

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

DECEMBER 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.

WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER - RIVINGTON

Leave 9.15 7½ miles Cat.3. Transport: £3.30. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth 973 2652 and Audrey & Derek Dawson 748 1250. Park cars: Great Barn Information Centre. GR. 628139 (where leaders will meet). M60, M61. Leave motorway at J6. Turn right onto A6027, pass Bolton Wanderers new ground. Left onto A673 for Horwich, continue through Horwich to roundabout and take the first road on the right after the roundabout. Large stone pillars where you turn. Continue along this road for about two miles. Sign indicates left hand turn for Great Barn car park.

Through terraced gardens, pigeon tower, skirting Rivington village, Jepsons farm, Upper Rivington Reservoir and three short climbs. Nothing difficult.

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER - BOLLINGTON/JENKIN CHAPEL

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.80. Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211. Park cars: Middlewood Way car park, Bollington. GR.931 781. (where leader will meet).

Along the Gritstone Trail to Charles Head and on to Jenkin Chapel. The return to Bollington is via Lamaload Reservoir, Rainow and the ridge of Kerridge Hill.

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER - ETHEROW/WERNETH LOW

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.70. Leaders: Mary Gerrard 980 7508 and Jill Lee 980 3252. Park cars: Etherow Country Park, Compstall. GR.965 908. P&D to be shared.

From Compstall over Marple Aqueduct, Chadkirk Chapel, Romiley, Top o' Th' Hill and on to Peak Forest canal. Pass through Woodley Tunnel (dark with low roof so a torch would be useful). On to Werneth Low with good views on a clear day, then back to Compstall. Muddy in parts.

- BOLLIN VALLEY

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4/3. Transport: 75p. Leaders: Viv Addie 437 1020 and Pam Baxandall 973 6652. Park cars: Sunbank Lane, off A538, half a mile east of M56. Junction 6. GR.797 844. Small car park at entrance to Sunbank Woods and roadside parking.

Field paths and woodland paths in Bollin Valley. Good views of the runway. A few stiles.

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns. From 7.30 to 11.00 pm. Supper 7.30 prompt. Please bring knife fork and spoon and a small gift (approx £1) suitably wrapped for Father Christmas. Hosts Alma and Barry Rice. Tickets £5.50 from Ron Howarth (973 8633), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Joan Holmes (962 4780) and Barry Rice (962 2377).

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER - ETHEROW/MELLOR

Leave 9.00 10½ miles Cat.3. Transport £2.20. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188. Park cars: Etherow Country Park, Compstall, off B6104. GR.965 909. (P&D £1.50 to share).

Brabyns Park, Canal, Bottom's Hall, Cobden Edge, Moor End, Mill Brow, Emcroft.

- LUNCH AND WALK

Leave 11.00 am. Cat.3. Transport £3. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.

Leave Nab car park, Wildboardclough. GR. 973 680 at 12 noon.

Blaze farm off A54. GR.975 676 for 2 pm(ish) lunch.

A two mile circular walk - Lower - Higher Nabb farms, Crag Inn and Clough Brook. Bring own wine / drink with meal. 5 places left at time of printing.

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER - LYME PARK AND THE BOWSTONES

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.00. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.

Park cars: Nelson Pit Visitor Centre. GR.944 834. From traffic lights in the centre of Poynton take Park Lane. In about 3/4-mile this becomes Coppice Road and in a further 3/4-mile, turn left into Shrigley Road North. The car park is then about 300 yards on the right, opposite Anson Road which has a pub on the corner.

We ascend into Lyme Park almost to the hall, and follow the Gritstone Trail to the Bowstones. Then by Cornfield Farm, Moorside Hotel, Bollinhurst Reservoir to the North Park Gate, Ryles Wood, Barlow House Farm and back to the cars along the Macclesfield Canal.

**- WALK AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH (FULLY BOOKED)
- MICKERBROOK / LADYBROOK VALLEY**

Leave 9.20 4 miles Cat.4. Transport 85p (+ CP fee to share). Leaders: Betty Hollinshead 432 1761 & Joan Smyllie 998 6596. Park cars at Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme. GR. 859 871. To CP, turn on to Schools Hill at roundabout, junction A34 Wilmslow Road (signposted to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to car park.

Cross Bruntwood Lane by stream then golf course and alongside Micker and Ladybrook. Short stop (BRING COFFEE). Then across (muddy?) fields and short stretches on roads to lunch at the Vinery, Bruntwood Park.

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER - CASTLETON

Leave 9.30 Cat.3/2 9 miles. Transport £5 + CP P&D £5 to be shared. Leader: Dean Edwards 962 3301. Park cars: Leave Castleton car park visitors centre at 11.00 am. GR. 150 830.

