

# The Sheffield Rambler



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## Walk Leaders Meeting

Recently, on July 18th, we held a very successful walk leaders meeting. It was great to see so many of our keen and interested members willing to help in providing another first class walking programme.

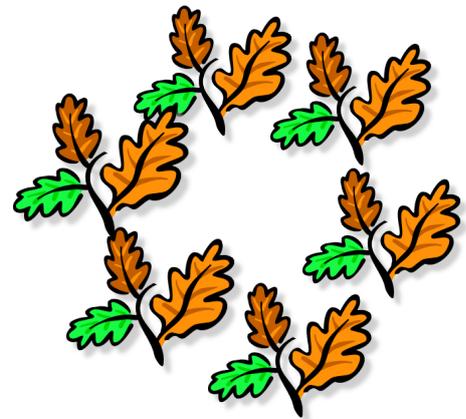
The focus of the meeting was an introduction by Davie Jeffries to the new online walks registration programme. Dave gave a very clear presentation which explained how walks are entered on the programme and clarified a number of concerns raised by members of the audience. I am sure that we all felt a lot more confident about this new approach to entering our walks by the end of the evening.

Don't worry if you do not have access to the Internet, we haven't forgotten you! If you want to enter a walk and don't use a computer, please ask a member of the Rambles Committee or ring on 0114 2295476 for a paper form then ask a friend or Rambles Committee member to enter it for you.

At the meeting, we also briefly discussed the need for a more dynamic message on our *Walks and Events Programme* as we felt that this might encourage more people to join us. This year we may be introducing a new "strap line" to the front cover: "Lets Get Ready To Ramble". The Rambles Committee will discuss this

I'd like to say a big "Thank You" to all those who have led walks in the past and to all those who are leading in the coming year.

**Terry Howard**  
Chairperson



## New Leaders

We hope by now that all the old timers are busy sorting out their walks for next year. However, we are always looking for new blood, so...

If you would like to lead a walk and haven't done so before please send an email to:

[rambles@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:rambles@sheffieldramblers.org)

## Do you want to lead a walk in 2014?

The new on-line walks entry system went live at the beginning of August. All the walks leaders we know about have already been given login codes so that they can access the system. The codes are needed because only members of the Ramblers can lead walks for us so they need to be accredited.

The web walks entry system can only be accessed by accredited leaders but it may be of interest to other ramblers. In many ways it reflects the paper system but I think it has several advantages.

- Walk leaders can choose the date for their walk provided that it has not been taken by another leader (though they can always try to negotiate a date change).
- It will cut down the amount of typing for Paul Pugh who produces the Walks and Events Programme. This also allows us to have a later closing date for walks information.
- With the paper system there was a lot of work just putting walks into order for the programme which should not be necessary.
- If there are changes to bus times etc. these can be updated right up to the walk entry closing date, although there are always changes by the companies later.
- The information gathered can be used for both our paper programme and the Ramblers on-line list of walks (the Next Walks on our web page).
- Initially we will only accept one walk on a day but when the days have been filled for the year we can accept an additional walk for a date.

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List Walks Add Walk Add Leader(s) Edit Leader(s) Log out Help

**Add a walk**

Walk date: 22-07-2013

There is no walk booked for 22-07-2013. You can add your walk.

Walk Title: Spirit of Kinder: Edale to New Mills Leader(s):

Dave Jefferies

Bus/train time: hh 09 mm 14

Start Grid Ref: SK654321

Walk Start time: hh 09 mm 55

Transport Details:

Train to Edale

Route Details:

Edale, Barber Booth, Jacob's Ladder, Hayfield, New Mills. Return by train

Full distance in miles: 12

Linear/circular:  Linear  Circular

Grade:  Easy  Intermediate  Moderate  Strenuous

No dogs:

July 2013  
Mon 22nd  
Spirit of Kinder: Edale to New Mills - linear  
0914 - Train to Edale, SK654321, walk starts 0955.  
Edale, Barber Booth, Jacob's Ladder, Hayfield, New Mills. Return by train  
12 miles linear - moderate. No dogs.  
Leader Dave Jefferies

I am also putting a similar walk entry system on the web for our Walking Out walks but this won't be ready for a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions or comments email me at [it@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:it@sheffieldramblers.org).

