

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

MARCH CIRCULAR 2007

1. **All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of stationl .**
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 4TH MARCH - LAMALOAD / KETTLESHULME

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3 Leader: Harry Hewlett
Park cars: Lamaload Reservoir CP. GR. 976 753.

Lamaload, Ginchlough, Harrop Fold farm, Midfield, Kettleshulme, Taxal Edge, Pyms Chair, Howlersknow, Thursbitch, Redmoor, Lamaload. Return to cars: 4.00 pm or thereabouts.

- OLLERTON

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.45 Leaders: Dave Stonehewer and Pamela Mitchell . Park cars: Legh Road, Knutsford. Through Knutsford on A50, pass garage on left, 2nd road on left – Goughs Lane, 1st left into Legh Road. GR.- Map (118) 761 772

Windmill Wood, Moss Wood, Ash Tree farm, A537 Dun Cow pub, Spring Wood, Booths Hall..

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH - CRACKEN EDGE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75 Leaders: Veronica Dunkley and Jim Mallin
Park cars: Hayfield Centre CP GR 036 869. where leaders will meet (Share P&D).
If anyone needs a lift, please ring Jim Mallin.

By Phoside and Peep-o-Day, then up onto Cracken Edge, along the edge before dropping off steeply to the Naze. We then drop down to the bottom of the valley, climb up the opposite side to cross the main Hayfield Road, then back to Hayfield by field paths and the Pennine Bridleway.

- ACTON BRIDGE / ASTON

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.00 Leaders: Joan Howarth and Dorothy Stelfox . Park cars: In the village of Acton Bridge (off A49). Grass layby on Chapel Lane near Methodist church (where leaders will meet). GR.591 757.

From Acton Bridge village to Dutton Locks, along river Weaver then through fields to Aston. Down towards Dutton, back to the Weaver and along riverside to Acton Bridge. Then across fields back to the village.

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH - WYEDALE & CHELMORTON

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £4.50. Leader: Mike Gregory .
Park cars: Peak National Park Car Park. Wye Dale on A6. GR.104 725 (where leader will meet).

Wye Dale, Wormhill, Monsal Trail to Litton Mill, Taddington, Chelmorton, Horseshoe Dale, DeepDale.

- NETHER ALDERLEY

Signpost 211 (GR.SJ 84082 76226) - Rededication

Leave 11.00 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.50. Leaders: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge.
Joint back-markers Mary Clarke and Joan Holmes..

Park cars: South Street CP. GR. SJ842 783. Alderley Edge (R. off A34, London Road) where leaders will meet; Audrey & Walter Corrie will marshall cars at Altrincham.

This easy amble begins with a short climb up Macclesfield Road before wending our way along hedgerow and field path to Nether Alderley Mill (NT) and church. Just to the NW is to be found the 2006 replaced 'P&N' signpost dedicated (1986) to four Altrincham rambling club past members H(arold) Corby, President; A(lf) Robinson, Chairman' J.L(es) Platt and A(lan) Swann, Committee members. Master of Ceromonies Eric Stuffins, President (or his appointee) will give a short re-dedication address and after lunching (12.45 ish) we return to cars via Field's Farm, Chorley Hall and Blackshaw Lane.

MONDAY 12TH MARCH - "TO THE UTMOST ENDS (ANTARCTICA)"

Talk and Slide show by Margaret Ledger. To be held at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Rd, Timperley. Doors open 7 pm start 7.30 pm. Cost £1 payable at the door. .

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH - GREAT HILL / RODDLESWORTH RESERVOIR

Leave 9.30 8 ½ Cat.3/2 Transport £4 Leaders Joan Lewis & Elizabeth Downie
Park cars: Ryal Fold CP. GR. 665 215. M60, M61, A666. After crossing A58 turn left A675 Belmont. After passing through Belmont village take road on right signed Tockholes. Follow road 1½ miles. Turn right into pub car park Park cars in back car park, near café. .

Through Slipper Lowe, a gradual climb up Great Hill. Drinkwaters, around Wheelton Moor, Solomon's Temple and Roddlesworth Reservoir.

- **CLIFTON JUNCTION**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.3/4. Transport £2.40. Leaders: Barry Rice and Guilio Poletti
Park cars: Clifton Country Park. GR.772 043. M60 to A666 towards Bolton, 1st turn off A666 for Farnworth and Kearsley. Turn right for Kearsley and along this road for approx. 2 miles until you see the sign for Clifton Country Park.. Turn left into Clifton House Road, this is just after garage, and before the Lowry sign. Follow the road down and park the cars at the visitors centre.

A walk along the Irwell Valley to the village of Ringley with its historic church and bridge. We then walk along the disused Bolton Bury canal to Wilsons Bridge to return via the power station and the lake back to the cars.

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH - BOLLINGTON / LAMALOAD

Leave 8.45 12 ½ miles Cat.2/3 Transport £2.60 Leader: Alan Gerrard
Park cars: Middlewood Way car park in Bollington. GR.931 981.

White Nancy, Brookhouse, Lamaload, Under Shining and Cats Tors, Saltersford Hall, Ginchlough.

