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ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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OCTOBER 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. 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 1ST OCTOBER - EYAM - WHITE PEAK

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Judith Wainwright 928 8453. Park cars: Eyam P&D car park (£4.50 a day), or roadside. GR. SK 216 767. A6 from Stockport then A623.

Stoney Middleton, Froggatt Edge, Padley Chapel, Leadmill Bridge, Offerton Hall, Smelting Hill, Abney Clough, Eyam Moor.

- NORTHWICH COMMUNITY WOODLANDS

ERIC STUFFINS, OUR PRESIDENT, AND ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, WILL LEAD US ON THE FOLLOWING WALK TO CONCLUDE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Leave 10.00 5 ½ miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10 Leader: Eric Stuffins 980 2955
Park car park. GR.652 764. £2 P&D (shared).

SW to Anderton; east then south to Writton Mill Meadow; south of Neumann's Flash to Marston where Lion Salt Works Museum may be open. Return by Trent and Mersey canal and Marbury Country Park. Good paths. No stiles. Return to cars: 3.00 pm.

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER - CHEEDALE & PETERDALE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.50 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler 973 7188.
Park cars: Wyedale car park on A6 about 2 miles east of Buxton on left of road opposite quarry. P&D. GR.104 725.

Follow river along Chee Dale using stepping stones and limestone rocks – tricky in places, care needed. Climb hill towards Wormhill; drop down to walk along Peter Dale to Dale Head. Climb back up to Wormhill, then via Flag Dale and descend to car park.

NOTE - If there has been recent rain the leaders can change the walk to the following one which is same distance and category and leaves from same car park. Via Deep Dale, Back Dale, through King Sterndale. Return past Red Gap Farm, Woo Dale and Wye Dale. The walk starts over rough stony ground.

- RAWHEAD & BICKERTON

Leave 9.30 7 ½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport: £4.95. Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634 and Mike Jones 01270 668536. Park cars: Copper Mine Lane GR.521 550. Take A556 to Sandiway then left on to A49. Take first right after Beeston Cale Market signposted Beeston Castle and Burwardsley. Follow road through Peckforton to join A534 at Bulkeley by Bickerton Poacher pub. Coppermine Lane is next right after approx. ¼ mile. Park at far end.

Climb to Rawhead. Follow Sandstone Trail via Chiflik farm to Bickerton Hill, Maiden Castle, then field paths to Bickerton Hall and on to Bulkeley Hill. Lots of lovely views weather permitting.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER - BRADFIELD

Park cars: On A57 – 2 miles beyond traffic lights at Ladybower Reservoir. Take left s/p Strines Inn – take first right then 2nd left, then in 1 ½ miles left to drop into Low Bradfield - car park beyond bridge at "The Sands" where leader will meet. GR.262 2920.

Climb to High Bradfield then on to White Lee Moor. Drop to Broomhead Reservoir then Tinker Hill, Glen Howe Tower, Onesacre, Holdworth and Cliffe House Farm. Rtn to cars: 4.30 approx.

- WHITEGATE

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.70. Leader: John Chapman 962 3758.
Park cars: Whitegate Way CP (old Whitegate Rly Station). GR.615 680. Take the Northwich Bypass towards Chester. Take first left at traffic lights after end of dual-carriageway (Sandiway) signed Whitegate-Winsford. Travel 1.7 miles to crossroads, turn right into Clay Lane – ½ mile to car park.

Pleasant circular, taking in Churchill Woods, Petty Pool, Daleford Manor. Round the lake to Whitegate Way.

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER - HOTPOT AND QUIZ NIGHT

7.30 pm (prompt) at the Railway Inn, Mobberley. All tickets have been sold.

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER - AROUND KERRIDGE HILL

Leave 9.15 8 ¼ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.40 Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409
Park cars: Middlewood Way CP Bollington. GR. 931 780. Drive through Bollington from the Macclesfield direction and take first left after the first viaduct. Car park is a few yards on left.

A steady climb out of Bollington along the Gritstone Trail to Berristall Hall and Brink Farm. Descend into and ascend out of valley of Black Brook and pass through Rainow. Steep climb onto Kerridge ridge and White Nancy and return to the cars by canal and Middlewood Way.

