

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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APRIL 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 30TH MARCH - KNOWL HILL & TWO VALLEYS****

Sunday A walkers please note that the distance of this walk will now be 14 miles. Category 2/3

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL - MEERBROOK / GUN HILL

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.50 Leaders: Mike Morley & Jack Garstang

Park cars: Tittesworth Reservoir P&D Car park. Close to the visitors Centre.

White Peak Grid Ref 994 603. Take A523 south from Macclesfield. At Ruston Spencer village leave A523 at a right hand bend(go straight ahead) and follow the signs for Meerbrook village. Tittesworth Reservoir car park is just after the village on the right. Return to cars: 3.30

We follow the trail around the reservoir (clockwise)before heading West at the dam up to North Hillwood farm, Black Hills Wood, Fould, and North to Gun Plantation, and Gun Hill where we turn Southeast on field paths back to Tittesworth .A walk in lush countryside just peeping out from winter in early April.

- MANCHESTER CANALS

Leave 9.30 Metro from Altrincham £1.10 return or 7 or 15 miles (optional). Leader Dave Attwell Start walk approx. 10 am from G-Mex Metro station (where leader will meet).

The walk will be under city centre to Ashton canal, then on to Sports City. Lunch stop. Toilets available in Asda Store. On the return it is possible to walk all the way back to Altrincham. Here is a chance for someone to lead with me. On this ramble it is impossible to get lost !

CLUB WEEKEND - 4, 5, 6 APRIL, - RETURNING 7TH APRIL 2008.

HOTEL SELBORNE, DUNOON

The coach will leave Sale from outside Marks & Spencers at 8.30 am prompt on Friday 4th April, calling at Eastway, Riddings Road, Timperley Post Office and The Downs before commencing our journey to Dunoon. Please only use the pick-up-point you selected on your application form, and be there in plenty of time as we do not want to cause too much inconvenience to the Friday morning commuters.

To contact Dean in an EMERGENCY on the day of departure call 079220 14165. .

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL - MONYASH

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leader: Mike Gregory

Park Cars : Monyash car park, opposite chapel. GR. SK 149667

Limestone uplands and villages mainly above the 1000 ft. level providing superb views. Monyash - Flagg - Chelmorton - Taddington - Sheldon - Monyash.

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL - LLANGOLLEN

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leaders: Angela & Roy Hilton .

Park cars: M56 to Chester by pass M53 and A55 - A483 - A539 to Llangollen – A542 Horseshoe Pass. Park in public car park Panderosa café. GR 192 481. (where leaders will meet)

- Anyone wanting a lift please 'phone 928 2095.

Ponderosa café to Clwydian Way to Plas Yn Eglwyseg to Offa's Dyke Path to Worlds End to Cynr-y-Brain to Ponderosa café.

- DISLEY BLACK HILL

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.55 Leaders: Derek and Audrey Dawson and Bernard Butterworth . Park cars: A6 to Buxton. Pass entrance to Lyme Park on the right then at traffic lights turn R and immediately turn R to pass in front of the Hungry Horse. Park at far end of car park. GR.974 845 (where leaders will meet). Only one toilet 20p coin required.

Skirting around Lyme Park, Bolder Hill, Black Hill, Redmoor farm, Newtown, Upper Peak Forest canal, one short steep climb onto Black Hill – one high difficult stile.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL - HARDCASTLE CRAGS & WADSWORTH MOOR

Leave 8.30 14 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5. Leader Alan Macdonald .
Park cars: National Trust car park at Hardcastle Crags ...GR. 969 297. (where leader will meet).
Anyone not a member of the NT - £4. From Todmorden proceed along the A646 towards Hebden Bridge. At the second set of traffic lights bear left, At the next junction signed Widop and Colne bear right. The car park is approx. one mile on the right.

Hardcastle Crags, Midge Hole, Stairs Lane, Leeshaw Reservoir, Haworth Moor, Wythins Height and Wadsworth Moor, Walshaw.

- GAWSWORTH

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00 Leader: Heather Wykes
Park cars: On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and church GR.886 692
Where leader will meet.

An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount farm, Brereton farm & Cowbrook farm, along the Macclesfield canal to North Rode then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles.

