



The Railway & Canal Historical Society

North West Group Outdoor Events 1995 - 2015

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North West Group have organised outdoor events on a regular basis since 1996. What has become a tradition of monthly walks, coach trips, rail tours and lunches started with two events in the Summer and Autumn of 1995. These are shown below.

This document summarises the 258 walks and other outdoor events that took place in the 21 years between 1995 and 2015. The list was compiled, using past Bulletins, by David Nussey and Graham Lancaster.

Many of these events will be worthy of being repeated. We welcome your suggestions for future walks either from this list or for others that are prompted by looking through the following nine pages.

Please contact David, Graham or any member of the NW Group Committee.

DATE	MODE	LOCATION	DETAILS	DIST	COMMENT
1995				(m)	
17.6	Walk	Huddersfield Canal	Diggle to Ashton	9	To view restoration in progress
9.9	Car	Woodhead Route	Dinting – Woodhead – Worsborough Bank		Calling at 8 locations en route – 150 years after Woodhead opening

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1996				(m)	
28.3	Walk	Railway walk to Radcliffe	Starting at Patricroft, via Clifton Junction		First “Explorer Trip”
??	Minibus	Leek area	NW/WM joint trip. No details available		Doubtful if it happened
25.4	Walk	Chesterfield Canal	From the west end of Norwood Tunnel		Explorer tow path walk “as far as you like”. Meet at Kiveton Bridge stn
23.5	Tram	Metrolink	Piccadilly – Altrincham – Manchester - Bury		“Explorer Trip” on the then network
27.6	Walk	Stockport Canal	Gorton – Stockport		“Explorer Trip” to see what remains of this Ashton Canal branch
25.7	Walk	Brookside Garden Centre	Visit to the Centre in Poynton		Visit to Museum of railway relics, miniature railway and colliery remains
31.8	Car	St Helens/Sankey Canal	No details of sights to be seen		Group meets at Warrington Bank Quay
21.9	Train	East Lancs Railway	Bury to Rawtenstall and return		Some guided track walks – works to Bolton Street station and return
26.9	Train	City Museum, Hanley	Visit to North Staffs Railway exhibition		“Explorer” trip to “be followed by a canal” walk – probably!
31.10	Walk	Tameside	Meet at Gorton to view railway/canal sites		“Explorer” trip from Guide Bridge, especially to M66 extension area
28.11	Train	Heysham Port	Visit to look at the port and its traffic		“Explorer” trip from Manchester by train
1997					
30.1	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Mills Hill towards Manchester		“Explorer” trip along the towpath
27.2	Train	Clitheroe line	Blackburn to Clitheroe and return		“Explorer” trip to look at the line reopened in 1994
20.3	Walk	Peak Forest Canal area	Whaley Bridge and Bugsworth area		“Explorer” trip to view various transport routes and Bugsworth Basin
24.4	Walk	Salford Quays	Salford Quays and Trafford Park area		“Explorer” trip to see various forms of transport, old and new
22.5	Walk	Calder & Hebble Nav.	Sowerby Bridge to Halifax		“Explorer” trip along the Navigation to Salterhebble and Hebble Trail
19.6	Walk	Northwich to Greenbank	Northwich Water Heritage Trail		Explorer trip along the trail and a visit to Dock Road pumping stn.
28.6	Walk	Rudyard Lake	Walk round the lake	5.0	Bi-centenary visit to see the development of the lake
24.7	Walk	Central Manchester	Dale Street Basin, Castlefields to Pomona		Rochdale & Bridgewater Canals and associated sights
30.10	Walk	Peak Forest Canal	Romiley to Marple Locks		To view canal including the restored towpath after cutting collapse
27.11	Tram	Sheffield	Tour of Supertram Network		
1998					
29.1	Walk	Huddersfield Canal	Ashton-under-Lyne to Greenfield		Explorer trip to see present state of restoration at southern end
26.2	Train	Line to Hadfield/Glossop	From Piccadilly stopping at most stations		Explorer visit to view line where Class 323 units have been introduced
26.3	Walk	Dewsbury	Local railways and waterways		
23.4	Walk	Buckley area	Buckley and Ffrith		Explorer trip tracing old tramways and the LNWR Ffrith branch
21.5	Walk	Micklehurst Loop	Greenfield to Diggle and return along canal		Explorer visit along the northern Micklehurst Loop and H'field Canal
20.6	Train	Merseyside	Liverpool and Birkenhead		To visit historically interesting parts with short towpath walk and ferry
25.6	Walk	Macclesfield Canal	Macclesfield to Congleton		Explorer visit along the canal towpath
30.7	Walk	Rochdale to Bacup Rly	Part 1 Rochdale to Facit		Explorer visit along the trackbed of the railway line
19.9	Walk	Sheffield & S.Yorks Nav	Rotherham to Sheffield		Walk along the Navigation
22.10	Walk	Leeds & Liverpool Canal	Old Roan to Central Liverpool		Explorer walk along the towpath
26.11	Walk	Blackpool	Blackpool South to Blackpool North		Explorer visit