- ACTON BRIDGE

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.55 Leader: David White 980 8605

Park cars: The Leigh Arms, Warrington Rd., Little Leigh, Northwich. Take M56 towards Chester – leave at J10 – Take A49 towards Whitchurch, pub is on LHS just before swing bridge. GR.602 760.

Trent and Mersey canal – river Weaver, Dutton Locks, Crowton, Acton Brook, Acton Bridge. Very few stiles but could be wet underfoot in a couple of places !

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO BAKEWELL

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

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3. Leaders: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigg

This excellent walk takes us south of Bakewell to Over Haddon, Youlgreave and across to Alport before dropping to Coalpit Bridge. We return through open fields so typical of the White Peak and back into Wyedale.

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3. Leader: Anne Brooker

A varied walk climbing first along the slopes of the River Wye to Haddon, and then through open country to Over Haddon. A lovely, interesting walk with splendid views.

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Edna Adderley

We climb gently to Ballcross Farm before strolling over Calton Pastures and wide views to left and right. Our route back into the valley is along Combs Lane. A lovely worthwhile short walk.

At the time of printing there are one or two seats left on the coach.

Please phone Margaret Ledger (980 8340) for booking.

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER - BOLLINGTON

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.62. Leader: Joy Darlington 962 7188.

Park cars: Middlewood Way car park, Bollington. GR.931 781.

Using short sections of the Middlewood Way, Gritstone Trail and canal, our walk is via Lane Head, Nab Head, Harrop Brook, Harrop Fold farm, Thornsett farm, shoulder of Kerridge & Dawson farm.

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER - WEST PENNINE MOORS

Leave 9.00 9 ½ miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Mary Gerrard 980 7508 and Jill Lee 980 3252. From Bolton take the A675 to Belmont. Turn left at the Black Dog pub (signed Rivington). The small carpark is about one mile up the hill on the righthand side – directly opposite the Chorley boundary sign. GR.655 159. If full, it is possible to park slightly further up the road on Belmont Road.

From Belmont along the Wotton Weavers Way to Hollinshead Hall (lunch). Return via Great Hill and Spillers Edge to cars.

AUDLEM

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087. Park cars: Cheshire St. CP (A529) GR. SJ 658 435. Take M6 south. Leave at J 16. Take A500 (right) to B5071 at Shavington. Turn left here. Continue through Wybunbury. Cross A51 at Walcherton, go through Hatherton. Turn left on to Audlem Rd (A529), through Hankelow and in to Audlem. CP is on right of A529, just before town centre.

A "figure of eight" walk around Cheshire's most southerly small town, taking in short stretches of the Shropshire Union Canal.

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting will take place at 8.00 pm at ALTRINCHAM METHODIST CHURCH Barrington Rd. All the present Committee members are willing to stand again. Nominations for any position on the Committee (duly proposed and seconded and agreed by the nominee) may be sent to the General Secretary, Libby Malin, 2 Rose Avenue, Irlam, M44 6ZE or may be submitted at the AGM.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2006/7 are due on the date of the AGM (see attached form). The minutes of the 2005 AGM are attached. To save time these will be taken as read.

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER - HOLCOMBE MOOR & ENVIRONS

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.80 Leaders: Alan Gerrard 980 7508 and Brian Billington 485 4119. Park cars: Peel Tower car park (GR.782 163). Leave the M66 at Jct.1. Proceed via the A56 into Ramsbottom. Go straight across at the traffic lights and proceed up the hill, bearing left and then right to join the B6214. Turn left and the car park is on the left after passing through Holcombe

Peel Tower, Harcles, White-Bull Hills. Cross the moor to Crowthorn Dell and then north along its edge to Calf Hey Reservoir. Return via the Rossendale Way. The walk uses new access land and encompasses a variety of terrain with good views.

- WHALEY BRIDGE

Leave 9.30 7 ½ miles Cat.3. Transport £3. Leader: Bill Dawson 962 1616. Park cars: Rail station car park and streets in close vicinity.

Horwich End, Taxal Church then treading woodland paths fringing Femilee and Errwood reservoirs on a circular path back to Whaley Bridge.

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER - THREE SHIRES HEAD

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.60. Leader: Stan Riley 980 2765. Park cars: Peak National CP, Clough House GR.987 699. A537 Macclesfield to Buxton, 3.5 miles after lights at Arighi Bianci. Shortly after Walker Barn, fork right, then 3.4 miles to Clough House.

