- i. Consider other people.
- ii. Leave gates as you find them.

### Protect the natural environment.

- i. Leave no trace of your visit, take your litter home.
- ii. Keep dogs under strict control at all times.

### Enjoy the outdoors.

- i. Plan ahead and be prepared.
- ii. Follow local advice.

2. Let conduct be above reproach.
3. When visiting gentleman's ground respect the privilege and let no winton act spoil the outing.
4. Respect the peace and quiet of the countryside.
5. Please keep in touch with the leader.
6. Show the syllabus when called upon to the Secretary or other officials. The possession of a syllabus is a full credential of membership.
7. Please assemble fifteen minutes prior to the walk to ensure a prompt start.

*All rambles are earnestly requested to help and support the officials in carrying out these rules.*

## HOW EASY IS THIS WALK?

All the walks in this syllabus have now been graded for difficulty as follows:

**Easy:** Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. They will include unsurfaced rural paths. Some stiles may be encountered on the route. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

**Leisurely:** Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country. A steady pace will be maintained. Many stiles may be encountered on the route. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

**Moderate:** Walks for experienced country walkers with a good level of fitness. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness are advised to contact the secretary or leader in advance.

### Please note:

The length of the walk does not affect the degree of difficulty. Members should judge their ability to complete the walk by using three factors. 1. The length of the walk. 2. The degree of difficulty and 3. Your own level of fitness.

All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important, therefore, when entering into the activity, each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to arise.





Fellow Walkers,

I would like to wish all our members a happy and enjoyable season of walking in this our celebration year. Where does the time go? It doesn't seem that long since we were commemorating our 100th year. Mr Fielding would have been extremely proud to think that a Class which he introduced to the people of Darwen is now in its 125th year of unbroken walking! Not even wars could stop Darweners from enjoying their beautiful Lancashire countryside.

We will be celebrating our year in a variety of ways; a couple of joint walks have been arranged with our neighboring walking club, Blackburn Ramblers who are celebrating their 90th year of walking, a tea and cake walk from the Barn, Scorton has been arranged as well as a "Cheesy Walk" from Inglewhite. Our strenuous walk this year takes us to Wharfedale where we will aim to conquer one of the three peaks of the Yorkshire Dales. It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of Grace and Henry Culverhouse last year. They were both keen and loyal members of the Class for many years and we have introduced a walk in their memory.

Our Christmas meal this year will be held at The Rock, Tockholes. Places are limited so to ensure that you are not disappointed as we go to this new venue please book early with the Secretary.

Thank you to all our volunteer leaders, experienced and long established friends, as well as to the newer rambles leaders who are helping to support us with this very important role. They give up their time to provide such an interesting and varied programme of walks.

Enjoy your rambling.

*Glenda Brindle*

(On behalf of the committee)

**1<sup>st</sup> Ramble** **14<sup>th</sup> March**

**SUNNYHURST CIRCULAR**

Sunnyhurst Wood, Ryal Fold, Stepback Plantation, Lyons Den, Roddlesworth Plantation, Fine Peters, Donkey Brew, Sunnyhurst Wood.

*Walking Distance:* 6 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Alan Rogerson and Michael Counter

*Meet at:* Visitor Centre, Sunnyhurst Wood, park on Earnsdale Rd, Darwen at 11:00hrs. GR SD686233

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ramble** **Good Friday Walk** **10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**AROUND STOCKS RESERVOIR**

Gisburn Forrest Visitors Centre, New HOUSE, Copped Hill Clough, Hollin House, Embankment, Black House, Church, Causeway.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Glenda Brindle and Barbara Sharples

*Meet at:* Gisburn Forrest Visitors Centre (not The Hub), turn left on the B6478 beyond Slaidburn at 11:00hrs. GR SD627213

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ramble** **28<sup>th</sup> March**

**AROUND SMITHILLS**

Moss Bank Park, Smithills Hall, Tippet House, Colliers Row, Holden's Plantation, Burnt Edge, Barrow Bridge, Moss Bank Park.

*Walking Distance:* 7.5 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Michael Counter and Tony Culverhouse

*Meet at:* Moss Bank Park, Moss Bank Way, Bolton (A58) at 11:00hrs. GR SD693109

**4<sup>th</sup> Ramble** **11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**RODDLESWORTH**

Plantation, Lower Roddlesworth Reservoir, Embankment, Rake Brook Reservoir, Abbey Village, Withnell Saw Mill, Tockholes Plantation, Roddlesworth Visitor Centre.

