

Provisional Timetable

We are aiming at the following timetable for the walk. This is based upon a nominal 21 miles total, planning a 3 miles per hour average plus breaks.

Venue	Time	Miles
Mow Cop Chapel	08:45 Praise and worship service	(approx)
	09:30 Depart for	2
Brown Lees Chapel	10:15 Short break	
Via Bemersley to		3
Norton Green Chapel	11:15 Short break	
Cheddleton Chapel	13:30 Lunch and Service	6
	14:30 Depart for	
Ipstones Chapel	16:00 Short break	4
Ramsor Chapel	18:00- Arrive for final	
(Ramshorn, near	18:30 A "Ranter" Service -	6
Alton Towers.)	Primitive Methodist Praise.	
	20:00 On the way home.	

All times are "what we hope to achieve" and must allow some flexibility.

This timetable is the February 2007 draft and will be finalised, and mileage checked, by mid-May.

Further details will be posted on www.rewlach.org.uk.

We especially hope that people will be able to join us for the Praise and Worship, using early Methodist hymns, at Mow Cop, Cheddleton, or Ramsor. Other walkers are welcome to join us for any section of this walk. Bring your own lunch, please, and arrange for your own transport to drop you and pick you up. If the group becomes too large, you may need to walk at a slightly different time or reverse direction.

This is not a "sponsored walk", but there will be collection boxes at the Chapels for the local Methodist Circuits and for the Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism.

Ramsor is the Methodist spelling; it is "**Ramshorn**" on the maps.

Robert Higginson, February 2007

MOW COP to RAMSOR Thursday 31 May 2007

To celebrate the work of God in Primitive Methodism, Rev. David Leese (Epworth Methodist Circuit) and Mr. Robert Higginson (Birmingham) proposed a walk through some of the places of great historical significance to Primitive Methodism. As well as Mow Cop, this will include Bemersley (where Hugh Bourne printed the Primitive Methodist Magazine), and Norton in the Moors (scene of the second Camp Meeting, August 1807).

PRIMITIVE METHODIST "RANTER" SERVICE at RAMSOR CHAPEL 6:30 p.m. Preacher Pastor Fred Howell

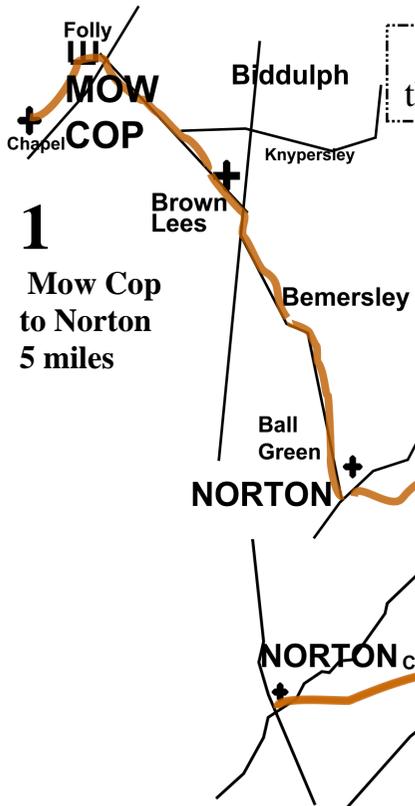
The hymns will be Primitive Methodist favourites. Ramsor (Ramshorn on the maps and signposts) was a regular venue for Camp Meetings. A tiny hamlet near the present day Alton Towers, Ramsor had an influence far beyond its size, and in 1822 became a "Head of Circuit".

MARKING THE 200th ANNIVERSARY of the FIRST MOW COP CAMP MEETING Sunday 31st May 1807

The first Camp Meeting was held at Mow Cop as a day of prayer and Bible preaching. This was organised by Hugh Bourne and his companions in what was to become (in 1812) the Primitive Methodist Connexion.

A walk is a fitting tribute to Hugh Bourne, who was famous for the many miles he walked between preaching appointments.

The worship services will be a time to thank God for His work in early Methodism and pray for God's name to be honoured in the future.



Mow Cop has a special place as the site of the first Camp Meeting.

