

**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**  
(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

**MAY 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.

**WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY - MONSAL HEAD, LONGSTONE MOOR, FOLOW  
CRESSBROOK DALE**

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leaders: Jim Mallin, and Veronica Dunkley . Park cars: Monsal Head. P&D £4.20. GR.186 715 - where leaders will meet. If anyone requires a lift, please ring Jim Mallin. Via A6 to Ashford-in-the-water. Turn left into village, then left up to Monsal Head (signposted Monsal Head).

Walk takes us through Little Longstone followed by a steady climb up to Longstone Moor, across field paths to Foolow and Wardlow Mires and then south along Cressbrook Dale. After crossing the weir, the walk finishes with a climb up to Monsal Head. Many stiles.

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**SUNDAY 7TH MAY - CLWYD**

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5. Leader: Don Darlington .  
Park cars: Moel Famau CP GR.173 611. ½-mile PAST Loggerheads CP on A494, turn right, signposted to Moel Famau CP. Car park 1¼ miles on right. NOTE £1.00 coin required for automatic barrier access to CP (all day charge).

Llanferres, Maeshafn, Pant Du, Bryn-y-Gloch, Llanarmon-yn-Ial. Returning by Offa's Dyke path.

- **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.

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**WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY - KERRIDGE / LAMALOAD**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.30. Leaders: Jack Garstang and Mike Morley  
Park cars: Teggs Nose car park (P&D). GR.950 733. Off A537 Macclesfield - Buxton road. Take the 'Buxton Old Road' (on the right) at the top of the hill when leaving Macclesfield.

Teggs Nose, Hordern farm, Lamaload Reservoir, Ginchlough, Ingersley Hall farm, Kerridge Hill, Marsh Farm, Teggs Nose. Return to cars 3.30 pm.

- **HOLCOMBE MOOR**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.90. Leaders: Bernard Butterworth and Derek Dawson . Park cars: End of Crowthorn Rd. Below Crowthorn End Farm (where leaders will meet). M60, M61, A666. Take r/h lane at traffic lights to turn RIGHT onto A673. At next traffic lights LEFT onto A676. In 1.6 miles pass Canon Slade School on the left, take right lane to go straight on. Next traffic lights turn LEFT onto A676 Bradshaw Road. After 1.4 miles (having passed Jumbles Information sign), turn LEFT at minor cross-roads SP Edgworth. One mile on at crossroads in Edgworth turn RIGHT into Broadhead Road. Take second turning on the RIGHT into Crowthorn Rd

Passing between Wet Moss and Black Moss, skirting round Bull Hill, Holcombe Moor, Pilgrims Cross, Harcles Hill to Peel Monument, Red Brook Valley.

**SUNDAY 14TH MAY - EDALE & SE KINDER SCOUT**

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Mike Gregory .  
Park cars: Edale car park (P&D charge). GR.124 853 (where leader will meet).

From Edale east to Jagers Clough then a gradual climb over Crookstone Hill and Crookstone Knoll. We turn westward following the SE edge of Kinder Scout to Ringing Roger. We continue past Nether and Upper Tors and the top of Grindsbrook Clough returning to Edale via Grindslow Knoll.

**- APPLETON THORN**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10. Leaders: Jeanne Gregory & Win Brookes  
Park cars: A50 towards Warrington, first left after Bears Paw - Swineyard Lane. After 3-miles turn left B5356 SP Stretton Appleton Thorn. Turn right between church and Thorn Inn - Lum Brook Road, car park - playing fields on right after houses.

From Appleton Thorn over fields then follow stream (Lum Brook). Through woods to Grappenhall (lunch), then back to Appleton Thorn by canal and fields.

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**WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY - OVER HADDON / ALPORT**

Leave 9.00 (where leaders will meet), 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.80. Leaders: Jack Garstang and Mike Morley. Park cars: A515 south from Buxton. Turn left onto B5055. Turn right into Over Haddon, P&D car park. GR.203 665.

Hills and dales, wild grasses and flowers, trout pools and stone circles. South from Over Haddon, Lathkill Dale and Bradford Dale, on to Rock farm and Elton. Join the limestone Way and North to Robin Hoods Stride, Castle Ring and Youlgreave. Follow the River Bradford to Alport, and the river Lathkill to Miners Bridge and Over Haddon. Return to cars 16.00

**- STYAL / MORLEY "THE BLUEBELL WALK"**

(Kind permission of Evelyn Evans)

Leave 10.30 5½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1.20. Leaders: Barry Rice & Guilio Poletti.  
Park cars: Lindow Common CP, Racecourse Rd, Nr.Boddington Arms PH. A538 to Wilmslow.

Pownall Farm to Twinnies Bridge, along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern woods along the river Bollin, round the rugby pitch and through the bluebells to Morley.

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**SUNDAY 21ST MAY - COACH TRIP TO LANGDALE**

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

'A' walk 10 miles Cat.2/3. Leader: Yvonne Houfe

We will start the walk from Elterwater and climb up to Silver Howe before turning westwards towards Stickle Tarn. Dropping to Dungeon Gill we cross to the Baysbrown side of the valley and follow the track into Elterwater. A varied and stimulating walk in a lovely area.