- 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

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL - HASLINGDEN GRANE

Leave 9.15 7¾ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.50 Leader: John Drinkwater .
Park cars: Clough Head CP. GR.751 231 (toilets and café). CP £1 all day. M60, M66 to end A56, 2nd left, B6232 to Haslingden. At 'T' junction turn left for Darwen. Approx 2 miles, CP on right.

Rosendale Way to Calf Hey Reservoir, up to Hog Low Pike, Causeway Height – Causeway End-Rushy Leach. Through old quarry workings, descending by Calf Hey Dam. (some stiff climbs, muddy in parts).

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

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

'A' walk – 10 ½ miles – Cat.2/3 – Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones

From Grasmere we take the track into Far Easedale and up on to the summit of Sergeant Man, high above the tarn. The return is along the superb ridge from Blea Rigg to Silver Howe. An exhilarating walk in the heart of magnificent scenery.

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

A delightful walk up to and around Easedale Tarn. not too difficult, but with the feel of real fell-walking in grand scenery. A really worthwhile walk.

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles - Cat.3/4 - Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton

A classic walk in central Lakeland up to and along Loughrigg Terrace, and across to Rydal before continuing to White Moss Common and Dove Cottage. A varied walk in a delightful area.

The coach is full with a long waiting list.

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL - ROWSLEY – BIRCHOVER – HADDON

Leave 8.30 11½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leader: Harry Hewlett
Park cars: GR.257 656. Rowsley. Enter the village via A6, turn right at the Peakcock Inn into School Lane, pass by the Caudwell Craft Centre travelling over the bridge, and park on the left of the road (nearby recreational area) as it bends sharp right.

Rowsley, Congreave, Stanton Moor, Birchover Quarry, Ivy House, Rocking Stone farm, Limestone Way, Robin Hood's Stride to Bradford, Bradford Dale, Alport, Haddon Hall, Bowling Green farm, Bouns Corner, Rowsley. Return to cars: 4.00 to 4.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL - CONGLETON EDGE & BIDDULPH PARK

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60. Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin
Park Cars : Timbersbrook CP. GR 895628. Take A523 south from Macclesfield and turn right on A54 towards Congleton. In 3.0 miles at a right hand bend, turn left into Middle Lane (Brown sign to Picnic Site). In 0.5 miles, after crossing railway, bear right then turn right at T junction. Car park is on left in 0.5 miles .

Follow Gritstone Trail along Congleton Edge to Nick l\ th\ Hill. Then by Higher Whitemoor Farm, The Moor House and Biddulph Park and Common. Good views and maybe good mud!

- **BRIMSTAGE & BARNSTON (WIRRAL)**

Leave 9.30 7 ¼ miles Cat.4 Transport £5. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton
Park cars: Brimstage Craft Centre CP. (GR. 304 827). Take M56 and follow on to M53. Leave at J4 (Bebington / Clatterbridge exit). Take A5137 (sp Heswall). Craft Centre is approx. 1 ¼ miles on left. Please park in far left corner, away from Visitor Farm.

A varied walk, taking in a stretch of woodland, a common and very attractive fieldpaths. Time available, at finish, to look round the Craft Centre (several shops and café).

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL - HATHERSAGE

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5. Leader: Don Darlington .
Park Cars : Hathersage P&D car park. Charge £4.50 to be shared. Location:- first left off B6001 or road-side. GR. 232 814

Following field paths to climb up to Stanage Edge, continuing via Stanage Pole, White Stones, Brown Edge Farm, Ox Stones, Houndkirk Road, Carl Walk, Higger Tor and Scrapperlow.

- **NEW MILLS / HAYFIELD**

Leave 9.00 7½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.85. Leaders: Audrey Corrie and Jean Armsden
Park cars: New Mills – Tor Top car park. From A6 left at Newtown Left at traffic lights up to roundabout. Turn right and right again – signposted car park. GR 000 855.

Sett Trail, Low Leighton, up fields passing Ballbeard and Howcroft farms to Dolly Lane. Climb up to Over Hill track, right to Throstle Bank, New Allotment, Ollersett, then down to Birch Vale, Sett Valley Trail to New Mills.

