

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

### MARCH 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.

#### WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH - GREENFIELD

STABLES L.C. LUNCH.

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.40. Leader: Alan Gerrard 980 7508.

Park cars: 'Bin Green' car park on A635. Approx. 2km on right after island at Greenfield. GR.018 045

Follow the 'Oldham Way' to White Lee. Steady climb to Slack Head Brow. Proceed via "The Indian" to Chew Reservoir. Return via Saddleworth Edges. Fine views weather permitting.

#### - DUNHAM

Leave 10.00 3 or 6 miles Cat.4. Transport 50p. Leaders: Sylvia Fantom 969 1180 assisted by Barry Rice 962 2377 and Gulio Poletti 962 7648. Park cars: Dunham Hall car park (£3 to be shared or free if you take your NT card). Non-members of NT may park outside the park and walk in but watch out for parking restrictions.

This walk is in two halves, the first part approx. 3 miles will start at 10.30, meet at the clock tower. We will walk outside the park with a Ranger who will talk about the two villages of Dunham and Bollington and then back into the park for lunch. There will be a collection of £2 per person in aid of the tree planting scheme.

At 1.30 we meet at the clock tower again for the leaders to walk for 3 miles in and around the park.

Everyone has the choice of going on both the walk and the tour or either the walk on its own or the tour on its own.

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#### SUNDAY 7TH MARCH - ROACHES

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.50. Leader: Alan Macdonald 962 4345.

Park cars: Tittesworth Reservoir Car Park (Meer Brook). GR.993 603. (Where leader will meet).

As you enter the car park area, make for the car park next to the toilets.

Broad Lea farm, White Lee Head, Meadows, Buxton Brow, Clough Head, Danebridge. We then follow the ridge to Roach End, and on to The Roaches, Hen Cloud, Windygates, Frith Bottom and back to the cars.

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#### WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH - CHINLEY, SOUTH HEAD

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport TBA. Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119.

Park cars: Turn left off A6, after passing through Furness Vale onto B6062. Follow to Chinley. On 90° right turn in the village, go straight ahead to War Memorial. Turn left and park immediately on left, at the side of railway

Cracken Edge, Hills farm, Foxholes Clough, Peep-O-Day, South Head. Shireoaks, Dewsnaps.

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

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Places still available for members and friends. Three course meal followed by entertaining talk "If music be the food.....". BOOK BY MARCH 4TH. See February circular for form and details and return to Betty Hollinshead 0161 432 1761 with payment of £12.50 each.

Make your own way to the Vinery. Turn onto Schools Hill at the roundabout Junction A34 on Wilmslow Road. Signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme. Then shortly first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park up to the car park. A torch is advisable for the short walk (2 mins) to and from the car park (No evening charge). Talk by Lesley Shimell after dinner. Drinks may be purchased for consumption at table.

**SUNDAY 14TH MARCH - WILDBOARCLOUGH**

Leave 9.00 12/13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.40. Leader: Mary Parsonage 01332 704 465.  
Park cars: The ridge road between Wincle and Langley. Roadside opposite Withenshawe Lane.  
GR. 954 679.

A higgledy Piggledy walk around Sutton and Wildboarclough.

**WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH - HADFIELD**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £3. Leaders: Jacqueline Latham 962 3972 and Vi King 962 2782  
Park cars: Longdendale Trail car park. GR.024 964. M60, M67, A57. Follow Longdendale car park sign/Hadfield from the A57.

Follow Bottoms, Valehouse, Rhodeswood and Torside Reservoirs to Crowden. Return on the opposite side of the reservoirs. (Could leaders please have a lift from Altrincham).

**SUNDAY 21ST MARCH - DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £3.25. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.  
Park cars: Village Lane - Road opposite 'The Wheatsheaf' pub. Leave the M56 at jct.14 via A5117 and A56. Dunham is right turn off the A56 Chester to Frodsham road (signposted). GR.473 731 (where leader will meet).

The route takes us along field paths and many stiles to Abbots Clough farm, Lowerhill, Long Green and back to Dunham on the Hill.

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH - WHALEY BRIDGE**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.40. Leaders: Derek and Jill Chandler 973 7188.  
Park cars: Whaley Bridge Town Centre car park - behind shops, opposite station. GR 012 815.

Eccles Pike, Combs Reservoir, Taxal church. Two steep climbs - lovely views.