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1999				(m)	
28.1	Walk	Chester	Items of railway and waterway interest		Explorer visit to include railway station, Tower Wharf and Dee Lock
25.2	Walk	Rochdale - Bacup Rly	Part 2 Facit to Rawtenstall		Explorer visit as a continuation of the 30-07-98 walk
26.3	Train	Greater Manchester	Rochdale, Wigan, Rose Hill, Airport		Explorer mini-railtour to include the once weekly train through Denton
17.4	Walk	Ashton Canal	Guide Bridge into Manchester		Towpath walk
29.4	Walk	Manifold Valley, Staffs	Hulme End to Waterhouses		Explorer visit to a former railway line, using cars to return to the start
8.5	Walk	Central Mcr. & Salford	Railways and waterways		Visit timed at 30 years after closure of Central & Exchange Stations
27.5	Walk	Peak Forest Tramway	Whaley Bridge, Bugsworth to Doveholes		1797 tramway with 1:7.5 gradient
12.6	Walk	Glasson Dock branch	Lancaster Canal/Glasson Dock Branch	10	Joint with S. Cheshire Ramblers Ass. Along canal & back via railway
24.6	Walk	Erewash Canal	Canal down to Trent Lock, Nottingham	10	Visit includes Cranfleet Cut, River Trent & Beeston Cut. Leave 07:25!
10.7	Walk	Caldon Canal & CVR	Cheddleton, Consall and Froghall	3	Train to Consall & walk to Froghall - Uttoxeter Canal & Caldon Low
30.9	Visit	Boat Museum	Ellesmere Port		Tour of museum and a lecture by the Director, Tony Hirst
21.10	Walk	Mcr.Bolton&Bury Canal	Ringley to Bury, starting at Kearsley Station		Towpath walk with diversions to look at railway routes
25.11	Walk	Preston	Lancaster Canal, docks and railways		Explorer visit (no further detail listed)
2000					
27.01	Walk	Denby Grange Rly trackbed	Caphouse Colliery to Calder&Hebble Nav	5	Explorer walk includes 4 inclines and locomotive worked zigzags
29.01	Metro	West Midlands	Metro trip from Snow Hill to Wolverhampton		Joint trip with West Midlands
24.02	Train/Tra	Greater Manchester	Tour using a GMPTE Wayfarer ticket		Visits included Cornbrook, Salford Quays and Horwich Parkway
30.03	Walk	Warrington	Explorer visit to view waterways & railways	8	No further details
27.04	Walk	Wigan to Parbold	Walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal		One way walk with return by train
25.05	Walk	Huddersfield Canal	Part 1 Walk from Greenfield to Marsden		Moderately strenuous walk including Marsden Moor
17.06	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Dale Street, Manchester to Failsworth		Rare chance to see a section of derelict canal prior to restoration
29.06	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Littleborough to Todmorden over the summit		Looking at 30 locks, restoration and the "air-hole system of flood control
9.07	Visit	Kirklees and Elsecar	View the K Light Rly & Elsecar Heritage Mus		Includes workshops of the Wentworth Estate & a Newcomen Engine
27.07	Walk	Trent and Mersey Canal	Kidsgrove to Sandbach	10	Explorer visit along the canal towpath
28.09	Walk	Huddersfield Canal	Part 2 Brun Clough Car Park to Marsden		Marsden Moor to view horse-path, turnpikes, air-shafts&Winding House
19.10	Train	Wirral Rail Tour	Meeting Lime Street to tour the Wirral		No further details
30.11	Walk	New Mills and Hayfield	New Mills Heritage Centre & walk to Hayfield		Included the Torrs Gorge, Millennium Walkway & remains of Kinder Rly

