

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

JANUARY 2004 CIRCULAR

1. All rambles meet in the car park of Oakfield Trading Estate off Oakfield Road, Altrincham. Follow sign for Station car park and take the first right turn.
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to **ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB**.
5. Names of guests on walks should be notified to the leader.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property.

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY - DISLEY

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport: £2. Leader: Bert Sowerbutts 980 3752.
Park cars: Disley Railway Station. GR. 974 845. (where leader will meet).

A route suitable for the day. Can be adjusted for weather conditions.

WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY - MOTTRAM-IN-LONDENDALE

Leave 9.00 9½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport: TBA. Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119.
Park cars: M67 to end - A57. Turn left A6018 towards Stalybridge. In approx. 1 mile & 200 metres, after '30 mph' signs turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Road. Park in approx. ½-mile on right of road. GR. SJ 993 968 (where leader will meet).

Hobson Moor, Matley. Wild Bank, Walkenwood Reservoir, Higher Hydegreen, Swineshaw Reservoir, Lees Hill, Devils Bridge, Swallows Wood, Hollingsworth Moor. (Good views - weather permitting).

- PRIMROSE HILL DELAMERE

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £3. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.
Park cars: Bams Bridge car park. GR.542 716. Take B5152 going north and turn left into Ashton Rd.

A pleasant walk through Delamere Forest onto Primrose Hill. A little road walking but with good views.

SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY - BOLLINGTON/LYME PARK

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.30. Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211.
Park cars: Middlewood Way car park, Bollington. GR.931 781. (where leader will meet).

Along the Middlewood Way and Cheshire Ring canal walk to Hagg Farm and into Lyme Park. The return to Bollington is along the Gritstone Trail via Bowstones, Sponds Hill, Oakenbank and White Nancy.

- ACTON BRIDGE

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.3/4. Transport TBA. Leader: Anne Brooker 973 2179.
Park cars: By Horns Inn, on road (left hand side just before Acton Swing Bridge). Route - M56 to Junction 10. Take A49 (Whitchurch road) to Acton Bridge.

A pleasant walk along the River Weaver to Dutton Locks, and beyond to Astley Grange, returning along the canal. (Can be shortened if wet).

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY - ACTON BRIDGE / ASTON

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.50. Leaders: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Steifox 973 0370. Park cars: In the village of Acton Bridge (off A49). Grass lay-by on Chapel Lane near Methodist church. (where leaders will meet). Return to cars: Approx. 3 pm.

From Acton Bridge village to Dutton Locks, along river Weaver, then through fields to Aston. Down towards Dutton, back to the Weaver and along riverside to Acton Bridge. Then across fields back to the village.

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY - SLIDE SHOW

Altrincham Methodist Church, Barrington Road. 8.00 pm. - Admission £1. 'Land With No Fences' - Mongolia, given by Margaret Ledger.

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY - SADDLEWORTH EDGES

Leave 9.00 13 miles Cat.2. Transport £2.40. Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119.

Park cars: Meet 'Bin Green' car park, on A635. Approx 2km on right after island at Greenfield (where leader will meet). GR. SK. 018 045.

From car park around Yeomans Hey Reservoir, Birchin Clough, Ravenstones, Dovestone Moss, Chew Res., Wimberry Moss, Alphin Brow, Greave, Oldham Way, Dovestone Res., to car park.

- NETHER ALDERLEY

Leave 9.45 7½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1.20. Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352.

Park cars: West St. car park, Alderley Edge village, right off A34 at Barclays Bank (clock on wall).

Tracks and field paths to Nether Alderley and Heaford Hall. Road walk ½-mile to Eagle Lodge, field paths to Shaw Cross, then via Artists Lane and Findlow Hall to Alderley village. Rtn to cars: 4.00 pm

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY - GOYT VALLEY / SHINING TOR

Leave 9.00 10½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.40 Leader: Alan Gerrard 980 7508.

Park cars: A5004 in large layby on the righthand side, approx ½-mile beyond Whaley Bridge traffic lights. GR.008 799.

From Goyt Valley climb to top of Shining Tor, return via Pym Chair and Taxal Edge.

- CLIFTON JUNCTION

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.20. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648. Park cars: Clifton Country Park. GR.772 043. - M60 to the A666 towards Bolton, 1st turn off A666 for Farnworth & Kearsley. Turn right for Kearsley and along this road for approx. 2 miles till you see the sign for Clifton Country Park. Turn left into Clifton House Rd, this is just after the garage. Follow the road down and park the cars at the Visitors Centre.

A walk along the Irwell valley to the village of Ringley with its pretty church and bridge. We then walk along the disused Bolton Bury canal to Wilsons Bridge to return via the power station and round the lake back to the cars.

SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY - ETHEROW

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £2.20 + shared parking charge. Leader: Don Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Etherow Country Park - Compstall. GR.965 909 (off B6104).

Werneth Low, Idle Hill, Botharns Hall, Chew, Charlesworth, Coombes Edge, Cloughend, Ernocroft, Ernocroft Wood.

- CROKER HILL

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.80. Leader: Derrick Hamer 969 3821.

