

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

OCTOBER 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 3RD OCTOBER - 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.

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER - GOYT VALLEY

Leave 9.15 10½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leaders: Angela and Roy Hilton 928 2095.

Park cars: Pym Chair car park near Kettlethulme. GR 994 768.

Descend into Goyt Valley to cross between Errwood and Femilee Reservoirs, Wildmoorstone Brook, Berry Clough, Derbyshire Bridge, Cat and Fiddle, Shining Tor, Cats Tor.

- ARLEY AND PICKMERE

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4. Transport : £2.50. Leaders: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Stelfox 973 0370. Park cars: Walkers car park on edge of Arley village. GR. 670 809 (where leaders will meet). Please note that parking is not permitted in Arley Hall car park.

A walk through a peaceful agricultural landscape which can be muddy in places and includes a number of stiles. There are some short sections of road walking. The route includes lunch by the lake at Pickmere and possibly a short stop at Great Budworth in the afternoon.

- WORSLEY

Leave 11.00 3-3½ miles Cat.4. Transport £1.50. Leaders: Pam Floyd 962 5311 & Sylvia Fantom 969 180. Park cars: Small car park near roundabout (Junction 13 M60). B5211 Barton Road/Worsley Road opposite Duke's Wharf (canal area) OR approaching from Eccles - Worsley Road / Barton Road car park is on left hand side before roundabout. Where leaders will meet.

A very short stroll through woods and along the canal - James Brindley's very first canal !

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER - FROGGATT EDGE / CURBAR EDGE (IN AUTUMN GLORY)

Leave 9.00 7½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Anne Brooker 973 2179.

Park cars: Grindleford Station approach (also known as Upper Padley station)

Route - A6 to Chapel-en-le-Frith, then A623 to Stoney Middleton, then B6001 to Grindleford. Follow B6521 out of Grindleford. Station is on the left about ½-mile beyond the village. Meet at station café (bottom of station approach, for pre-walk coffee stop!).

A very scenic, mostly flat walk along Froggatt Edge and Curbar Edge to Curbar Gap, returning at a lower level, through Bee Wood, and field paths back to the road. Autumn colours should be at their best. From the car park, there is a gradual terraced climb up to the edge, passing through Hay Wood (about 30 mins), and half-a-mile of uphill road walking at the end of the walk, nothing difficult.

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO SKIPTON AND HARROGATE

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at **9.00 am** with the usual picking up places.

We spend the morning at Skipton then on to Harrogate for the afternoon leaving at 5.00 pm.

This is a social coach trip so friends of members are invited. Book with Pam Floyd (962 5311), 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, Cheshire. M33 6GL with a cheque for £7.00 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'. Please state where you will be boarding the coach.

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO CHARNWOOD FOREST

The coach will leave from Marks & Spencer, Sale at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up.

- 'A' walk - 9½ miles Cat.3. - Leaders: Keith Wykes (01625 619164) and Anna Beal
An undemanding but fascinating route takes us from Newtown Linford through Old John Tower, and on to the viewpoint of Beacon Hill, with its volcanic dropping to Woodhouse Eaves and out to Swithland, with its old quarries and satisfying walk.
- 'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat.3/4 - Leader: Roger Parker (980 2340)
Easy, pleasant walk from Newton Linford through Bradgate Country Park and onwards to Woodhouse Eaves and Swithland Wood, returning through Bradgate Country Park to Newton Linford. This varied walk takes in much that is attractive in this lovely part of Leicestershire. Along with the open hills of Bradgate Park, which is so much associated with Lady Jane Grey.
- 'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4/3 - Leader: Margaret Ledger (980 8340)
A delightful walk, easy but full of interest, mainly within the bounds of Bradgate Park.

At the time of writing there are still places on the coach. Please apply to Margaret Ledger on 980 8340

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER - JUMBLES / ENTWISTLE / WAYOH

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3. Transport £3.15. Leaders: Jacqueline Latham 962 3972 and Vi King 962 2782. Park cars: Jumbles Info. centre car park (GR.737 139). M60/M61/A666. Turn right onto A673. Left onto A676. In 1.6 miles take the right-hand lane to keep with the A676. At lights turn left with the A676. Jumbles signpost in 1-mile (where leaders will meet).

Around the base of the Jumbles Reservoir. Up to Turton Tower and along track to Entwistle Reservoir. Onto Wayoh Reservoir, through Chapelton and back along the other side of the Jumbles.