**FRIDAY 26TH TO MONDAY 29TH MARCH - CLUB WEEKEND AT LOCH LOMOND**

The coach leaves Stretton (Shearings Depot) at 8.00 am. Arrive Altrincham Bus Station 8.30. Then on to other pick-up points as listed. Packed lunch needed for journey. Details of walks and leaders will be given on the coach. However, 'C' party walks and activities will be difficult to accommodate. Any suggestions will be helpful. Please ring Dean after 20th February.

Please Note: On Sunday 28th March, all walks will be from the far side of Loch Lomond and will involve a ferry crossing. (Extra charge of approx £1 per person). Anyone not wishing to cross the lake please let Dean know as soon as possible. 0161 962 3301.

**SUNDAY 28TH MARCH - LONGDENDALE**

Leave 8.45 13½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.00. Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.  
Park cars: Torside Visitors Centre free car park. GR.068 983.

Tintwistle Quarry, Arnfield, Ormes Moor, Chew Reservoir, Laddow Moss and The Hollins.

**WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH - CHEW BROOK VALLEY / SADDLEWORTH MOOR**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.25. Leader: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Stelfox 973 0370. Park cars: Dove Stone Reservoir car park, right turn off A635. Down Bank Lane (just beyond Greenfield). Where leaders will meet.

Gentle ascent through Chew Piece Plantation followed by a steep but well surfaced climb to Chew Reservoir. Descend to Dove Stone Reservoir. Circular walk round Dove Stone and Yeoman Hey Reservoirs. Return to cars: 3.45 pm.

**LEADERS WANTED**

**SUNDAYS**

APRIL - 'A' walk for 4th. 'B' walks - all dates.  
Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752.

**WEDNESDAYS**

APRIL - 7th, 14th, 21st - 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks, 28th - 'B' and 'C' walks (coach trip day).  
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087 (until 17th March)

**Wednesday leaders please note:** Please contact Anne Macaulay with offers of walks and numbers of members on walks between 17th March and 5th May inclusive. Brian Warburton will resume as Wednesday walks organiser after 5th May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### SUNDAY 18TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

'A' walk 9 miles Leader: To be advised  
'B' walk 7½ miles Leaders: Sandra & Martin Ostick  
'C' walk 6 miles Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340), 14, Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque for £7.00, made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

### WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRANGE OVER SANDS

'A' walk 8 miles Leader: Roy Clarke  
'B' walk 7 miles Leader: Edna Adderley

A leader for a 5 or 6 mile walk would be appreciated - please 'phone Sylvia if you can offer one.

Book with Sylvia Fantom (969 1180), 3 Hamlet Drive, Sale, Cheshire. M33 5PY. with cheque for £7.00, made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay please by 11th March).

## COACH TRIPS 2004

### SUNDAYS

April 18th Grasmere  
May 16th Capel Curig  
May 23rd Carlisle  
June 13th Kirkby Lonsdale  
July 18th Patterdale  
Aug. 15th Slaidburn  
Sept. 26th Stiperstones  
Oct. 17th Charnwood

### WEDNESDAYS

April 28th Grange Over Sands  
June 2nd Bolton Abbey  
July 7th Ambleside -  
Aug 4th Haworth  
Sept. 8th Llandudno & meal at The Ship  
Oct. 13th Skipton & Harrogate  
(please note change of date).

The trips on Sunday May 23rd and Wednesday October 13th are sight-seeing/social trips and open to anyone, including non-members.

## BARBARA TOMKINS

Many Club members attended Barbara's funeral on 14th January at Manchester Crematorium. St. Ann's Hospice, Heald Green have written to thank members for their kind donations in memory of Barbara.

**BEST WISHES** to Iris Moran who is recovering well from her op. and hopes to be out on Club walks before too long. Iris wishes to thank members for their Get Well cards.

Also we send good wishes to Kath Holmes who would like to thank members for their cards and good wishes. Kath is now feeling better and hopes to be out walking again soon.

## 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 3rd March Greenfield circular. Meet Greenfield station 10.23 am.  
Wednesday 10th March Parbold circular. Meet Parbold station 10.47 am.  
Wednesday 24th March Hebden Bridge to Todmorden. Meet Hebden Bridge Stn. 10.15 am.  
Return by train to Hebden Bridge  
Wednesday 31st March New Mills NewTown to Whaley Bridge. Meet New Mill NT stn. 11.06  
Return by train to New Mills.

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