

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

JUNE CIRCULAR 2007

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 3RD JUNE - BARLEY / BARROWFORD

Leave 08.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5 Leader: Harry Hewlett .

Park cars: Barley CP (£1 fee, honesty box) GR.822 403 – Outdoor Leisure 21, South Pennines. Directions - M60/66/A56/ Haslingden B.P. (follow Clitheroe signs)/ under M65/ through lights onto A6068. At Fence just past Bay House pub. L – St.Anne’s Way, L – Noggarths Way, L – Heights Lane to Spen Brook and Newchurch in Pendle, and onto Barley.

Black Moss Reservoirs, Aitken Woods, White Hough, Bank End, Water Meetings, Crow Trees, West Pastures, Thorley Holme, Newchurch, Ogden Clough, Under Pendle, Pendle House, and onto Barley. Return to cars: 4.00 pm approx.

- LLANGOLLEN

Leave 9.00 7.5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £5. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards .

Park cars: Large public car park in central Llangollen.

From the car park we make our way up to Castle Dinas Bran and on through Dibren Wood and Bryn-hyfyrd to Abbey Cottage. We continue through the grounds of Valle Crusis Abbey and on to the Chain Bridge Hotel before returning to Llangollen along the canal tow path.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE - BIDDULPH CASTLE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.30. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin

Park cars: Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre CP. GR.893594. Take A527 south from Congleton towards Biddulph for three miles. Turn left at the Biddulph Grange Garden National Trust sign, but do not enter the NT property. Carry on up the hill for 200 yards or so and turn right into Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre Car Park.

Ascend to the higher reaches of Biddulph Park (nothing difficult) from where there are good views. Then to the remains of Biddulph Castle. Later a gentle climb onto Congleton Edge at Pot Bank. On to Castle Farm and ascend again to Congleton Edge at Nick ‘i’ th’ Hill. Pass near to castle site again before ascending back to the car park.

- AROUND FOXTWIST GREEN

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4. Transport £3 Leader: David White .

Park cars: Whitegate Station CP (GR.615 680). Take A556 towards Chester. Left at traffic lights in Sandiway (sign Whitegate). Branch right - CP on left (just over bridge).

A short but pleasantly varied walk with very few stiles. Taking in Whitegate Way, Marton Sands, Beauty Bank, Sherrats Rough and Newchurch Common.

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO LOGGERHEADS

The coach will leave M&S Sale at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up points.

‘A’ walk - 10 miles Cat.3 - Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

A great walk with wonderful views, along Offa’s Dyke path and up to Moel Famau before dropping into the valley, and along the river, back to Loggerheads.

‘B’ walk 7 ½ miles Cat.3. - Leader: Margaret Ledger

A varied and interesting walk with differing landscapes. From Maeshavn we climb (gently) on to Moel Findeg before returning by Deborah’s Well.

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'C' walk 5 ½ miles Cat.3/4 –Leader: Heather Wykes

A lovely, well-worth-while short walk out to Cilcain, and back along the delightful path by the river.

Nearer the date, please 'phone Margaret for cancellations.

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE - MILL DALE

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA Leaders: Brian Billington & Alan Gerrard
Park cars: Car park (P&D) on the A515. From Buxton at its junction with the Tissington Trail. 3½ miles past junction with the A5102 at Newhaven. GR.156 549 (where leaders will meet).

From car park field paths to Milldale proceed along Dovedale and Lindale to join the Limestone Way. Via Tissington to Parwich returning via Parwich Lees along Alsop Dale and Tissington Trail.

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE - THE TORS/ DUNGE VALLEY

Leave 9.15 9¼ miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leader: Stan Riley

Park cars: Pym Chair. GR.994 767. Side End Lane from Kettleshulme.

Cats Tor, Shining Tor, Thursbitch, Howlersknowl, Green Stack, Dunge Farm, Tunstead Knowl Farm, Thorneycroft Farm, Taxal Edge and Windgather Rocks.

- BOLLIN VALLEY

Leave 9.30 5 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p Leader: Alan Evans

Park cars: Bowdon Assembly Rooms free car park.

Pass Bowdon church to River Bollin Way via Park. Quiet roads and footpath. Follow Bollin to Little Bollington, then via Dunham Park and Dunham Golf Course back to Bowdon car park around 2pm.

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE - ROOLE MOOR / COWPE

Leave 8.45 12½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20 Leaders: Ian & Josie Stenhouse

Park cars: Healey Dell Nature Reserve car park at Broadley Wood Mill. GR.SD 879 164 -

A671(M)/A664 to Rochdale, right onto A58 (Halifax). After about 2 miles, left onto A671 (Burnley). After about 1½ miles (just after leaving Rochdale and entering Rossendale), road bends right, then take 1st left into Station Road (Broadley). Bear left to car park. (no toilets).

Knacks Lane, over Hunger Hill to Naden Reservoirs, then over Knowl Hill and Tom Hill to Paradise. On to Cowpe via Waughs Well, Foe Edge and Black Hill. Then to Top of Leach, down Prickshaw Brook, up to Houses o' th' Hill and back to cars via Wallbank and part of Healey Dell.