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2001					
25.01	Train	East Lancashire Area	Rail tour of East Lancashire		Visiting Blackburn, Burnley and/or Colne and Preston
22.02	Walk	Bridgewater Canal	Towpath walk from Cen Mtr to Stretford&Sale		
29.03	Walk	Walkden to Wigan	Tyldesley Loop and Springs Branch, Wigan	9	Viewing complex railway junctions en route (? see 28 March 2002)
26.04	Walk	Leigh branch Leeds&L'pool	Towpath walk from Leigh to Wigan		
31.5	Train/Tra	Blackpool and Fleetwood	Tram to Fleetwood and then to Starr Gate		Train to Blackpool North and return from Blackpool South
16.6	Walk	Hollinwood Canal area	Explore the canal and Park Bridge Iron Works		On return to the PB Visitors Centre a guided tour of the iron works site
28.6	Walk	Earlst'n&Newton-le-Willows	Earlstown, Vulcan Village & Huskisson Mem		Also viewed sites of Vulcan, Lowton and Parkside railway stations
14.7	Walk	Leeds & Liverpool Canal	Towpath walk from Shipley to Bingley		To include Bradford Canal, Saltaire, Aire aqueduct & staircase locks
26.7	Walk	Chew Valley Res. Railway	Walk the former Reservoir railway		Start at Greenfield Railway Station
18.8	Walk	Bridgewater Canal	Lymm to Altrincham (Navigation Road)		Towpath walk
30.8	Walk	Trent and Mersey Canal	Walk from Stoke-on-Trent to Kidsgrove		Return choices include Etruria, Longport and Kidsgrove
27.9	Walk	Macclesfield Canal	Towpath walk from Adlington to Marple		
25.10	Walk	Worsley area	Guided walk to see canal and other sites		GA is an author of a book on the local collieries
22.11	Walk	Radcliffe area	To view existing and former railways		To include a short stretch of the Mtr, Bolton and Bury Canal
2002					
31.1	Walk	Ulverston	Conishead Priory Branch & Ulverston Canal		Part of the railway branch to be walked and the canal towpath
28.2	Walk	Ex-GCR Fallowfield Loop	Fairfield to Chorlton-cum-Hardy	7	
28.3	Walk	Walkden to Wigan	Tyldesley Loop and Springs Branch, Wigan	9	Viewing complex railway junctions en route (? postponed from 29.3.2001)
25.4	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Castleton to Littleborough to view restoration		To also view the new M62 crossing by walking west
30.5	Walk	Runcorn area	Explorer visit to Runcorn		
27.6	Walk	Poynton	View sites of former collieries & tramroads		Includes part of the Macclesfield Canal
25.7	Walk	L&NWR branch to Delph	Greenfield to Oldham over Lydgate Tunnel	6	To view industrial buildings in Delph before walking to Oldham
3.8	Walk	Froghall & Caldon Low	To view the quarries, canal and tramroads		To include industrial and social architecture. Use of cars needed
29.8	Walk	L&NWR branch to Horwich	Blackrod to Belmont via Winter Hill	5	After Horwich trackbed walk up Rivington Pike to Winter Hill
14.9	Barge	Weaver Navigation	Cruise from Northwich to MSC and back		Dutch barge <i>Bolle Beer</i> cruise downstream to Weston Point and return
19.9	Walk	Longdendale	Tintwistle to Crowden and back to Hadfield		Using the Longdendale Light Railway outward and the L. Trail on return
24.10	Walk	Lancaster Canal @ Preston	To walk and view the Ribble Link Canal		To walk from the Lancaster Canal to the River Ribble (or vice versa)
28.11	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Towpath walk from Mills Hill to Rochdale		To inspect the restoration work on the western side of the Pennines
2003					
30.1	Train	Oldham area	Last chance on the Oldham Loop Line		Prior to conversion to Metrolink to visit as many stations as possible
27.2	Walk	Horwich area	L&YR Horwich Works and other sites		To view the site and buildings of the Horwich Works and other sites
27.3	Train	W Yorkshire Railtour (Pt 1)	Visiting Airedale, Wharfedale and Calderdale		Joint trip with NE Group to include viewing the new layout at Leeds
24.4	Walk	Trent and Mersey Canal	Northwich area and Anderton Lift trip		Walking from Northwich with optional trip on the lift for £2 (£1 for OAP)
29.5	Walk	Poynton area	Looking at further local points of interest		Part 2 of June 2002 trip