*Walking Distance:* 6 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Tony Culverhouse and Michael Counter

*Meet at:* Vaughn's Cafe, Tockholes, BB3 0PA at 11:00hrs. GR SD665215

5<sup>th</sup> Ramble 25<sup>th</sup> April

**WHERNSIDE**

Bleamoor Sidings, Smithyhill, Whernside, Ellerbeck, Gunnersleeet, Ribbleshead.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Strenuous)

*Leaders:* Andrew Kimberley and Susan Fazackerley

*Meet at:* Ribbleshead Viaduct Car Park, at 11:00hrs.  
GR SD765792

6<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 5<sup>th</sup> May  
**RODDLESWORTH**

*Leader:* Andrew Kimberley (Leisurely)

*Meet at:* Vaughn's Cafe, Tockholes, BB3 0PA  
at 19:00hrs. GR SD665215

7<sup>th</sup> Ramble 9<sup>th</sup> May

**CROOK O' LUNE**

Halton Park, Hawkshead, Lower, Middle and Far Highfield, Aughton, Lawson Wood.

*Walking Distance:* 7.5 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Steph and Keith Pickup

*Meet at:* Crook O'Lune Car Park, off Low Rd, Caton, LA2 9HU at 11:00hrs. GR SD522647

8<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 19<sup>th</sup> May  
**HODDLESDEN**

*Leader:* Jane Cordingley (Leisurely)

*Meet at:* Carus Ave, Huddlesden, BB3 3LN  
at 19:00hrs. GR SD716222

9<sup>th</sup> Ramble Celebration Walk 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
**BROCK VALLEY**

Bilsborrow, Lancaster Canal, Walmsley Bridge, Inglewhite, Green Lane Farm.

*Walking Distance:* 7.3 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Michael Counter and Christine Donnelly

*Meet at:* Old Nell Cricket Club Car Park, (behind Guy's), St Michaels Rd, Bilsborrow, PR3 0RS  
at 11.00 hrs. GR SD509369. *On this Saturday 125 years ago ten rambles attended the first official walk led by Mr J T Fielden.*

10<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
**WHEELTON**

*Leader:* Steph and Keith Pickup (Leisurely)

*Meet at:* Clock Tower Memorial, Wheelton, PR6 8HZ  
at 19:00hrs. GR SD600212

11<sup>th</sup> Ramble With Blackburn Ramblers 6<sup>th</sup> June

**WRITTEN STONE**

Ribchester, Stydd Church, Mill House, Written Stone, Pinfold, New House, Ribchester.

*Walking Distance:* 7 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Michael Counter and Glenda Brindle

*Meet at:* Ribchester Car Park, PR3 3ZH  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD649352

12<sup>th</sup> Ramble With Blackburn Ramblers 14<sup>th</sup> June

**SUNDAY WALK: AROUND LONGTON**

Longton Brick Croft, Cottam Lane Farm, Much Hoole, Tarlton Lock, Marsh Farm, Hall Lane, Longton.

*Walking Distance:* 9 miles (Moderate)

*Leader:* Tony Wheeldon

*Meet at:* Longton Brick Croft Nature Reserve, Drun Acre Lane West Longton, PR4 5YY  
at 10:00hrs. GR SD480250

13<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**ENTWISTLE RESERVOIR**

*Leader:* Michael Counter (Leisurely)

*Meet at:* Batridge Barn Car Park (Upper), off Green Arms Rd, Entwistle, BL7 0LU at 19:00hrs.  
GR SD721172

14<sup>th</sup> Ramble 20<sup>th</sup> June

**GRACE and HENRY CULVERHOUSE  
MEMORIAL WALK**

Hurst Green, Stonyhurst College, Stockbridge, Longridge Fell, Holly Hall, Greengore, Hurst Green.

*Walking Distance:* 7 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Tony Culverhouse and Jane Cordingley

*Meet at:* Avenue Rd, Hurst Green, BB7 9QB  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD684381

15<sup>th</sup> Ramble 27<sup>th</sup> June

**TEA and CAKE WALK**

Scorton, Wyre Way, Garstang, Keepers Lane, Mytten Hall, Scorton. *This will be followed by tea and cake at The Barn.*

*Walking Distance:* 6 miles (Moderate)

*Leaders:* Michael Counter and Glenda Brindle

*Meet at:* The Barn, Scorton, PR3 7AU at 11:00hrs.  
GR SD502487

16<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 30<sup>th</sup> June  
**JUMBLES**

*Leader:* Barbara Sharples (Leisurely)

*Meet at:* Jumbles Country Park, off Bradshaw Rd, Bolton, BL2 4JP at 19:00hrs. GR SD736140

17<sup>th</sup> Ramble 4<sup>th</sup> July

**BURNS FELL USAF MEMORIAL**

Newton, Parrock Head, Burns Fell, US Memorial to B24 Liberator, Gamble Hole, Brown Hills, Newton.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Strenuous)