- STYAL

Leave 10.15 6½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1. Leader: Connie Williams 980 2766.
Park cars: Lindow Common CP, Racecourse Rd. Near Boddington Arms PH. (A538 to Wilmslow).

Walk to Quarry Bank village, cross Styal Road and continue a pleasant walk around field paths and Styal golf course.

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.00 pm at ALTRINCHAM METHODIST CHURCH, Barrington Road. All the present Committee members are willing to stand again with the exception of Bert Sowerbutts, Sunday Rambles Organiser. Please continue to submit your walks to Bert until 22nd October. If no Sunday Rambles Organiser comes forward there will be no Sunday walks. Nominations for this post or for any position on the Committee (duly proposed and seconded and agreed by the nominee) may be sent to the General Secretary, Libby Malin, 2 Rose Avenue, Irlam, M44 6ZE or may be submitted at the AGM.

Our thanks to Bert Sowerbutts for all the work he has put in since April 2000 as Sunday Rambles Organiser.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2004/5 are due on the date of the AGM (see attached form). The minutes of the 2003 AGM are attached. To save time these will be taken as read.

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER - KNOWLE HILL

Leave 9.15 10½ miles Cat.2. Transport £3.40. Leader: Alan Thorpe 980 5352.
Park cars: Woodhey Road, Holcombe Brook alongside village green. Enter village, pass pub on left, next right GR.781 153 (sheet 109). Return to cars: 5.15 approx.

Descend via Holcombe Brook, climb to Lammy Bank, drop down to river Inwell, climb gradually to trig point, Cheesden Pasture. Cross moorland (optional stop at 'Owd Betts PH), ascend Knowle Hill, descend to Mrs Leach's Millicroft Tea Gardens (stop). Field paths to Summerseat via Deeply Vale, follow brook to cars.

WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER - WILLASTON (WIRRAL)

Leave 9.45 5½ miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.
Park cars: Hadlow Rd station car park (Wirral Way). GR. 331 773. Take M56 to end. Turn left on to A5117. Turn right at 1st roundabout on to A540 (Chester to Hoylake road). After passing Gordale Garden Centre (on left) turn right on to Hadlow Rd (B5151). Station car park is on right between crossings and garage.

A leisurely flat walk mainly pleasant fields and a short stretch of the Wirral Way. We start with a nostalgic look back in time at the station, which, although closed since the early 1940's will give us an insight into the railway system as it was.

-SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER - No walks offered.

LEADERS WANTED

WEDNESDAYS

NOVEMBER 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th. 'A', 'B', 'C' walks - all dates
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

SUNDAYS

NOVEMBER 'A' walks 14th, 21st, 28th. 'B' & 'C' walks - all dates.
Contact Bert Sowerbutts on 980 3752 (until 22nd October).

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - SQUARE DANCE AND HOEDOWN

All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns 7.30 to 11.00 pm. caller Fred Lloyd.
Tickets £5.50 from Ron Howarth (973 8633), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Joan Holmes (962 4780) and Barry Rice (962 2377).

2005 CLUB WEEKEND

There is one twin room available. Please ring Dean immediately (962 3301) if you would like this room. There is obviously no waiting list at the moment.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

NORMAN BULLOCK would like to thank members for all your Sympathy and Get Well cards to Barbara (about 90 cards along with flowers and pot plants). We are sorry to say that Barbara is still very poorly.

GAYE RUDD would like to thank the Club and members for their cards and get well wishes after her eye operation. Gaye says that as a newcomer to the Club she was very touched by the kindness and is now enjoying her walking again.

JACK HALL who was Club Treasurer in the early sixties passed away in August aged 91. Some years ago Jack retired to Penrhyn.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH WILMSLOW 102

I would like to thank all those members who wrote to Cheshire County Council objecting to the closure of this path which runs from opposite the Moat House Hotel, Oversley Ford, towards Mobberley and joins PFP 104. It was closed when part of it fell into the River Bollin but the footpath is now to be diverted round this obstacle. The footpath has been temporarily closed for 8 years! -
- Robert Fysh - Peak and Northern Footpaths representative.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th November 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 13th October Grindleford circular. Meet Grindleford station 11.46 am
Wednesday 20th October Darwen circular. Meet Darwen station 10.39 am

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