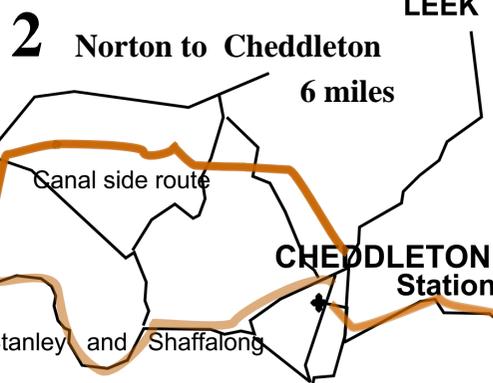
Bemersley Farm (it is time it had a Blue Plaque) was Hugh Bourne's home for many years and he had the book-room and printing press there. Primitive Methodist Magazine and many other publications were produced here. The press is now at Englesea Brook.

Why Mow Cop to Ramsor?
Some historical background to places along the route.

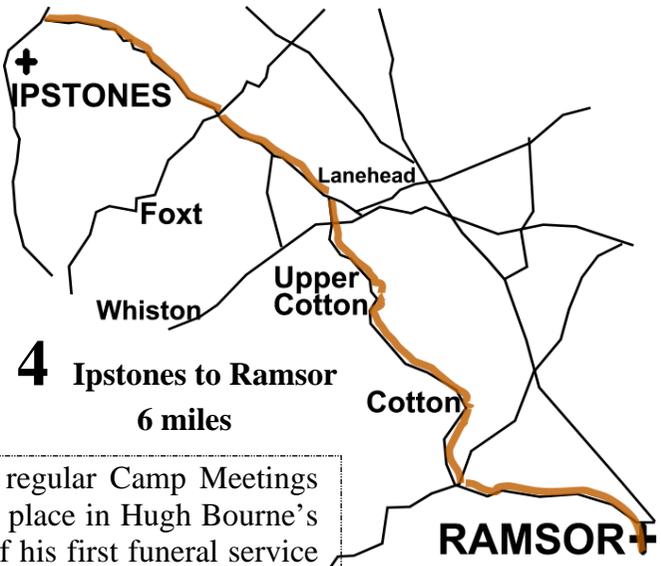
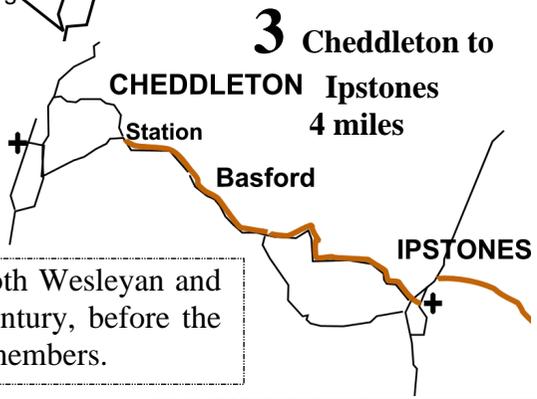
Our route will also pass near many places of great interest to both Primitive and Wesleyan Methodism in the 19th century. That was a time characterised by uncompromising preaching of the Bible as the Word of God, led in these villages by Methodist Preachers who laboured sacrificially for their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Norton-in-the-Moors was the venue for the second Camp Meeting in 1807. Hugh Bourne had the vision to provide an antidote to the debauchery of the Wakes held at Norton every summer.

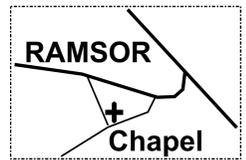
Ipstones is a typical example of a village where both Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists built chapels. In the 19th century, before the general migration to cities, both had enough active members.



Cheddleton was not significant in Primitive Methodist history because the Wesleyans were spiritually alive. See Thomas Willshaw's "*Methodism in my Native Village*" (www.rewlach.org.uk/books) The first Chapel was built in 1822 to replace the "old boat house" which was used until someone fell into the canal. The Bible was preached such that people came under conviction of sin, came to faith, and lived a life committed to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Ramsor was the venue for regular Camp Meetings from 1808 and had a special place in Hugh Bourne's affection. It was the place of his first funeral service (for Elizabeth Warrington in 1810). A Ramsor man, Frances Horobin, paid for the printing of the first P.M. Class Ticket in 1811. Further details are on www.rewlach.org.uk/Ramsor



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