

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

JUNE CIRCULAR 2006

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station.
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.

Please note that from the 1st June all rambles both Sunday and Wednesday will meet in Altrincham station Car Park at rear of station. We respectfully ask leaders if they will not be attending at the meeting point to please if possible appoint a representative

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE - HEBDEN BRIDGE / HEPTONSTALL

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5 Leader: Alan Macdonald
Park cars: National Trust car park, Midge Hole. GR. 988 292. NT members free. Non members £4 P&D. Turn left at traffic lights in Hebden Bridge, next left onto the A6033. Approx ½ mile further on turn left, which is signed Hardcastle Crags, which will then take you to the car park at Midge Hole. (where leader will meet).

We start the walk going along Hebden Dale, Walshaw, Wadsworth Moor and Walshaw Dean Reservoir. We then follow the Pennine Way to Gorple Lower Reservoir, Green Hill and Colden Water. We then make our way to Heptonstall. (an old Weavers village).

- HOLMFIRTH (Last of the Summer Wine)

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leaders Brian (Compo) & Shirley (Nora) Warburton
Park cars: Bridge Lane CP (17 spaces) or Station Rd (20 spaces) fee to be shared. Walk starts in Co-op Pioneers CP (GR.144 083). Suggested travel – M60 (leave at J24 & join M67)
Continue on A57 / A628 and turn left at A6024. (SP Holmfirth) CPs are both on right, off A6024 (Huddersfield Rd) in town centre. Further details and town plan available at Altrincham.

Passing 'Sid's café' we take quiet lanes and paths and cross Ramsden Reservoir Dam. A short pub stop at Holme Village refreshes us enough to reach the ice-cream van at the Quarry picnic site near Digley Reservoir. Our return to Holmfirth is via 'Compo's café' and 'Nora Batty's cottage' - Dress [optional] Ladies: Wrinkled stockings. Men: Wellies and woolly hats.

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE - TIDESWELL

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.95. Leaders: Jack Garstang & Mike Morley
Park cars: Tideswell Dale. GR.154 742. B6049 P&D. Return. to cars 4.30.

Tideswell Dale, Litton, Tansley Dale, Cressbrook Dale, Monsal Trail, Brushfield, High Dale, Litton Mill. Pretty dales walk with good flowers, three steep climbs, slippery limestone if wet.

- LYME PARK

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3/2 or 3 only Transport £2.25 Leader: Jacqueline Latham & Vi King
Park cars: Nelson Pit CP – From lights in centre of Poynton take Park Lane, then Coppice Rd, turning left into Shrigley Rd – turn R opposite Boars Head into CP. GR.944 834 (where leaders will meet).

Along Macclesfield Canal into Elmerhurst Wood, up to Bowstones - For those who want a climb. Non-climbers will take bottom path.. Lunch will be taken at top of climb. Along ridge and Hase Bank Wood. Take path down to the canal and car park.

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE - STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS

Leave 8.30 11 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £5. Leader: Mary Parsonage
Park cars: Ilam Cross SK.135 508. (where leader will meet).

Via Dovedale, Boston Grange, Milldale, Alstonfield, Castern Hall.

- **HASLINGDEN GRANE**

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat. 3 Transport £4.65 Leader: Pam Baxandall .
Park cars: A6177 (Grane Road) Clough Head CP. GR.751 231 (toilets and café) . M60, M66 to the end where it runs onto the A56, after the road bends LEFT, take 2nd left exit (A6177 Darwen/ Haslingden). Turn LEFT at 'T' junction. CP approx 1 ¾ miles on the RIGHT.

A varied and interesting walk along the Grane Trails, skirting Holden Wood, Ogden and Calf Hey reservoirs, and parts of the Rossendale Way. Rough in places and can be muddy too. Good views (hopefully). NB: For walkers wishing to complete only 5½ miles, there is a short cut-off point after Ogden Reservoir. A short steep incline (steps) at the end of walk.

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

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

'A' walk 8 miles Cat.3/2. Leaders: Martin Sandra Ostick
An undulating walk, full details on the coach.

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3 . Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton
Tarn Howes. Details on the coach.

