

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

**SEPTEMBER 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..

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER - HATHERSAGE**

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5. Leader: Don Darlington

Park cars: Hathersage P&D car park. Charge £4.50 to be shared (1<sup>st</sup> left off B6001 or road-side GR.232 814.

Following field paths to climb up to Stanage Edge, continuing via Stanage Pole, White Stones, Brown Edge Farm, Ox Stones, Houndkirk Road, Carl Wark, Higger Tor and Scrapperlow.

**WEST KIRBY / HILBRE ISLAND**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton

Park cars: Wirral Way, Caldby Picnic Park, Croft Drive, Caldby. GR.223 850. Take A540 through Thurstaston, turn left at Caldby sign and follow in to village (Caldby Road becomes Shore Lane / Croft Drive before reaching the shoreline). CP is on right, 200 yds before shoreline.

A pleasant flat walk to West Kirby, using the Wirral Way and beach, to visit Hilbre Island (and hopefully the basking seals).

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**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - HARDCASTLE CRAGS AND HEPTONSTALL**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5. Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler

Park cars: Midge Hole National Trust car park. GR.988 292 - South Pennine. In Hebden Bridge take A6033 for Keighley. After about ½ mile bear left signposted Hardcastle Crags. First car park free to N.T members; 2<sup>nd</sup> car park P&D..

Beautiful walk by Hebden Water to Hardcastle Crags. Steep climb and many rocky steps out of valleys across the top and down to Colden Water. Through woods, then more steps up to picturesque Heptonstall. Very uneven and rocky in places.

**- LITTLE BUDWORTH / OULTON PARK**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £3.15 Leaders: David Stonehewer and

Pamela Mitchell Park cars: Take A556 Chester Rd. At Sandiway traffic lights (Shell garage) turn left onto A49. Follow signs for Oulton Park. Left into Coach Road (Garden Centre) CP at lane end on left. GR.Map.117 - 591 655.

Route – Little Budworth, White Hall Lane, Oak-Tree Farm, Budworth Pool, Oulton Park.

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**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RAIL & RAMBLE 'A' PARTY - EDALE**

12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport by car: £4.50. Leaders: Mike Gregory & Tess Byrne

Leaders will meet at Altrincham Station car park at 8.30 am. We will purchase a train and metro Day Saver ticket, cost £5.50 before boarding the metro to Piccadilly followed by the 9:34 train to Edale, arriving at 10.23. Alternatively those wishing to drive should meet at Edale car park (P&D charge). GR.124 853 at 10.30.

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. Refreshments available at Edale before catching the 17:16 train back to Piccadilly.

## 'B' AND 'C' PARTIES - PARTY IN LYME PARK

Leaders: Joy Darlington - Heather Wykes Derrick Hamer .

Come and Celebrate by joining an 8.5 mile Cat.3 'B' walk, or a 5 mile Cat.4 'C' walk,  
OR, meet with your picnic, near the main refreshment hut at around 12.30 pm, where you can share your memories of your first walk with other members. Can you remember it ?

Will all walkers please meet at Altrincham.

'B' walkers will depart at 9.00 am for Nelson Pit car park at Higher Poynton. GR.945 834  
Transport £2.25.

Joy who is leading the 'B' walk, wishes to assure everyone that this is a moderate to easy, relaxed pace walk, which will go via Mitchell Fold, Moorside, Dale Top and The Gritstone Trail. Then will meet the rest of the members for the Party Picnic near the Main Refreshment Hut. After lunch the 'B' party will return to the cars via Platt Wood Farm and Hilltop Farm.

'C' walkers will depart at 9.30 am for the Lyme Park main car park. GR.963 824. Transport £2.70.  
Car parking £4.50. (to be shared). Parking is free for NT members. Would all NT members bring their Trust cards to assist with the parking cost

Heather and Derrick will lead the 'C' walk which will be around the park.

Non walkers please note: The Cage will be open on the day - £1 entry.

SO COME ON DOWN, and let's celebrate 50 Golden Years of the best walking club in Britain.  
SEE YOU THERE, at the event for everyone

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## WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO ARNSIDE

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

'A' walk 8 ¼ miles, Cat. 3/2. Leader: Pam Baxandall  
From Beetham to the Fairy Steps, via limestone pavement to Leighton Beck Bridge, West Coppice, Silverdale, Eimslack Woods, Arnside Tower, Arnside Knott and down into Arnside.

'B' walk 6 miles, Cat.3/4. Leader: Margaret Ledger .  
This is a 'different' walk, for those of us used to walking in Cheshire as we negotiate the coastal path from Arnside Tower, by Blackstone Point, to Arnside. An interesting walk, worthy of repetition.

Book with Pam Floyd , 16 Stokesay Road, Sale, M33 6GL with cheque for £8 made payable to  
ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB - Friends invited.

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## WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - DOWNHAM

Leave 9.00 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £5 Leaders: Derek Dawson and Bernard Butterworth . Park cars: Downham GR.785 441 (where leaders will meet).  
M60 to M61/A666 to A59 through Bolton / Blackburn. At A59 turn right towards Clitheroe. Take the turn after Clitheroe S/P Chatburn. In Chatburn turn right at "Hudson's Ice-cream Shop" S/P Downham / Rimmington. In Downham go through village over stream. Car park is on right.

A superb walk in the shadow of Pendle Hill, starting at Downham where "Whistle Down the Wind" was filmed and also "Born and Bred". We head S.E towards Twiston Moor and on to Clough Head, then back via Rimmington with perhaps a drink at the Black Bull - a very interesting pub. The walk is a long gradual climb till lunchtime which will be taken at an easy pace. Although it is a short walk we feel it is well worth the trip and weather permitting you will not be disappointed.

## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO BROUGHTON IN FURNESS

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

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

This is a splendid route in an unspoilt and quiet part of the Lake District. It begins in Broughton, and drops to the Lickle Valley before climbing to Carter Ground, and on to Stickle Pike, before returning over the fells to Croglinhurst. A good leg-stretcher.

'B' walk - 9 miles Cat.3. Leader: Pam Baxandall

From Broughton Square to Wall End, Thornthwaite, Latter Rigg, Woodland Hall, Green Moor, Buttstead Wood, along old railway track, Broughton Tower and back to Broughton Square.

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

A delightfully worthwhile walk, but with nothing at all strenuous, as we go out East of Broughton and into the Woodlands Valley before returning by Wall End.

The coach is fully booked but phone Margaret Ledger for cancellations.

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## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - HAYFIELD

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.15. Leader: Ruth Worsley

Park cars: Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park at Hayfield. GR.036 869.

Sett Valley Trail, Lantern Pike, Matley Moor Farm, Burnt Hill, Mill Hill, Kinder Downfall, the Three Knolls, Scones House.

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## WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - TURTON TOPS

Leave 9.30 8½ miles Cat.2/3. Transport £5. Leader: Alan Thorpe

Park cars: Bromley Cross Railway Station. Alternative - 10.00 am Clitheroe Train - free to Bromley Cross with Over 60's pass from Victoria station.

Along west side of Jumbles Reservoir road walk to Turton Tower. Climb to trig point Turton Tops. Descend moorland tracks to Strawberry Duck PH (request stop). Along Entwistle Reservoirs to Edgeworth (homemade ices). Follow Bradshaw Brook via Turton Bottoms to Jumbles Country Park. Stop for cup of tea, ice-cream etc). Over Reservoir head wall to return to Bromley Cross station

### - ADLINGTON

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.95. Leader: Derrick Hamer

Park cars: Layby next to Legh Arms on A523. GR. 912 806.

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green Farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Styperson Pool and Higher Doles Farm, then back to cars via Wych Wood again.

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## SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER - 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER

7.30 pm for 8.00 at Sale Masonic Hall, Tatton Road, Sale.

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## SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - TIDESWELL

Leave 8.45 12 ½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Alan Macdonald

Park cars: On the B6049 in Tideswell near the main toilets (where leader will meet). GR.151 756

Litton, Tansley Dale, Cressbrook Dale, Monsal Trail. We then follow the River Wye, and then pick up the Trail to Brushfield, High Dale, Litton Mill, Limestone Way, then back to the cars.

### - BURRS COUNTRY PARK

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.00 Leader: Pam Baxandall

Park cars: Burrs Country Park (top car park) entrance at Water Wheel Sculpture. GR.SJ800 125 (where leader will meet). M60 to Junt.17. A56/Bury), B6214 (Ramsbottom) follow Burrs Country Park sign.

Burrs, Summerseat and Tottington circular walk, (incorporating the River Irwell and the Kirklees Trail. Nothing too difficult, could be muddy in places, some steps.

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - FORMBY / FRESHFIELD

Leave 9.15 6 ¼ miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton .  
Park cars: GR.282 067 (St.Lukes Church Road, Formby). Leave M62 at J6 (Huyton). Join M57 and leave at J7 (signposted Netherton / Southport). Follow A5207 on to A565 (Southport Road). Turn left on to B5424 (Liverpool Road). Watch for Lighthouse Restaurant on left. Shortly after, turn left into Raven Meols Road. (Thatched cottage on corner). Carry on over railway crossing. After approx 1 mile, turn right in to St.Luke's Church Road. Church is on LH side of road. Park as near as possible to front of church.

A walk to the Red Squirrel Nature Reserve, through dunes and sandhills, returning via the beach.

### LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS : 'A' walks - All weeks in November.  
'B' and 'C' walks - All weeks in October and November.

Contact Derrick Hamer on 969 3821

### WEDNESDAYS

OCTOBER : 'A' walks - 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> : 'B' walks - 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>.  
'C' walks - 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - HOT POT AND QUIZ NIGHT

All tickets have been sold, but please 'phone Margaret Ledger if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

#### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO BAKEWELL

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge  
'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3. Leader: Anne Brooker  
'C' walk - 5½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Edna Adderley

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

**NOTE TO LEADERS.** Please check with the Walks Organiser that the date you plan to lead your walk is available before sending the walk to the Programme Secretary. Also please report back to Organiser the numbers on your walk. Thanks.

#### FREE TRAVEL FOR OVER 60s

Most of us are now aware that for short journeys between the Greater Manchester bus boundary area and Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Merseyside and West Yorkshire, you can travel free between 9.30am and midnight Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and bank holidays. Before 9.30am Monday to Friday, you will travel for half the full adult fare for the whole journey. Listed below are the furthest places you can travel **by bus** to or from free or at half fare. If your journey takes you beyond these places, you must pay the full adult fare for the whole journey. -

The town centres of: Hadfield, Glossop, Hayfield, Tideswell, Buxton, Macclesfield, Knutsford, Warrington, Prescott, Ormskirk, Leyland, Blackburn, Accrington, Rawtenstall, Bacup, Portsmouth (West Yorkshire), Hebden Bridge, Halifax and Huddersfield. To travel free to any of these places, on the outgoing journey, you must board the bus within the GMPTE area.

#### 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Altrincham Methodist Church, Barrington Road, Altrincham

#### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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