

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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### JANUARY CIRCULAR 2008

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

#### WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY - DEVISDALE & DUNHAM

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p Leaders: Joan Howarth & Dorothy Stelfox  
Park cars: Devisdale Road opposite St.Margaret's church, Altrincham, where leaders will meet.

Through Devisdale to Dunham Park via Golf course and canal, a circuit of the Park and return to cars via Denzell Gardens and Devisdale.

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#### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - WINTER HILL & RIVINGTON COUNTRY PARK

Leave 8.30 10 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.75. Leader: Judith Rees  
Park Cars : Park at Great House Barn carpark (SD 628138) on Rivington Lane. Leave the M61 at junction 6 and take the A6027 towards Horwich. Turn left at the T junction of the A673 towards Horwich. Just after the roundabout, turn right (signposted Rivington Country park) onto Rivington Lane. Car park is about 1.5 miles on the left.

This walk was extremely wet and muddy on the Winter Hill section in November. The route climbs steeply up to Rivington Pike, then to the top of Winter Hill. Steeply down to Harden Stoops, then via Higher Hempshaw's to Jepson's Gate, Yarrow Reservoir and Upper Rivington Reservoir and back to car park

#### - MARBURY COUNTRY PARK

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40. Leader: Frank Dockry  
Park Cars Marbury Country Park car park. Pay & display. GR SJ 652 764  
Follow M56 exit J10 First left on roundabout. Follow A559 for 4.75 mile turn right into Gibhill, follow this road until you see the signed entrance to Marbury country park.

An easy walk with not too many stiles. A little road walking. first to Great Budworth then to Marston. Then via canal to the Anderton Lift. Then through fields back to cars

#### - LYMM AREA

Leave 9.30 5 ½ miles Cat.4. Transport 90p Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton .  
Park cars: Behind the church (St.Mary's) in Crouchley Lane (GR. SJ 684 867). Off A56 (Before The Dam, travelling from Altrincham).

Woodland, fields, and "The Dam". all making for a pleasant walk around Lymm (approx 12 stiles).

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#### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - TOFT & THE PEOVERS

Leave 10.00 6 / 6½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.50 Leader: May Lawson .  
Park cars: Lay-by on A50 – one mile south of Knutsford – 200 yds past Seven Sisters Lane (There is also a lay-by on opposite side of road). GR.762 755.

Muddy start through farm – pleasant easy walk through fields and along quiet country lanes. Few easy stiles. Return to cars approx.3.00 pm.

### **SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - DOVEHOLES - QUARRIES AND DALES**

Leave 9.00 11½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA Leader: Brian Billington .  
Park cars: Lay-by on righthand side of the A6 when travelling towards Buxton at GR. SK 075 796 and approx. 150 yards prior to junction with A623. (where leader will meet).

Holderness Quarry – Peak Forest - Dam Dale – Hay Dale – Tunstead – Peak Dale – Newline Quarry – Doveholes Dale.

#### **- DISLEY**

Leave 9.15 7½ miles Cat.2. Transport £2.55 Leader: Derrick Hamer .  
Park cars: Long-stay public car park accessed through the car park of The Hungry Horse, (previously the Rams Head) (SJ 974 845) which is situated off the A6, Buxton Road, West, near to Disley Railway Station.

We climb gently out of Disley to the golf course – making our way via the Peak Forest Canal up to Mellor golf course, and reaching our highest point 'Copstone'. Our return journey is through the hamlet of Brook Bottom and continuing down to Strines, then back onto the canal to Disley. When pioneered this was a lovely autumnal walk with fine views.

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### **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - DELAMERE FOREST**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.60 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin .  
Park cars: Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.

NOTE: This is a different walk to that in November.

A walk mainly on tracks through the Delamere Forest via Blakemere Moss, Hatchmere, Hart Hill, and Pale Heights (steepish climb). Views over seven counties in good weather.

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### **SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - RESERVOIRS OF SADDLEWORTH**

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leader Ian & Josie Stenhouse  
Park Cars : Car Park at Ogden Reservoir. GR SD 953123 - Leave M62 at J21, right onto A640 (Shaw). At Newhey turn left with A640. After about 1 mile (on sharp left-hand bend) turn left at sign for 'Bulls Head'. Straight ahead to carpark on left at Ogden Reservoir.