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2003				(m)	
14.6	Walk	Potteries	Newcastle-under-Lyme + Trent & Mersey Canals & Museum visit		The canal towpath walks in the morning and industrial museum at Shirley's Etruscan Bone and Flint Mill at Etruria in the afternoon
26.6	Walk	Track beds in Wigan area	Wigan to Ince Moss and Whelley Loop	7	Starting at Wigan Central site to Marylebone on the Whelley Loop
25.9	Walk	Leeds and Liverpool Canal	Ince to Adlington		Towpath walk
25.10	Walk	Horwich – return visit	Tour of L&YR workshops		Tour led by a local guide
30.10	Walk	Leeds and Liverpool Canal	Adlington to Chorley and Blackburn line		Towpath walk and exploring the trackbed of the Blackburn line
27.11	Walk	Timperley to Altrincham and Hale Barns	To view Skelton and Deansgate Junctions To view Brooks Drive		To view Bowdon Station terminus currently a building site Brooks Drive built in 1860s and in disrepair
2004					
29.1	Walk	Leeds and Liverpool Canal	Foulridge to Nelson towpath walk	5	Includes the horse path over tunnel and Barrowford Lock Flight
26.2	Walk	Ashton Canal	Portland Basin to Ducie Street, Manchester	6.5	To view recent developments
25.3	Train	W Yorkshire Rail Tour(Pt 2)	York - Selby & Pontefract - Halifax		Joint trip with North East Group. Meet at Bradford
22.4	Walk	Rochdale Canal	Explorer visit to the Hollingworth Lake link	8	To investigate the bi-directional link between the lake and the canal
27.5	Walk	Weaver Navigation	Walk from Northwich + Anderton Lift cruise		Optional cruise and Exhibition Centre visit (replaces April 2003 trip)
24.6	Walk	Hebden Bridge	Explore the Blake Dean Reservoir Railway	9	Moorland walk to explore the former railway
29.7	Walk	Leeds and Liverpool Canal	Rufford Branch – Burscough to Tarleton	9	Towpath walk
26.8	Walk	Middlewood Way	Marple (Rose Hill) to Bollington		Trackbed walk on former Great Central Railway route
30.9	Walk	St Helens Canal	Stockton Heath to Widnes	8	Includes Runcorn & Latchford Canal and Widnes Loop line remains
28.10	Walk	Ashton to Oldham Rly route	Walk most of the route		Former Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Railway
25.11	Walk	Ashton Canal	Stockport Branch, Clayton to Lancashire Hill	5	Urban walk to trace the remains of the canal
9.12	Walk	Peak Forest Canal	Romiley to Marple and across aqueduct		? the first Christmas walk and lunch at Midland Hotel, Marple
2005					
27.1	Walk	Halifax area explorer visit	To look at examples of early roads	5	Walk along Magna Via to Hipperholme and a turnpike
24.2	Walk	Central Manchester	Explorer visit to view waterways		Includes 5 canals plus Rivers Medlock, Irwell and Irk
31.3	Train	W Yorkshire Rail Tour(Pt 3)	Huddersfield, Barnsley, W'field, Doncaster		Includes South Yorkshire
27.4	Walk	Whitworth and Facit area	To explore the quarry tramways and railways	8	Terrain partly pathless and wet with stiles
26.5	Walk	Whitegate Way	Cuddington to Winsford track bed path	7	Former Cheshire Lines branch
4.6	Walk	Central Manchester	Repeat of the walk 24.2.2005		Repeated due to bad weather in February
30.6	Walk	Godley to Stockport	Godley Jct-Woodley & Reddish Jct-Stockport		Includes Peak Forest Canal. River Tame and Denton Colliery Rly
28.7	Walk	Shotton LL Stn – Saltney	To view bridges and industry along the Dee	6	Bridges in Shotton and Queensferry area+Airbus factory on the Dee
25.8	Walk	Helsby and Frodsham area	Helsby Stn to Frodsham Stn via MSC		Includes former navvy village at Marshville+temporary port of Saltport
29.9	Walk	Liverpool & Manchester Rly	Trip to Liverpool on 175 th Anniversary of L&M		To view Earlstown, Rainhill, Edge Hill, Crown Street and Wapping
27.10	Walk	Chorley to Bamber Bridge	L&Y Blackburn line, Leeds&L'pool+Lancaster		B'burn line to Botany Bay, L&L Canal, Lancaster Canal & tramway
24.11	Walk	Ripponden Branch	L&Y branch from Rishworth to Sowerby Br	5	After viewing Rochdale Canal lock, then bus to Rishworth for walk back
8.12	Walk	Macclesfield Canal	High Lane to Marple	3	Christmas walk and lunch at Midland Hotel, Marple Bridge

