



NEWSLETTER – November 2018

Oadby Hillwalking Club

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**OHWC COMMITTEE 2018-19**

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**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 didn't go on the October walk.

**Next monthly walk Sunday 2nd December – Ladybower**

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

**Coach Route:** M1 J29, A617, A619, A623, A6187, A6013 to Ladybower then A57 right to Fairholmes Park turn back to Ladybower Car Park.

Pub, Ladybower Inn just up the road from the car park.

**Boot stop:** Tibshelf

**Map:** Outdoor Leisure 1 Dark Peak

**Walk Leaders**

Andy McQuaid - Long Walk

Geoff Mattock, John Bastow, Catherine Gwinnett - Medium walks

Steve Morriss- Short walk.

**Walk Routes.** To Mike Hinks, preferably as a gpx file or alternatively as a JPEG file by Thursday November 22nd please. [mike.hinks19@gmail.com](mailto: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 Carol Hinks to book a seat on the bus this month:** By e-mail to: c.hinks39@gmail.com. Or by telephone on 0116-2592144. 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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January 6th	Matlock	5:00pm
February 3rd	Monsal Head	5:00pm
March 3rd	Hathersage	5:00pm
April 7th	Whaley Bridge	5:30pm
May 12th	Cleeve Hill	5:30pm

### **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.

### **Social Events**

**Christmas meal** Taste Restaurant –Wed 12th December £22 now fully booked. Please pay outstanding payments to Alison Beckett.

**New Years Day Walk** Eileen Pott is planning to lead a 12 mile walk on New Years day starting from the Outwoods Car Park at 9:30am Bring a Packed Lunch.

## November walk Report – Andy McQuaid Sterndale Moor to Hartington - A Long Walk!

As our walk progressed I became increasingly aware that writing this walk report would be a huge challenge.

From stepping off the coach on Sterndale Moor and for almost the entire walk our group of eight walkers were shrouded in low cloud and mist. Starting at a height of about 350mtrs we crossed the road and followed a path which took us down Horseshoe Dale before starting a difficult climb up Back Dale and Brierlow Dale to cross, once again, the A515.

Here we took the long and steady inclining B5053 before turning right onto a footpath which bordered the Buxton Quarry. From here we climbed to over 400 mtrs and headed for Stoop Farm, passing in the heavy mist a group of casual walkers (and their dog) who thought they were heading for Crome Hill, but were definitely going in the opposite direction!

By this time the cloud and mist was at its densest so we couldn't enjoy the views or see our way clearly. We also couldn't find a suitable stopping point for a lunch break, but eventually, at 12:20pm we perched on a wall near Booth Farm and took refreshments.

It was then downhill via Leycote to Tenterhill where, dropping below the mist I had the opportunity to take this fine picture of the group crossing Washgate Bridge, a picturesque packhorse bridge spanning the River Dove. The area was clearly one of low population, with no



villages of any significance, so our way was marked by farms and hamlets. Also, by this time the mist had really settled and with the paths chosen already indistinct, progress was erratic. Thank goodness for my OS App which helped to guide us in the bleakness as we meandered across fields in search of the next stile.

Passing through Toseley, Thick Withins and High Ash, over Blackstone Edge and across

Oakenclough Brooke we reach Newtown at 2:30pm - our second lunch stop. Newtown by name but not by nature, as it comprised of only a few scattered buildings, so we again we had no choice (or shelter) but to prop ourselves against a moss covered wall to take in more sustenance.

The light at this time was fading fast, and the low lying mist wasn't helping. The final stretch to Hartington, whilst being the last leg of our journey, was all the more challenging because of the time pressures the growing darkness brought. With no obvious shortcuts we continued on our plotted path Boosley Grange, Spout Farm and Brund Mill to Sheen.

Climbing over a ridge outside of Sheen we were greeted with the welcoming sight of Hartington lights, flicking in the gloom. Whilst this spurred us on our final efforts were insufficient to allow us a refreshing drink at the inn. Instead, a quick change of boots and dry clothes then onto the coach and heading home.