

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

APRIL 2006 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 2ND APRIL - GUN / RUDYARD

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75. Leader: Joy Darlington
Park cars: Staffordshire Way CP Rushton Spencer. (A523 Macclesfield / Leek Road. GR.936 624)

Toft Hall, Gun End House, Gun, Fould, Rudyard, Birch Trees farm, St.Lawrence church.

- PECKFORTON

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £4.35. Leader: Heather Wykes.
A49 Whitchurch road - through Tiverton to Spurston cross roads. Turn right into Peckforton Hall Lane. Park cars on grass verge on RH side 100 yards past Brambley Hedge Childrens Nursery. (where leader will meet). GR.553 569.

Along fields and paths leading to Peckforton Castle, via Beeston Moss and Willis Wood. We take the uphill path at the side of the Castle grounds, then down towards Higher Burwardsley and back to the cars via Peckforton Hills.

WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL - LOWER SLOPES OF KINDER

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.30. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin.
Park cars: Sett Valley CP Hayfield GR. 036 869. Take A6015 from New Mills to Hayfield. A few yards before Hayfield bypass (A624) turn left and car park is on the left

Ascend out of Hayfield by Snake Path and contour White Brow to the head of Kinder Reservoir. Descend to the water and follow the shore to the dam. Ascend again to Broad Clough and round the foot of Kinderlow End to meet the Edale packhorse track. Descend into the upper valley of the river Sett, and follow the river back into Hayfield. (on the day, walk walk may be in opposite direction)

- MARPLE LOCKS

Leave 9.30 6½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40. Leader: Heather Wykes.
Park cars: Car park opposite Marple Railway Station. (NOT Rose Hill). GR.964 893 (where leader will meet).

Pretty walk along canal and locks towards Chadkirk via Hyde Bank farm (refreshments may be obtained) then fields and paths back to the cars, via Middlewood Way and canal.

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL - CLUB WEEKEND TO NORTH LAKES

All members going on the Club Weekend should, by now, have received their joining instructions and luggage labels. If not, or if your pick-up point is incorrect, or you wish to change it, please ring Dean

Note : The picking-up point at Timperley Village has been changed. It will now be in Thorley Lane outside Larkhill Centre. This is due to roadworks on Stockport Road.

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL - DARWEN MOOR, CADSHAW, EDGE FOLD, TURTON RESERVOIR

Leave 8.45 11½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport TBA. Leaders: Brian Billington & Alan Gerrard
Park cars: North side of Bolton: Take A675 travelling north, through Belmont, pass Belmont Reservoir. Take next right turn - car park 250 yds on left. GR.SD 665 192.

Hollinshead Hall, New Barn, Jubilee Tower, Darwen Moor, Lords Hall, Smiths Height, Edge Fold, Turton Reservoir, Turton Moor.

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL - UPPERMILL AND CASTLESHAW

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler.
Park cars: M60 Jct.23; A635, then A670 (Mossley) to Uppermill. Through Uppermill to mini-roundabout, straight across - free car park 200 yds on left (still A670). GR.996 065 Dark Peak.

Varied walk along valley to Deiph and Linfitts Mill. Gradual climb via Heights to Castleshaw Reservoirs & Roman Fort. Return along Harrop Edge. Awkward stiles & rough underfoot in places.

- FRODSHAM

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.85. Leader: Brian Warburton.
Park cars: Castle Park CP (GR.513 773). Travel via M56, leave at exit 12. Follow Frodsham signs into town centre (A56). At far end of town centre, the A56 bends left, passing under railway bridge. Car Park is on left (hidden from road by foliage)

One gradual climb up Overton Hill. We continue via quiet lanes and field paths to Fivecrosses and return to Frodsham along the banks of the river Weaver.

GOOD FRIDAY 14TH APRIL - CHATSWORTH

Leave 9.00 (Alt.Strn.CP) 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5. Leaders: Mary & Alan Gerrard.
Park cars: Carlton Lees car park on B6012 in Chatsworth Park. GR.259 685.

Up past Beeley Hill Top and across moorland to Hob Hurst's House and on through open country to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood and Chatsworth House (afternoon tea stop), then along the river to car park.

