

The Sheffield Rambler

Xmas travel plans?



If you are moving from your armchair over the Xmas period and you are hoping to use public transport (Good luck with that!), it's as well to know what the Christmas travel arrangements are for South Yorkshire. A summary of their services can be found on their website at:

www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/christmas/.

You can find information on bus, tram, tram-train and train services.

For train services, you can also visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call

[National Rail Enquiries on 03457 48 49 50](tel:03457484950) for the latest information.

For up to date information relating to train service changes as a result of engineering works or industrial action over the Christmas period, you can visit:

https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_disruptions/currentAndFuture.aspx and https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_disruptions/281045.aspx

Concessionary travel

The 9.30am travel restriction will be removed for senior concessionary pass holders between Tuesday 27 December 2022 and Monday 2 January 2023 inclusive.

Customers may use their Senior Travel Pass during this period to obtain free travel on bus, tram and tram-train services, and half fare travel on Northern train services within South Yorkshire, from the start to the end of service.



Real time information and journey planner tools are also available from Saturday December 10th, on Twitter at [@TSYalerts](https://twitter.com/TSYalerts) and on Traveline, 01709 515151. Traveline opening hours are :

Date	Opening hours
Friday 23 December 2022	7am – 7pm
Saturday 24 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Sunday 25 December 2022	Closed
Monday 26 December 2022	Closed
Tuesday 27 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Wednesday 28 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Thursday 29 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Friday 30 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Saturday 31 December 2022	8am – 6pm
Sunday 1 January 2023	Closed
Monday 2 January 2023	8am – 6pm
Tuesday 3 January 2023	7am – 7pm

For details of site operating hours at Interchanges and Park and Ride visit:

www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/Christmas/

For some wonderful pictures of really cheerful Christmas transport, have a look at this Guardian site:

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/gallery/2018/dec/24/festive-transport-around-the-world-in-pictures>

Maybe South Yorkshire transport could pick up some ideas to brighten up our journeys!



Moving on to January

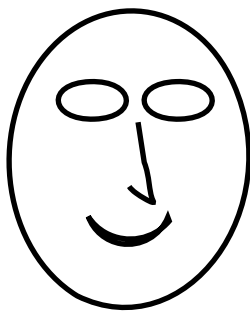
Heritage Fair in the Millennium Galleries

Just as we did last year, we are having a stall at Sheffield Heritage Fair. This will take place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th of January in the Cadman Room and Arundel Room at the Millennium Galleries on Surrey Street. It is open on Saturday from 10 - 4 and on Sunday from 11 to 4.

The event is organised by Ron Clayton, famous for his Sheffield-based historical walks and talks, and historian David Templeman. The Fair provides local groups with an opportunity to showcase their work and may well encourage those who visit to become members of a group that they find interesting. Do come along and see what a wide variety of activities Sheffield has to offer.

Entry is free, though donations are welcome!

Yes, indeed, at last, it's coming, to a device near you



FACEBOOK

In the very near future, we are planning to set up a *Facebook* group with the intention of increasing communication with existing members, other Sheffield Ramblers groups and Facebook users in general. We hope by this means to increase membership. A *Facebook* presence would help us to publicise special events, such as leaders training sessions and Fix-it activities. It would also allow us to share photos and ideas for walks as well as gather feedback as to what members want. **MORE LATER.**



And the rest of the year

Coach trips: where to and when?



Sunday APRIL 2nd

Yorkshire Dales: Exact location yet to be decided - Pateley Bridge? Ayesgarth?



Sunday MAY 21st

Yorkshire Coast:
Possibly Staithes





Wednesday AUGUST 9th: The Roaches



Sunday OCTOBER 1st: Trough of Bowland



The last of an iconic view - Wyming Brook

One of the wonders of Sheffield's countryside is the iconic view of Wyming Brook. With its very tall conifer trees, some have said it is reminiscent of the forests of Canada. Be that so, this view will shortly be disappearing. Some of us have grown up with the view and always wondered at the magnificent tall conifers, believing it to be, I suppose, a view that would last forever. But this is not so. All the larch trees are to be felled and cleared because of rampant larch tree disease. This work will commence in the new year on the Yorkshire Water woodlands which will mean the closing of the road and paths through Wyming Brook. This is expected to last a few months but then the bulk of the woodlands, managed by the Wildlife Trust (owned by Sheffield City Council), will be felled later in the year, again with closures of paths and the road. Exact details have not yet been given but we should expect closures. So, this is our last chance to see our "mini-Canada".

One of my earliest jobs after leaving school was to work for the forestry side of Sheffield Water Works who owned all of Wyming Brook. I remember being involved in some of the felling and clearing work by the side of the reservoir and in an idle moment, perhaps fifteen minutes, I counted all the annual tree growth rings on a felled larch tree: one hundred and eleven rings. If we add to that the time from then to now, many trees in Wyming Brook are in excess of one hundred and seventy years old. Some age for any tree around Sheffield. But no more. You need to take a last ramble to see these spectacular trees before they are gone forever.



Terry Howard



Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year



Thanks to Tony Allsopp for the photo, as usual