For seats available please ring Silvia Fantom on 969 1180. Friends welcome.

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE - DENSHAW MOOR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.60. Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler .
Park cars: Castleshaw Centre Public Car Park, Waterworks Road, off A62, 1 mile northeast of Delph. GR.997 092 (Dark Peak).

Uphill to Bleak Hey Nook and along Standedge Trail past the Dinner Stone on Pennine Way, across the moors, then Pennine bridleway to Dowry Reservoir and Castleshaw Upper Reservoir.

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON

The coach will leave at 8.00 am opposite. M&S Sale with the usual pick-up places.

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2. Leaders : Janet Blinkhorn & Mike Jones
Leaving Church Stretton via Madeira Walk we then climb steadily up the rough track to reach the Long Mynd. Then along the Shropshire Way to Pole Bank – at 1693 feet the highest point on the Long Mynd. Return along tracks by Round Hill and Callow to Little Stretton and then back to Church Stretton. Fine all round views - weather permitting

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Heather Wykes & Derek Hamer .
The Batch Valley and Jonathan's Rock feature on this delightful and interesting walk up to the Portway and down Mott's Road into the Cardingmill Valley.

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3. Leader: Margaret Ledger.
A gently undulating walk from Church Stretton around Ragleth Hill, by way of Ragoon and Little Stretton, and full of variety, good views and interest.

The coach is full but please 'phone Margaret nearer the date as there may be cancellations (980 8340).

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE - PEAK DISTRICT (DOVESTONE)

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.90. Leader: Judith Wainwright
Park cars: Bin Green Car Park off A635 at Dovestone reservoir weirs. GR. SE 018 045.
M67 – Stalybridge – A635 through Mossley and Greenfield.

Across Dovestone Weirs, Oldham Way, Stack Head Brow, Chew, Dovestone Rocks.

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE - STYAL, LINDOW COMMON & MOSS

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1.20. Leaders: Viv Addie & Pam Baxandall
Park cars: Quarry Bank Mill NT car park, off Styal Road. GR.836 831. (where leaders will meet.

From the mill through South Woods and across Wilmslow-Altrincham road onto Lindow Common, round the lake and along paths and lanes to Lindow Moss. Across the moss and back through Styal woods.

- PENNINGTON FLASH

Leave 10.15 5½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.40. Leaders: Pam Floyd & Sylvia Fantom

Please meet leaders at Pennington Flash to start walk at approximately 11 am.

Park cars: At car park near Visitors centre and opposite the Flash. P&D 80p to £1 for the day..

Directions: Cross Toll Bridge at Warburton (12p single trip or day ticket for 25p). RIGHT towards Irlam A57. LEFT at traffic lights to Glazebrook B5212. A574 towards Leigh. Bent's Garden Centre on right. Turn left taking A580 towards Liverpool. Follow Pennington Flash signs on the righthand side of the road. Take road opposite Robin Hood PH. Car park is opposite the Flash.

Brief Details Two short walks of around 2½ miles each with lunch between walks. Toilets and picnic tables at Visitors Centre.

Walk 1 - a short distance along the Leeds/Liverpool canal followed by a walk around the country park and the Flash. Flat walk apart from a slight rise towards the canal and steps to the canal - definitely a Grade 4. A very small amount of road walking along footpaths.

Walk 2 - around the Golf Course, along the canal and back to the Visitors Centre via a number of bird hides. Lots of water fowl and other birds such as finches, woodpeckers etc. Bring binoculars.

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE - YOULGRAVE WELLS DRESSINGS

Leave 8.45 11¼ miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leader: Joy Darlington .

Park :Moor Lane Picnic Site. GR.194 645 (off A515). P&D £3 to share, or lay-by just before CP

We go via Lamberdale Hall to view Youlgrave's five 'dressed' wells. Our walk then circles south passing Rock Farm, Anthony Hill, Lower Greenfields and Millfield farm before dropping down to Alport and the river Lathkill. We return via Conksbury and Meadow Place Grange.

- ALDERLEY EDGE

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £1.80. Leaders: David Stonehewer and Pamela Mitchell. Park cars: Wizard CP, B5087. GR.869 773. P&D £2 to be shared.

