

## Newsletter

August 2019

(8/19)



**Sutton cum Duckmanton footpath 17/1 – from Sutton Scarsdale Hall, looking across the M1 to Bolsover**

*Gavin rests on a new bench, dedicated to Dennis Ransby, a former Footpath Secretary and key force behind the Chesterfield Round Walk.*

[The Chesterfield Round Walk Launch - 23 June 2005](#)



## Peak Navigation

Let us know if you would like some walk leader training - [contact the group](#)

[Peak Navigation](#) are part of the Mountain House Holiday Organisation and have offered to carry out group training for 10 – 12 of our group at their base in Foolow.

## Peak Navigation Courses

Map and Compass and GPS Navigation Courses for the moors and mountains in the Derbyshire Peak District



**We currently have six volunteers from the group for the leadership training course scheduled for 17 November**

**There is still space for another six volunteers.**

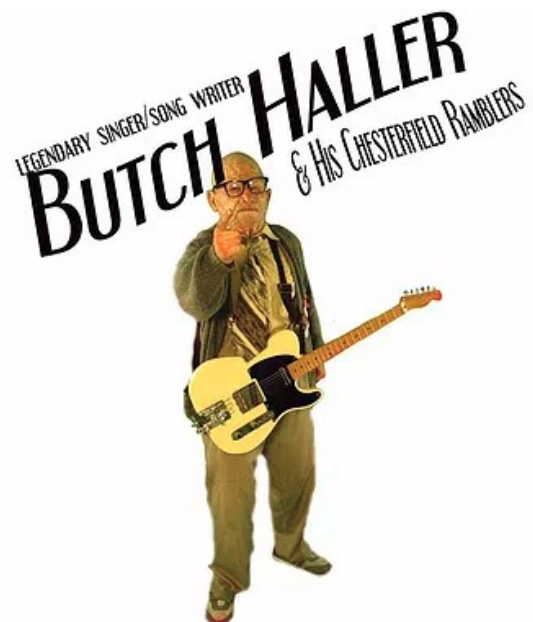
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## The Other Chesterfield Ramblers

We are not the only Chesterfield Ramblers - as avid web searchers may know.

People like Mick Jagger, Cliff Richard, etc. are still going strong – but can't compete with this 97 year old leading his Canadian group.

They have their own website and Facebook page.



[Sunglasses at night](#)



[Walk 26 miles across the Peak District on World Alzheimer's Day](#)

**Saturday 21 September**

## Walks Library

Ramblers Central Office are designing replacements for the Group Walks and Events Manager - and Ramblers Routes.

The vision is to have a 'shareable, accessible, themed Walks Library, available to search and print out (via the web) or to download (via a mobile app)'

They welcome any thoughts.



## EXTRA Walks (not in published booklet)

**Wednesday 14 August**



◆ Whittington circular  
(10 miles)

9:30 bus (50A) bus from New  
Beetwell Street to Revolution House,  
Old Whittington

◆ Park & meet at Lea Bridge (3.5 miles) 19:00

Passing Aqueduct Cottage on the Cromford Canal, which has a painting by the sister of our Cathy Owen

**Monday 19 August**

◆ Barlow Well Dressings (3.5 miles)

10:00 bus (16A) from Knivesmithgate, Chesterfield

**Wednesday 28 August**

◆ Blue John Cavern (7 miles)

9:05 (H1) bus from Cavendish Street,  
Chesterfield (£6 adult fare ; £3 bus pass)

**Change to train time : Wednesday 14 August**

◆ Shireoaks 9:20 train from Chesterfield to Sheffield, changing to 9:54 train to Shireoaks

*The next group committee meeting is on Thursday 19 September  
at the St. Thomas Centre in Brampton (7 pm – 8:30 pm)*

*Group members are always welcome to attend and put their  
point of view.*

*(Note: there is no August meeting)*



Just over a week ago on a damp Wednesday morning, Chesterfield Ramblers' long bus ramble was led by **Val Fenton** who, together with a group of 17 walkers, took the train to Chinley. They left the station and ascended via the nature reserve to the slopes of Chinley Churn ; however on arriving at Cracken Edge the drizzle cleared and there was a clear dry spell. Following lunch and after a pleasant high-level walk, they descended to cross the main road into Hayfield village on to the Countryside Centre where, at this point, there was a change of plan, as the heavy rain arrived at the same time as the bus to New Mills (intended end of walk). On reaching New Mills however, most of the group took the opportunity of descending to the river for views of the gorge and a final walk along the Millennium Walkway to the station.



