

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

DECEMBER 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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer, Roger Parker, 92, Woburn Drive, Hale, WA15 8NE before 12th December. Rates are: Single £5, Family £8.

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - SHUTLINGSLOE

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leader: Mike Gregory

Park cars: Teggs Nose CP (P&D) GR.SJ.951 733 (where leader will meet).

Teggs Nose, Bottoms Reservoir, Gritstone Trail, Oaken Clough, Greenway Bridge, Wildboardclough Shutlingsloe (1,659 FT), Macclesfield Forest, Trentabank Reservoir, Ridgeway Reservoir, Teggs Nose Reservoir.

- LOWER SLOPES OF KINDER

Leave 9.15 6 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £2.85 Leader: Keith Leslie

Park cars: By wall opposite the Sportsmans Inn, on Kinder Road, Hayfield. GR.045 868. Take A6 past Disley and turn left down A6015 at Newtown for Hayfield. In Hayfield cross A624 on a right hand diagonal to enter old village. Follow road to the left (Church St) and turn right up Bank Street. This leads to Kinder Road. The Sportsman is a further ½ mile. Return to cars: 2.45 pm.

A walk through varied and very attractive scenery. Starting along the River Sett we then have a steady climb on a mostly easy gradient up the Snake Path to the Shooting Lodge - great views. We descend to lower paths taking in some National Trust permissive paths, returning via Elle Woods. *Please note that we are not climbing to the top of any mountains on this walk !.*

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - HOLCOMBE MOOR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.05 Leaders: Bernard Butterworth and Derek Dawson Park cars: Nuttall Park GR.796 164 (where leaders will meet).

M60, M66, leave at Junct.1, turn right onto A56. In 1.1 miles turn left at traffic lights towards Ramsbottom. In ¼ mile on a righthand bend turn left into Nuttall Hall Road. S.P Nuttall Park.

Irwell Valley, Buckden Clough, Pilgrims Cross, Marcles Hill, Peel Tower, Brookes Bottom.

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Larkhill Centre, Timperley from 7.00 pm to 11 pm. Hosts Doreen and Ivan Aldridge. Buffet Supper served at 8.30 pm. Please bring a small gift (min. £1) suitably wrapped for Father Christmas.

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - CHINLEY / EDALE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.2. Leader John Watling . Meet 9.15 Piccadilly Station, Manchester to catch 9.35 train to Chinley (arrive Chinley 10:15 for those not using train). Public transport best buy - Wayfarer Concession £4.20 bought in advance from Altrincham or Manchester

Chinley to Edale via South Head, Brown Knoll, Edale Cross, Noe Stool, Pym Chair, Woolpacks, Crowden Tower and Ringing Roger. Arrive Edale for cups of tea in station café. Return 16.17 train from Edale, arrive Manchester 17.11. This is a strenuous walk but there will be plenty of time to complete in the style and spirit of 1956.

**- CHRISTMAS WALK & LUNCH
AT WILDBOARCLOUGH**

Leave at 11.00 am (11.45 am from Brookside), 2 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.00. Leader: Heather Wykes Park cars: Wildboarclough can be accessed from the A537 Macclesfield to Buxton road OR from the A54 which is off the A523(T) Macclesfield to Leek road. There are two roadside lay-bys for parking near to 'Brookside' (was a café, now closed).GR.980 681.

We leave lay-bys at 'Brookside' Wildboarclough, on to Lower and Higher Nabb farms and past the 'Cragg Inn', then back to the cars.

Bring your own wine / drink for the meal. 'Blaze Farm' is off the A54, a short distance from Allgreave. GR. 975 675. Approx.2.00 pm for Christmas lunch.

This event is fully booked and has a waiting list.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - HELSBY / FRODSHAM

Leave 9.15 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.45 Leaders Angela & Roy Hilton .

Park cars: Helsby Quarry Woodland Park. GR. SJ 491 749. M56 to Jct.12, A557 to A56 to Frodsham and Helsby. Turn left by cemetery onto Old Chester Rd (just after Helsby High School on right) and the car park is on the left after one mile (approx).

Climb Helsby Hill (good views on a clear day of the Mersey estuary and Clwydian Hills but ignore the chemical works), Riley Bank, Delamere Way, Beacon Hill, Frodsham Hill. Although this walk is not long in distance it is quite strenuous with several steep ascents and descents and one difficult stile.

- SPORTS CITY - MANCHESTER

Leave 9.30 8 miles, Cat.4 (if using car - transport 75p) Leader: Dave Attwell.

Park cars: Cornbrook Arches at Cornbrook Metro. P&D. GR.109 8297. This is at the end of Bridgewater Way – A56. Meet 10.00 am Cornbrook Metro. Leader will meet here.

Along canal under city centre, through to Sports City. The 'B of the Bang' – Asda. Lunch 1 hr. Toilets. Mugs of tea are only £1. We return along canal to Cornbrook. For those who want to walk over 8 miles distances to Metro stations are: Old Trafford 9 ¼, Stretford 11¼, Dane Rd. 12½, Sale station 13m, Brooklands 13½, Timperley 14½, Navigation Rd. 15½ . .