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL - PIETHORNE

Leave 9.00 10.5 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75. Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie.
Park cars: Leaving M62 at Jct.21, turn right onto A640 (New Hay). Turn left with A640 after ½-mile. After further mile turn left at sign for 'Bulls Head'. Then straight up to car park on left at Ogden Reservoir. GR.954 123 (Piethorne).

Passing reservoir we climb up to Tunshill Lane then crossing the valley to New Nook, Higher Booth and on reaching Lydgate turn right to Roman Road and Pennine Way. Returning on the way crossing the M62 at Rook Stone Hill. Down Windy Hills to rejoin Tunshill track to Cold Greave and Ogden Reservoir. Return to cars: 4.30 pm.

- WHITEGATE

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.70. Leader John Chapman.
Park cars: Whitegate village car park, adjacent the church cemetery (GR.628 694). Take A556 to Sandiway. First set of traffic lights after dual carriageway, turn left, follow signs "Whitegate". Pass church and cemetery. CP on the left.

Past New Pool to Churchill Wood, Petty Pool, Daleford farm, Whitegate Way, back across Newchurch Common, Sherrats Rough to car park.

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL - BEESTON

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.3. Transport £4.05 Leader: John Chapman.
Park cars: Beeston Castle car park (GR.541 592). Take A556 to Sandiway. Turn left on to A49. Follow A49 through Tiverton. Turn right shortly after following signs for 'Beeston Castle'. Car park opposite entrance to castle

We cross Beeston Moss, pass Peckforton Mere, up to Waste Hill to join the Sandstone Trail back to Beeston Castle. Typical Cheshire walk with stiles.

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL - COACH TRIP TO KETTLEWELL

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

'A' walk - 10 miles, Cat.2/3 - Leader: Jim Mallin

A fairly strenuous, but rewarding walk, starting from Kettlewell, and climbing up to Hag Dykes and on to Great Wherside (2310 ft). Keeping to the tops for a while we turn down, over Knuckle Bone Pasture, to Starbottom, and the riverside, back to the village.

'B' walk - 6½ miles, Cat.3. - Leaders: Eric and Dave Clarke.

A classic walk from Kettlewell over the lower slopes of Old Core Moor to Arncliffe, and back to Hawkwick. An interesting varied walk with wonderful views.

'C' walk - 5½ miles, Cat.4. - Leader: Margaret Ledger.

An easy walk keeping to the lower slopes up Wharfedale to Starbottom, and returning by the riverside.

Please contact Margaret Ledger to book seats.

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL - PARBOLD CIRCULAR

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3. Transport: TBA. Leader: John Keeble .

Park cars: Parbold Shopping Centre Car Park. Take M6 Jct.27, then A5209 signed Parbold. When in Parbold turn right at sign for village centre. Over the level crossing, then turn right into Shopping Centre car park (only a few shops) - Where leader will meet. (GR. 524 094).

A field and woodland walk. Hunters Hill, Lower Barn, Windmill, Harrock Hill, High Moor, Parbold Hall, Fairy Glen, Appley Bridge, Martins Farm, Ashursts Beacon. Back via Newburgh, canal to Parbold.

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL - ROGER WORTHINGTON'S ROUND

Leave 9.30 8½ miles Cat.3. Transport £3.30. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth and

Derek Dawson . Park cars: Jumbles Information Centre CP. GR.736 140 (where leaders will meet). M60, M61, A666 signed Bolton. Just after entering '40' zone, take RH lane to turn right at traffic lights onto A673. At next traffic lights left onto A676. In 1.6 miles pass Canon Slade School on the left and take RH lane to go straight on. Next traffic lights turn left onto A676 Bradshaw Road. Jumbles Information signpost in one mile.

We walk round the boundary of this seventeenth century Baptist's Preacher circuit. Passing through Turton Bottoms, Edgworth, Red Earth farm to his grave. Returning by Hawkshaw, Affetside.

- NORTHENDEN TO FLETCHER MOSS

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport 90p. Leader: Joan Holmes.

Park cars: Mill Lane car park, Northenden.

A very easy walk from the Northenden Weir, along river Mersey and paths to Fletcher Moss Gardens at Didsbury. Return along paths by river Mersey to Northenden.

