

Come Rambling!

with the Ramblers Association

Jan-July 1980

SORTIE

The name (devised by Cyril Spiby, the 'walking postman') means Short Organised Ramble To Interest Everyone. Each walk is circular and lasts about two and a half hours. The contact for further details is Mr Spiby at 15 Cottam Hall Lane, Ingol, Preston PR2 3XB; telephone Preston 731979.

QUEST

Similar to a SORTIE but ranging further afield, nine to twelve miles in length. A packed meal and correct protective clothing are essential. The contact is Mr Spiby at the above address.

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Organised by Preston Group, these rambles are for those who have a couple of hours to spare in an afternoon mid-week and who enjoy finding the footpaths in the countryside around Preston. For further details contact Mr George Wood at 62 Yewtree Avenue, Ribbleton, Preston PR2 6QA; telephone Preston 791194.

RAIL RAMBLER

Travel by train into the heart of the countryside, enjoy a guided walk in the hills or along the footpaths and by-ways of England and Wales. Collect detailed leaflet and book your ticket at the stations named.

WINTER RAIL RAMBLER

A series of shorter Rail Ramblers during the winter months using specified trains on normal scheduled services but with special fares. For more details contact the Area Secretary.

COACH RAMBLES

Travel by coach to some of the wonderful walking country not very far away but not easily reached by ordinary bus services and join one of the guided walks available. Each coach trip starts at 10 a.m. prompt from Stand 44 on Preston Bus Station although patrons who live on the outward route may be picked up if they give prior notice to the operator. Book with Premier Motor Tours (Preston) Ltd, who also have leaflets available.

LONGRIDGE GROUP

All the walks organised and led by members of Longridge Group start from the Clinic in Longridge. For further details and for information about the work of the Group, contact Mr Bill Byrne at White Carr Lodge, Ribchester, Preston PR3 3ZB; telephone Ribchester 344.

SOUTH RIBBLE GROUP

Most of the rambles in the villages and countryside south of the river are organised and led by members of South Ribble Group. The contact for further details and for information about this newly-formed Group is Mr Norman Worthington at 4 Houghton Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9HS; telephone Preston 745801.

For all the walks proper footwear is essential: on shorter walks stout shoes are sufficient, but for longer rambles, especially in the hills or on the moors, boots should be worn. Always be prepared for the weather conditions according to the time of year.

The Ramblers' Association is a voluntary organisation whose aims are to encourage rambling, to foster a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside and to work for the preservation of natural beauty, the protection of footpaths and the provision of access to open country.

Ask the leader of your walk for details of membership, or send a foolscap s.a.e. to the Area Secretary: Mr A.E. Clarkson, 32 Melrose Avenue, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4DE; telephone Preston 700629.

Whilst every care has been taken in the preparation of this programme, excursions may be liable to alteration or cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control.

LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Jeffrey Hill.

- 2 TUE 10.30 Meet ASHWORTH GROVE bus stop (P1 or P3 Frenchwood bus) for walk via Walton-le-Dale and River Ribble.
- 6 SUN 10.00 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Dinckley Bridge.
- 12 SAT WINTER RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston to HERDEN BRIDGE.
- 12 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from EARNSHAW BRIDGE (530227 $\frac{1}{2}$) via Farington Moss.
- 15 TUE LONGRIDGE GROUP Annual General Meeting.
- 19 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk in Inglewhite and district.
- 26 SAT 1.30 Meet LONGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL (483256) for walk via Little Hoole.
- 27 SUN 10.30 QUEST from Fieldens Arms, MELLOR (640312) via Mellor Moor.

FEBRUARY

- 3 SUN 9.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk on Blindhurst.
- 6 WED 1.30 Meet GAMULL LANE (GL bus) for walk via Squire Anderton's Wood.
- 9 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from GARSTANG bus station (492451) via Barnacre.
- 9 SAT WINTER RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston to MILLOM.
- 16 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Thornley.
- 17 SUN 2.00 Meet HUTTON Grammar School (496266) for walk via River Ribble.
- 17 SUN 10.00 COACH RAMBLE to Bolton by Bowland and the Ribble Way.
- 19 TUE 7.30 AREA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- 24 SUN 10.30 QUEST from DUNSOP BRIDGE (660501) via Slaidburn.