Around lower paths of woods which are muddy with short climbing sections, field paths to Dickens Wood, Glaze Hill, Dickens Farm. Return via Faulkners Farm, Chonar Farm, woods with climbing sections and return to cars.

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE – BOLLINGTON

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.20. Leaders: Joan Howarth & Dorothy Stelfox .

Park cars: Turn off A523 down Holehouse Lane (1st left after passing under railway).

to Whiteley Green. Canal car park in two miles (pass Windmill pub on right. Car park just beyond on left in Rushmere Close). SJ 927 789. (where leaders will meet).

Along Macclesfield Canal to Bollington, climb Nab Head 935 ft. Good views if clear. A steep flight of steps followed by field paths to Berristall Hall and Bakestonedale Quarry. Across fields to return via Macclesfield Canal.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - 'B' walks - 23rd July, 6th & 27th August.

'C' walks - All weeks July & August

Contact Derrick Hamer

WEDNESDAYS 'B' & 'C' walks - 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th July . 'A' walk 26th July

Contact Brian Warburton

FUTURE EVENTS

Our Social Trip this year is to Durham.

SUNDAY 2ND JULY - COACH TRIP TO DURHAM CITY

Many of you will know the delightful city, with its wonderful cathedral and magnificent castle which is almost encircled by the River Wear. It's a long way, but is a pleasant ride and will allow plenty of time to explore the old parts of the city with cobbled streets and interesting lanes. As usual friends and relatives are invited, so lets make it a full coach to this wonderful destination.

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am as usual, but the cost will be a little more. Please book with Margaret Ledger , with a cheque for £8.50 made payable to 'Altrincham Rambling Club'.

SUNDAY 16th JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONWAY

'A' walk - 9½ miles Cat.2/3 Leaders Audrey & Walter Corrie

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3. Leaders Shirley & Brian Warburton

'C' walk - 5½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader

Book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

WEDNESDAY 26th JULY - COACH TRIP TO KIRKBY STEPHEN

'B' walk - 7 miles - Leader: Roger Parker

'C' walk - 6 miles - Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Silvia Fantom with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'. Would walks leaders send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay by 11th June, please.

BOWLING AT BOWDON FOR RAMBLERS

Attention all bowlers. We are bringing back this popular event, held at Bowdon Bowling Club, St.Mary's Rd, Bowdon. This is a Fun Night Out with Bowling Supper included. All levels of bowlers are welcome. Date **Saturday 19th August, time 5.00pm**. Price £5. (this covers bowling, prizes and supper). Do dust off your bowls and join us. To reserve a place please telephone Doreen Aldridge

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER - 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER.

To be held at Sale Masonic Hall, Tatton Road, Sale. 7.30 pm for meal at 8.00 pm.

Come and join us for a nostalgic evening of talk with friends old and new. Reliving memories of walks reaching back over the years and also more recent ones. Enjoy a five course meal, including coffee accompanied by soft, sweet music. A vegetarian option is available and special diets catered for. Sale Masonic Hall is easily reachable by Metro which is five minutes walk away and the car park at Sainsbury Superstore is free after 5.30 pm and also five minutes walk away.

Tickets price £18 are strictly limited and available from Doreen Aldridge, Please enclose a cheque for £18 made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club and also a stamped addressed envelope for return of tickets. Please advise of any special diet requirements when ordering.

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER - HOT POT AND QUIZ

Make a note in your diary. Tickets will soon be on sale.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We send our congratulations to JOAN AND RON HOWARTH on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 23rd and wish them many more years together.

Our good wishes are also sent to CHARLES EVANS who celebrated his 90th birthday recently. Charles would like to thank all those who sent birthday cards and best wishes.

We are sorry to hear that ERICA, our Good Will Secretary is not too well herself. All the best for a return to health Erica.

BBC - THE WEAKEST LINK

We have been contacted through our website by the BBC who are currently working towards their 8th series of The Weakest Link and are looking for contestants, particularly those with unusual jobs/hobbies to appear. If you would be brave enough to face up to 'The Queen of Mean' please contact Alan Gerrard (info@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk).

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 11th July at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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