- **MICKER BROOK / LADYBROOK VALLEY**
WALK AND SPRING LUNCH

Leave 9.20 4 miles Cat.4 Transport 90p + CP fee to share. Leaders Betty Hollinshead and Joan Smyllie. Park cars: Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme. GR.859 971. To car park, turn on to Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Road, (signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme), then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to car park where leaders will meet.

Cross Bruntwood Lane by stream and golf course alongside Micker and Ladybrook. Short stop (BRING COFFEE). Across fields (could be muddy) and short stretches on roads to hot lunch at Vinery Café. Bruntwood Park. . BOOK LUNCH WITH LEADERS BY APRIL 18TH

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL - HOPE / WIN HILL

Leave 9.15 10 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.95 Leaders: Veronica Dunkley and Jim Mallin . Park Cars : On A6187 Castleton/Hope Road, on right just before junction, before church GR: 172835. Share P&D £5 (ticket requires car registration no)

A steady climb up to Win Hill via Twitchell Farm, then down to Ladybrook reservoir (path muddy and slippery in places) follow reservoir to bridge over R Ashop, then up a steep rocky path to Roman Road and along ridge to Hope via Hope Cross. (Please ring Jim Mallin if you need a lift).

- **CROSTON**

Leave 9.00 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £5.00 Leader: Elaine Hall
Park cars: Lord Nelson PH GR.490 186. M6 Jct.27 – turn left on A5209. Shortly right at next junction onto B5260. Through Ecclestone, over bridge, then sharp left s/p Croston, then left onto A581 shortly after Wyevale Garden Centre, then next left. Lord Nelson is on right a short way along.

A flat walk, mostly along rivers Douglas and Yarrow and along Leeds/Liverpool canal. Hopefully coffee/lunch stop at Fettle's Wharf.

- **STYAL / MORLEY "THE BLUEBELL WALK"**

(In memory of Evelyn Evans)

Leave 10.30 5½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £1.20. Leaders: Barry Rice and Giulio Poletti
Park cars: Lindow Common CP Racecourse Road, near Boddington Arms PH. A538 to Wilmslow

Pownall farm to Twinnies Bridge along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern woods along the river Bollin, round the rugby pitch and through the bluebells to Morley.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS 'A' walks – Leaders needed for 4th & 25th May and 15th & 22nd June.
'C' walks – Leaders needed for all dates

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

WEDNESDAYS MAY - 7th A & B walks, 14th B walk, 21st B & C walks, 28th A, B & C walks.

Contact Brian Warburton

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO KINVER

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles, Cat.3 - Leaders: Anna Bainbrigg and Keith Wykes

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles, Cat.3/4 - Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

'C' walk - 6 miles, Cat.4 - Leaders: Connie & Joe Jones

Will everyone, including those on the Grasmere waiting list please book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8.50 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' NB: No bookings will be taken before 19th March.

COACH TRIP TO MATLOCK BATH

Please note that the date for the Matlock Bath coach trip has now been changed from 23rd July to 30th July.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thanks to David & Liz White for hosting and Eric Stuffs for his support at the very successful Valentines Hoedown. Thanks also to all of those members who helped to set up and clear away on the night. We say a reluctant goodbye to Fred Lloyd who supported by his grandson James has been our Hoedown caller for the past 10 years. Fred is sorry to finish as he also has enjoyed our events but finds that he is unable to carry on. We have been fortunate in obtaining a new caller, Jean Seymour. Jean is very experienced and comes with a recommendation from Fred so we can certainly look forward to many more enjoyable Hoedowns.

- Doreen and Ivan

NEWS OF MEMBERS

SALLY & REG FERRANS who have both been in hospital recently would like to thank members for their cards and good wishes. We wish them all the best for a good recovery.

We send good wishes to SANDRA (OSTICK) as she has recently had a shoulder operation.

PEAK & NORTHERN FOOTPATHS SOCIETY NEWS

As an affiliate member of the P&NFS we are invited to nominate two of our members for one years free membership of the P&NFS (not existing members of P&NFS). Also they are invited to attend our AGM with lunch provided on Saturday 26th April 2008 in Stockport along with our club representative Robert Fysh. If anyone wishes to take up either or both of the above offers, please let Robert know..

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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