'B' walk Leaders: Sandra & Martin Ostick - Details on the coach

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

Langdale offers excellent walking and this short leg-stretch, finishing in Skelwith Bridge, provides a good sample of the area.

The coach is full, but contact Margaret Ledger for any cancellations.

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**SUNDAY 21ST MAY - GOYT VALLEY**

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.00 Leader: Colin Turner .  
Park cars: Whaley Bridge car park, GR.012 815 (where leader will meet).

Cross Toddbrook Reservoir Dam to climb to Taxal Nick and on to Windgather Rocks. Descend into Goyt Valley via the ruined Errwood Hall and cemetery. Return to cars via Errwood and Fernilee Dams and Taxal Village.

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**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY - CASTLETON**

Leave 9.15 11½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £4.50 Leaders: Angela Hilton & Roy Hilton.  
Park cars: Mam Nick car park (NT members free). P&D, limited free parking in lay-by on road opposite. GR.124 833.

Wiondy Knoll, Watts Plantation, Old Dam Lane, Batham Gate, Castleton, Lose Hill, Back Tor, Mam Tor

- **OVER PEOVER**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.40 Leader: David White .

Park cars: Near Jodrell Bank Observatory. From Chelford roundabout take A535 (following Jodrell Bank signs). Pass the observatory (on the left) - over railway bridge and in 150 yds take 1st right (with care - bad bend - Bellmarsh farm on the corner). Park on lane. GR.785 718.

Pleasant, easy walk in the Jodrell Bank Telescope area. Along Peover Eye to Peover Hall. Return via Parkgate.

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**SUNDAY 28TH MAY - LADYBOWER & THE WOODLANDS VALLEY**

Leave 08.45 11 miles Cat. 3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Ruth Worsley .

Park cars: Free public car park at Heatherdene (toilets and boot cleaning facilities) on A6013. GR.202 858.

Hallum Barn, Killhill Bridge, Fullwood Stile Farm, Bagshaw Bridge, Hagg Farm, Bridge-End Pasture, Crookhill Farm and return.

- **CHEST HOLLOW & SHUTTINGSLOE**

Leave 9.15 6¾ miles Cat.3 (see note \*\*). Transport £3.30. Leader: Keith Leslie .

Park cars: Clough House car park. GR.699 988. From Macclesfield take the Cat & Fiddle road (A537) for 3¾ miles and turn **right** just before the Stanley Arms pub and from this turning follow the road for 1¾ miles to the car park (on left).

A short walk to be taken at an easy pace through hilly country following the new concessionary track through Chest Hollow. The route offers wonderful views on a clear day. A steady ascent takes us around the flanks of Shuttingsloe (some may wish to go via the top - we'll meet up on the far side. A long but easy ascent through Chest Hollow brings us to The Cat & Fiddle for the final 1¾ miles down Danethorn Hollow \*\* and the attractive Cumberland Brook. Return to cars 3pm.

\*\* Danethorn Hollow has a very rough but short section.

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**WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY - THURSTASTON, CALDY (WIRRAL)**

Leave 9.30 6½ miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton .

Park cars: Wirral Country Park Visitor Centre, Station Rd, Thurstaston (GR.238 835). Take M56 to end,, turn left on to A5117. Turn right at first roundabout on to A540 (Chester to Hoylake road). Watch for Thurstaston District sign on left (After Heswall). Station Rd is on left before the Cottage Loaf restaurant. Car park is on left of Station Road just before the Dee Shoreline.

We walk Thurstaston Common and Royden Park before reaching Caldy village via Stapledon Wood. Our return to cars is by the beach (tide permitting) or the Wirral Way.

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**LEADERS WANTED**

**SUNDAYS**

'A' walks for 18th June and all dates for July

'B' walks for 4th June and all dates for July

Contact Derrick Hamer

**WEDNESDAYS**

June 'A' walks for 14th, 21st & 28th

'B' walks for 7th, 14th

'C' walks for 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Contact Brian Warburton

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON**

'A' walk 10 miles Cat.3/2 - Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones

'B' walk 7½ miles Cat.3 - Leaders: Heather Wykes and Derek Hamer

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

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

### WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

'A' walk 8 miles Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick

'B' walk 6 miles Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

Book with Sylvia Fantom with cheque for £8 made payable to 'Altrincham Rambling Club'. -  
Friends are invited.

Would leaders please send their walk details to Anne Macaulay by 11th May - Thanks.

### MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER - HOT POT AND QUIZ

Tickets will soon be on sale for this event. Make a note of the date in your diary.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

#### Joan Handford

We send our deepest sympathy to Joan on the loss of her husband, Frank. Joan wishes to thank members for the many cards and messages of sympathy including the card from the Club. She much appreciated Dean and other members attending Franks funeral.

#### Bill Phillips

We send our best wishes for a good recovery to Bill who we are sorry to hear has recently suffered a stroke and is at present in hospital.

#### A Message from Di Mills

"We are on the move at last to Dorset. Thank you all for your friendship over the last 3½ years. I have so enjoyed the walks and meeting people who have also become friends. I hope I can join in when visiting and also to come to the anniversary dinner. I have left my address with Anne Macaulay so if you are down our way call and have a cuppa. ARC is a truly great club to belong to and thanks to all committee members for all their hard work". - We wish you all the very best Di and hope you will be happy in your new home.

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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