- **LITTLEBOROUGH**

Leave 9.15 7.5 miles Cat.4/3. Transport £4.35. Leader: Frank Dockry .
Park cars: Car park GR.SD 973 181. A layby on A58. Follow M60 clockwise. Join M62 at jct.18. Leave M62 at jct.21, follow signs to Littleborough past Hollingworth Lake. At Littleborough follow Halifax Rd A58 until you pass the White House Pub, the layby is on righthand side of the road just after the pub. It's a big layby and there is another public car park behind the pub

This is a flat walk but muddy. There is a rough section where the path has washed away. Walk around the Blackstone Edge and White Holme and Warland reservoirs. We are on a plateau with good views to the north and west.

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH - LANTERN PIKE & MIDDLE MOOR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.15 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler.
Park cars: Sett Valley Trail Car Park, Hayfield. P&D. GR.036 869. A6015 New Mills to Hayfield, car park signed to left just before A624.

Sett Valley Trail, Lantern Pike, Across Middle Moor to Shooting Cabin, Park Hall and Little Hayfield

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH - BOWDEN BRIDGE

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.15 + P&D to be shared. Leader: Don Darlington
Park cars: Bowden Bridge car park, Kinder Road. GR.048 849.

Steady climb to pass Kinder Reservoir, then to Kinderlow End, Jacobs Ladder, Dalehead A625, Malcoff Farm, Mount Famine.

- **MARPLE LOCKS**

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40 Leader: Heather Wykes
Park cars: Car park opposite Marple railway station (NOT Rose Hill). GR.964 893 (where leader will meet).

Pretty walk along canal and locks towards Chadkirk via Hyde Bank Farm, then through fields and along paths, back to the cars via Middlewood Way and canal.

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH - SMITHILLS / WINTER HILL

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00. Leaders: Derek Dawson and Bernard Butterworth. Park cars: Behind Smithills Coaching House Restaurant. GR. SD 699 120 (where leaders will meet). Take M60/M61/A666 to Bolton. At end of St.Peters Way, turn left B6207 Halliwell Road S/P Smithills Hall, at the next traffic lights go forward into Smithills Dean Road. In 4/10th mile turn right into Smithills Hall grounds.

We begin with a long but gradual climb to the mast on Winter Hill via Coal Pit Lane - site of Mass Trespass in 1896. Then easy descent into the historic village of Barrowbridge, along base of Burnt Edge.

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH - CLUB WEEKEND AT BARMOUTH

The coach will leave Sale M&S at 0830am picking up at – Sale M&S, Eastway, Riddings Road, Timperley Village (usual places) and The Downs, Altrincham. It is important that you use the pick-up point you selected. You must inform Dean of any changes before 10 pm on the 29th March.

PLEASE NOTE: The pick-up in Altrincham Town Centre is The Downs.

Don't forget your packed lunch.

WALKS Probably Dolgellau to Barmouth via the Mawddach Estuary foot path.
'A' walk 9 miles, 'B' 6 miles. Full details will be available on the Coach

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walks April - 1st, 8th & 29th. May - 6th, 13th & 27th.
'B' walks April - 8th May - 6th, 13th & 27th.
Contact Mike Gregory ('A' walks) & Derrick Hamer on ('B' walks).

WEDNESDAYS

April - 4th 'B' walk, 11th 'A' & 'C' walks, 18th 'B' walk, 25th 'B' & 'C' walk
Contact Brian Warburton

2007 COACH TRIPS

SUNDAYS

April 15th Ambleside
May 20th Pateley Bridge
June 10th Loggerheads
July 15th Sedbergh
August 12th Clapham
Sept. 9th Clun
October 7th Grassington

WEDNESDAYS

May 23rd Windermere
June 20th Bolton Abbey
July 25th Grange-over-Sands
August 22nd Llandudno
(hopefully meal)

(with a Social Trip to Oxford on July 1st)

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

'A' walk 8 ½ miles Cat.2 Leaders: John & June Watling
'B' walk 7 ½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick
'C' walk 5 ½ miles Cat.4. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

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

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

MONDAY 14TH MAY 2007 AN ENTERTAINING EVENING AT THE STABLES RESTAURANT

A Tutored Tasting of 6 wines accompanied by a 3-course meal of traditional English Cuisine and all home-cooked by The Stables Restaurant, Barrington Road/Manchester Road, Altrincham. Hosted by Colin Jeffrey. 7 for 7.30 pm £17.00 per person excluding gratuities. Tickets available from Doreen Aldridge Numbers strictly limited to 36 persons (Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club).

SATURDAY 21ST JULY 2007 - BOWLING FOR RAMBLERS

A fun night out for all levels of bowlers with supper included.

We brought back this popular event last year and it was enjoyed by all. This year we will be at Timperley Village Bowling Club. Time 5 pm. Price £5.50p (This covers Bowling, Supper & Prizes) Do get the bowls out again and join us.

To reserve a place, please telephone Doreen Aldridge.

Due to a rise in catering costs as from 1st January 2007, we have reluctantly had to increase the price of all events by 50p. Doreen and Ivan.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

REG FERRANS sends his thanks for the many cards and phone calls he received following his recent accident. We hope to see you walking with us again soon Reg.

We are sorry to hear that BRIAN WARBURTON is suffering from a bad attack of shingles. He thanks members for the Get Well cards and good wishes. Also SHIRLEY has fractured a small bone in her foot. We wish them both a very good recovery. Brian & Shirley send their apologies for having to cancel their walk on 14th February

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 6th March at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley. .