MARCH

- 1 SAT WINTER RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston to SKIPTON.
- 2 SUN 9.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Waddington Fell.
- 5 WED 1.30 Meet GROVE HOTEL (Ashton 'A' bus) for walk via Lancaster Canal.
- 8 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from HOWICK CROSS (508276) via Agricultural College.
- 15 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Blacksticks.
- 15 SAT RAIL RAMBLER Bamber Bridge, Preston, Leyland to MATLOCK.
- 23 SUN 11.10 QUEST from BLACKROD STATION (624107) via Leeds & Liverpool Canal.
It is hoped to arrange special stops of scheduled train services. Please ask Area Secretary for details.
- 23 SUN 2.00 Meet opposite Farmers Arms, HIGHER WALTON for walk via rivers.
- 30 SUN 10.00 COACH RAMBLE to Slaidburn and Dunsop Bridge.

APRIL

- 2 WED 1.30 Meet at corner of Deepdale Road/Blackpool Road (Fulwood 'D' bus) for walk via Savick Brook and Golf Course.
- 4 FRI 10.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Chipping.
- 6 SUN RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston to WINDERMERE.
- 6 SUN 9.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Burholme Bridge.
- 12 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from FOULTON-LE-FYLDE stocks (348 $\frac{1}{2}$ 394) via Breedy Butts.
- 19 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Ribchester.
- 26 SAT 2.00 QUEST from CHIPPING car park (621 $\frac{1}{2}$ 433) via Burnslack.
- 26 SAT RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston, Leyland to LUDLOW.
- 26 SAT 2.00 Meet at Moss Lane, LEYLAND for walk via River Lostock.
- 27 SUN 10.00 COACH RAMBLE to Kettlewell and Buckden Pike.

MAY

- 3 SAT RAIL RAMBLER Preston, Leyland to HOPE VALLEY and Sheffield.
- 4 SUN 9.00 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Troutbeck and Windermere.
- 7 WED 1.30 Meet at MOOR NOOK bus terminus (MN bus) for walk via Brockholes.
- 10 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from ST MICHAELS Village Hall (460409) via Inskip.
- 17 SAT RAIL RAMBLER Preston, Bamber Bridge to MACHYNLLETH.
- 17 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Kemple End.
- 18 SUN 2.00 Meet at "Black Horse", MUCH HOOLE for walk via Bretherton.
- 22 THU 7.00 SORTIE from St Andrews, COTTAM (501326) via Woodplumpton Church.
- 24 SAT RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston to BLAENAU FFESTINIOG.
- 31 SAT 2.00 QUEST from RIVINGTON Lower Barn (629138 $\frac{1}{2}$) via Redmire.

JUNE

- 1 SUN 10.00 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Brookhouse and River Lune.
- 1 SUN RAIL RAMBLER Preston, Leyland to WELSHPOOL.
- 4 WED 1.30 Meet at corner of Cottam Ave/Tag Lane (Ingol bus) for walk via Bartle Lane.
- 7 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from Ellel Hall, GALGATE (479555) via Thurnham.
(Do not confuse with Ellel Grange.)
- 14th - 22nd FOOTPATH HERITAGE 80. Ask Area Secretary for details of activities.
- 18 WED 1.30 Meet at Lancastergate, LEYLAND for short Mystery Ramble!
- 19 THU 7.00 SORTIE from BRINDLE LODGE GATES (597271) via Green Lane Farm.
- 21 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Thornley Breast.
- 22 SUN 2.00 Meet at Railway Station, BAMBER BRIDGE for walk around the village.
- 22 SUN 10.00 COACH RAMBLE to Penrith for Cross Fell.
- 28 SAT 2.00 QUEST from EDISFORD BRIDGE (727414) via Rushy Well.
- 29 SUN RAIL RAMBLER Blackpool, Preston, Leyland to BANGOR.

JULY

- 2 WED 1.30 Meet at Taylor Street, BROADGATE (BR bus) for walk via Blashaw Dam Wood and Howick Hall Farm.
- 5 SAT 10.00 Meet at NEW LONGTON Cricket Club for walk to Parbold. This ramble is not circular; phone Longton 612221 for transport details.
- 6 SUN 9.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Rivington Pike.
- 10 THU 7.00 SORTIE from Elston Lane, GRIMSARCH (592343 $\frac{1}{2}$) via Ashley Lane.
- 12 SAT 2.00 SORTIE from The Roebuck, PILSBORROW (510397) via Ducketts Farm.
- 19 SAT 1.30 LONGRIDGE GROUP walk via Goosnargh.
- 26 SAT 2.00 QUEST from PLEASINGTON STATION (642262) via Further Lane. This ramble starts at a time convenient for scheduled train service.