**Dave Jefferies**

## RAMBLES

### A few things for us all to remember

The Rambles Committee are rather concerned that recently some of our walking groups are getting very spread out. We know that some ramblers have been commenting on this.

We do realise that people naturally walk at different paces, but, if you are on a group walk, you should try to walk at the group pace and stay in touch with the leader. Please let the leader set the pace of the walk. If you like to walk faster on some stretches, then you need to wait for the rest of the group at regular intervals, especially at junctions. It is also particularly important at junctions to be sure that the folks behind you have seen which way you are going.

We also realise that some people like to take a bit more time than others looking at points of interest. If you are looking at the scenery or reading notices or taking photos, please do remember that this needs to be done within the whole timescale of a walk, which may well be dictated by bus/train times.

One final point. If you intend to take a detour or to leave the group early, you must inform the leader.

We don't want to sound pedantic but it is hard for the leader if the group gets too spread out. Everyone has to do their bit to help the group stay together.

**Rambles Committee**

### And one or two more for leaders

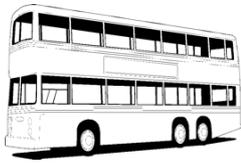
I would like to remind walk leaders that they have the right to refuse anyone who wants to join a walk if they believe the walk is unsuitable for that person, and to direct him or her to more suitable walks, either in the main programme or "Walking Out". Refusing to allow someone to join a walk is never easy, but it may be necessary when leaders believe there is a cause for concern.

Walk leaders also need to remember that, being in the public eye with a high degree of responsibility, they should make sure everyone is accounted for at the end of a walk before heading for home. It is particularly important to check when there are new walkers with the group or you are in an area that the people in the group are not familiar with.

**Terry Howard**



## TRANSPORT



There is not a great deal to report at present. As you all know from the last newsletter the 214 has now stopped. It has replaced by the 218 which runs along Abbeydale Road through Baslow, Bakewell, back to Chatsworth then on to Matlock. There is now no bus to Bakewell going along Ecclesall Road during the week.

On Monday to Friday the last 65 bus leaves Buxton, going through Tideswell, to Sheffield at 13.00 (apart from one at 19.00). However, the 66 leaves Buxton at 16.00, arrives in Tideswell at 16.28 and connects with a 65, which starts at Calver Sough .

Changes planned for Sheffield buses in September seem unlikely to affect us (apart from a number, and possible time change on the 11/12 routes). There is a consultation going on at the moment. You can pick up a questionnaire on buses. We don't yet know of any Derbyshire changes for the Autumn.

John and I tried to make the case, at the last Sheffield Transport User Group, for more buses to the Peak District, perhaps jointly run by South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, but I don't think we got very far. However, one or two folk seemed to take some notice, so you never know!

If you haven't already done so, please register for the **Walks Updates Group** on the website to keep up to date with changes to walks.

**Judy Gathercole**

## A G M Reminder – 12th November 2013

It will soon be time again for our Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, 10, St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW.

The Speaker at the meeting will be Roy Taylor of the RSPB, who represents one of the main partners of the *Sheffield Moors Partnership* and he is a key player across the Partnership. Not to be missed – “Our moors, our future”.

*Sheffield Moors Partnership* covers all the moors belonging to Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority between Fox Hagg at Lodge Moor to Gardoms Edge near Baslow. All these moorland areas will be managed in the foreseeable future by the ‘partners’ including the National Trust, RSPB and the Wildlife Trust. They will be responsible for improving public access and encouraging wildlife along with other matters which are of interest to us. We have already been involved with them and this is a great opportunity for all members to find out for themselves what is going on and what they would like to see happen.

As usual at the AGM there will be a short business meeting to discuss what we have done this year and to elect next year's committee. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

**Val Coleman**  
Secretary