

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

### MARCH 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

### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH - RISHWORTH MOOR

Leave 0845 11.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.20 Leader: Ian Stenhouse

Park cars: Car park at Windy Hill GR: SD 983141 CP on A672 just south of J22 on M62.

Blackstone Edge, Warm Withens Hill, Ryburn Reservoir, Pike End, Blackwood Edge Road, Green Withens Reservoir.

#### - DISLEY

Leave 9.15 7½ miles Cat.3/4. 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 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - POYNTON - LYME

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.50. Leaders: Joan Howarth and Dorothy Stelfox

Park cars: Free car park near Civic Centre and library off Park Lane in Central Poynton GR. 923 836 (where leaders will meet).

Poynton to Macclesfield canal via Prince’s Incline, up to car park near Lyme Hall, then through Lyme Park to West Lodge, down to Poynton Brook and field paths back to Poynton.

#### - ASHLEY HEATH

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4. Transport 50p. Leader: Dave Attwell .

Park cars: Ashley Heath. South Road – Southdowns Road. OS 109. GR.769 859.

Start at ‘Private Road’ sign at Ashley Mill Lane North. Most members will know this road – river Bollin – Rycroft farm – M56 – Birkin farm – Ashley Road. Birkinheath Road - Birkin House – bridge over Bollin (large tree has fallen on this bridge but it is passable). M56 – back to start. If weather is fine it should be a doddle. This is a chance for someone to lead with me. I will bring the chocolates. Return to cars: 2 pm approx.

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### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - LYME PARK AND KETTLESHULME

Leave 8.30 12 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.40 Leader: Colin Turner

Park cars: Nelson Pit car park at Higher Poynton GR 945834.

Cross the canal into Lyme Park then to the Lantern and Sponds Hill. Descend to Kettlethulme then circle back to climb Charles Head before joining the Gritstone trail back to Lyme Park via Keepers Cottage. Return to cars: 3 pm approx.

- **BROADBOTTOM & COOMBES EDGE**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3. Leaders: Ralph & Linda Bilsborrow .  
Park cars: Lyme field Visitor Centre. GR SJ996935. M60 to junction 24, then M67. At end take A57. In ½ mile at Mottram traffic lights turn right. Go through Broadbottom and 150 yds after going under railway turn right for Lyme field Visitor Centre. Go down past small visitor centre car park, take next left and park at Teviot Prints car park.

The walk starts at the site of Broadbottom Mill, climbs gradually past Warhurst Fold, Chisworth and Robin Hoods Picking Rods to Coombes Edge, then returns via Hargate Hill Farm, Robinswood Farm and the gorge of the River Etherow. Return to cars: 3 pm approx. -

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**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - HAYFIELD - KINDER SCOUT**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.50 Leaders: Angela and Roy Hilton  
Park cars : Bowden Bridge car park (P&D) SK 048 869.

Follow in the footsteps of the 1932 Kinder Trespass. Bowden Bridge, Kinder Reservoir, William Clough, Pennine Way, Kinder Downfall, Kinder Low, Oaken Clough, Tunstead Clough farm. The route can be modified according to weather conditions and / or wishes of the group.

- **BOLLINGTON**

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles (can easily be cut shorter or extended) Cat.4. Transport £2.40  
Leader: Mike Kenyon Park cars: A523 north from Prestbury or south from Adlington. East into Holehouse Lane, through Whiteley Green to Holehouse car park at Rushmere Close at Middlewood Way / Macclesfield canal. (where leader will meet). GR. 927 789.

A 'flat' walk but with good views as the area suggests, e.g .White Nancy. Bollington (Adlington to Macclesfield via the Middlewood Way and Macclesfield canal).

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**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - HAYFIELD**

Leave 8.45 11.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.15 Leader: Phil Worsley  
Park cars: Sett Valley Trail Pay & Display car park, Hayfield. Just off A624. GR.036 869.  
Outward by Moorland House, Monks Meadows and Edale Cross. Returning via Kinder Reservoir and the Snake Path.

