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ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

AUGUST 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.

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST - LONGNOR

Leave 9.00 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211.

Park cars: The Square - Longnor. GR.089 650 (where leader will meet).

Across fields by the River Manifold to Ridge End Farm, over the River Dove and Pilsbury Castle. Continue to Crowdecote and Earl Sterndale, skirt the base of Parkhouse Hill and climb Chrome Hill, returning to Longnor via Hollinsclough.

WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH

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

'A' walk - 8½ miles Cat.3/2. Leaders: Dave & Erica Clarke (928 9062)
Details on the coach.

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3/2(ish). Leader: Brian Warburton (928 7087)
"Wuthering Heights". A walk through Penistone Hill Country Park, Brontë Falls and Haworth Moor to Top Withins, returning to Haworth via Stanbury.

'C' walk - 5½ miles Cat.3. Leader: Ron Howarth (973 8633)
Follow Bridehouse Beck to Oxenhope. Gradual climb to Penistone Hill Country Park. Return via Lower Laithe Reservoir.

NB: There may not be a coffee stop until we reach Haworth. Therefore we advise you to wear your boots before boarding the coach.

Please contact Pam Floyd (962 5311) for availability of seats on the coach

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST - ARNFIELD LOW MOOR

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.2/3. Transport: TBA Leader: Keith Wykes 01625 582380 or 01625 618164. Park cars: Details at Oakfield Trading Estate.

The little frequently used Hollingwallall Moor, Arnfield Flats, Chew Reservoir and the Pennine Way provide panoramic views of the flanks of the Western Pennines.

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST - WILDBOARCLOUGH & THREE SHIRES HEAD

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.45. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.

Park cars: Old Quarry Car Park, 200 yards north of Crag Inn. GR.983 688.

A pleasant walk to Gradbach and then on to Three Shires Head. Follow track back with good views of Shutlingsloe.

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO SLAIDBURN

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

'A' walk - 9½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Dave and Eric Clarke (928 9062)

This is an exhilarating walk in a delightful area we haven't visited for many years, and well-worth exploring. From Slaidburn we will walk up to Myttons and on to Newton via Crawshaw. Following the river we turn up to Easington Manor and Harcop Hall before dropping down and back to our starting point again.

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'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Anne Brooker (973 2179) & Edna Adderley (980 7751)
A lovely and varied walk in beautiful countryside. We cross the River Hodder at Holmhead Bridge before climbing gently up to Broadhead Farm and Easington Manor and on to the village of Newton. We return to Slaidburn on paths above the valley which give wide views across the dale.

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.4. Leader: Margaret Ledger
Another lovely, quite undemanding walk, keeping low in the dale, and taking us up to Stocks Reservoir, and the little church removed when the valley was flooded.

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

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST - EYAM

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188.
Park cars: Eyam P&D car park. (£4 to share). GR.216 767 or roadside.

Stoney Middleton, Froggatt Edge, Padley Chapel, Leadmill Bridge, Offerton Hall, Smelting Hill, Abney Clough, Eyam Moor.

WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST - LONGNOR / HARTINGTON

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Jim Mallin 01925 755899
Park cars: Centre of Longnor - if full park by church (where leader will meet). If anyone needs a lift give the leader a ring and he will come to Altrincham.

To Crowdecote, along the Dove Valley to Pilsbury Castle; then a steady climb before descending to Hartington. We then climb up to Sheen, down to Brund and back along the Manifold Valley. Only the two climbs, but a lot of stiles.

- POYNTON

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.50. Leaders: Mavis and Arthur Howe 969 1020.
Park cars: South Park Drive, Poynton (off A523 Poynton / Hazel Grove) GR.922 840.

Along Princes Incline to Middlewood Way. Nelson Pit Picnic area for lunch. Tow path to Barlow House Farm, over fields to Towers Farm and back round Poynton Lake.

- NEW MILLS / MILLENNIUM WALKWAY

Leave 10.30 4 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.70. Leaders: Joan Smyllie 998 6596 & Betty Hollinshead 432 1761. Park cars: Hydebank Rd, New Mills. From the A6 at Newtown take A6015 (signposted New Mills / Hayfield). After about ½-mile, turn left at Hydebank Road (after traffic lights). Park cars on road near Hydebank Mill, opposite the Leisure Centre.

A short, easy walk along the River Goyt and the Peak Forest Canal, and including the Millennium Walkway in the Torrs gorge.

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST - DERWENT EDGE

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Anne Brooker 973 2179.
Park cars: Fairholmes Car Park, Derwent Valley (£2). GR.173 893. Route: M60, then M67 to Glossop. Follow A57 Snake Pass to Ladybower Reservoir then turn left into Derwent Valley. Follow road as far as it goes (at weekends). Meet by Visitors Centre.

The walk begins with an easy stroll along the Derwent Dam (of Dambusters Fame!). There then follows a long, steep climb of 350m to the top of Derwent Edge (about an hour of climbing!). This will be at a slow pace, with coffee stop half way, and lunch at the top. After that there is a 1¼ mile flat walk along the edge, passing some spectacular rock formations (Cakes of Bread, Salt Cellar, Wheel Stones), and the heather should be in bloom. This is followed by a diagonal gentle descent to Ladybower Reservoir, and a lakeside walk back to the car park. Optional coffee stop before and after the walk at Visitors Centre.

WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST - SUMMIT GORGE

Leave 9.30 11½ miles Cat.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.

A long but easy walk via towpath, bridleways and pack-horse trails to Walsden. One climb to return along Pennine Way.

FRODSHAM

Leave 9.45 9 miles Cat.3. Transport £3. Leader: Steve Lewis 980 1102.

