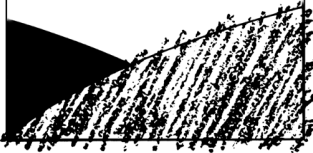


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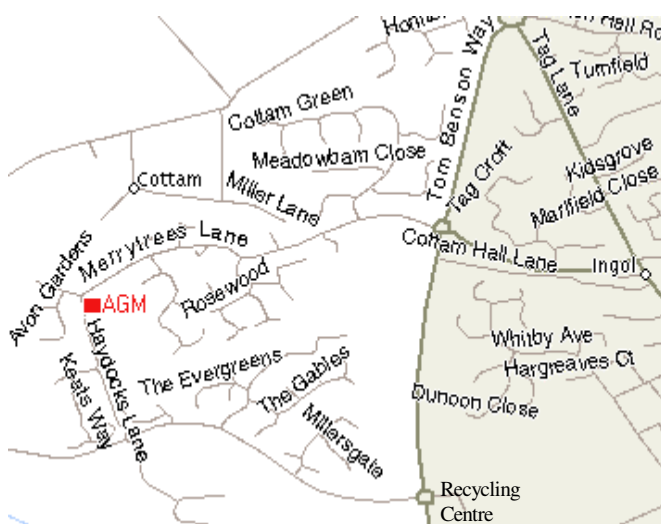


# RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION PRESTON GROUP

September 2007

## 2007 AGM

This will be held on Saturday 17th November 2007 at Cottam Hall Community Centre, Haydocks Lane, Cottam. We have gone back to our format of holding the AGM on Saturdays with walk & hot-pot in the hope it will improve numbers. There will be a circular walk starting at 10:00 am and toilet facilities will be available.



The number 88C bus leaves the bus station at 8,23,38 & 53 mins past the hour. It goes via the docks, Ashton and Larches to the hall taking 25 mins. The number 88A does the reverse via Brookfield, Longsands and Royal Preston to the hall at 0, 15, 30 & 45 mins past the hour and takes 40 mins. Alternatively the number 33/35 Tanterton bus leaves from the station every 10 mins. Get off at the corner of Tag Lane and Cottam Hall Lane, proceed down Cottam Hall Lane past the Ancient Oak pub and into Merrytrees Lane. Follow all the way down till road takes a sharp left and Hall is just on that corner. Please allow 20 mins for the buses from the Bus Station and 15 mins walking time if getting off at Tag Lane.

Lunch of Hot Pot followed by apple pie and cream from Hotpot Supper Company will be served at 1.30pm, for which there is a charge of **£3.00**, payable on the day. Cups of tea and coffee will also be available. Help with serving will be appreciated.

This will be followed by the AGM when officers of the group will report on the past years work. The election of officers and committee for the coming year will take place, volunteers to serve on the committee are needed. There will be an opportunity for anyone to ask questions and suggestions are always welcome to improve our work.

Some changes are needed to our constitution to bring us into line with the national one. Summarised below are the main changes. A full copy of the constitution before & after is available from Andy Manzie on 01772 736467

“Executive Committee” has been changed to “Board of Trustees”

“external auditor” as been changed to “independent examiner”

It is now much clearer that individual Groups form part of the Ramblers Association

The min committee size has been reduced, now requiring only 3

Greater emphasis that all money raised must be used to further Ramblers objects

A requirement to use the bank approved by the Board of Trustees and to prepare annual budgets

At 3.00pm approximately David Slater will give a talk about the Lancaster Canal, Past, Present and Future. David is currently chairman of the Lancaster Canal Trust.

To help with the numbers for catering will those who intend to be present for lunch please complete the slip in this newsletter, ring Andy Manzie on 01772 736467 or e-mail [info@prestonra.co.uk](mailto:info@prestonra.co.uk) by **9<sup>th</sup> November 2001**.

