



NEWSLETTER – December 2018

Oadby Hillwalking Club

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#### **December Mid Month Walk**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Meet Queens Head Saddington 9:30 am, 7miles led by Catherine Gwinnett.

#### **New Years Day Walk**

Eileen Pott is leading a 12 mile walk on New Year's day starting from Cropston church (OS 246 554109) 9:30am. All welcome on a Figure of eight walk: 6 miles in morning, 6 miles in the afternoon. Bring a Packed Lunch.

#### **Next monthly walk Sunday 6th January – Matlock**

**Coach departs:** Oadby Central Car Park (adjacent to the Trinity Methodist Church) at **8.00am** and will leave Matlock at **5:00pm**.

**Coach Route:** M1 J26, A610, to Matlock.

**Boot stop:** Trowell

**Map:** Outdoor Leisure 24

## **Walk Leaders**

Carol Birch - Long Walk

Geoff Mattock, John Bastow, Eileen Pott - Medium walks

Colin Gracey- Short walk.

**Walk Routes.** To Mike Hinks, preferably as a gpx file or alternatively as a JPEG file by Thursday December 20th please. mike.hinks19@gmail.com

## **Walk Route Map**

*Please go onto the News section of the Club website, [www.oadbyhwc.com](http://www.oadbyhwc.com) a few days before the monthly walk, to see a map showing the walk routes. Hopefully this will speed up selecting your walk when signing up on the coach.*

### **Prospective walkers – please contact the group email address to book a seat on the bus this month:**

OHWCMail@gmail.com. You will receive a reply confirming the availability or otherwise of a seat. You are reminded that it is first come first served. If you delay booking you may not get a seat. Please do not turn up without booking and receiving confirmation that you have a place. You must book a place on the coach in advance or you may not be allowed on as it picks up at various places on the ring road members who have already booked a seat.

If you wish to be picked up, at other places than the Oadby Car Park, please mention where when booking and please be aware that very occasionally another Woods coach may go past before ours arrives. Members can book for the next month's walk on the return journey back to Oadby. You don't have to wait for the Club meeting or the Newsletter.

**Bus Fares** – preferably by cheque payable to "Oadby Hillwalking Club" or simply "O.H.W.C."

Adult Members £12, Junior/Student Members £5, Guests/Visitors + £3. (subject to review at the AGM)

**Cancellations - members and guests - *Cancellations up to Tuesday Midnight before the Sunday walk - no penalty. Cancellations thereafter - full cost of the bus fare due. (AGM 2011). Please send fare due to the Treasurer, Alison Beckett, 5 Spinney View, Great Glen, Leics, LE8 9EP***

## **Boot/Toilet Stop**

**Members are urged to keep the time taken at the boot stop to a minimum.** At the end of the walk members should change their footwear and place dirty boots and rucksacks in the luggage locker before getting onto the coach, thus avoiding any congestion and mud in the coach.

***Those getting off the coach at Fosse Park and the Ring Road, may alternatively, put your dirty kit into a "Bin Liner" and then take it onto the coach; thus negating having to search for your kit in the bus Luggage Locker.***

**Interested in being a Walk Leader?** Please speak to any Committee Member, who will gladly arrange this for you – or better still come along to our Club Meetings.

## Monthly Club Meetings

Monthly club meetings are held on the Wednesday after the Sunday walk at the Wigston Conservative Club, 38 Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AH at 7.30pm. All club members are welcome and we would like to see you. (You won't get given a job)

## Safety Form and Emergency Personal Details

Please make sure that you are carrying your completed Club Safety Form in the top of your rucksack - it could help you in a difficult situation. N.B. Don't forget to keep the form up to date. The form is available on the Club Website [www.oadbyhwc.com](http://www.oadbyhwc.com)

The club walk organisers are not qualified guides. You join them at your own risk and of your own free will. You are part of an autonomous group, responsible for your own safety and happy to accept the discretion and actions of any or all the participants on that organised walk or activity in the event of injury to you, the need to have you rescued or otherwise.

Essential Wear - N.B. Jeans and, or trainers/sandals are NOT suitable

Members and guests must be suitably equipped and as a minimum this must include:

- ❖ Suitable walking boots
- ❖ waterproof coat and over-trousers
- ❖ warm clothing
- ❖ an appropriate rucksack.
- ❖ food and drink for the whole day
- ❖ a First Aid Kit is recommended

If you are not properly equipped for hillwalking you may not be able to participate.

Please do not wear dirty boots on the bus even at the start of the day.

Only "Registered Assistance Dogs" are allowed on club walks except on midmonth walks at the discretion of the walk leader.

## Sunday Monthly Walks by coach: 2018/2019

Returns at 5pm during GMT and 5.30pm during BST.

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February 3rd	Monsal Head	5:00pm
March 3rd	Hathersage	5:00pm
April 7th	Disley	5:30pm
May 12th	Cleeve Hill	5:30pm

## **Members Special Offer**

Due to high levels of attendance over the summer months the committee have decided to give all members one free coach fare, to be taken by the end of April 2019. Claim your free ride on your next walk if you haven't claimed it yet.

## **Almoner's Report**

*If you know of any member that is poorly or unable to walk for any reason, please let one of the committee know.*

## **AGM 2019**

The AGM will take place On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. There will be vacancies on the committee, if you would be interested in joining the Committee please talk to any committee member.

## **December walk Report**

### **The Ladybower Short Walk Report from Mike Hinks**

The BBC's weather Forecast was just a bit out for the day! No rain until 3pm it said for the Sheffield area. Well we had heavy spray on the way up the M1 and it continued damp upon Stanage Edge until mid-day.

Under guidance of the new Short Walk Leader, Steve Morriss, 11 members alighted from the



coach in Hathersage. Up Baulk Lane we walked, passing Brookfield Manor Training Centre, skirting Bronte Cottage and North Leas, then through woods and finally scrambled up through/over rocks onto Stanage Edge, where the wind and drizzle were very noticeable, so we opted for the "Sheffield Country Walk" which runs below the ridge (unlike Geoff's group who took the higher path).

On the way up we passed several abandoned Millstone Grit Grinding Wheels.

Rather than continue on our intended route via

Moscar Lodge, we opted to walk alongside the A57 "Snake Road" with the intention of going to view the empty Derwent Reservoir; however at Cutthroat Bridge we took the opportunity to get away from the busy A57 and once again took to the footpaths across the moor. Our route took us past the Ladybower Inn, however passing it was just too much for many of the group and opted to finish there. A few of us continued on, crossing the Ladybower Bridge and onto the Coach Park, where we changed our footwear and went back to the Inn for a well-deserved pint. Thanks Steve for an interesting walk.



A dryish looking Ladybower