

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## FEBRUARY CIRCULAR 2008

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.

### \*\*\*\* ADDITIONAL WALK FOR JANUARY\*\*\*\*

#### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY - COMBS EDGE AND VILLAGE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA. Leaders: Jack Garstang & Mike Morley  
Park cars: Chapel-en-le-Frith Railway Station. GR.054 796.

Stiff climb up to Castle Naze – along Edge – Down to Whitehall Centre (muddy in parts), Wythen Lache – Thornlee – Combs village and stiff climb up to station. Return to cars: 4.00 pm.

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#### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY - NEW MILLS

Leave 8.30 12.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £2.70. Leader: Julia Corbett  
Park Cars : New Mills -Torr Top car park, Torr Top Street off Rock Street,GR 001 855. In New Mills centre At roundabout with B6101 take Market Street, then immediate right (where car park signs are on wall) - this is called Rock Street, at end left and then right into car park

New Mills, Primrose Lane, Brook Bottom, Coombes Edge, Near Slack, Briagrove farm, Whitle and return to cars.

#### - MARPLE LOCKS

Leave 9.30 6½ 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.

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#### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - ARNFIELD AND SWINESHAW RESERVOIRS

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3 Leader: Ian Stenhouse

Park Cars : Hobson Moor Rd. GR: SJ 995971. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights, signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of L.S.Lowry). At top of hill just after 30mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left and left again. After about 1/2mile park on verge at right hand side of road (before 'no through road' sign). No toilets!

By way of Hollingsworth Hall and Devils Bridge to Arnfield. Then accross fields to Ogden Clough, round Lees Hill to Swineshaw Reservoirs. Via Higher Hydegreen to Walkerwood Reservoir and then back to the cars by way of Shaw and Hobson Moors and Moorside Farm. There are three awkward stiles.

#### - WILMSLOW / GREAT WARFORD

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.65 Leaders: Dave Stonehewer and Pamela Mitchell Park cars: Plough & Flail pub. GR.(Map118) 818 798. Into car park, follow exit arrows, park on large grassed area not tarmac. A538 Wilmslow. Just before Fire Station / Shell garage turn right to roundabout, 3<sup>rd</sup> exit follow B5086 – 5085 Knutsford sign. First crossroads right into Paddock Hill Lane. Follow pub signs.

From pub, Barlow House farm, Row of Trees, Tanyard farm, Gore Lane. A few muddy areas, but route may change on day.

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - WOOD LANES VILLAGE & LYME PARK**

Leave 9.00 10.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.55 Leader: Judith Wainwright  
Park Cars : On the verge on Wood Lane West in Wood Lanes Village GR SJ936817. From Adlington traffic lights on the A523 Stockport Macclesfield Road, proceed towards Poynton and take the first right into Street Lane. Keep right and left into Wood Lanes Village.

Lockgate Farm and Lyme Park circular.

- **BOSLEY**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.30 Leader: John Drinkwater  
Park cars: Timbersbrook CP. GR 894 627. A34 to Congleton onto A527 Biddulph. Turn left at t/lights into Reades Lane – left turn onto Under Rainow Road, passing Coach & Horses PH. At Timbersbrook village sign turn left Weathercock Lane. CP 100 yds on right.

Gradual climb to the summit of Bosley Cloud. Good views over Cheshire plains on a clear day with gradual descent into fields (parts of which could be muddy) to reach Rainow Macclesfield canal. Easy walk back to car park

- **WILMSLOW**

Leave 10.00 4 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.05 Leaders: Leaders: Liz White assisted by David  
Park Cars : Car Park on Racecourse Road which is off the A538 (into Wilmslow from Altrincham). Opposite "Boddington Arms" G.R. SJ 834 814

A lovely walk over Lindow Moss along bridleways, passing Rossmere and near to where the "Lindow Man" was found.

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**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - FRODSHAM & ALVANLEY**

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.30 Leaders Colin & Hazel Baldwin  
Park cars : Castle Park CP, Frodsham. GR 513773. Drive through Frodsham on A56, and turn left into car park immediately after passing under railway bridge.

Steep climb onto Beacon Hill, then follow Delamere Way and Sandstone Trail to Alvanley Cliff. Return along Longster Trail and the byway below Woodhouse Hill Wood. Another steep climb out of Dunsdale Hollow before descent into Frodsham. An up and down walk with views in various directions at various times. Some muddy parts.

- **MARBURY COUNTRY PARK**

Leave 9.30 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

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**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 VALENTINES 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  
Connie Jones Barry Rice Doreen Aldridge

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - DIGGLE / MARSDEN**

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.2/3. Transport £3.75 Leader: John Watling .  
Park cars: Diggle Fields car park. GR. SE.006 080, 1½ miles north of Uppermill. Near Diggle Hotel.

Explore Lancashire's links with Yorkshire over Standedge, tracing packhorse, canal, rail and highway routes. (PH stop at Marsden or tearooms nearby).

- **BOLLIN VALLEY**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 55p Leaders: Muriel Lowther Enid Mitchell  
and Chris Leonard .  
Park cars: Sunbank Lane GR.805 846. off A538 half-a-mile east of M56, 400 yds after traffic lights turn right into Sunbank Lane. Parking 400 yds from main road.

An easy pleasant walk along the Bollin Valley Way. Some road walking, a few stiles and a short walk by the side of the new runway. Return to cars: 3.30 pm (approx).