*Leaders:* Alan Rogerson and Michael Counter

*Meet at:* Newton, BB7 3DZ at 11:00hrs. GR SD697505

**18<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 14<sup>th</sup> July  
YELLOW HILLS**

*Leader:* Steph Pickup (Leisurely)  
*Meet at:* Butlers Arms, Victoria Rd, Pleasington,  
BB2 5JH at 19:00hrs. GR SD641266

**19<sup>th</sup> Ramble 18<sup>th</sup> July  
WADDINGTON**

Waddington, West Bradford, Meadow Head, Old Town  
Head, Reservoir, Bradford Fell, Waddington.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Jane Cordingley and Barbara Sharples  
*Meet at:* Country Kitchen Cafe, Waddington, BB7 3HP  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD729437

**20<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 28<sup>th</sup> July  
BRINDLE**

*Leader:* Michael Counter (Leisurely)  
*Meet at:* Brindle Hall Car Park, Water St, Brindle,  
PR6 8NH at 19:00hrs. GR SD599242

**21<sup>st</sup> Ramble 1<sup>st</sup> August  
BOLTON-BY-BOWLAND**

Skirden Bridge, Oaktrees Nursery, Hungrill Farm, Rodhill  
Gate, Hague Farm, Bolton Park, King Henry's Well,  
Gisburn Rd, Bolton-by-Bowland.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Jane Cordingley and Gill Parker  
*Meet at:* Bolton-by-Bowland Car Park, BB7 4NW  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD784493

**22<sup>nd</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 11<sup>th</sup> August  
AROUND HOUGHTON**

*Leader:* Christine Donnelly (Leisurely)  
*Meet at:* Station Rd, near The Siroin, Houghton,  
PR5 0DD at 19:00hrs. GR SD609268

**23<sup>rd</sup> Ramble 15<sup>th</sup> August  
KENT, CANAL and COUNTRY**

Sizergh, Wilson Place, Larkrigg Hall Bridge, Disused  
Canal, Sedgwick, Hincaster Tunnel, Levens Deer Park,  
Levens Hall, Strickland Arms.

*Walking Distance:* 7 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Christine Donnelly and Barbara Sharples  
*Meet at:* Layby, Strickland Arms, Sizergh nr Kendal,  
LA8 8DZ at 11.00hrs. GR SD500872

**24<sup>th</sup> Ramble Tuesday Evening Walk 25<sup>th</sup> August  
AROUND WOODNOOK**

*Leader:* Barbara Sharples (Leisurely)  
*Meet at:* King George V Playing Fields, Royds Ave,  
Accrington, BB5 2LE at 19:00hrs.  
GR SD765274

**25<sup>th</sup> Ramble 29<sup>th</sup> August  
TASTY LANCs CHEESE WALK**

Inglewhite, Higher Barker, Syke House, Bullsnape Hall,  
Lower Beesley, Lodge Farm, Inglewhite.

*Walking Distance:* 6 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Christine Donnelly and Barbara Sharples  
*Meet at:* The Green Man, Inglewhite, PR3 2LP  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD547399

**26<sup>th</sup> Ramble 12<sup>th</sup> September  
RIVINGTON**

Moor Gate Rd, Charnock Bank Lane, Upper Rivington  
Reservoir, Yarrow Reservoir, Jepson's Gate, Anglezarke.

*Walking Distance:* 8 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Tony Culverhouse and Jane Cordingley  
*Meet at:* Anglezarke Reservoir Car Park, Moor Rd,  
PR6 9DQ at 11:00hrs. GR SD620161

**27<sup>th</sup> Ramble 26<sup>th</sup> September  
YELLOW HAMMER WALK**

Ormskirk Corporation Park, Gorse Hill Nature Reserve,  
Devils Wall, Red Gate Farm, Ormskirk.

*Walking Distance:* 7 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Christine Donnelly and Tony Culverhouse  
*Meet at:* Derby St Car Park, Ormskirk, L39 2AH  
at 11:00hrs. GR SD41760823

**28<sup>th</sup> Ramble 10<sup>th</sup> October  
YARROW VALLEY COUNTRY PARK**

Yarrow Valley Country Park, Drybones, Saunders Bank,  
A6, Hogg Lane, Canal, Ellerbeck Hall, Railway  
Embankment, Drybones, Birkacre.

*Walking Distance:* 7.5 miles (Moderate)  
*Leaders:* Barbara Sharples and Christine Donnelly  
*Meet at:* Yarrow Valley Park, Birkacre Rd, Coppull,  
BB7 3QL at 11:00hrs GR SD570152

**29<sup>th</sup> Ramble 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**SPRING VALE CIRCULAR AND  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

There will be a short walk prior to the Tea and AGM.

*Walking Distance:* 5 miles  
*Leaders:* Michael Counter and Alan Rogerson  
*Meet at:* Spring Vale Methodist Church at 14:00hrs  
GR SD700209

A Potato Pie Tea will be available at the end of this  
ramble for which please notify Glenda prior to the day.  
The tea will be followed by the AGM which will continue  
until approximately 18:30hrs.