**- WALK AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH
MICKERBROOK / LADYBROOK VALLEY**

Leave 9.20 4 miles Cat.4. Transport 85p +(CP fee to share). Leaders:Betty Hollinshead and Joan Smyllie One or two lunch places left. Book lunch by 3rd December with leaders. Park cars at Bruntwood Park CP Cheadle Hulme GR.859 871. To CP – Right off Schools Hill from roundabout A34 then into Bruntwood Park, up to car park (where leaders will meet).

Cross Bruntwood Lane by stream, then golf course and alongside Micker and Ladybrook. Short stop (BRING COFFEE). Then across (muddy?) fields and short stretches on roads to lunch at the Vinery, Bruntwood Park.

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER - HAYFIELD

Leave 9.00 10 ½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport 3.00 (+shared P&D) Leader: Don Darlington
Park cars: Hayfield GR.036 869. (Sett Valley Trail).

Sett Valley Trail, Rowarth, Near Slack, Coombes Tor, Rocks Farm, Blackshaw Farm, Middle Moor, Snake Path.

- CASTLETON

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5 (+share of £5 P&D) Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards
Park cars: Castleton town centre car park from where we leave at 11.00 am).

A new route with only one significant climb. From the car park we make our way to Hollins Cross, following the ridge path to the south we pass below Lose Hill summit before descending towards Hope. On the outskirts of Hope we cross the Edale road before making our way past Hope Cemetery and down to Hope Station and across the main road to Brough. From here we follow field and river bank paths back to Castleton for the Christmas Lights.

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER - MACCLESFIELD / TEGGS NOSE

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £3 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton .
Park cars: Tegg's Nose Reservoir CP off Holehouse Lane, Langley. GR.946 717
(Landranger 118)

One "steepish" climb up to Visitor Centre. Field paths and quiet lane to Higher Hurdsfield, then joining Macclesfield canal. We return to Langley via Birch Knoll.

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER - ETHEROW / MELLOR

Leave 9.00 9 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £2.10. Leader: Joy Darlington .
Park cars: Etherow Country Park, Compstall off B6104. GR.965 909 (P&D £3 to share) or free car park on opposite side of B6104 next to Kiddi-Winks Day Nursery (converted chapel). Meet in Country Park.

We follow river Goyt through Brabyns Park, Roman Lakes and on to Windy Bottom. Up to Mellor Hall, Smithy Lane, Ernocroft and back down to Etherow Country Park.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Timperley Village Hall, Stockport Road, Timperley. Hosts Doreen, Giulio, Heather & co.
Start 7.30 pm. Hotpot Supper served at 8 pm prompt. Please bring a sherry glass. Come along and join in the fun and let in the New Year with friends. Tickets £7.50 from Doreen Aldridge.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS : 'A' walks - All Sundays starting January 2007, except 21st. January
'B' walks - All Sundays starting February 2007, except 25th February
Contact Derrick Hamer for 'B' walks & Mike Gregory for 'A' walks

WEDNESDAYS: January 2007 - All dates, all categories
Contact Brian Warburton

NOTE TO LEADERS

When supplying a grid reference it would be helpful if leaders would also give road numbers for parking place. Thanks.

FUTURE EVENTS

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th February 2007. Valentine Hoedown at Larkhill Centre, Timperley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Pat Owen and Bert Sowerbutts who got married recently.

Our very best wishes for a good recovery to Betty Hollinshead who fractured her arm whilst on holiday. Betty would like to thank all those who sent her cards and good wishes.

THE CLUB WEBSITE

There is now a slide show on the website of a selection of images, taken by a number of members, of the 50 Year Anniversary Celebrations – go to the Gallery Section and click on the small picture of "The Cake".

Please remember that to access the Members Area you will have to use the following:

Name: ramblers and the Password: adrc - where you can view the social programs and download the latest walks. There is also the form for leaders to use to submit walks.

Alan Gerrard would like to thank the many members who have expressed their appreciative comments about our site. He would be pleased to receive any relevant photographs / images and he will do his best to incorporate them on the site. You can send digital images by e-mail to:

webmaster@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk

CLUB WEEKEND 2007

Those members going on the Club Weekend 30, 31 March and 1 April 2007 are reminded that final payment is due by 1 January 2007. Invoices will be sent out early December 2006.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY

A turkey will be donated by an anonymous donor to the person who has led the most walks in 2006. You will see in the January circular who has received the turkey.

DISCOUNTS

New members may not be aware that Millets Altrincham, and Outdoor Style 12 Grove Street, Wilmslow. (01625 520078) all allow 10% discount on production of a current Altrincham Rambling Club membership card.

FOR SALE

Unused AA '1001 Walks in Britain'. Boxed ring-binder edition. Walks of 2 to 10 miles in every corner of Britain. Detachable pages with clear plastic wallet holder. Cost £30. Will accept £15.
Mike Jones

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th January at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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