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - THE THREE DUNHAMS**

Leave 10.00 6½ miles Cat.4. Transport 50p. Leaders: Norman & Angela Simcock .  
Park cars: Seamons Road car park, Oldfield Brow, (end of Atlantic Street).

Along Trans Pennine Trail to Dunham Woodhouses, then to Dunham Massey, through Dunham Park to Dunham Town, along the Bridgewater Canal, and back to the cars. An easy pleasant walk, but could be muddy.

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**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - WILDBOARCLOUGH**

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leader: Tess Gregory  
Park Cars Brookside layby 400 yards south of the Crag Inn, Wilboarclough. GR SJ 981 681 (where leader will meet).

A walk of contrasts between open moorland and wooded valleys, giving a wide variety of views. Wildboarclough - Hammerton Knowl Farm - Wild Boar Inn - Greasey Hollow - Wincle Minn – Danebridge - Gradbach - Bennettsich - Wildboarclough.

- **ARLEY**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.95 Leaders: Elaine Hall & Susan Darby.  
Park cars: Walkers CP, Arley. GR.670 810. Turn right off A556 onto B5391. Follow Arley Hall signs. Take road which goes through Arley Hall grounds. A few yards passed Hall CP turn left at junction. Walkers CP a few yards on right.

A walk in Cheshire countryside using tracks, roads and fields which can be muddy. Several stiles, one very muddy.

- **WHITEGATE**

Leave 9.45 5½ miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00 Leaders: Joe & Connie Jones.  
Park cars: Whitegate Station. GR.615 680. A556, turn left towards Whitegate at lights near Sandiway, turn right into Clay Lane (2<sup>nd</sup> Rt. turn) to the car park over bridge.

Whitegate figure of eight. Car park to Common farm and Marton Sands farm. We cross the way to a short steep climb up to Beauty Bank. Pass the Plough Inn to Briary farm, then Foxtwist, Sixes Hole at Gale Green farm and back to the Way. Mostly Whitegate Way; farm tracks, some quiet roads and fields. A quiet easy walk except for 10 or 11 stiles This is the reverse walk of the one last September.

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**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - PYM CHAIR, SHINING TOR**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Mike Morley and Jack Garstang  
Park Cars : Pym Chair Car Park. GR 995 768

A ridge walk to Shining Tor, then turning West and dropping into Thursbitch and Howlersknowl valley. We head north to Green Stack and Dunge Farm, with a short climb to Taxal Edge and Windgather Rocks. A good striding ridge and valley winter walk. Return to cars: 3.00 pm

- **REDDISH VALE**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.3. Transport £1.30 + P&D 25p / 40p (to be shared).  
Leaders: Barry Rice and Giulio Poletti .

Park cars: Reddish Vale Country Park which is reached from Jct.27 off the M60 at Stockport. Turn left up the hill to the roundabout at the top and follow the A6167 to Reddish. In approximately one mile there is a BP garage on your right. Take the next road on the right signposted Reddish Country Park which is at the bottom of the lane past Reddish Vale school.

A walk from Reddish Vale to Tiviot Dale along the Trans-Pennine Way and via the River Dane.

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## LEADERS WANTED

### SUNDAYS

'A' walk leader needed PLEASE for 23<sup>rd</sup> March, otherwise there will be no 'A' walk on this particular Sunday. 'A' leaders are required for all Sundays in May and onwards.

'C' walk leaders are needed for ALL WEEKS. We have so many who want walks, but there are hardly any who will lead.

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

### WEDNESDAYS

March - 5<sup>th</sup> - 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks, 12<sup>th</sup> 'A' & 'B' walks, 19<sup>th</sup> 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks, 26<sup>th</sup> 'B' walk.

Contact Brian Warburton

## FUTURE EVENTS

### SUNDAY COACH TRIPS FOR 2008

April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grasmere	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ingleton
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kinver Edge	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Capel Curig
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Coniston	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bolton Abbey
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ruthin		

There will be a Social Outing to Ludlow on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

(NB: Bookings will only be taken after announcement next month).

Three leaders are required on each outing. Any volunteers would be gratefully accepted !  
(Margaret Ledger.

### WEDNESDAY COACH TRIPS

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Haworth	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ilkley
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matlock Bath	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ambleside

(NB: Bookings will only be taken after announcement in the circular).

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Thanks must go to all who have helped at recent social events and helped to make them a success. Special thanks to those who help with the setting out and removing of chairs and tables usually without having to be asked. Doreen and Ivan

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

### GLADYS DAVIES

We are sorry to announce the death of Gladys Davies, a long serving member and widow of our late President Stan. Gladys died on 27<sup>th</sup> December and the funeral, attended by many members took place at Altrincham Crematorium on 7<sup>th</sup> January. We send our condolences to her family.

JEAN ARMSDEN would like to thank everyone who sent good wishes, cards and flowers after her fall at the Christmas party. She is making a good recovery and hopes to be walking the hills soon.

Longstanding members who remember FRANK BEARDSALL who has not walked with the club for some years will be sorry to learn that he died on 4<sup>th</sup> January..

## PEAK & NORTHERN FOOTPATH SOCIETY NEWS

The P&NFS are concentrating on providing new or replacement footbridges in the North West, particularly Trafford. If you know where a footbridge is required, missing or in a bad state of repair please inform Robert Fysh our P&NFS representative, with grid reference if possible, on 0161 980 3091.

## FOR SALE

Craghoppers rucksac – Royal blue / black. Dynamic balance. 20 litres - £10. Used only once.  
Contact Audrey Corrie .

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

Programme Secretary  
Anne Macaulay

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Edna Adderley