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2006					
26.1	Walk	Upper Peak Forest Canal	Whaley Bridge to New Mills		Includes visit to the trans-shipment basin at Bugsworth
23.2	Walk	Lancaster Canal Tram Road	Clayton Brook for Walton Summit to Preston	7	To walk between the two sections of the Lancaster Canal
30.3	Train	Merseyside Rail Tour	To travel lines to the north and east of L'pool		Itinerary from Gerald
27.4	Walk	Weaver Navigation	Northwich to Winsford	6.5	
25.5	Walk	Monton Green to Bolton	Trackbed walk starting at Patricroft Station	7.5	L&NWR branch
24.6	Walk	Irwell Valley Way	Bury to Rawtenstall close to the railway	7	To view stations, bridges and structures along the E. Lancs Railway
29.6	Walk	Huddersfield Narrow Canal	Greenfield to Ashton-under-Lyne	7	Towpath walk
27.7	Walk	Weaver Nav.+Trent&Mersey	Acton Bridge to Barnton		Bus from Warrington (No 43) and return bus to Warrington (no44)
31.8	Walk	Ulverston	Explorer trip-Conishead Priory Line+Canal		Repeat of previous trip by popular request
23.9	Walk	Woodhead Pass	To explore early turnpike route	15	Strenuous walk from Hadfield to Flouch Roundabout (A616/A628)
28.9	Walk	Leeds & Liverpool Canal	Litherland to Pier Head via Vauxhall	5	Towpath walk along the last stretch of the canal at the Liverpool end
26.10	Walk	NSR branch+Trent&Mersey	Sandbach to Lawton+Trent&Mersey towpath	6.5	Walk on or close to NSR formation (5m) + canal (1.5m)
23.11	Walk	Leeds (Joint with NE Group)	Explorer visit to view city's railway stations		To include termini past and present
7.12	Walk	Bridgewater Canal	Old Trafford to Castlefield (Manchester)	2	Christmas walk and lunch at "Dukes 92" on the Rochdale Canal
2007					
25.1	Walk	Mtr, Bolton & Bury Canal	Bolton arm from Ringley to Bolton	5	Towpath walk and exploration. Meet at Kearsley Station
22.2	Walk	L&YR line – Bury to Bolton	Bury Knowsley St. to Bolton Trinity St.	6	Includes Bury Gas Works branch and feeder to Mtr,Bolton&Bury Canal
29.3	Train	West Midlands Rail Tour	Stafford,Birmingham,Stourbridge,W. Brom		Includes part of the Midlands Metro Tram route. Joint with W.Midlands
26.4	Walk	Wigan area to Hindley	L&YR branch from Blackrod to Crow Nest	5.5	Trip to explore the route+"Rolling Stock Books" a shop in Wigan
31.5	Walk	Runcorn to Moore and back	Canal towpath walk from Runcorn east		Outward on the Bridgewater and back on the Runcorn & Latchford
28.6	Walk	Rossendale tramroads	Scout Moor area above Edenfield	5	Walk from Rostron Arms, Edenfield and back over rough terrain
3.7	Walk	Porthmadog Week	3-9 July week of sites to see and explore		? did this happen
26.7	Walk	Warrington waterways	South and east area of Warrington		Includes River Mersey, Runcorn & Latchford "Black Bear" Canal, Woolston New Cut and the MSC
11.8	Walk	Kirkby Stephen area	To view preserved viaducts	5.5	To view Smardale Gill, Podgill and Merrygill viaducts with car share
30.8	Walk	Leeds waterways	To include a walk to Rodley	6	Joint visit with NE Group
16.9	Visit	Manchester Museum Visits	Mtr. Museum of Transport, Cheetham Hill		Includes a restored vintage tram ride on the Heaton Pk Tramway
27.9	Walk	Stockport area	Stockport to Chorlton-cum-Hardy	6	Trackbed walk on former Midland Railway line
25.10	Walk	Chorley and Wheelton area	To follow the route of the Thirlmere Aqueduct	7	Walk includes some rough terrain and stiles
22.11	Walk	Keighley&Worth Valley Rly	Escorted walk along the trackbed	5	Joint visit with NE Group and Railway Ramblers
6.12	Walk	Bridgewater Canal	Navigation Road to Dunham Massey	2.5	Christmas walk and lunch at "Axe and Cleaver" in Dunham

