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**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 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 1ST FEBRUARY - HAYFIELD**

Leave 9.00 12½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £2.50. Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.  
Park cars: Sett Valley Trail. Pay & Display car park. GR.036 869.

Moorland House, Moor Lodge, Monks Meadows, Brown Knoll, Kinder Reservoir, Snake Path.

**WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - MACCLESFIELD FOREST**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.50. Leaders: Ron Goodman 945 0198 & Albert Berry 499 2233. Park cars: Trentabank Reservoir Car park. GR.962 712 (where leaders will meet). From Langley take road towards Macclesfield Forest. Proceed to Leather Smithy pub and take right fork. At the next junction turn left. Trentabank CP approx. 150 yards on right.

To Macclesfield Forest Chapel on to Walker Barn, then up to Tegg's Nose Country Park. Return via Gritstone Trail to Trentabank Reservoir.

**SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - BIDDULPH**

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.90. Leader: Harry Hewlett 962 4869.  
Park cars: Biddulph Grange Country Park car park. GR.894 594. Exit Congleton on the A527 (south east of town) and follow Biddulph Grange Garden signs. At the outskirts of Biddulph turn left into Grange Road, the car park is approx. ¼-mile uphill on the right hand side.

Spring Wood / Staffordshire Moorlands Walks - Wicken Stones - Knypersley Reservoir - Knypersley - Newport, Woodside Farm, Towerhill Farm, Mow Cop Castle, Gritstone Trail, Staffs. Moorland Walks, Congleton Edge, Higher Whitewood Farm, Bailey Wood. Return to cars: 3.30 - 4.00 pm.

**WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - TEGGS NOSE / BROCK LOW / KERRIDGE**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.20. Leader: Keith Leslie 976 3230.  
Park cars: Teggs Nose car park. GR.951 733. Take A537 (Cat & Fiddle Rd) from centre of Macclesfield. At just under **one mile** bear right off A537 to follow **brown** Teggs Nose Park sign. The car park is a further 1¼ miles on right. Park on left behind visitor centre (toilets available). Pay & Display at certain times - please check. Return to cars: 3.00 pm.

A walk with extensive views over the hills and the Cheshire Plain. We pass through Vale Royal and Brock Low to reach and follow the river Dean. After lunch overlooking Rainow, we circuit Kerridge Hill traversing the full length of the ridge, returning to Teggs Nose by Bull Hill and the Gritstone Trail. Good footpaths and tracks, two short but steep uphill (one with steps). Nothing too difficult.

**SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - ST. VALENTINES SOCIAL**

Larkhill Community Centre 7.30 to 10.30. Hosts Alma and Barry Rice. Meal at 7.30 prompt. Please bring knife, fork and spoon. Postbox for your Valentines will be provided. This is a fun evening for £5.50 so please come along and join your friends. Tickets from Barry Rice (962 2377), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Ron Howarth (973 8633) and Joan Holmes (962 4780).

**SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY - CARRBROOK, HOLLINGSWORTH MOOR**

Leave 9.00 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.00. Leaders: Brian Billington 485 4119 & Alan Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: Turn right off B6175 at 'Buckton Castle' pub. Mini island at junction. Continue to end. Car park on left. GR. SJ.987 010.

From car park, over Buckton Moor, Slack Head Brow, Chew Hurdles, Ogden Clough, Middle Bank, Devils Bridge, Hollingsworth Moor, Swineshaw reservoir, Turf Pits.

**- BOLLINGTON TO POTT SHRIGLEY**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.30. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.  
Park cars: Middlewood Way car park. Bollington. GR.931 781.

Pleasant walk from Bollington along canal to Four Lane Ends and follow tracks to Moorside Lane then on to Pott Shrigley and back to Bollington.

**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - NORTHWICH**

Leave 9.30 6½ miles Cat.4. Transport £1.70. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.  
Park cars: Town Centre car park at rear of Northwich Memorial Hall (A559). GR.660 739. Take LH turning before Memorial Hall and opposite Police Station.

Commence walk at front of Memorial Hall. A pleasant walk alongside the river Weaver to Vale Royal locks, returning to the town centre via the opposite bank.

**SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY - TURTON TOPS**

Leave 9.30 8½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.70. Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352.  
Park cars: Bromley Cross Railway Station car park. Chapelton Road. (GR.729 131).  
Take M60 motorway, then A666 Bolton at traffic lights right. T-junction left, two miles left B6472, then 1st right under the railway bridge.

Path along Jumbles Reservoir old road to Turton Tower, climb trig point Turton Moor, descend to Turton Reservoir, proceed to Wayoh Reservoir via Strawberry Duck. Edgeworth village, then follow Bradshaw Brook to East Bank Jumbles Reservoir. Return to cars 5.15 (approx).

**WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - TITTESWORTH RESERVOIR**

Leave 9.15 7½ miles Cat.3. Transport £3.30 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.  
Park cars: Tittesworth Reservoir Visitor Centre. A523 south from Macclesfield. Bear left at Rushton Spencer for Meerbrook. Drive through Meerbrook and over an arm of Tittesworth Reservoir. Turn right into Visitor Centre Car Park. P&D GR.994 603.

A walk around the environs of Tittesworth Reservoir on field paths and tracks. Occasional views of the water, and good views of the Roaches.

**SUNDAY 29TH FEBRUARY - MELLOR AND ROWARTH**

Leave 9.00 10½ miles Cat.3. Transport £2.10. Leader: Colin Turner 973 7770.  
Park cars: Disley station. GR.974 846. (Where leader will meet).

Cown Edge Way to Strines and Mellor. Field paths to Rowarth. Through Birch Vale to pick up the canal towpath back to Disley.

**- BUDWORTH MERE**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.50. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.  
Park cars: Road on right passed Cock O' Budworth pub. (Belmont Road). GR.658 782 (where leader will meet).

Cock O' Budworth, Great Budworth (pretty village). Field paths to Marston. Trent & Mersey canal to Anderton Boat Lift. Back by Clay Croft farm and Budworth Mere.

**LEADERS WANTED**

**SUNDAYS**

**MARCH** - 'A' walks - 14th, 'B' walks - 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.  
Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752

**WEDNESDAYS**

**MARCH** - All dates (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st) All Categories.  
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

## FUTURE EVENTS

### AN ENTERTAINING EVENING - SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 2004.

6.30 for 7.00 pm. 3-course Dinner (with choice - see form attached) at the Vinery Bruntwood Park, Cheadle, followed by another humorous talk by Mrs. Lesley Shimell "If Music be the food -----". Book NOW - see form for details and RETURN to organiser Betty Hollinshead 432 1761. (Cost, including gratuities £12.50 per person).

## COACH TRIPS 2004

We are pleased that Sylvia Fantom and Pam Floyd have agreed to organise Wednesday coach trips for the coming season. The committee would like to thank the four members who volunteered. Sylvia Fantom and Pam Floyd have been chosen and co-opted onto the committee.

## DATES FOR THE COACH TRIPS

### SUNDAYS

APRIL 18th  
MAY 16th  
MAY 23rd (social trip)  
JUNE 13th  
JULY 18th  
AUG. 15th  
SEPT. 26th  
OCT. 17th

### WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 28th  
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JUNE 2nd  
JULY 7th  
AUG. 4th  
SEPT. 8th  
OCT. 6th (social trip)

Destinations in next month's Circular.

## BEREAVEMENTS

We sadly report the death of Barbara Tomkins on 5th January in St. Ann's Hospice, Heald Green. The funeral took place at Southern Cemetery on 14th January. Condolences have been sent to her family. We will miss Barbara and the many walks she led for the Club. Barbara often pioneered walks alone and by using public transport.

Condolences have been sent to the family of Edna Platt who we are sorry to report died at her daughter's home in Harrogate in December.

**THANKS** from Anne Macaulay for the Get Well cards and messages received from members following a knee op. in December. Things are going well and I hope to be walking with the Club again in the Spring.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 on Tuesday 9th March 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 4th February Furness Vale circular. Meet Furness Vale station 10.10 am.

Wednesday 11th February Glossop to Hadfield. Meet Glossop station. 10.23 am.

Return to Glossop from Hadfield by frequent train service.

Wednesday 18th February Glossop to Broadbottom. Meet Glossop station. 10.23 am.

Return to Glossop from Broadbottom by frequent train service.

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