

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

### JUNE 2004 CIRCULAR

1. Sunday 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.  
**Wednesday rambles meet at the far end of the Altrincham station car park by station entrance.**
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 2ND JUNE - COACH TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual picking-up places.

- 'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.3 - Leader: Dean Edwards 962 3301  
From the coach to Cavendish Pavilion, up the valley of Desolation, on to Simon's Seat. Return to Howgill and follow the river back via The Strid to Cavendish Pavilion for cup of tea. No views on wet days!
- 'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat.3 - Leader: Roger Parker (980 2340)  
Steady, gradual climb to Middle Hare Head, descend to River Wharfe at Barden Tower and return along the river past The Strid and Bolton Abbey.
- 'C' walk 6 miles Cat.4 - Leader: Ron Howarth (973 8633)  
A figure of 8 walk starting from Bolton Abbey along the banks of the river Wharfe. Return leg includes "The Strid".

The coach is full but for availability of seats nearer the time contact Sylvia Fantom on 969 1180.

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### SUNDAY 6TH JUNE - A TRAIL ON THE QUIET SIDE - NORTHERN GARNEDDAU, - WALES

Leave 8.00 am\*\* 13 miles Cat.2/3. Transport TBA. Leaders: Brian Billington 485 4119 and Alan Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: Travel A55 towards Bangor. 3 miles after passing through 3rd tunnel, after Penmaenmawr, turn left at sign for Abergwyngregyn. Then on to Pont Newydd. GR SH.664 720. For official car park used to visit Aber Falls.

Aber Falls, Moel Wnion, Drosgl, Garnedd Uchaf, Foel Grach, Foel Fras, Drum, Pen Bryn-Du, Foel Ganol.

\*\*All persons participating in the walk should meet at Altrincham before travelling to Wales (re.weather)

### ASHFORD IN THE WATER

Leave 9.00 8½ miles Cat.3. Transport £5.00. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Bakewell. GR.220 687. Turn left in Bakewell, cross bridge, 1st right into Coombs Road, Car Park on right. P&D to share.

Along the river to Ashford (wells dressing), then a gentle climb to Sheldon, Magpie Mine, Over Haddon and back down to Bakewell.

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### WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE - EATON, BETWEEN MACCLESFIELD & CONGLETON

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.4. Transport £3.00. Leaders: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Stelfox 973 0370. Park cars: Off A536 down Cockmoss Lane - in half mile fork left, then keep straight on and park by second road junction. GR. 864 667. (where leaders will meet).

A farmland walk, which can be muddy, to North Rode, then by River Dane to Eaton. The walk includes a number of stiles.

Alan Till

**COACH TRIP TO NIBBY LONSDALE**

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up points.

'A' walk - 10 miles, Cat.3/2 - Leaders: John and June Watling (969 2002).

This most rewarding walk starts at Foulstone on A65, climbs over Farleton Fell and the limestone pavement of Hutton Roof Crags before reaching gentler country around High Biggins and Kirkby Lonsdale.

'B' walk - 8 miles, Cat.3. - Leaders: Dave and Erica Clarke (928 9062)

Details on the coach.

'C' walk - 5 miles, Cat.3. - Leader: Keith Percy (980 3117)

From Devil's Bridge we walk up the farm track to Langthwaite. Eventually we arrive at Bindloss farm and on to the Roman Road to reach High Casterton. It's a lovely walk, with delightful paths taking us back to Kirkby Lonsdale.

For availability of seats contact Margaret Ledger (980 8840).

**SUNDAY 13TH JUNE - CLWYD**

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5 plus shared parking charge Leader: Don Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Moel Famau Country Park. GR.173 611. ½ miles past Loggerheads C.P. on A494 turn right, sign posted to Moel Famau C.P. Car park ¼ miles on right. Note:- £1.00 coin required for automatic barrier access to C.P. - (All day charge).

Llanferres, Maeshafn, Pant-Du, Bryn-y-Gloch, Llanarmon - returning by Offa's Dyke Path.

**WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE - FLASH**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leaders: Mary & Alan Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: On grass verge near village hall (not in car park) in Flash. GR. 027 673. Flash is located just off the A53, Buxton / Leek road, approx. 3 miles south of its junction with A54.

Flash, Hollinsclough, Brand Top, Axe Edge and return to Flash by Drystone Edge. Mud in parts.

**- REDESMERE**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.10. Leaders: Mavis & Arthur Howe 969 1020. Park cars: Redesmere Lake. GR.849 713 (A34 through Alderley Edge and Monks Heath). Turn left off A34 immediately after passing Siddington Village Hall.

Round Redesmere Lake, across fields passing Capesthorne Hall to Siddington village and church. Northwood farm, Crabtree Moss farm, Henshaw Hall farm and back to cars.

**SUNDAY 20TH JUNE - YOUGRAVE WELL DRESSING & SITES OF MEANING**

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.3. Transport £5.00. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Moor Lane Picnic Site off A515 from Buxton. GR.194 645 (P&D to share).

As well as visiting Youlgrave, our walk takes us past ten of the inscribed stones and sculptures placed to mark the Middleton and Smerrill parish boundary. River Bradford, Smerrill Grange, Gratton Dale, Long Dale, High Peak Trail, Green Lane and some quiet road walking.

**WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE - NEW MILLS / CHINLEY CIRCULAR**

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport TBA Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119. Park cars: Beyond New Mills railway station. GR.997 854. - A6015. turn left at traffic lights to New Mills centre. At traffic island turn left. Turn left down hill passed station. Park at roadside at bottom of hill. (where leader will meet). *at short. due to Rain 8½ miles.*

Millennium Bridge, canal to Waterside. Cloughhead, Hills farm, Phoside farm, Ridge Top, Moor Lodge. Beard Hall farm.

