



# The Sheffield Rambler

# AGM

**DATE:** Monday, 13th November

**TIME:** 7.30pm

**PLACE:** Friends' Meeting House  
St James Street

**Now you can't say you didn't notice it!!**

## Reminder

Terry Howard is stepping down as chairperson after 17 years in the role and David Woodhead is also giving up his role as Footpaths Secretary.

We NEED replacements!!!

If you would like to put yourself forward for either of these posts, please contact the secretary: [secretary@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:secretary@sheffieldramblers.org). Nominations can also be taken at the AGM from the floor. The AGM will vote on nominations if two or more people are nominated or will endorse the nomination if there is only one candidate.



## AGM Speaker: BILL GORDON

Bill Gordon, who was the Estate Manager and National Park Ranger for North Lees, which includes Stanage, for around 30 years, has recently retired and moved to Cornwall. He is returning to Sheffield to be this year's AGM speaker.

Bill was awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's birthday honours list this year for his services to Wildlife. He is noted particularly for his outstanding contribution to the protection of the Ring Ouzel. This bird is in decline throughout the UK except in Stanage where it is thriving. This is largely due to Bill Gordon's work in seeking out their nests and encouraging climbers and walkers to avoid the nesting areas until the chicks have fledged.



**Ring Ouzel at Burbage**

**Photo from Sheffield Telegraph article (25/03/2017) by David Bocking**

Bill has also carried out some fascinating research into the cultural heritage of the Stanage area and has uncovered the story of the now long-gone Stanage Cottage, built at Hollin Bank as the home for the gamekeeper of the original shooting estate.

Bill is a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker and I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy his talk.



## More Ring Ouzels

Courtesy of Ron Marshall from Barnsley



## Report on Leaders meeting, Monday October 2nd, 2017

A group of about 25 walks leaders met up recently in the Friends Meeting House for a general discussion around the organization and running of our walks programme. There were a couple of points of general interest arising from the meeting which we would like to bring to your attention.

The first point concerns a situation which has occurred on some of our walks lately when walkers have got so spread out that the back half are out of contact with the leader. We would like to ask you to make sure, whenever you are at a path junction, that the people behind you know which route the group is taking; just wait at the junction long enough to be certain that those behind have seen which way you are turning. It is difficult for the leader to see everyone all the time so if we all watch out for each other, we can help to prevent this type of split occurring.

Secondly, we are aware that some people like to use their cars when possible, especially those of you who do not yet have the advantage of a bus pass! There are times when it is possible to use cars even if it is not a circular walk. For example if a walk starts at Hathersage and finishes at Fox House you can leave a car at Fox House to join the bus and walk back to your car.

From now on leaders can add any information of this kind, on relevant walks, at the end of the route description in the information about the walk. We hope people will find this helpful. (More details on this issue are on the next pages.)

If you have any other concerns about our walks, please let the Rambles Committee know at [rambles@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:rambles@sheffieldramblers.org).

Happy walking to everyone!

**The Rambles Committee**



## Car Friendly Rambles

Sheffield Ramblers continue to be committed to using public transport to access walks where possible, but many of us like to use our cars sometimes to shorten journeys, save time and even, in these days of increasing fares and increasing bus pass age, to save money. Though many regular Ramblers could take Sheffield and Peak district buses as a specialist subject on Mastermind, newer walkers and potential walkers can be confused by the complexity of our transport system. We are, therefore, adding to our walks programme information about where it is possible to park a car to join the walk.

This extra information will only apply to a limited number of walks and is optional and at the walk leaders discretion. If walk leaders are unsure about parking, then they can simply omit any reference to cars and, as now, it will be up to walkers to research transport possibilities themselves and, if in doubt, to contact the leader or email the Rambles Committee ([rambles@sheffieldramblers.org](mailto:rambles@sheffieldramblers.org)).

The information about cars will be entered at the end of the route details. The location where car users can park will be given and, when this location allows the driver to join the outward journey, the time when the train or bus arrives at the parking spot will also be given. If it is possible to return to the car parking area by train or bus, this will be indicated, but no time will be specified. Here are some examples:

### Park at the start

#### **Wed.11-10-2017**

High to Low Bradfield- A diversion

09.20 - 61 bus from Arundel Gate or Hillsborough Interchange (9.35) to High Bradfield SK268925, walk starts 09.51 - Rocher Head, Dukes Road, Lost Lad, Dale Dyke, Low Bradfield. **(Cars park High Bradfield for return on bus.)**

12.5 miles linear - moderate. No Dogs

#### **Tues. 02-06-2015**

All Downhill again

09.45 - 272 bus to Foxhouse, SK267803, walk starts 10.18 - Foxhouse, Hathersage, Bamford, Hope. **(Cars park Foxhouse for return on bus.)**

8 miles linear intermediate



## Park at the finish

### **Wed. 04-10-2017**

Woods & Moors To Foxhouse

09.25 - 65 bus to Foolow, SK191768, walk starts 10.20 - Great Hucklow Wood, Abney Moor, Coppice Wood, Yarncliffe Wood, Foxhouse. (Cars park Foxhouse to join bus at 9.53.)

12.5 miles linear - moderate. No Dogs

### **Wed. 18-10-2017**

The Cuckoo Way

09.44 train to Retford (low level station) SK704802, walk starts 10.30 - The Chesterfield canal, Retford, Worksop. (Cars park Worksop to join train at 10.14.)

10 miles linear - intermediate. No dogs

## Park at a common point on routes out and back

### **Sun. 25th Oct**

Woods, moorland, fields, rivers and a visit to Fair Flora

09.33 65 bus to centre of Grindleford SK245777, walk starts 10.05 - Goatscliffe farm, Eyam Moor, Offreton Moor, Hurtsclough, Bamford, Ridgeway, Hathersage. (Cars park Foxhouse to join bus at 09.58. Return to car park on bus.)

12.5 miles linear moderate

### **Wed 31-05-2015**

Tramways, Bridleways and Highways.

09.20 train to Chinley SK038826, walk starts 10.00 - Chapel Milton, Sparrowpit, Hope. (Cars park Bamford station to join train at 09.40. Return to car park on bus.)

12 miles linear - moderate. No dogs.

We hope this helps current walkers and encourages new people to come out on our walks. It is important, however, to bear in mind that parking cannot be guaranteed and that on a small number of routes buses may fill up on some days before they reach the car parking area. Also, a seemingly short bus journey can be disproportionately expensive. We would also like to encourage car sharing when possible.

**Liz Savage**