Park cars: Beacon Hill CP Simons Lane (GR.516 767). Leave M56 at Junction 12, then A56 to Frodsham. Turn left on B5152, up the hill and then follow signs for 'Forest Hills Hotel'. Car Park on right, 200 yards before hotel.

Scenic view from Frodsham Monument, then along the edge on the Sandstone Trail. From here we cross over to Birchdale farm and then back along Eddisbury Way.

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST - HOLMES CHAPEL

Leave 10.00 5½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.45. Leader: Joan Holmes 962 4780.

Park cars: In town centre car park (on left of A50 after Red Lion Pub). Route of travel - Knutsford then A50 to Holmes Chapel.

A very easy walk with views of Jodrell Bank and walking by the river Dane.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

- SEPTEMBER 'A' walk on 26th, 'B' walks All dates, 'C' walks All dates.

Some members are asking for 'C' walks (4/6 miles) on Sundays. To cater for this need the Sunday Walks Organiser - Bert Sowerbutts would welcome offers of 'C' walks as well as 'A' & 'B'.

Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752.

WEDNESDAYS

- SEPTEMBER 'A' walks - 1st, 8th (coach day), 29th.
'B' walks - 1st, 8th (coach day), 15th, 22nd, 29th.
'C' walks - 1st, 8th (coach day), 15th, 22nd, 29th.

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO AND MEAL AT 'THE SHIP'

'A' walk 7/8 miles Leader: Margaret Fowden

'B' walk 7 miles Leader: Joan Holmes

'C' walk 6 miles Leader: Ron Howarth

(One course carvery at 'The Ship', coffee or sweet will be separate) Cost £5.50.

Book with Pam Floyd, (962 5311), 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, Cheshire. M33 6GL. Payment will be £5.50 with £7.00 coach fare. Please send cheque for £12.50 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' (Would leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay by 11th August please.

Please note Sylvia and Pam will be away from Monday 23rd August to Wednesday 1st September inclusive.

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO STIPERSTONES

'A' walk 9½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Roy Clarke

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'.

2005 CLUB WEEKEND TO WHITBY (Application forms attached)

This has been arranged for the 8th and 9th April 2005, returning to Altrincham on Sunday 10th April at a cost of £147 per person. Sorry about the increased cost, but this is unavoidable due to the dates falling after Easter. Walks will be planned for the 8th, 9th and 10th, leaving for home at about 5 pm on Sunday 10th April. Dean.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

BETTY & NANCY BLANSHARD are now living in a residential nursing home in Poynton. If you would like to contact them please 'phone Erica (928 9062) or Roy Clarke (928 9694) for their address.

ALAN AND PAT THORPE express their thanks to the Club and members for cards and presents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to Heather and Derek for creation of a celebration cake.

We send our good wishes to ANNA BAINBRIGGE whose husband is very poorly after a serious operation and all the best for his recovery.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th September 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.

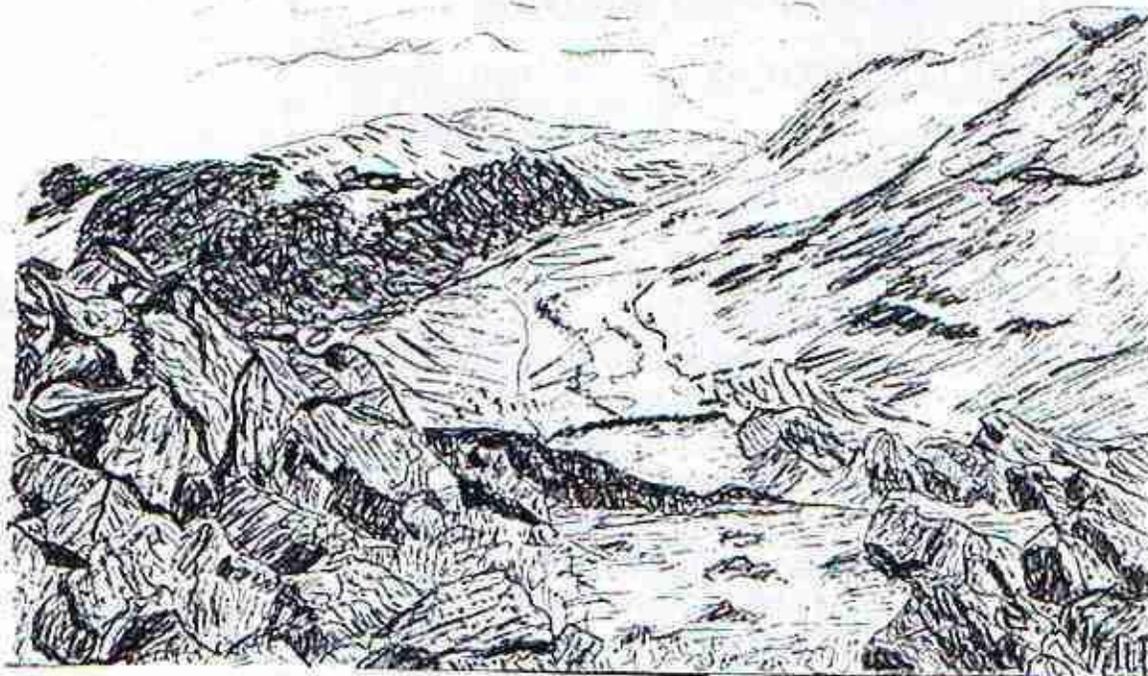
Wednesday 4th August Marsden circular. Meet Marsden station 10.31 am.

Wednesday 25th August Bromley Cross circular. Meet Bromley Cross station
(3 miles north of Bolton) 10.28 am

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