**- MARPLE / MELLOR MOOR**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.25. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth 973 2652 and Audrey & Derek Dawson 748 1250. Park cars: Marple Ridge Quarry Viewpoint C.P. GR.964 867 (where leaders will meet). Approach Marple on A626 and turn right at its junction with the B6101 in Marple Town Centre. The junction has a large garage on the right, and the road required, Church Lane is s/posted for All Saints Church. This leads uphill past the church, Conservative Club and the 'Ring O'Bells pub, and continues as Ridge Road. Follow the road past houses until signed entrance Car Park is on the left.

This walk takes in Marple Ridge and Mellor Moor with an optional climb up to Cobden Edge with 360° views on a fine day. As we will be having a late lunch, we will be having a morning coffee stop.

**SUNDAY 27TH JUNE - DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £4.05. 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 30TH JUNE - ROACHES - RAMSHAW ROCKS**

(STOLEN WITH KIND PERMISSION FROM GORDON BIRD !)

Leave 9.15 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.75. Leaders: Jim Mallin 01925 755899 and Veronica Dunkley 928 4629. Park cars: At Wincle on road just before the bridge over River Dane where the leaders will meet. GR. 964 653.

From Danebridge a gradual climb up to Roach End, Doxy Pool, Rockhall. Past Hen Cloud up to Naychurch. Steep climb up Ramshaw Rocks - some scrambling may be needed - down to Hazel Barrow - Goldsitch (usually muddy here !). Steady climb up to Roach End. Back down to Danebridge.

**- VALE ROYAL ABBEY / WHITEGATE**

Leave 9.45 6½ or 8 miles (dependent on conditions underfoot) Cat.4/3. Transport £2.50.  
Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352. Park cars: CCC Picnic Site, Hartford. ¼-mile beyond Hartford Swing Bridge. On left of A556(T). Toilets and café (Café closed at 4 pm).

Pleasant amble through plush countryside south-west of Northwich. Descend through Vale Royal Wood, cross river Weaver by locks. Follow river 1¼ miles. Cross footbridge towards Whitegate, then field paths to village (or roadwalk - dependent whats underfoot). Bridleway return via Vale Royal Abbey. One gradient to ascend from valley. Minimum stiles.

**LEADERS WANTED**

**SUNDAYS:** JULY - 'B' walks - All dates - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752.

**WEDNESDAYS:** JULY - 'A' walks - 7th, 14th, 21st.

'B' walks - 7th, 21st, 28th. 'C' walks - 14th & 28th.

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

**TRANSPORT TO WALKS**

**COSTS:** At the Committee meeting on 11th May, we decided that from the 1st June transport costs should be increased from 12p a mile to 15p a mile. The maximum of £5 stays the same, also the minimum 50p.

**LIFTS FROM ALTRINCHAM:** When possible it would be appreciated if drivers who have empty seats in their car would call in at the meeting place at Altrincham to see if anyone is needing a lift.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**SATURDAY 3RD JULY - BOWLING AT BOWDON**

5.45 pm at Bowdon (St.Mary's Road) - £3 plus small prize (including refreshments). Discount for those bringing food. If you are a Crown Green bowler and wish to join in this event, please ring Dorothy Firth (980 4183) or Peter Harris (941 4163)

**WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE**

'A' walk - 9 miles. Leaders Martin & Sandra Ostick

'B' walk - 7½ miles. Leaders: Erica & Dave Clarke

'C' walk - 6 miles. Leader: Ron Howarth

Book with Sylvia Fantom (969 1180) 3 Hamlet Drive, Sale, Cheshire. M33 5PY with cheque for £7.00 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' When booking, please let Sylvia know where you will be boarding the coach. (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay please by 11th June).

## SUNDAY 18TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO PATTERDALE

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.2/3 (Asc.1650') Leader: Alan Edwards

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3. Leader: Ron Howarth

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3. 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'.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**BRIAN AND SHIRLEY WARBURTON** thank all their friends in the Club who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

**EVELYN EVANS** wishes to thank members for their sympathy cards and messages on the sad loss of her daughter who was living in New Zealand. We send Evelyn and her family our deepest sympathy.

**TED FLEMING** Ted and Ruth are not now members of the Club, but many will remember them. We understand Ted died recently. We send Ruth and family our sincere condolences.

**GUILIO POLETTI** Giulio sends many thanks to all the members who gave or sent cards and good wishes and to all those members who were on the Wednesday Gawsforth walk in April who congratulated him on his 80th birthday.

Unfortunately shortly after, when on holiday in Scarborough, Giulio was rushed into hospital with a perforated ulcer. He is now home and sends many thanks for the Get Well cards and best wishes received during his two weeks in Scarborough hospital. He is progressing slowly and hopes to be out on the rambles again in July. We send Giulio our best wishes for a good recovery and hope you will be back with us soon.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

## THE PEAK & NORTHERN FOOTPATHS SOCIETY & THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION NW

invite you to their joint walks as follows. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Wednesday 2nd June Walsden circular. Meet Walsden station (Nr.Todmorden) 10.15 am.

Wednesday 16th June Glossop circular. Meet Glossop station 10.23 am.

Wednesday 23rd June Littleborough circular. Meet Littleborough station 10.10 am.

Wednesday 30th June Grindleford station. Meet Grindleford station 11.47 am.

Please note: The Glossop walk is 10 miles, the others 8/9 miles.

Peak & Northern Website: [www.peakandnorthern.org.uk](http://www.peakandnorthern.org.uk)



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