Please come along to support us and bring along any  
suggestions for next year's walks. All members are  
welcome.

The Season's walks continue with the Winter Rambles  
programme for 2020-21. See next page for full details of  
dates and meeting venues.

## WINTER RAMBLES PROGRAMME

There will be a Saturday ramble starting at 11.00 hours every fortnight. The leader will be at the start point even when the weather is exceptionally poor. Normally the walk will be graded "moderate" but the leader reserves the right to alter the walk depending upon prevailing conditions on the day.

Date and Leader	Meeting Place
07.11.20 Christine Donnelly	Burys Country Park, Woodhill Rd, Bury, BL8 1DA
21.11.20 Jane Cordingley	Rivington Village Car Park, Rivington Lane, BL6 7SB
05.12.20 Andrew Kimberley	Brinscull Baths, Lodge Bank, PR6 8QU
12.12.20 <i>Christmas Meal</i>	The Rock Inn, Tockholes, BB3 0LU Contact the Secretary to confirm your booking.
09.01.21 Jane Cordingley	Barley Village Car Park, BB12 9JX
23.01.21 Barbara Sharples	Huish Country Park, Red Rock Lane, Standish, WN1 2UW
06.02.21 Michael Counter	Reedley Marina, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB12 0DX
20.02.21 Steph & Keith Pickup	The Wheatsheath, Outlane, Croston, PR26 9HJ
06.03.21 Glenda Brindle	St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, Bb1 9EQ



## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS

The Class originated in November 1895 during a lecture given by Mr J T Fielding. The first ramble was on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1896 when ten gentlemen attended. It wasn't until 1901 that ladies were allowed to go on certain rambles. The first of these was on 25<sup>th</sup> May when 157 rambblers turned out! Since 1917 all rambles have been open to ladies.

It is recorded that 750 members attended "a first ramble to Buxton, Derbyshire on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1905". Rambles into the Ribble Valley would usually start with a train journey to Clitheroe. In 1923 the train fare from Spring Vale to Clitheroe was one shilling and eleven pence return (9 pence today).

From 1896 - 1930 Mr Fielding led all the rambles and was later succeeded as leader by Mr J Kershaw (1932 - 1965). After 1965 the members chose the leader.

Mr Fielding was also Secretary of the Class from 1909 to 1930 and was later succeeded by Mr D Tattersall (1931 - 1935), Mr A Clapham (1936 - 1953), Mr W Moss (1954 - 1962), Mr V Lightbown (1963 - 1969). Miss M G Brindle has been Secretary since 1970.

Since 1931 there have been six Presidents. Mr D Tattersall in 1931, Mr J R Jepson (1932 - 1944), Mrs E Lord (1946 - 1958), Mr J Tattersall (1959 - 1974), Mr B Lawrence (1975 - 1995). Mr Michael Counter became President of the Class in 1996.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

1. Carry out any first aid as necessary.
2. Make the patient comfortable and keep warm.
3. Send experienced people for help.
4. Dial 999 and ask for the Police. Give details of the incident, your location (ideally terrain and grid reference), the name, gender and age of the casualty, the number of people in the party, the colour of your clothing/equipment, your mobile telephone number.
5. Do not switch off mobile telephones and stay by them.
6. Someone must stay with the injured party and keep them warm.
7. The international distress signal is 6 blasts on a whistle or 6 torch flashes at 1 minute intervals.

Several Search and Rescue Teams cover our walking area. The Police will coordinate the most appropriate team.

### WHAT RAMBLERS SHOULD REMEMBER

1. That the countryside is their heritage and not to be abused by throwing away lighted matches or cigarettes in the dry grass or heather.
2. That uprooted plants and ferns, and broken branches, all help denude the countryside and spoil its beauty.
3. That bunches of flowers cast away after gathering are a blot on the countryside.
4. That gates should be closed after using them and farmers not caused extra work searching for stray cattle or horses; **THIS SHOULD BE THE DUTY OF THOSE IN THE REAR OF THE PARTY ON EACH RAMBLE.**
5. "Pray leave no traces of your wayside meal,  
No paper bags, no scattered orange peel,  
Nor daily journal littered on the grass,  
Others may view these with distaste and pass,  
Let no one say, and say to your shame,  
That all was beauty here before you came".  
*(copied)*
6. Time taken to decompose...  
Banana skins: 3-4 weeks  
Orange peel: 6 months  
Apple core: 2 months  
Cigarette ends: 10-12 years  
Plastic bottles: 450 years  
Aluminium cans: 200-500 years
7. Don't leave it, take your litter home.
8. Strong footwear and appropriate clothing is recommended for all rambles.



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