Path by Cumberland Brook to Whetstone Ridge, Danebower Hollow and Quarries, Reeve Edge Quarries, Three Shires Head, Gradbach, Banktop.

- RIVINGTON - WHITE COPPICE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.75 Leaders: Jacqueline Latham 962 3972, Vi King 962 2782, Pam Baxandall 973 6653. Park cars: Great Barn info centre. GR.628139 (where leaders will meet). M60, M61. Leave motorway J6. Turn right onto A6027. Pass Reebok Stadium. Left onto A673 for Horwich. Continue through Horwich to roundabout and take the first road on the right after roundabout. Large stone pillars where you turn. Continue along this road for about 2 miles. Sign indicates lefthand turn for Great Barn car park.

Follow Rivington and Anglezarke reservoir along tracks and through woodland until we reach White Coppice for lunch. Return to cars on the opposite side the of the Reservoir.

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER - DERWENT EDGE

Leave 0845 11 ½ miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5. Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.
Park cars: Free public car park at Heatherdene (toilets and boot cleaning facilities) on the A6013 GR.202 858.

A walk along one of the gritstone edges of the dark peak calling at Ashopton, Wheel Stones, Salt Cellar, Back Tor (538M), Lost Lad, Bamford, House and Briery Side. Returning via the Ladybower Reservoir edge path.

WIRRAL WANDERER

Leave 9.30 7 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £5. Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.
Park cars: Parkgate / Gayton Sands car park. GR.273 789. Take M56, M53 – Leave at jct.4 onto A5137. Continue to A540 and turn left in the direction of Chester. Proceed for half a mile and turn right onto B5135 and on to Parkgate. Continue along to the Boat House PH. Here turn right for the Gayton Sands CP at the end of the lane. Parking is free.

Gayton Sands, Manor Wood, Thornton Hough (chocolate box village), Raby and back to Parkgate. Some road walking necessary.

LEADERS WANTED

WEDNESDAYS - November - 1st - B & C walks, 8th A, B & C, 15th A & C,
22nd - A, B & C, 29th A, B & C.

Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087

SUNDAYS 'A' walks for 26th November and 3rd December.
'B' walk for 3rd December.

Contact Derrick Hamer on 969 3821

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS EVE WALKS

Would anyone care to participate in an 'A' or 'B' walk or walks over the Christmas / New Years Eve period, such as 24th, 26th, & 31st December. If you would lead a walk or would like to participate in a walk, please contact either Joy Darlington – 0161 962 7188, or Derek Hamer 0161 969 3821, so that we can assess the possibilities.

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - AUTUMN SQUARE DANCE & HOEDOWN

The Larkhill Centre, Timperley from 7.30 pm to 11 pm. Caller Fred Lloyd.
Tickets £6 supper included from Ron Howarth 150 Chestnut Dr. Sale M33 4HR (973 8633), Robert Fysh 57 Moss Lane, Timperley WA15 6LQ(980 3091), Joan Holmes 6 Monmouth Ave, Sale M33 5QL (962 4780), Doreen Aldridge 15 South Meade, Timperley WA15 6QL (973 4370).

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Larkhill Centre, Timperley from 7.00 pm to 11 pm.
Tickets £6 (buffet supper included) from Ron Howarth (973 8633), Robert Fysh (980 3091), Joan Holmes (962 4780), Doreen Aldridge (973 4370)

NB Members are respectfully reminded to send payment with order and SAE for return of tickets
Cheques to be made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - WALK AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leader – Heather Wykes – 01625 618782.
A two-mile walk followed by a full Christmas lunch at Blaze farm, Wildboardclough. Cost £11.
Cheques should be made payable to 'H Wykes' and sent to –
30 Langdale Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK11 7YS. Cheques to be sent before 1.12.06.

FOR YOUR DIARY -

Sunday 31st December 2006 - New Years Eve Party at Timperley Village Hall.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

WYNN & BARRY NAYLOR wish to thank members for their cards and messages on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. In lieu of presents £1000 was collected in aid of the Rainbow Family Trust.

We send our good wishes for a speedy recovery to SUKUMER GHOSH who we hear has been in hospital again undergoing a heart op.

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