## Annual General Meeting Hot Pot Lunch

I Shall require lunch at 1.30pm at the Preston R.A Group AGM on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at the Cottam Hall Community Centre. The charge of £3.00 is payable on the day

**Name or Names** [Please print clearly]

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Are you willing to help out in the kitchen **YES / NO**

Please post to Mr A Manzie, 3 Ruthin Court, Dunbar Road, Ingol, Preston, PR2 3YE. Else telephone on 01772 736467 or e-mail [info@prestonra.co.uk](mailto:info@prestonra.co.uk) with names before 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Visit the web site for all the latest news at <http://www.prestonra.co.uk>

### Walks Programme

Enclosed is the walks programme from September 2007 to January 2008. There is now unfortunately a big issue over leaders for the short Sunday walks. In the current programme we have one person leading all 4 walks. This cannot go on and if more leaders don't come forward then the programme will have to be cut. It not something we want to do as these are the type of walks that new members start off on. So talk to Andy Manzie on 01772 736467 if you are willing to help.

### Cotswold Outdoor

This is a new shop that opened in July in Fishergate opposite Waterstones. They are offering Ramblers members a **15%** discount with the production of their membership card and quoting reference number **R2201**

### Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

Due retirement and relocation of experienced members. The team are going through a recruitment programme. It cost £2340 to train and equip each volunteer with helmet, radio and personal protective clothing and they need 20 new volunteers. So please donate something to support them as you never know when you might need them. Donations to Paul Durham, 7 Wymundsley, Astley Village, Chorley PR7 1US. Or donate on line [www.bpmrt.org.uk/supportus.htm](http://www.bpmrt.org.uk/supportus.htm)

### Ribchester Walks

The Ribchester sports & social club have put 6 self guided local walks together along with a meal package. The itinerary is as follows. 10am– at club for tea / coffee, short walk, 12pm - at club for hot / cold meal, 1.30pm—afternoon walk and 4pm return to club for tea / coffee. Cost £12.50 per person on Mon 1st October & Mon 12th November. Application form and more details from Ann Lupton on 07968905607 or 01254878234 after 7pm

### A Short history of the Ramblers Association

The RA have commissioned a 7 1/2 min video on a short history of the association. To view it go to the RA Walk magazine web site and click on walktv on left hand menu. [www.walkmag.co.uk/walktv/](http://www.walkmag.co.uk/walktv/) For those with no internet a copy will be shown at the AGM in November

### Take Action

Want to know how to help the Ramblers association in their campaigns. Go to the main Ramblers website and sign up for their newsletter [www.ramblers.org.uk/newsletter/](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/newsletter/). They could be asking for examples of problems, for you to write to support a campaign or just some information on an event. Please try and help these campaigns as the more voices the more chance of something being done.

## Walking Events (More on [www.ramblers.org.uk/info/events/diary.html](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/info/events/diary.html))

21 - 30 September **Richmond Walking Festival, North Yorkshire**. Explore this Georgian town complete with river, castle, large cobbled market place, surrounded by the hills of Swaledale and miles of dry stone walls. See [www.richmondwalking.com](http://www.richmondwalking.com) for more, or tel 01748 850252.

5 - 7 October: **Moffat Walking Festival**. Weekend walking in the hills surrounding this popular town. Guided walks, walking challenges and evening entertainment. Tel 01683 220227 or go to [www.visitmoffat.co.uk](http://www.visitmoffat.co.uk)

11-14 October **Isle of Man Autumn Walking Festival**  
The programme offers walks for everyone from guided tours of our towns, short leisurely explorations among our woodlands, national glens and riversides to more demanding hill and coastal walks. Tel 01624 661177 or go to [www.isleofmanwalking.com](http://www.isleofmanwalking.com)

20 October: **Wainwright Memorial Lecture**. Will be given by journalist and mountaineer, Cameron McNeish. Through his highly successful BBC2 television programmes, 'Wilderness Walks', and his editorship of The Great Outdoors magazine. Held at RHEGED, Penrith this is guaranteed entertainment. Reduced tickets for Wainwright Society members. For more information call 01786 860090 or visit [www.wainwright.org.uk](http://www.wainwright.org.uk).

9-18 November: **Kendal Mountain Film Festival** with a full programme of lectures and films. See [www.mountainfilm.co.uk](http://www.mountainfilm.co.uk). Or Brewery Box office on 01539 725133

24 - 25 November: **Real Ale Ramble**, Llanwrtyd Wells, in conjunction with the Mid Wales Beer Festival. A choice of route lengths from 16km/10 miles to 40km/25 miles and free beer at the checkpoints. For more tel 01591 610270 or see [www.green-events.co.uk](http://www.green-events.co.uk)