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2008					
8.01	Walk	Bury area	Exploration of feeders for M,B&B Canal		Following the feeder
8.02	Walk	Pemberton	Walk along soon to be lost alignment		Pemberton loop track bed soon to be used as a road
8.03	Train	South Yorkshire	Joint rail tour with North East		Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Swinton, Doncaster, Thorne, Goole
8.04	Walk	Dyserth	Dyserth to Prestatyn	5.0	Walk along the LNWR Cwm branch
8.05	Walk	Macclesfield Canal	Buglawton		Walk along the towpath of the canal
8.05	Walk	Blythe Bridge	Jt walk with West Midlands, Blythe Bridge		Walk along the track bed Blythe bridge and Dilhorne incl mainline spur
8.06	Walk	Mow Cop	Kidsgrove area tramroads	8.0	Explore the rote of former tram roads in the Mow Cop area
8.06	Walk	Blackburn	Leeds Liverpool Canal towpath walk		Explore the canal in the Blackburn area
8.07	Boat	Cruise	Manchester Ship Canal		Golden Year cruise along the Ship Canal
8.07	Walk	West Kirby	Explore the Wirral		Various villages and a walk on the track bed of Hooton-West Kirby line
8.08	Walk	Rodley	Walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal	6.5	Towpath walk from Rodley to Shipley
8.09	Walk	North Liverpool Line	Broad Green to Aintree	7.0	Including Knotty Ash, West Derby and Hartley's Village
8.10	Walk	Ashton Canal	Aston to Manchester	6.5	Ashton-under-Lyne station along the canal to Manchester
8.11	Walk	North Staffordshire Rly Pt1	Biddulph to Congleton		Walk downhill along the trackbed of the old railway
8.12	Walk	Smithy Bridge	Smithy Bridge to Rochdale	3.5	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk and Fire Brigade Museum
2009					
9.01	Walk	MB&B Canal	Salford area		Walk along the River Irwell and Bridgewater Canal to Salford Quays
9.02	Walk	Lakeside, Cumbria	Lakeside to Havertwaite	3.5	Invitation to join Railway Ramblers walk
9.02	Walk	Hollinwood	Hollinwood to Rochdale Canal basin	5.5	Towpath walk from Hollinwood to Rochdale
9.03	Train	South Yorkshire, part 2	Sheffield round trip jointly with NE group		Sheffield, Retford, Doncaster, Althorpe and Scunthorpe
9.04	Walk	East Lancashire Railway	Stubbins Junction to Accrington	6	Walk to follow the route or trackbed of the line
9.05	Walk	Wirral Way, part 2	Heswall to Neston	5.5	Walk part of the Hooton to West Kirby Branch
9.06	Walk	Greenfield	Standedge Turnpike - Greenfield /Marsden	7	A look at Dobcross and Delp villages and a brief study of the turnpike.
9.07		Leek and Manifold Railway	Leek		An investigation of the route of the L&M Railway
9.07	Walk	Saltaire	Walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal	5	Starting at Saltaire and ending at Micklethwaite
9.08	Walk	East Lancs Railway Part 2	Walk from Helmshore to Accrington	6	Including a visit to the narrow gauge railway at Helmshore
9.09	Walk	Skipton	Leeds Liverpool Canal		Walking week jointly with the North East Group
9.09	Train	Oldham Loop	Last chance to ride the line		The loop is to be closed and converted for Metrolink Trams
9.10	Walk	North Liverpool Area	Walk along two old railway lines	7	Langton Dock to Fazakerley and Walton to Huskisson
9.11	Walk	North Staffordshire Rly Pt 2	Walk along old railway starting at Biddulph		Biddulph to Milton Junction
9.12	Walk	New Mills	New Mills to Marple	3.5	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk

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2010					
10.01	Walk	Mills Hill station	Rochdale Canal walk	6	Walk along the towpath of the Rochdale Canal
10.02	Bus	Man Pic bus station	Tour of Manchester		Tour including Leigh, Bolton, Stockport, Ashton, Manchester
10.03	Walk	Broad Green	CLC Liverpool North extn line to Aintree	7	Looking at the historic villages, civil engineering feats and future lines
10.03	Train	Wolverhampton	West Midlands Day Ranger Tour Pt 1		Wolverhampton, Telford, Shrewsbury and Stourbridge - Jnt WM group
10.04	Walk	Ambergate	Jacksdale and Amberergate	6	Walk the remaining part of the Cromford Canal - Joint EM group
10.04	Walk	Ashton station	Exploration of two branch canals	6	A walk between Bardsley and Werneth
10.05	Walk	Wirral Way part 3	Neston to Hooton	5	The last part from Neston to Hooton
10.06	Walk	Buxton	C&HP Railway and some of its branches	5	The south Buxton area of the C&HP Railway and branches
10.07	Walk	Bole Hill Quarry	Mineral lines and exchange sidings	5	A walk including some steep ascents and descents
10.08	Walk	Scenic walk along the Lune	Lancaster to Crook of Lune	7.5	View of 11 crossings of the Lune ending with the Thirlmere Aquaduct
10.09	Boat	Standedge Cruise	Memorial cruise - Peter Brown		Joint activity with NE group
10.09	Walk	Mickle Trafford	Mickle Trafford to Chester		Walk along a Sustran route and canal towpath to Chester
10.10	Walk	Ellenbrook	Walk LNWR trackbed Ellenbrook to Leigh	5	The route is to become a guided busway in the near future
10.12	Walk	Timperley	Walk the Bridgewater to Dunham Massey	4	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk
2011					
11.01	Walk	Mossley	Walk along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal	5	Starting in Mossley Bottom and ending in Ashton inc Scout Tunnel
11.02	Bus	East Lancashire Tour	Bus tour	75	Rawtenstall, Burnley, Clitheroe, Blackburn, Accrington and others
11.03	Train	Crewe	West Midlands Day Ranger Tour Pt 2		Tamworth, Leamington Spa, Coventry, Nuneaton, Stafford - Joint WM
11.04	Walk	Bamford	Bamford and Howden Railway Pt 1		Following the Derwent Valley Water Board Railway - Joint NE
11.05	Walk	Carr Mill Dam	St Helens Canal		Following the St Helens Canal through Sankey Brook Valley
11.06	Walk	Edale	Packhorse and Turnpike roads	8	Including a section of abandoned "A" road
11.06	Walk	Bamford	Bamford and Howden Railway Pt 2		Following the route from Ladybower to Derwent Reservoirs - Joint NE
11.07	Walk	Preston Brook	Trent and Mersey Canal south plus	6.5	Including a section of the Weaver Navigation and the Viaduct
11.08	Walk	Storeton	Storeton Tramway	5	Exploration of the route of the tramway to Bromborough Pool
11.09	Walk	Buxton	Old roads across the moor and C&HPR		From the Cat and Fiddle to the C&HPR and trackbed to Buxton
11.10	Walk	Bollington	Macclesfield Canal walk	4	Including visit to Paradise Silk Mill and Heritage Centre
11.11	Walk	Diggle	Huddersfield Narrow Canal	5	Diggle to Mossley Bottoms
11.12	Walk	Middlewood Station	Middlewood Way & Macclesfield Canal	5	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk

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2012					
12.01	Walk	Salford	Part 1: Ordsall Chord 2: MB&B Canal	6.0	Proposed route of the chord then follow the route/towpath of the canal
12.02	Bus	West Lancashire Tour	Manchester to Southport		Out via Chorley and Preston, return via Wigan
12.03	Train	North West Rail Tour	Blackpool, Blackburn, Hebden Bridge		Circular route using the Lancashire Day Ranger ticket
12.04	Walk	South of Preston	Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall, Preston		After exploring the area a walk following the L&Y East Lancashire line
12.05	Walk	Calveley	Calveley to Nantwich Viaduct	5.0	Towpath walk along the Shropshire Union Canal
12.06	Walk	Marple Rosehill Station	Marple - Hyde	6.0	Towpath walk along the Lower Peak Forest Canal, including 2 tunnels
12.07	Walk	Halsall	Halsall to Burscough Bridge	6.0	Leeds Liverpool Canal towpath walk
12.08	Walk	Buxton	Walk along the C&HP Railway route	6.0	From Burbage to Fernilee Dam. Extn available on to Whaley Bridge
12.09	Walk	Cherry Tree	Exploration in Feniscowles and Hoghton		An amazingly varied walk along towpaths, bridleways and footpaths
12.10	Walk	Elsworth	Elsworth to Middlewich	5.0	Trent & Mersey towpath walk with lots of locks
12.11	Walk	Langho	Visit to view never used railway earthworks		A never completed railway line plus Lango Church
12.12	Walk	Bollington	Towpath walk - Bollington to Adlington	3.0	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk
2013					
13.01	Tram	Manchester	A day on Metrolink		Travelling along as much of the tram network as possible in daylight
13.02	Walk	Kearsley	Towpath walk along M,B&B Canal	5.5	Look at the section between Ringley and Pendlebury
13.03	Train	Stoke on Trent	West Midlands Day Ranger Tour Pt 3		Birmingham Int, Leamington Spa, Stratford on Avon, B'ham Snow Hill
13.04	Walk	Hurleston Bridge	Towpath walk from Hurleston to Wrenbury	6.5	Hurleston to Wrenbury along the Llangollen Canal
13.05	Walk	Rochdale area	Walk along Rooley Moor Road	5	Pre-motor age road over the moor to Stacksteads
13.06	Walk	Kirkham and Wesham	Walk along 2 old Fylde railway branches	5.5	Walk covering the original Lytham branch and the Marton branch
13.07	Walk	Carnforth	Guided walk around station and locality	3.5	Station tour plus points local points of railway interest
13.08	Walk	Preston	Walk the route of the Longridge Railway	7	Walk the trackbed or trace it as far as is possible
13.09	Walk	Leigh	Walk from Leigh to Worsley	6	Towpath walk along the Bridgewater Canal
13.10	Walk	Liverpool	Liverpool waterfront walk	6	Stanley Dock to St Michaels. Leeds Liverpool Canal, waterfront paths
13.11	Walk	Droylesden	Hollinwood Canal walk	4	Following Droylsden to Bardsley route as near as is possible
13.12	Walk	Smithy Bridge	Rochdale Canal towpath walk to Rochdale	4	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk

