



The Sheffield Rambler

COACH RAMBLES:

SUNDAY APRIL 7TH. NOTHING IN THE DIARY?

Problem solved. There are still some places available on this year's first coach ramble. We are visiting The Howardian Hills in North Yorkshire. This is a designated area of outstanding natural beauty. As usual there will be two led walks.

The A walk (11.5 miles approximately, led by Malcolm Dixon and Judy Gathercole) will start from a drop off in Hovingham and follow the Ebor way towards Terrington and Bulmer before heading back through the Castle Howard Estate to Coneysthorpe for a pick up by the coach, which will then go to Malton.

The B walk (9 miles, led by John and Joan Taylor) is a circular walk and will start from Coneysthorpe. At the end of the walk the coach will take the group on to Malton. Details of the walks will be in the walks programme on the website once the reccies have been completed.

Malton is an attractive and vibrant Yorkshire market town of Roman origin with plenty of shops, cafes and pubs. Castle Howard and its grounds will be open in April.

All members are welcome to join our coach rambles, including those who do not walk with our groups. It is also possible to come along and walk independently or to just explore the area. Those who are not walking with our led groups can be dropped off at Malton or at Castle Howard and be picked up from there later in the afternoon.

The coach will depart at 8.00am from Arundel Gate/Howard St and will leave Malton for the return to Sheffield no later than 6.00pm.

For further enquiries or to reserve a place, please [email lizmsavage@aol.com](mailto:lizmsavage@aol.com) or phone/text 07711353310

Future Coach Ramble dates for later this year

Sunday 12th May	Yorkshire coast
Tuesday 18th June	Marsden
Wednesday 31st July	Haworth
Sunday 29th September	Kirby Stephen



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No, that's not a proofreading error. April 7th is a very busy day.

COUNTRYFILE



As you may be aware the Council of National Parks and the YHA held a joint event to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the passing of the National Parks Act at Castleton on Friday, March 22nd.

About 80 of us, representing a large number of different organisations with at least 5 from Sheffield Ramblers, and our national Chairman, Kate Ashbrook, turned out on a lovely day to go walking, and that we did - all the way up to Hollins Cross and back down again.

Due to our having Matt Baker (pictured below) and a TV team from the BBC's 'Countryfile' programme along to film us and to record a number of interviews along the way, progress was relatively slow with lots of hanging around whilst the interviews were done (and often done again). So much for show business - at least it wasn't raining and we got an excellent buffet meal at the end!

Anyway, the programme will be going out on **Sunday April 7th**. Being as it's also the date of our next Coach Ramble and you'll all be joining us for a choice of walks in the Howardian Hills, that means you'll have to set your TV boxes or VCRs to record it or use iPlayer, depending on your choice of technology, to watch it after we get back.

Malcolm Dixon



SPIRIT OF KINDER DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 27

ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY (Very busy month, April!)

On Saturday 27th April, the *Spirit of Kinder Day* will be held in Winnats Pass, Castleton. This is a follow-on from the event of March 22nd, again celebrating the 70th anniversary of the foundation of our National Parks in 1949. It is also to commemorate the Mass Trespass of Kinder Scout on April 24th, 1932 and the subsequent access rally in Winnats Pass, attended by 10,000 people who were appalled by the harsh penalties imposed on the Mass Trespass leaders.



Original trespassers

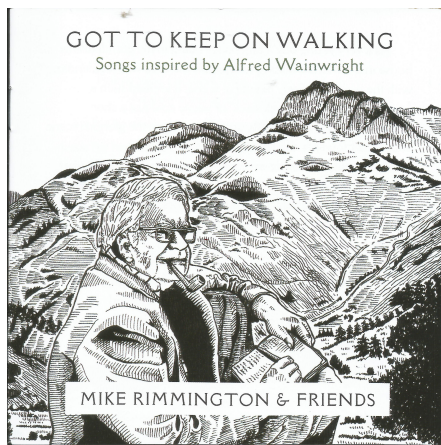
Speakers will include:

Lord David Blunkett	Former Home Secretary and president of the South Yorkshire & North East Derbyshire Ramblers;
Hilary McGrady	Director General of the National Trust;
Sue Hayman	Shadow Environment Minister;
Lynn Robinson	President of the British Mountaineering Council;
Ruth George	Local MP for High Peak;
Andrew McCloy	Chair of the Peak District National Park Authority.



THINGS TO SEE AND DO

The event hopes to recreate the atmosphere of the famous rallies of the 1920s and 30s and, to this end, music will be provided by Mike Rimmington & Friends, and there will be a reading by Izzy Stewart, a member of Sheffield's Woodcraft Folk.



Mike Rimmington & Friends

You will also be able to see the badges and flags designed and made as a result of the People's Landscape Project, which has been engaging young people from rural Peak District and urban Sheffield communities, to build deeper connections and responses to the Dark Peak's landscape and emotive history.

In addition, a group from the National Trust's Arts and Crafts Wightwick Manor House, near Wolverhampton, will be bringing a banner showing its former owner, Geoffrey Mander MP, who was a regular speaker at the Winnats rallies in the 1930s.

Admission to the Spirit of Kinder Day is free and open to all. People are advised to arrive early and either walk to the event or use public transport, as parking is limited. Castleton is served by regular buses from Sheffield.