Park cars: On Radcliffe Road, just past the side of 'The Fool's Nook' PH. (GR.917 694) Fool's Nook is on the A523 (south of Macclesfield) and is on the left at Oakgrove.

Radcliffe Rd to Croker Hill Communications Tower, Bosley Reservoir, Stoneyfold, Macclesfield Canal, Oakgrove. The walk has a fairly gentle climb to the Croker Hill Tower. From thereon it is downhill to the A523 and flat to and along the canal to Oakgrove.

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY - HARTINGTON - MILDALE

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.2/3. Transport: TBA. Leader: Gordon Bird 973 0306.

Park cars: Beresford Lane, Beresford Dale, White Peak - West. GR.128 586.

Take B5054 (Mill Lane) out of Hartington and in 1.25 miles, turn left and left again at X-roads to join Beresford Lane. Left again to park at end of lane, just short of river Dove. A level walk except for a steep climb out of Milldale and an equally steep descent down Gipsy Bank to regain the river.

- PARKGATE - WIRRAL

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.4. Transport £4.50. Leaders: Audrey & Derek Dawson 748 1250 and Bernard Butterworth 973 2652. Park cars: Gayton Sands, Parkgate. GR.273 790 (where leaders will meet). To the end of the M56, then turn left A5117. At the next r/about turn right A540. At the Hinderton Arms Pub turn left B5134 s/p Neston. At the traffic lights in Neston turn right, then next left at memorial, signpost Parkgate. Go to the end of the promenade and where the road turns sharp right, carry straight on passed the front of the Boat House pub. Car park 100 yds. NB. There are public toilets half-way along the promenade behind the "Marsh Cat Restaurant".

A pleasant winter walk taking in the Wirral Way, Ness Gardens and fine views across the Dee Estuary? (We hope).

- ALDERLEY EDGE

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.00. Leaders: Harold Solomons 980 7771 & Ken Hughes 980 4766. Park cars: National Trust CP, Alderley Edge (GR. SJ 860 773). £1 car park for all day - Free for N.T members. Return to cars: 2.00 pm.

From Alderley Edge, past Jarman's farm, through fields to Matthews Nursery. Along A34 to Nether Alderley Church. Back along A34 to Bradford Lane and return to car park.
NB: Lots of stiles and Bradford Lane is cobbled and difficult for those with feet disorders!

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY - 'B' walks only - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.
Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752

WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY - 4th 'A' & 'C' walks, 11th 'A' & 'C' walks, 18th 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks,
25th 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks.
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2004

St.Valentines Party from 7.30 to 10.30 pm at Larkhill Community Centre, Thorley Lane, Timperley.
Hosts: Barry and Alma Rice. Tickets £5.50 from Ron Howarth (973 8633), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Joan Holmes (962 4780) and Barry Rice (962 2377).

CLUB WEEKEND 2004

All outstanding monies are now due. Final invoices have been sent out and must be settled before, not on, the 1st February 2004.

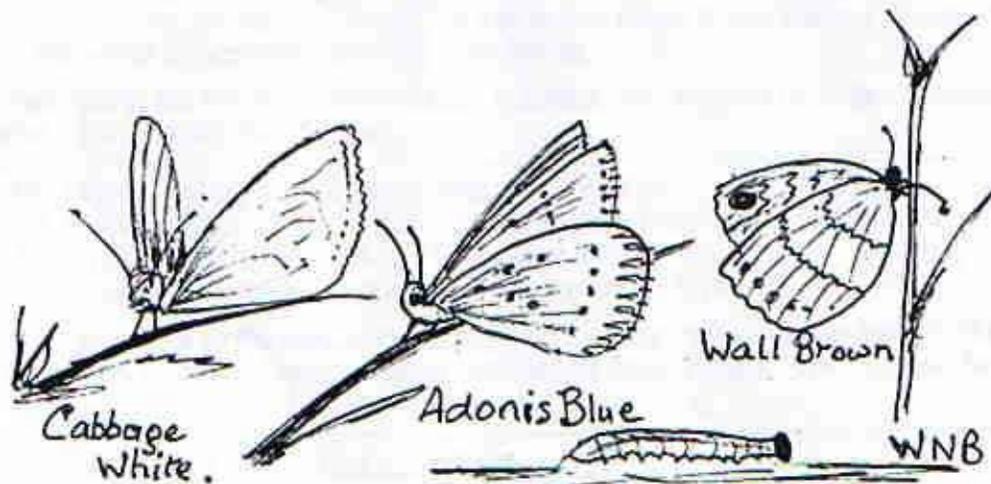
BEST WISHES to Peter Harris who is at present recovering from a knee 'op. We look forward to seeing you out walking again Peter.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 on Tuesday 6th January at 'Timperley Taverners Club', Park Road, Timperley.

THE PEAK & NORTHERN FOOTPATHS SOCIETY & THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION NW

invite you to their joint walks as follows, each 9 miles, Cat.3. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.
Wednesday 21st January - Romiley circular. Meet Romiley Station 10.01 am.
Wednesday 28th January - New Mills circular. Meet New Mills Newtown Station. 10.07 am.
Peak & Northern Website: www.peakandnorthern.org.uk



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