

**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

**JULY 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.
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.

**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)

**SUNDAY 4TH JULY - FOREST OF BOWLAND**

Leave 8.30 12½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5 (max). Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.  
Park cars: Public car park at Dunsop Bridge. GR.661 501.

A walk amongst the scenic fells and farms of Bowland, calling at Langden Brook, Trough Barn, Brennand farm, Whitendale, Dunsop Head, Burn Side, Burn House and Beatrix.

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

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

'A' walk - 9 miles, Cat.3/2. Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick (01625 532645)  
Orrest Head - Troutbeck and back to Waterhead via Jenkin Crag.  
Full details on the coach.

'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat. 3 Leaders: Dave & Erica Clarke (928 9062)  
Details on the coach

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat. 3 Leader: Ron Howarth (973 8633)  
Along the river Rathay and Rydal Water. Return via Rydal Mount and Rydal Park

For availability of seats contact Sylvia Fantom on 969 1180.

**WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY - BLACKSTONE EDGE**

Leave 9.30 8½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3. Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler 973 7188.  
Park cars: Hollingworth Lake Country Park Visitor's Centre. (P&D). GR.939 153 (South Pennine)  
(where leaders will meet). Junction 21 on M62, A640 to Milnrow. Right onto B6225 with brown Hollingworth Country Park signs. Visitors Centre just past Fishermen's Inn at head of Lake.

Steep climb up Roman Road to Blackstone Edge, Pennine Way, Windy Hill and Castle Hill.

**- PARKGATE - WIRRAL**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £4.50. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648  
Park cars: Old Baths car park, Parkgate. Go to the end of M56 and turn right at 1st roundabout which is on A540 Chester to Hoylake Rd. Parkgate can be approached by either B5134, B5135 or B5136. Park cars at the Old Baths CP, just beyond Boat House pub. situated at end of promenade.

Walk along the Wirral way across the Golf course to the Old Quay where in the past sailing ships used to load and discharge their cargoes from all over the globe. From here we return to the cars via the Parade on the front at Parkgate and may be stop for ice-cream if time allows.

**SUNDAY 11TH JULY - HULME END**

Leave 8.30 12½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188.  
Park cars: Hulme End P&D car park on B5054. GR.104 594.

Manifold Way, Shoulder of Ecton Hill to top of Ecton, Broad Ecton farm, Paddock House farm, Wetton, Stanshope, Alstonefield, above How Narrowdale, Beresford Lane, Lower Hurst farm.

### ETHEROW

Leave 9.45 6½ miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.75. Leader: Anne Macaulay 941 2976.  
Park cars: Etherow Country Park, Compstall. GR.965 909 (off B6104) P&D to be shared or (small free car park on left across the road).

From Etherow, through woodland and pasture to Bothams Hall and the river Etherow, then gradual climb by field paths to Far Woodseats farm. Good views of Kinder and surrounding hills if clear. After a little road walking we make our way through Ernocroft Woods back to the cars.

NB: The leader would be pleased if someone who intends to do this walk could offer her a lift.

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### WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY - ENTWISTLE & LONGWORTH

Leave 9.30 9¼ miles Cat.3. Transport £3.25 Leader: Keith Leslie 976 3230.  
Park cars: Batridge Barn Car Park GR.721 172. M60 to M61 (s.p. Bolton). Follow A666 (s.p. Blackburn) through Bolton, Dunsar and Egerton to reach B6391 (Green Arms Road) on right. Car Park is 1½ miles down B6391 on left. Return to cars: 4.00 pm.

A walk to the west of Entwistle offering very good views on a clear day, passing Dimple Hall, Delph reservoir, Whewells & Lower Hill. The route ascends the hills gradually and consists of a mixture of good paths, grass and field tracks with stretches of rough country. (This walk is an extended version of that of Sunday 9th May).

### - PEAK FOREST

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £4. Leaders: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Stelfox 973 0370. Park cars: At Peak Forest turn left off A623 signed Perryfoot and park on Church Lane (where leaders will meet). GR.115 795.

From Peak Forest through Dam Dale to Hay Dale. The ground underfoot is rocky and there are several stone stiles. Then follows ½-mile along a country lane followed by field paths to Freshfields Donkey Sanctuary (donations welcome). We will take a break here to visit the Sanctuary and tea-room. From here it is about an hour across fields to our starting point.

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### SUNDAY 18TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO PATERDALE

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

'A' walk 9 miles Cat.2/3 - Leader: Alan Edwards (973 4597)

A classic walk from Patterdale. We climb up to Boredale Hause - a good climb on a warm day - and on to Angle Tarn, before reaching The Knott, a magnificent viewpoint and "meeting of the ways". We finish the walk by dropping steeply into Hartsop and following the river into Glenridding.

'B' walk 7 miles Cat.3. - Leader: Margaret Ledger (980 8340)

A lovely, but undemanding walk into the mountains keeping in Grisedale, and continuing to Patterdale Common before returning by Keldas and Rattlebeck Bridge into Glenridding.

'C' walk 5½ miles Cat.3 - Leader: Ron Howarth (973 8633)

Climb to Lantry Tarn. Down to Side Farm, cross Goldrill Beck at Bridgend and return to Glenridding

Please contact Margaret Ledger (980 8340) for availability of seats on the coach.