**Gill Stone** was leader for the short car walk and despite early rain, her group of walkers started out from Bakewell to Ashford in the Water. The sun came out later as they neared the Monsal Trail and walked up through Crackhole Wood to lunch at the top with fantastic views over Bakewell.

The following Wednesday dawned bright and sunny with the prospect of an ideal walking day and for the long bus ramble **Tony Hunt** had 19 walkers join him at Brookfield School for a walk over to Linacre and then on to Barlow fishing ponds where, in the sunshine, the group had their lunch.

**Tony Doxey** was leader for the car walk leaving Crich Market Place with 25 members - with one blind member joining them for a circular walk of 7.5 miles. On leaving Crich, the group climbed to the monument at Crich Stand then made their way back via the quarry into Wakebridge where they stopped for coffee before continuing on to Cromford Canal. The party made their way to the end of the canal then on to Crich Chase and back along The Tors to the village.



**Mike Sims** had 21 members join him for a circular walk of 12 miles starting from Ashover Village Hall car park. The group started their walk with a climb up to the Fabrick, where they were able to enjoy fabulous views of the countryside in the bright sunshine, and then down into Littlemoor and on to Handley with a coffee stop in-between. They then made their way towards Brackenfield passing Ogston Reservoir and stopping for lunch on the green at Brackenfield, after which they climbed up to Highoredish Farm then on to Cocking Tor returning to Ashover via Goss Hall and Butts Quarry.

Although officially the programme of evening walks ended last week, the good weather has prompted the addition of a couple more walks and on Wednesday evening. Fourteen ramblers joined **Mike Watson** for a walk approaching four miles, starting from Darley Dale along part of the Derwent Valley Heritage Way. They paused at St Helen's Church to look at the reputed 2000-year-old yew tree and on approaching Rowsley they retraced their steps and followed the route of the railway back. At the end of the walk most of the group retired to the Church Inn where they tried their hand at table skittles.





## Jacob's Ladder (the Stoney Middleton one)

Derbyshire County Council has now agreed to put a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Jacob's Ladder in Stoney Middleton. The Order came into effect on 2 August. Use of the lane by motor bikes, 4x4s and quad bikes is now a criminal offence. The only exception will be use of the lane by motor vehicle trials where DCC has given prior consent. This is the culmination of a 20 year struggle.



[\*Peak District Green Lanes Alliance\*](#)

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## Bedtime Reading



There is a British Standard 5709 which provides guidance for Gaps, Gates, and Stiles.

Rights of way 'furniture' is, of course, a vital subject for walkers and is closely monitored by our Footpath Secretary. Stiles in particular cause difficulty for many who consider themselves as able bodied.

The full complex standard, which is governed by ten key rules, is subject to ongoing consultation and modification with Ramblers and others - and the long term aim it expresses is that new structures on public paths shall not be stiles other than in exceptional circumstances.

We may well see difficult stiles for many years to come.

[Understanding BS 5709](#)

***A recent request by a non-Rambler for maintenance work on the Greenway at Chesterfield's Dock Walk was rejected by the County Council because half of it is neither a right of way nor an adopted highway ! ....***

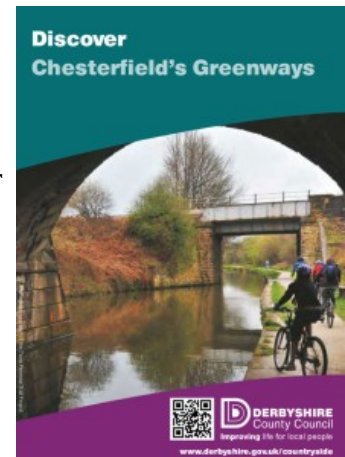


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If in a 'climate emergency' we want people to do more local walking rather than driving we need a maintainable pedestrian network. Flagging both 'adopted highways' and 'public rights of way' on the Derbyshire mapping portal shows significant gaps in that network

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## ***Climate Change***

*We have always had a variable climate but radical changes in the weather for our walks is becoming more noticeable.*

*Probably the warmest day in this part of the world was followed a week later by something completely different.*



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