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14.01	Walk	Dinting	Explore the railways of the area		Old and new railways especially the Waterside branch
14.02	Walk	Burnley	Explorer walk of Burnley town	4.5	A variety of things with railway and canal connections
14.03	Train	Ebbw Vale	A trip down a favourite valley		Manchester Picadilly to Ebbw Vale return - ATW Club 55 ticket
14.04	Walk	Liverpool	Liverpool North Extension Line	6	Halewood Station to Broad Green following mostly TPT route
14.05	Walk	Shotton	Shotton and Connah's Quay area	6.5	Former railway routes in this area of Deeside
14.06	Walk	New Brighton	West side of the Mersey Estuary	5	As far as Woodside and a tram trip at the Wirral Transport Museum
14.07	Walk	Blackstone Edge	Rochdale Canal Reservoirs	6.5	Exploration of some of the oldest reservoirs still in use
14.08	Walk	Hadfield	Hadfield to Torside Dam	7	Following the route of the former Woodhead Railway
14.09	Walk	Cuddington	Cuddington to Winsford	7	Following the route of the Winsford and Over Branch (Whitegate Way)
14.10	Walk	Church	Church (Accrington) to Hapton	6	Walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal meandering towpath
14.11	Walk	Lymm	Lymm circular tour	6	Lymm Dam and Wharf, Warrington to Stockport Rlwy, B'water Canal
14.12	Walk	Monton station site	Monton, Old Warke Dam, Worsley Delph	2.5	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk
2015					
15.01	Walk	Central Manchester	View historic canal and railway locations	3	Including the Metrolink developments and the rebuilding of Victoria Stn
15.02	Walk	East Manchester	View past/present transport infrastructure	3	Rochdale canal basin, Store Street Aqueduct, Medlock Aqueduct ...
15.03	Train	Huddersfield	Rail Tour - West and South Yorkshire		Huddersfield, Barnsley, Wakefield and Halifax - Joint NE Group
15.04	Walk	Todmorden	Todmorden to Summit	6	Walk along the Rochdale Canal
15.05	Walk	Helmshore	East Lancashire Railway	7	Closely following the ELR from Helmshore to Bury
15.06	Walk	Reddish	Reddish and Lower Tame Valley	6	Ashton Canal's Beat Bank Branch and some local railway features
15.07	Walk	Leigh	Leigh to Wigan	8	Towpath walk along the Leigh Branch
15.08	Walk	Lostock Gralam	Lostock Graham to Middlewich	7	Towpath walk from Lostock Wharf to Middlewich town centre
15.09	Walk	Warrington	Sankey Bridges to Spike Island	7	Walk along the St Helens Canal ending on Spike Island (Widnes)
15.10	Walk	Hassall Green	Circular Walk	5.5	Short section of NSR route, T&M Canal & industry around Thurlwood
15.11	Walk	Thelwall	Thelwall to Warrington	7	Following the Warrington and Stockport Railway (now TPT)
15.12	Walk	Warrington	Less obvious parts of Warrington	2	Pre Christmas Lunch Walk