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### SUNDAY 18TH JULY - EDALE ROUND (PART OF)

Leave 9.00 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport TBA. Leaders: Brian Billington 485 4119 & Alan Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: Edale railway station car park. (P&D). GR.124 853. Where leaders will meet.

Grindsbrook Clough, Hartshorn, Crookstone, Out Moor, Woodlands Valley, Edale End, Townhead, Lose Hill, Hollins Cross, Mam Tor, Harden Clough.

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### WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY - MILLERS DALE AND MONSAL DALE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.  
Park cars: Millers Dale station car park (P&D). GR.139 733. Take A6 south from Buxton for about 4½ miles. At B6049 turn left (SP Millers Dale). At bottom of hill after 1.4 miles, turn left over river, and car park is up the hill about 200 yards on the left.

Follow the Monsal Trail (old railway track) to Litton Mill. Descend to river Wye through Water-cum-Jollydale to Cressbrook Mill. Rejoin railway to Monsal Head viaduct. Steep climb to rim of the dale, with views into upper and lower Monsal Dale. Then by Brushfield, Highdale and Priestcliff. Finally reach the railway again by a very steep descent and back to the cars.

### - PENNINGTON FLASH

Leave 10.15 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.50 plus 80p P&D (to be shared). Leaders: Pam Floyd 962 5311 & Sylvia Fantom 969 1180. Park cars: Pennington Flash Country Park by the waters edge - Cross toll bridge at Warburton (12p single trip or day ticket for 25p). Right towards Irlam A57. Left at traffic lights to Glazebrook B5212. A574 towards Leigh. Bents Garden Centre on right. Take A580 towards St.Helens. Follow Pennington Flash signs, take road opposite Robin Hood pub.

Two short walks of around 3 miles each with lunch between walks. Toilets and picnic tables at Visitors Centre. Plenty of P&D parking by the Flash. Flat walk apart from a very slight rise towards the canal and steps to the canal. Definitely a Grade 4. Very small amount of road walking.

Walk 1 - a short distance along the Leeds/Liverpool canal followed by a walk around the country park and flash.

Walk 2 - around the golf course, along the canal and back to the Visitors centre via a number of bird hides. Lots of water fowl and other birds such as finches, woodpeckers etc. Bring binoculars.

Walks should finish 2.45 to 3 pm.

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### SUNDAY 25TH JULY - HATHERSAGE

Leave 8.45 11½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie 01925 752321. Park cars: Entering Hathersage on A625 - passing under railway bridge turn left after 150 yards - up Jagger Lane. Turn right at Coggers Lane and continue up to car park at top (Approx.1½ miles). GR.228 843. Return to cars: 4.00 pm.

Gradual climb up to Stanage Edge, over to Stanage Pole, Redmires Reservoirs, Crawshaw Lodge, Wet Shaw Lane, Stake Hill Road, Moscar, Stanage Edge. Gradual climbs and superb scenery.

### - ADLINGTON

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782. Park cars: Layby next to Legh Arms on A523. GR. 912 806. (where leader will meet).

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to Adlington basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Styperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, then back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

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### WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY - KINDER WEST & LANTERN PIKE

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport: TBA. Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119. Park cars: Bowden Bridge CP, Hayfield (P&D), or road alongside car park. GR.048 868.

William Clough, Burnt Hill, Heys Farm, Matley Moor farm, Lantern Pike, Birch Vale, Highgate.

### - BRIMSTAGE & BARNSTON (WIRRAL)

Leave 9.15 7½ miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087. Park cars: Brimstage Craft Centre CP. (GR.304 827). Take M56 and follow on to M53. Leave at J.4 (Bebington/Clatterbridge exit). Take A5137 (s/p Heswall). Craft Centre is approx.1¼ miles on left. Please park in far left corner, away from Visitor Farm (By arrangement).

A varied walk, taking in a stretch of woodland, a common and many attractive fieldpaths. Time available at the end of walk to look round the Brimstage Craft Centre. (Several shops and a café).

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## LEADERS WANTED

### SUNDAYS

August - 'A' walks - 8th, 15th & 29th  
'B' walks - 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th

Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752.

### WEDNESDAYS

August - 4th (coach day) A, B, C, 11th 'A', 'B', 'C',  
18th 'B' & 'C', 25th 'A', 'B' & 'C'.

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

## FUTURE EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH

'A' walk 8½ miles Leaders: Dave & Erica Clarke  
'B' walk 7 miles Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton  
'C' walk 6 miles Leader: Ron Howarth

Book with Pam Floyd, (962 5311), 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, Cheshire. M33 6GL, with cheque for £7.00 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay please by 11th July).

### SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO SLAIDBURN

'A' walk - 9½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Dave & Erica Clarke  
'B' walk - 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Edna Adderley and Anne Brooker  
'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4/3 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'

**REG FERRANS** Would like to express thanks to all Club members for their cards and good wishes after his accident. Reg looks forward to walking again soon.

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 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, each 9 miles, Cat.3. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Wednesday 14th July Hathersage circular Meet Hathersage station 11.42 am.  
Wednesday 21st July New Mills Central to Edale. Meet New Mills Central 10.14 am.  
(Return from Edale to New Mills Central by train)

Wednesday 28th July Strines circular Meet Strines station 10.12 am.

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



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