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL - BIDDULPH - CONGLETON

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.60 Leader: Harry Hewlett .

Park cars: Biddulph Grange Country CP. GR.894 594. Exit Congleton on the A527 (south east of town) and follow the Biddulph Grange Garden signs. At the outskirts of Biddulph turn left into Grange Road, the car park is approx. ¼-mile uphill on the right-hand side.

Biddulph Grange Country Park/Mount Pleasant/Congleton Edge/Dane in Shaw/Brook House Farm/Macclesfield Canal/Crossley/Lynford Farm/Bosley Cloud/Gooseberry Lane/Biddulph Common/Long Edge Farm/Biddulph Park/Hurst/Biddulph Grange Country Park.

- GREAT BUDWORTH / ARLEY

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.80 Leaders: David Stonehewer & Pamela Mitchell

Park cars: Smithy Lane Gt.Budworth GR.664 775. A556, turn right at Windmill PH onto B5391. Follow to A559, turn right and go into Gt.Budworth.

Field paths, quiet lanes via School Lane, Arley Moss farm, Arley Brook, Arley Hall. Return to cars at Great Budworth.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walk for 18th June

'B' walks for 28th May & 4th & 11th June. 'C' walks for all weeks.

Contact Derrick Hamer

JOY would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who has come forward so willingly with offers of 'A' walks. Please keep them coming.

WEDNESDAYS

'B' & 'C' walks for 3rd, 10th & 17th May

'A' 'B' & 'C' walks for 24th & 31st May.

Contact Brian Warburton

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 21ST MAY - COACH TRIP TO LANGDALE

'A' walk - 9½ miles - Cat.2/3. Leader: Yvonne Houfe

'B' walk - 8 miles - Cat.3. Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick

'C' walk 6 miles - Cat.3/4 Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'Altrincham Rambling Club'.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We regret to report the recent sad death of AUDREY ADDISON who died after being hit by a car whilst walking down a lane near Lymm. Audrey and Joe were wellknown leaders of walks in the Marbury, Stretton and Lymm areas. The funeral took place at Lymm United Reform church on Tuesday 14th March. We send our sincere condolences to Joe and all the family.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of BERNARD GIBSON. Though he has not been a member for few years, Bernard will be remembered for his 'Chippy Walk' at Tarvin.

MALCOLM PRITCHARD would like to thanks all those who sent 'Get Well cards' and messages during his recent stay in hospital. Malcolm hopes soon to be out walking again. We send him our very best wishes for a good recovery.

THANKS / GET WELL / BE WARNED

Thanks to Mike Kenyon for taking Muriel Lowther to the Macclesfield Hospital after her accident on the Sunday Astbury walk. The loop on one of Muriel's bootlaces got caught on the upper hook of the other boot, this caused her to fall very heavily onto the road surface which resulted in numerous injuries to her face. Be warned; ensure that your loops are secured down. Don't be the next one to 'Loop the loop in your boots'.

ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB - A BRIEF HISTORY

As we will soon be celebrating our 50th anniversary we thought it a good idea to print a brief history of how our rambling club started back in 1956. This also appears on the Club Website: - <http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>

In September 1956 a notice was posted in what was then the local weekly newspaper - The Altrincham Guardian - announcing the intention to form a Rambling and Social Club, stating that anyone was interested should meet at Richardsons Café, which was located opposite the Post Office on Stamford New Road, Altrincham.

Enough people turned up to form a committee and so the Altrincham & District CHA Rambling and Social Club, as it was originally named was born. The notice was put in The Guardian by our founder Russell Marsh who became the Club's first President and served in this position for the first 20 years (1956 - 1976) and Joan Toplis became secretary for the first ten years.

Since this time the Club has evolved both in terms of the number of members and in the scope of its endeavour. We now have over 400 members who come from every walk of life, all of whom have collectively forged a great fellowship built around our common interest in walking and rambling in the beautiful North West of England.

Thanks to Margaret Robinson who supplied the information.

We are trying to contact founder members who are not necessarily members now so any one who knows the address of a founder member please contact Dean Edwards.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th May at 'Timperley Taverners Club', Park Road, Timperley.

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