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ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

AUGUST 2006 CIRCULAR

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. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property

WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST - SANDSTONE TRAIL - FRODSHAM

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.60 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.
Park cars: Barnsbridge Gate car park. GR. 542 716. Follow A556 to Oakmere / Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere station) into Ashton Road. Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.

Follow the Delamere Way to Mersey View above Frodsham. Return by the Sandstone Trail along the escarpment.

- **WALTON, WARRINGTON** -

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.70. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648. Park cars: Walton Hall CP. P&D £1.70 to be shared. A56 at Walton Arms PH, Old Chester Road, and immediately right go down Walton Lea Road to the car park.

Along the Bridgewater canal to Moore village, Daresbury, Appleton Reservoir and back to Walton Hall gardens via the golf course.

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST - ALSTONEFIELD

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Tess Byrne 01625 614211).
Park cars: Alstonefield Village car park. Next to public convenience. GR. SK 131 557 (where leader will meet)

Stanshope, Castern Hall, Rushley Bridge, Slade House, Calton. Return via Manifold Way, Grindon and Wetton.

- **WYTHENSHAW PARK & BROOKS DRIVE** -

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport 60p or free on bus: Leaders: Pamela Mitchell 998 5966 and Dee Barker 976 5354. Meet leaders at Wythenshawe Park Gardens and Play Area CP.

A very easy walk on newly-laid wood chip path, around the Park and on to the bounds of Samuel Brooks Drive. Through woods to car park. Most interesting local walk with lots of history.

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO PATELEY BRIDGE

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

'A' walk 8½ miles Cat. Leader: Alan Thorpe
Summer Bridge, Hartwith Bank, Brimham Rocks, Smelthouses, River Nidd, Guiscliff, Fosse Gill, Pateley Bridge.

'B' walk 5½ miles Cat 4/3. Leader: Edna Adderley 980 7753.
From Pateley Bridge, along river Nidd to Wath. Only climb is to Spring Hill, descending from Heathfield to Moss-car Bottoms, back to Pateley via Foster Brook and R.Nidd.

Book with Pam Floyd (962 5311) 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, M33 6GL with cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' Friends invited. Coffee stop but no food will be available on the journey to Pateley Bridge so bring your own food if you need a snack.

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST - THE STANDEGE TRAIL

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler 973 7188.
Park cars: Brun Clough Reservoir car park on A62, 2 ½ miles north east of Delph. Car park on right by a large Pennine bridleway sign. GR. 095 017.

We follow the Trail round Pule Hill, past Tunnel End; along the hillside above Marsden and return across the moor.

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST - SPARKLOW

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3. Transport £5. Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.

Park cars: Free public car park at Sparklow (Hurdlow) on the High Peak Trail, just off the A515 at GR.128 659.

Comfortable walking in the White Peak calling at Vincent House, Moat Hall, Harris Close, Pilsbury, Crowdecote, Abbotside Farm, Hurdlow Hall.

- CHESTER

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £4.50. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.

Park cars: Christleton Village. GR.443 659. Take 2nd Christleton sign off A51 at Vicars Cross. Just after village pond (on left), turn left. Car park approx. 150 yards further on.

Leaving picturesque village of Christleton, we follow field paths and road through Huntington. A short ferry crossing takes us to Marches Way and we walk into Chester along the river bank, for lunch (ice-creams, toilets etc). After walking the city walls, we return to cars via the Shropshire Union canal and short pub stop.

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST - PARBOLD

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5. Leaders: Joan Howarth 962 0302 & Dorothy Stelfox 973 0370. Park cars: Car park beside canal in Parbold village. GR.496 107 (where leaders will meet). Leave M6 at Jct.27 Turn left onto A5209 towards Parbold. After crossing a narrow bridge with traffic lights take right turn into Mill Lane signed 'Parbold Village'. Turn left into car park immediately after crossing canal bridge Return to cars 3.30 pm.

Gradual climb through fields and woods to Harrock Hill including a couple of stretches of road walking. Good views if a clear day. Descend past Harrock Hall, High Moor, Plantation Woods to reach the Leeds Liverpool canal which we follow back to Parbold. (Fields can be muddy).