From Castleton up Cave Dale, out to Old Dam. Back to Mam Tor. The main walk over Mam Tor and down from Hollins Cross. (Alternative 8 miles - from Windy Knoll, Blue John Mine) and back to Castleton in time to enjoy the Christmas lights. Return to cars: 4.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER - WILLINGTON CORNER / KELSALL

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £3.75. Leaders: June Sherry-Brennan 973 4353 & Di Mills 941 1490. Park cars: Grestys Waste CCC car park on A54(T). 1/4-mile on left past junction with A556T (look for sign on approach). GR.541 686. (free - no toilets), plenty of trees!

This walk will take you along undulating country paths through the very heart of central Cheshire, where there are fine views across miles of rolling, wooded countryside (if fine). Very muddy in parts, and some steep bits. 63 steps back to car park.

- PRESTBURY

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.00 Leader: Ken Hughes 980 4766.

Park cars: Main car park in Prestbury (behind Admiral Rodney). GR.SJ 902 773.

Prestbury to Mottram staying close to the Bollin all the way. Inevitably some muddy patches at this time of year.

BOXING DAY - SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER - TO BE ADVISED

Keith and Anna are planning to lead a walk on Boxing Day - destination to be decided. Would anyone wishing to go on Keith and Anna's walk, please 'phone Keith on 01625 582380 to discuss by 2200 hrs on 23/12 (Thursday). The unpioneered walk will be tailored to suit callers' wishes/abilities.

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER - BRAMHALL / POYNTON

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.20. Leader: Harold Henshall 980 3286.

Park cars: Bramhall Hall car park (charge 60p / 4 hours to be shared). GR. 888 855. Under station bridges at Cheadle Hulme along Station Road, at roundabout carry straight on along Manor Road. Turn at second left (very sharp turn) into Carr Wood Road, then first right into Hall Road. CP on right. Alternatively from Stockport along Bramhall Lane South, take first right after Bridge Lane roundabout into Carr Wood Road. Bear right at next junction, then right at Hall Road.

Across Bramhall Lane South and enter Ladybrook Valley Trail. Continue to Poynton Pool and return by Phillips Bridge, Birch Hall and Bramhall High School. Return to cars: 2.30 pm (approx).

FRIDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY with Hot Pot

8.00 pm to 12.30 am. Timperley Village Hall, Stockport Road, Timperley. This year we are having a Hotpot supper served prompt at 8.00 pm. Come along and join in the festivities and see in the New Year amongst friends. Bring knife, fork, spoon and sherry glass. Tickets £7.50 from Ron Howarth (973 8633), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Joan Holmes (962 4780) and Barry Rice (962 2377).

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

January - 2nd 'A' and 'B' walks, 23rd 'A' walk, 30th 'A' walk.
February - 6th, 20th and 27th 'A' and 'B' walks.

Contact Derrick Hamer on 969 3821.

We welcome Derrick as Sunday Rambles Organiser.

WEDNESDAYS

January - 5th 'A', 'B' and 'C' walks.
12th 'A', 'B' and 'C' walks
19th 'A' and 'C' walk
26th 'C' walk

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

CLUB WEEKEND - 2005

Owing to a cancellation there is one twin room available on the Club weekend to Whitby - 8th, 9th, 10th April (2 nights) at a cost of £147 per person plus insurance if wished. Please contact Dean on 962 3301.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer, Roger Parker, 92, Woburn Drive, Hale, WA15 8NE before 12th December. Rates are: Single £3. Family £5.

We thank MONICA BANKS for her work delivering circulars in part of the Timperley area. DOREEN and IVAN ALDRIGE will be taking over her round.

Many longstanding members will remember Jean and Stan Wilson who walked regularly with the Club some years ago. We are sorry to report that Jean has died recently. We send our sympathies to Stan.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 on Tuesday 11th January 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 1st December Broadbottom to Godley. Meet Broadbottom station 10.14 am
Return by train to Broadbottom

Wednesday 8th December Ramsgreave & Wilpshire to Whalley nr Clitheroe.
Meet R & W station 10.53 am. Return by train to R & W station.

Wednesday 15th December Glossop to Broadbottom. Meet Glossop station 10.35 am.
Return by train to Glossop

Wednesday 22nd December Whaley Bridge circular. Meet Whaley Bridge station 10.13 am

Wednesday 29th December Cheadle Hulme to Poynton. Meet Cheadle Hulme station 9.44 am
Return by train to Cheadle Hulme.

Peak & Northern Website: www.peakandnorthern.org.uk

*A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL MEMBERS*

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