This walk encompasses 12 reservoirs, an early 18th century hamlet and the site of a Roman fort. Keeping to the west and south of Denshaw via Lower and Higher Ogden and Boothstead Edge to the Castleshaw Reservoirs. Then back to the Ogden Valley by Dowry & Readycon Dean Reservoirs and back to the cars via Tunshill Lane.

#### **- LYME PARK**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.70 Leader: Roy Clarke .  
Park cars: Nelson Pit car park, Higher Poynton. GR.SJ 945 834.

Barlow House farm, Ryles Wood, Higher Disley, East Park Gate, West Park Gate and Throstle Nest farm.

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### **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY - NEW MILLS / MILLENNIUM WALKWAY**

Leave 10.30 4 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.70 Leaders: Joan Smyllie and Betty Hollinshead  
Park cars: Hydebank Rd, New Mills. From the A6 at Newtown, take A6015 (signposted New Mills / Hayfield). After about ½ mile, turn left st Hydebank Road leaders will meet.

A short easy walk along the River Goyt and the Peak Forest canal, including the Millenium walkway. There is one gradual climb up to the canal.

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### **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - RUSHTON SPENCER / DANEBRIDGE**

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.30 Leader: Harry Hewlett  
Park Cars : Staffordshire Way CP. Rushton Spencer, GR.936624

CP /Dane Valley / Danebridge /Roaches End/Luds Church/ DVW / Danebridge/ Wincle / Wincle Grange / Nettlebeds / Gritstone Trail/ Barleyford Bridge to car park. Return to cars 3 - 3.30 pm.

- **PLUMLEY**

Leave 10.30 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.95 Leader: Roger Parker .  
Park Cars : Plumley Station GR 721 754

Pleasant, easy walk through farmland and woodland past the half-timbered Holford Hall and via White House Farm and Royd Wood. Return to cars: 2.30.

- **NORTHENDEN TO FLETCHER MOSS**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4. Transport 90p. Leader: Joan Holmes .  
Park cars: Mill Lane car park, Northenden.

A very easy walk from the Northenden Weir, along river Mersey and paths to Fletcher Moss Gardens at Didsbury. Return along paths by river Mersey to Northenden.

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**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - GREAT BUDWORTH**

Leave 9.45 6½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.25 Leaders: Derek Dawson and Bernard Butterworth Park cars: GR.666 780. New Westgate farm (ice cream shop and café). Go through Great Budworth village, take the first left after passing 'open limit sign'. SP Antrobus / Warrington. Car park approx. 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile on the right opposite farm (where leaders will meet)

A splendid winter walk around Great Budworth, Budworth Heath, Antrobus and Arley Hall, morning coffee stop, due to late lunch.

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**LEADERS WANTED**

SUNDAYS 'A' walks - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March  
'C' walks - All dates in February and onwards into 2008.

**APPEAL** - Please, please, please, we need leaders, new leaders, past leaders – If you have never led a walk before, we will provide suitable information and a map showing the route, why not put your toe in the water with a friend or colleague(s)? Give it a try. Ring Derrick Hamer  
**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THROUGH 2008**

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

WEDNESDAYS February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>. 'A', 'B', 'C' walks - all dates, all categories.  
Contact Brian Warburton

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2008 VALENTINE SQUARE DANCE & HOEDOWN**

To be held at The Larkhill Centre, Timperley from 7.30pm to 11pm  
Caller Fred Lloyd Hosted by David White.  
Tickets £7.00 (supper included) available from JANUARY 1st  
From Connie Jones Barry Rice Doreen Aldridge

Many thanks to all who so willingly gave their help at the Christmas Party. - Doreen & Ivan

**NEWS OF MEMBERS**

Audrey Corrie would like to thank all who sent cards and messages of sympathy on her sad loss of Walter. £475 was received in donations for Save the Children fund. Thanks to all who gave.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

7.30 pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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