

**LYTHAM ST ANNES  
RAMBLING CLUB  
Spring 2019**



**BOOKING ON RAMBLES: - RING 01253 804014 (Voicemail)  
Alternatively Email: [booking@lytham-ramblers.co.uk](mailto:booking@lytham-ramblers.co.uk)**

Dear member, we are now almost a third of the way through our ramble year and we thought we should update you regarding the club's operating position.

**Attendance** at our rambles continues to increase and in the first few walks this year we had to have a reserve list. Suffice to say that with one exception, everyone who wanted to go on a ramble did get a seat. The situation prompted us to change the way we accept bookings. In order to give everyone a fair chance to book, we no longer take advance bookings on the coach. Booking now opens at 7:00PM on the Monday following the last ramble and can be made by calling the booking line or Emailing the booking team as before. In another attempt to manage numbers, we also closed the membership to new members. We will continue to review the situation and open membership as and when the committee feel we can accommodate new walkers without compromising the ability of existing members being able to get a seat.

For more details see the website: [www.lytham-ramblers.co.uk/booking policy V2.pdf](http://www.lytham-ramblers.co.uk/booking%20policy%20V2.pdf)

**Financially**, we continue to make good progress and many members have taken advantage of the tokens we issued to those who had attended more than 4 rambles during last year. At the AGM we made a commitment to continue to reward members for supporting the club by issuing tokens again each year, providing sufficient funds are created to allow us to do this.

**2019 Programme:**

DATE	WALKING AREA	MAP	DATE	WALKING AREA	MAP
07-Apr	Coniston	OL6/7	21-Apr	EASTER: NO RAMBLE	
05-May	Llangollen	E255	19-May	Thelkeld	OL4
02-Jun	Ambleside	OL7	16-Jun	Dent	OL2
07-Jul	Keswick	OL4	21-Jul	Glenridding	OL5
04-Aug	Hayfield	OL1	18-Aug	Grasmere	OL7
01-Sep	Appleby	OL19	15-Sep	Sedbergh	OL2
06-Oct	Grassington	OL2/30	20-Oct	Malham	OL2
DATE	WALKING AREA	MAP	DATE	WALKING AREA	MAP
03-Nov	Hawkshead	OL7	17-Nov	Kirkby Stephen	OL19
01-Dec	Windermere	OL7	15-Dec	XMAS: NO RAMBLE	
<b>2020</b>					
05-Jan	Bolton Abbey	OL2/21	19-Jan	Staveley	OL18/23
02-Feb	Downham	OL21/41	16-Feb	Hawes	OL2/30
01-Mar	Kettlewell	OL2/21	15-Mar	Langdale	OL6/7
05-Apr	Troutbeck	OL7	19-Apr	EASTER: NO RAMBLE	

**New Members booklets** have been printed and have been issued to those members we have seen on the coach. We will hand out others as we see you and will post out booklets to the remaining members shortly.

**MEALS NOTE:** We are increasingly under pressure to provide advance orders for meals. We have already taken orders for Llangollen and will also need to take advance orders for Threlkeld. It would increase our opportunities for alternative meal venues if we could do this for all rambles in future. As a result, the committee decided to extend the trial for a few walks to see what issues might arise. In future when you book for a ramble, please could you take a look at the menu and let us have your meal choice. If, by

any chance, you have forgotten, you can always check the list using the **'Have I booked'** option on the website. We will also have a paper copy on the coach, just check with Bev Peacock, our new Social Secretary.

**Calling the Emergency Services** can be tricky in areas of the fells with poor mobile coverage. To increase your chances of getting help, we advise all members to register their mobiles for use with the 112 SMS service. Text (SMS) messages have a greater chance of being picked up than phone calls in poor signal areas. In order to be able to use this service, members need to register.

Here is a quick guide how to do it:

Open up text messaging on your phone: ***(this is SMS. NOT Whatsapp, Instagram or Facebook Messenger).***

Enter 112 in the send to field: In the message add the following text: ***'Please could you register this mobile for use on the 112 SMS service'*** then press send. You will immediately get the following reply:

***'After reading ALL this message, SEND THE WORD 'YES' TO 999 TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION – otherwise your phone is not registered. In an Emergency you will know your message has been received ONLY when you get a reply from the emergency service; until then, continue to try other methods. Full details, Terms and Conditions are available at [www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk)'***

After you have read this reply, **create a new text to number 999 and send the word YES**. You will then get the following message: ***'Your telephone number is registered with the emergencySMS Service. Please don't reply to this message. For more information go to <http://emergencysms.org.uk>'***

Your number is now registered. We recommend ALL members register. The emergency SMS can be used anytime you need to contact the emergency services where a phone signal is not available.

This guide will also be made available on the website.

**Website and LSARC Email.** We continue to have issues with delayed messages sent from our present host. We are currently taking steps to move our website and Email service to a new host. When this happens, we may face some disruption and loss of service whilst the new host takes over. We will give you as much notice as we can and will put some temporary booking and notification processes in place if necessary. Watch this space for further news.

**Bonnie Scotland:** Many of our members enjoyed a short break hill walking in Crieff. The hotel was excellent and the walking enhanced by some exceptionally fine weather. Many thanks to Geoff, Kevin and Allan for leading some challenging and interesting walks during the week, it was much appreciated by all who went. We will put a review and some photos up on the website shortly. For those who would like to book for the Scotland trip next year, here is the information you will need:

The 2020 Scotland Walking Holiday will be going to Boat of Garten in The Cairngorm National Park. It will take place from **22nd to the 27th March 2020**. The trip includes coach transfers to Boat of Garten and 5 nights at 'The Boat'. The cost is £495pp sharing a double or twin room. Single Rooms are available at a £100 supplement. **For more details, contact G-Line on 01253 725999 - NOTE that this holiday will NOT be listed in the G-Line brochure.**

Please also find attached, a copy of the minutes of the AGM in March. A huge number of you attended and it made for a very interesting meeting.

Two final points:

- STOP SHRAPNEL REQUEST. Welcome to new Coach Secretary, Gayle. To help her, or whoever banks the coach fares and raffle money, please pay using bank notes, £1 and £2 coins only, if possible. (no silver or copper please, as the bank will not take it)

- WANNABE WALK LEADERS. Chris Cox is leading the C walk at Ambleside on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Anyone interested in learning to lead can be mentored for a leg of that walk. Please contact Chris to express your interest.

**Kind Regards, Allan Clarke**