- **LUD'S CHURCH**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.30 Leader: Margaret Ledger  
Park cars: Gradbach CP – From A523 in Macclesfield take Byron's Lane, through Sutton to Allgreave – At inn turn sharp R to pass Burntcliff Top. After crossing River Dane take lane 1<sup>st</sup> R. (SP Youth Hostel). CP in ¼ mile on R. (GR. 997 661).

A delightful, varied walk through woods to Lud's Church, and across heath and moorland to Roach End, returning by Goldsitch Moss. Climbs are gradual and not too demanding; views are outstanding.

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**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - MILLERS DALE**

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leaders: Jim Mallin and Veronica Dunkley . Park cars: Millers Dale Station GR.138 732.

We start with a steep climb out of Millers Dale, then along to Priestcliffe and Taddington, on to White Lodge and back by Monsal Head and Litton Mill.

- **HOLLINS GREEN**

Leave 9.30 8½ miles Cat.4. Transport £1.20 Leader: Dave Attwell.  
Park cars: Mythorne Avenue, Cadishead. OS 109 GR.703 912 Start of Glazebrook Trail. Go over Warburton Bridge (25p return) turn right at traffic lights, then through first set of traffic lights ¼ -mile turn left, then left again to Liverpool Road.

Follow trail – under railway bridge, over M62 – Pigeon Wood – right at Moss House farm. Right at White Gate farm, left to Little Woolden Moss, Ring Pit farm, over M62, turn right at Woolden farm, then left at Woolden Hall, under railway bridge to finish. It could be very muddy on the Moss. Return to cars by 2.30 pm.

- **CLIFTON JUNCTION**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.40 Leaders: Barry Rice & Giulio Poletti.  
Park cars: Clifton Country Park. GR 772 043. M60 to A666 towards Bolton, 1<sup>st</sup> turn off A666 for Farnworth and Kearsley. Turn right for Kearsley and go 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 the garage and before the Lowry sign. Follow the road down and park the cars at the Visitor 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 and return via the power station and the lake back to the cars.

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**GOOD FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - CHATSWORTH**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leaders: Mary Gerrard & Jill Lee  
Park Cars : Carlton Lees Car Park (PD) on the B6012 in Chatsworth Park. GR259685.

Up past Beeley Hill Top and across moorland to Hobb Hurst's House. On through open country to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood and Chatsworth House (afternoon tea stop) and then along the river to car park

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**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH - ALDERLEY EDGE**

Leave 9.45 6 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £1.50 Leaders: David Stonehewer and Pamela Mitchell . Park cars: Wizard car park. GR 869 773. P&D £2 to be shared.  
National Trust members – Free.

Around lower paths of woods, short climbing sections. Field paths via Dickens Wood and farm, A538, Chonar farm, Hough Green farm, return to cars via woods again

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**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - TEGGS NOSE - KERRIDGE**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3 Leaders: Mike Morley & Jack Garstang  
Park cars :Teggs Nose Car Park : Grid Ref 951733

Leave Macclesfield on the A537 ( Macclesfield to Buxton road) after about 1 mile turn right on to the Buxton Old road. The car park is at the top of the hill.

From Teggs Nose we drop into Gulshaw Hollow, leading to Lamaload Reservoir. We head North to Ginclough and Back-of-the Crofts, turning West to join the Gritstone trail and the lower path of Kerridge Ridge leading to Kerridge End before again joining the Gritstone Trail back to Teggs Nose. A varied walk in farming countryside. Return to cars: 15.30 approx.

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- **ROMAN LAKES, MARPLE**

Leave 10.30 4 ½ miles Cat 4/3 Transport £2.70 Leaders: Geoffrey Jessup and Keith Leslie  
Park Cars: Strines Rail Station Car Park (Grid Ref 978 864) just off the B6101 Marple to New Mills road. Take the A626 to Marple, at Chui's Chipshop in Marple keep straight on to join the B6106. After 2 ¼ miles from Chui's turn left for station. Take right fork before viaduct for station car park.