- TATTON PARK

Leave 10.00 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.05 Leaders: Joan Smyllie 998 6596 and Betty Hollinshead 432 1761.

Park cars: On Mereheath Lane at Knutsford end of Tatton Park GR.750 792.

An easy walk in Tatton Park, taking in the Home Farm, Tatton Hall stable yard, Melehett Mere, and returning along Tatton Mere.

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST - BOWLING AT BOWDON FOR RAMBLERS

Starts 5 pm. (all tickets sold).

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO MALHAM

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

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.2/3. Leader: Alan Edwards

From Malham the route takes us along to Goredale Scar, and across to the Tam. From there we climb to Capon Hall, and on to Langcliffe Scar taking the path by Victoria Cave and Stockdale before returning by way of Mastiles Lane. An excellent airy walk in typical Dales country.

'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Erica and Dave Clarke

Our first objective is The Cove, from the top of which we cross the Limestone Pavement and through the Roman Camp near Street Gate. Eventually we reach Weets Top and drop down to Malham. This is a lovely walk with splendid views.

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.4/3. Leader: Edna Adderley

From Malham, past Hall Close and Accroplatts to Cow Close Lane and Kirby Malham. On to Hanlith Bridge and Pennine Way to Airton. Return to Hanlith Bridge and passed Scalegill Mill on riverside to Malham.

The coach is booked, but there is always the chance of cancellations. Please 'phone nearer the date (980 8340).

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST - SUTTON IN CRAVEN

Leave 8.30 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5. Leader: John Keeble 794 1702.

Park cars: Maine St. opposite St.Thomas church. GR.007 442 – Outdoor Leisure 21.

Take the M60 and then M66 (follow Burnley signs). A56 to M65 to Colne and then A6068 (follow Keighley signs) On reaching Guisburn (Cross Hills) turn right down Holme Lane (just after Skipton Building Society on left). At end of park turn left on to Main St.

This is an upland walk on the Pennine hills. Route: Aden - America Farm - Slippery Ford - Keighley Moor Reservoir – Pennine Way – Salt & Pepper - Crag Farm and back to Sutton.

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST - STERNDALE MOOR / UPPER DOVE VALLEY

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leader: Stan Riley 980 2765.

Park cars: Hurdlow (*Sparklow on map*) Car Park GR.127 659. Right off A515 Buxton to Ashbourne road opposite B5055.

High Peak Trail, High Wheeldon, Upper Dove Valley, Pilsbury Castle, Vincent House, Darley Farm, High Peak Trail.

- ASHTON ON MERSEY / URMSTON

Leave 10.30 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.05. Leaders: Pam Floyd (962 5311), Sylvia Fantom 969 1180. Park cars: Large car park on Manor Avenue, Urmston. Via Flixton – turn into Flixton Rd from Carrington Lane. Take first right after Parkers' Garden Centre into Church Road, at traffic lights right into Queens Road, left into Manor Avenue. Car park is on right. OR Via Stretford - turn left into Sandy Lane (after Old Cock PH) follow road until you reach a petrol station on left, turn left into Manor Ave (church on left). Car park on left. **Please meet leaders in CP at Manor Ave.Urmston**

A grade 4 walk across Urmston Meadows and along the river Mersey to Ashton on Mersey returning to Urmston. Parts can be muddy. A very short section along the A56.

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST - CHORLEY NORTH, LANCs

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3. Transport: TBA Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119.

Park cars: Botany Bay village, Chorley - M61 North to Chorley North exit, alongside Botany Bay. GR. SD 591 193. Turn into car park and travel passed Mill to far end of CP. (the old entrance).

Pleasant country walk with lots of local history taking in White Coppice, Log Wood, Monks Hill, Brinscall, Abbey Village, Withnell Fold, Wheelton, Whittle Springs.

- HOLMES CHAPEL

Leave 10.00 5½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.40. Leader: Joan Holmes 9062 4780.

Park cars: In town centre car park (on left of A50 after Red Lion Pub). Route of travel – Knutsford then A50 to Holmes Chapel.

A very easy walk with views of Jodrell Bank and walking by the river Dane.