The artistic commissions have been supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, with additional support from Art Fund and Breedon Cement.

For further information: contact Roly Smith on 01629 812034.

In the event of bad weather, the event will be held indoors at the Peveril Conference Centre in Buxton Road, Castleton.



WALKS ON THE SPIRIT OF KINDER DAY

National Trust and Peak District National Park volunteers will be leading guided walks to the rally from local train stations, walking in the footsteps of campaigners of the past.

Here are details of two walks you might want to join:

1) An 8-mile leisurely walk starting at 10.15am from Hope. The route will pass the iconic Ward's Piece and the Great Ridge to reach Mam Tor before descending to Castleton for lunch. After lunch members can make their own way to the rally. The return walk will follow the path via Goosehill Hall into Castleton and then the path alongside Peakshole Water back to Hope.

Meet: Hope public toilets, SK170835.
(Train Sheffield-Hope: 9.14am)

Leader: David Gadd



Mam Tor

2) An 8.5-mile walk starting at 9.30am from Ladybower Inn. The route will take in Win Hill, Twitchill Farm, Losehill Farm, Lose Hill and Only Grange Farm, and will arrive at Winnats Pass around 1.00pm for lunch. Bus back from Castleton after the rally.

Meet: Ladybower Inn, SK205865.

(Bus 273 from Sheffield
Interchange at 9:00am)

Leader: Judy Gathercole



Lose Hill



SHEFFIELD VISUALLY IMPAIRED WALKING GROUP

FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE 2019: ONE MORE DIARY DATE

In June 2017, Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group (SVIWG) completed the Sheffield Round Walk to raise money for our own walking group's funds and Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB). Through sponsorship and donations we managed to raise a whopping £3,200.00.

Our Fundraising Challenge for 2019 will take place on Saturday 11th of May. We are going to walk the old Dukes Road, a 12.5 mile walk, starting and finishing in Low Bradfield. Walking time is approximately 6 to 6 ½ hours.

If you would like to join us, we are meeting at Poundland in the High Street 8.15am to catch the 8.39am Blue Route Supertram to Hillsborough Interchange, then the 9.10am number 62 bus to Low Bradfield. The terrain has some ups and downs but is mostly on good tracks over fields and open moorland, with lovely scenery and beautiful views.

Route:

Low Bradfield to High Bradfield
above Agden Reservoir.



Then we follow the old Dukes Road to Back Tor for lunch. After lunch we'll make our way to Strines Reservoir.

Then we'll pass Dale Dike Reservoir before returning to Bradfield on country lanes.

David Cadet

You can visit the SRSB website to find out about donating : www.srsb.org.uk



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DO OTHER WALKERS KNOW WHAT THE RAMBLERS DO FOR THEM?

SITUATIONS VACANT

Publicity Officer wanted:

Immediate start.

Apply within for details.

From time to time I hear people say that the Ramblers should get more publicity. Whether nationally or locally, a lot of the things that make walking such a pleasure have come about through Ramblers' campaigns. Nationally, we remember the important part that the Ramblers – the RA back in those days - played in the setting up of the National Parks and getting

access for us to massive areas of land. Locally, we have campaigned for some of the best paths in the area to be kept open, and for new paths to be created. Our Fix-It group has cleared and improved lots of paths, now back in regular use. And, of course, our excellent walks programme helps many many walkers to enjoy our countryside.

But do we do as much as we could to publicise our work? Almost certainly not. There are many local walkers who don't hear about what we do to maintain and protect the footpath network and to get new rights of way. If they knew more about what we do, they might join us, or at least support us, even if they walk alone, with friends, or with other groups.

We are looking for someone to help make us better known. It wouldn't be starting with a blank sheet of paper. We already do quite a lot of publicity – for example, the website and this newsletter. From time to time we have articles in the Star and Sheffield Telegraph. But there is certainly more that could be done, such as getting more press coverage, perhaps on local radio, for things like our walks programme, the new footpaths that we've secured, and what the Fix-it Group has done. And you might well have your own ideas about what you could do.

So, are YOU interested? There is support available from the Ramblers Central Office, and if you need to learn how to do things, they would help. You would be supported by the Sheffield Group officers and the committee, but you could also shape the job to what interests you.

If this sounds like something that you'd like to discuss, please have a word with any member of the committee, or Neill Schofield, on 0114 272 4499



CLARION CALL GIG FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH

AND YET ANOTHER DIARY DATE!

Sheffield Ramblers will be promoting a concert by a collection of local singers and musicians led by Mike Rimmington at the Shakespeare's Pub in Gibraltar Street on Friday October 25th starting at 20:00pm. You are all invited to join us.

Mike and his friends had already written a series of songs celebrating Alfred Wainwright (available on CD: 'Got To Keep On Walking', see Page 4) when he heard Terry Howard talking about G.H.B. Ward and the Clarion Ramblers and their fight for access in the local Peak District. Out of that came another collection of songs, many of which were premiered at our Group's AGM last November.

Our concert in October will be a chance to hear a selection of both collections of songs. We hope you can join us. There will be a small admission charge and booking will open soon.

Malcolm Dixon



Shakespeare's Pub
(from their website)

Thanks again to Tony Allsopp for the Ramblers pictures.