- LITTLEBOROUGH

Leave 9.15 7.5 miles Cat.3 (because of rough section of path). Transport £4.50.

Leader: Frank Dockry

Park cars: Car park GR.SJ 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 at the top of the hill, the layby is on righthand side of the road just after the pub. It's a big layby and there is another public CP beside the pub

This is a flat walk but muddy and exposed. 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.

- MILLINGTON

Leave 09 45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport 50p. Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton .

Park cars: Lay-by off A556 in front of Nags Head P.H which is on the right, before crossing over M56, heading from Altrincham towards Northwich. Pass through gap in central reservation to enter access road to pub. (GR. 742 854).

An easy, pleasant walk around Millington and Little Bollington, pass Sean Hawkins Meadow, Agden Brook and Booth Bank Childrens' Activity Farm.

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE – COACH TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY

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

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat. 3 - Leader: Dean Edwards

From the coach to Cavendish Pavilion, up the Valley of Desolation, on to Simon's Seat
Return to Howgill and follow the river back via The Strid to Cavendish Pavilion for cup
of tea. No views on wet days !

'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat.3 – Leader: Roger Parker

Steady gradual climb to Middle Hare Head, descend to River Wharfe at Barden Tower
and return along the river past The Strid and Bolton Abbey.

We do not have a leader for a 'C' walk, but leaflets will be available on the coach if you wish to do
your own walk.

Book with Sylvia Fantom. We will not be stopping at a motorway café on the way up to Bolton
Abbey so no food will be available on the journey.

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE - DARWIN MOOR - TACKLERS TRAIL

Leave 9.15 9½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Derek & Jill Chandler

Park cars: Slipper Lowe car park on Tockholes road. GR.664 203.

From Bolton take A675 to Belmont and Blackburn. About 2 miles north of Belmont turn right with
Tockholes sign, car park just over ½ -mile on left.

Mostly good tracks across Darwen Moor but a half-mile boggy section. Jubilee Tower and
Sunnyhurst Wood.

SUNDAY 24TH JUNE - ALSTONEFIELD

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leader: Tess Byrne .

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.

- WALKERWOOD & SWINESHAW RESERVOIR

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3. Leaders: Ian and Josie Stenhouse

Park cars: Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ 995 971. From end of M57 continue on A57. Turn left at
traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph
sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again. After about ½ -mile park on
verge at RHS of road (before no through road sign)

Moorside farm, across Hobson and Shaw Moors to Walkerwood Reservoir. Then via Higher
Hydegreen to Swineshaw Reservoirs, round Lees Hill to Ogden Clough, then to Arnfield, Devils
Bridge and Hollingworth Hall and back to cars.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE - WEST KIRBY / HILBRE ISLAND

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & 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 into village (Caldby Rd becomes
Shore Lane / Croft Drive before reaching the shoreline). C.P 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).

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS: 'A' walks - 1st and 8th July and September onwards

'B' walks - November onwards

Contact Mike Gregory ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer ('B' walks).

WEDNESDAYS: July 4th - 'A' walk, 11th 'B' & 'C' walks, 25th - 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks (coach day)

Contact Brian Warburton

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 1ST JULY - SOCIAL COACH TRIP TO OXFORD

For our outing this year we are taking off for the “gleaming spires” of Oxford. We will leave from M&S Sale, at the usual time (8.00 am) to enable us to have as much time as possible in the city, which has much to offer in the way of sightseeing – and shopping.

Please book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £10 made out to ‘ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB’ - and for this excursion, non-members are welcome.

SUNDAY 15TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO SEDBERGH

‘A’ walk - 9 miles, Cat.3/2 - Leader: Yvonne Houfe

‘B’ walk - 7 miles, Cat.3 - Leader: Pam Baxandall

‘C’ walk - 6 miles, Cat.4 - Leader: Margaret Ledger

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

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

‘B’ walk - Leader: Edna Adderley

‘C’ walk - Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

Book with Pam Floyd with cheque for £8 made payable to ‘ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB’
Would leaders send details of their walk to Anne Macaulay by 11th June please.

HOTPOT AND QUIZ NIGHT – Monday 15th October at 7.30 pm.

Tickets at £12 will be on sale next month for this popular evening, held at The Railway Inn, Mobberley. Numbers are limited – so book early !

BETTY BLANSHARD

We are sorry to report that Betty died recently. The funeral service was held at Macclesfield Crematorium on 2nd May and 21 club members attended. Betty was Membership Secretary for a number of years and together with her twin sister Nancy led many walks. We send our sincere condolences to the family and particularly to her twin sister Nancy.

GOODWILL SECRETARY

Erica has asked me to remind you that she is still Goodwill Secretary and would like to hear when members are ill or when it would be appropriate to send a ‘Goodwill’ card..

ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CLUB WEBSITE

On-line Walks Submission

In response to members’ requests the Website now has the facility for you to submit the details of your walks directly to Anne Macaulay. Sign into Members Area and click upon the new “button”. Fill in the details of your walk and submit the new on-line submission form. Please agree the date with the appropriate Walks Organiser as usual before filling in and submitting the form.

To access the Club website, - log in - <http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>

User name: ramblers Password: adrc.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th July at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

Anne Macaulay
Programme Secretary

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