We follow the Goyt Way alongside the river to Bottom's Bridge passing by woodlands and the Roman Lakes. We return along the canal which clings to the hillside at a high level giving great views over the hills. All paths are good and are stile free. There is a short climb, which includes some steps, from Bottom's Bridge up to the canal. A lunch / coffee stop will be made at the lakes where hot chocolate / coffee may be bought at 70p or less per mug.

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**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - KNOWL HILL & TWO VALLEYS**

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.45 Leaders : Alan Gerrard and Brian Billington .

Park Cars : Gallows Hill, Jericho- GR SD828123. M66 to Jct2.Left off the motorway and immediately right B6221. At first lights turn right B6219. At the T junction turn right onto the B6222. In just under a mile turn left after the Prestige Garage into Castle Hill Road. Turn right 0.4 miles ahead and park behind the church.

Birtle, Cheesden Valley to Ashworth Moor Reservoir. Knowl Hill, Norden and return along the beautiful Nadden Valley and field paths to start.

## LYME PARK

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £3. Leaders: Dean and Elsie Edwards .  
Park cars: Main car park Lyme Park.

Following Park paths to the East Gate, we proceed on a circular route via main entrance and the Macclesfield canal, re-entering the Park at West Gate and returning to the car park.

### LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS : 'A' walks – All dates during May except for 11<sup>th</sup> and for all dates during June.  
'C' walks for all dates. - Contact Mike Gregory ('A' walks),  
Derrick Hamer ('B' walks), Joe Jones ('C' walks).

### WEDNESDAYS

APRIL - 'A' walks - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>. 'B' walks – 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. 'C' walks – All dates.  
Contact Brian Warburton

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

'A' walk - 10½ miles Cat.2/3 Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn & Mike Jones

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3 Leader: Margaret Ledger

'C' walk - 5½ miles Cat.3/4 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

Book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'  
PLEASE NOTE No bookings will be taken before 20<sup>th</sup> February

#### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - SHORT WALK AND SUNDAY LUNCH

4 miles, Cat.4. (Repeat of Wednesday Christmas walk). Town and country walk – Mickerbrook / Ladybrook Valley. Lunch at Bruntwood Park, Cheadle Hulme (North). Book lunch from Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> with leader Betty Hollinshead. .

### CLUB WEBSITE – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PASSWORD SYSTEM

In order to upgrade the security of our Website a new password system has been installed. To access the Members Area please now start to use your Membership Number as given upon your receipt / membership card as your "User Name" and your own "Postcode" as your "Password" e.g.

**User Name:** G07 **Password:** WA12 7SD (Type your own postcode exactly as you would on a letter and don't forget the space).

You will still be able to access the Website using the old username and password up till the end of March. We are aware that some members have been passing access information to non-members so they can look at our walks program. We respectfully remind members that there are very good technical reasons why this area of the site is intended for members only and ask that you keep your access information for your own use.

If you have lost your Membership Number, please e mail: [webmaster@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk) .

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to RON GOODWIN who has recently had a triple heart by-pass. . Ron wishes to thank all who sent letters, cards, phone messages and all who visited him. Ron hopes to be walking with us again soon.

We hear that Hilda McALROY was in hospital just before Christmas. We send our best wishes and hope you are making a good recovery, Hilda.

NITA LEVI would like to pass on thanks to all who sent Get Well cards and good wishes after she unfortunately fractured her wrist. We wish Nita a speedy recovery

We send our sympathy to BARBARA FRANKISH who we were sorry to hear has recently lost her mother. Long-standing members will remember Barbara's mother, Ann who led walks for the Club some years ago. The funeral has taken place in North Wales where she was living at the time.

### FOUND

In the boot for Geoff. Hawthorn's car - blue walking cane marked with the initials 'QUCHU'. If it is yours please contact Geoff..

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** – Tues. 11 March - 7.30 pm Timperley Community Centre,. Park Road.

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