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST - LONGNOR / HARTINGTON

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leaders: Jim Mallin 01925 755899 and Veronica Dunkley 928 4629.

Park cars: Market Square, Longnor Centre. GR.088 649 (where leaders will meet). If no room, park by church. If anyone requires a lift, please ring Jim Mallin.

To Crowdecote, along the Dove Valley to Pilsbury Castle, then a steady climb before descending to Hartington. We then climb to Sheen, down to Brund and back along the Manifold Valley. Only two climbs, but a lot of stiles.

- RAMSBOTTOM TO BURY

5 miles Cat.4. Leaders: Barry Rice (962 2377) and Giulio Poletti (962 7648).

This is to start the 50th Anniversary celebrations by re-enacting what used to happen in 1956 when we had no cars and only used public transport. We propose to start by getting the Metro to Bury on the first available tram after 9.30 (don't forget your passes). On arrival at Bury walk through the bus station to the Memorial Square where the leaders will meet at approx. 10.45. From there we will walk to the East Lancs Railway where we hope to catch a steam train scheduled for 11.45 to Ramsbottom. Cost of train £5.60 single. We will try to obtain a group discount if there are sufficient walkers and we get agreement on the day.

A walk from Ramsbottom following the Irwell Valley Sculpture Trail back to Bury.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - 'A' and 'B' walks during October and November.
Contact Derrick Hamer on 969 3821

WEDNESDAYS - September - 6th 'B' walk, 13th 'A', 'B' or 'C' walks (coach day),
20th 'A' & 'C' walks, 27th 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks.
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RAIL AND RAMBLE

Accompany Mike Gregory and Tess Byrne on public transport into the Peak District to enjoy a challenging 12 mile circuit of Kinder Scout. Using the DaySaver/Wayfarer ticket we will travel from Altrincham to Manchester on the metro and onto Edale by rail. (Walkers preferring to travel independently can meet the leaders at Edale Station). From Edale we will complete an abridged version of the classic Edale horseshoe. The route will include Hollins Cross, Mam Tor, Rushup Edge, Brown Knoll, Edale Cross, Crowden Tower, Upper Tor and Ringing Roger.
Further details will appear in the September circular or contact Mike or Tess on 01625 614211.

WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO ARNSIDE

'A' walk 9 miles Leader: Pam Baxandall
'B' walk 6 miles Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Pam Floyd 962 5311, 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, M33 6GL, with cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' Would leaders send their details of walks to Anne Macaulay by 11th August please.

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO BROUGHTON IN FURNESS

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards
'B' walk - 9 miles Cat.3. Leader: Pam Baxandall
'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4. Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340) 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

HOTPOT AND QUIZ NIGHT - MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

At The Railway Inn Mobberley. 7.30 pm prompt. Tickets at £8.50 are limited, so book places - or teams of 4 with Margaret Ledger 14, Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque made out to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' asap. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are sorry to report that EVELYN EVANS died on Monday 10th July. Evelyn will best be remembered for the 'Bluebell Walk' which she lead through Styal Woods each May until the last few years. Evelyn's funeral takes place on Wednesday 19th July at Wilmslow Methodist church at 10.30 am followed by a service at Altrincham Crematorium at 12.30.

We are also sorry to report that DICK MERCER has also passed away. The funeral has taken place.

We send our best wishes to PETER RAYBURN who unfortunately took ill during a walk on the Church Stretton coach trip. After a stay in hospital Peter is now progressing. He expresses thanks to everyone on the coach for their good wishes.

JOAN AND RON HOWARTH would like to thank all their friends for congratulation cards and good wishes on their recent Golden Wedding.

SUKURMAR GHOSH would like to express thanks for good wishes and get-well cards from his fellow walkers. We learn that Sukurmar will not be walking with us until the Autumn but hope he continues to recover.

Best wishes to WYNN AND BARRY NAYLOR on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding on 22nd August.

COACH TRIP ROUTE - The Downs, Altrincham, Woodlands Rd flyover, Timperley Village, Riddings Rd, Eastway, Sale - opposite side of road to M&S. The route is reversed when travelling south.

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