

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

MAY 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 27TH APRIL NEW MILLS / HAYFIELD

Sunday 'B' walkers please note that the route has changed. We now follow the Midshires Way to Peak Forest Canal and Goyt Way to Furness Vale, Peat Hill up to Green Head, Lane Side Farm onto Overhill Road passing Moore Lodge down to Sett Valley Trail and back to New Mills. Category and mileage unchanged.

SUNDAY 4TH MAY - MILLERS DALE

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £5. Leader:: Judith Rees

Park Cars : Miller's Dale Station car park GR 138 732 (mobile on the day 07923130630)

Limestone uplands and villages. Miller's dale to Taddington, then via Deep Dale to Sheldon then White Lodge and back by High Dale to Miller's Dale

- ADLINGTON

Leave 10.00 7 ½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £2.55 Leader: Derrick Hamer .

Park cars: Layby next to Legh Arms on A523. GR.912 806.

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Styperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, then back to cars via Wych Wood again

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY - ROCHDALE CANAL

Leave 10.00 from Cornbrook Metro Stn. 8 ½ miles Cat.4. Leader: Dave Attwell

Let the train take the strain. Free.Those who have to pay - £2.30 from Millshill Station

Fred Talbot on TV did not do justice to this 100 bridges / 92 locks along the 32 miles. We start at Lock 92 stopping at Lock 64 for fish and chips. Early lunch. We finish at Millshill Station for the return to Victoria Station. 15 minutes. Back to Alty between 1530 – 1600. This is not a flat walk. You may think so but every lock you climb 15 ft. To really enjoy this walk try and do the length.

- HEATON PARK

Leave 10.00 (Alt Metro Stn) 4 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.55 (if using car) Leaders: Pam Floyd and Sylvia Fantom . Metro to Heaton Park station (on Bury line) 50 mins. or M60 to Jct.17 Whitefield. Take third exit – Bury New Road A56. After 1 mile left into Scholes Lane A6044 continue for 1 mile then into Sheepfoot Lane car park on left.

A stroll through Park. Boots not necessary, easy walking. Café at lunch stop and toilets. Meet leaders at Papal Monument which is near to CP or at Metro station. Return to cars: 2.30 to 3 pm

SUNDAY 11TH MAY - WINCLE AND SUTTON

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

Park Cars Roadside just past the Ship Inn in Wincle G/R 962653.

Danebridge - Wincle Minn - Croker Hill - Foxbank Farm. Return via Higher Underfield – Lower Pethills.- Nabb Hill and Nettlebeds.

- RUSHTON TO WINCLE

Leave 9.15 7 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £3.60 Leader: Keith Leslie.
Park Cars: Old Rly Station Rushton GR 935 625 Take the A523 towards Leek from Macclesfield.
About 3 miles past traffic lights at Bosley crossroads turn right down Station Road, Rushton. Car park is alongside that of the Knott Inn

Our route takes us over the rolling hills to the West of Wincle. We pass Brandy Lee, Wincle Grange and Minnend. There is one steep, but short, downhill path and a short steep uphill. On the day there may be a muddy section if a wet period. Return to cars: 3.00 pm

- GOOSTREY

Leave 9.45 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40. Leaders: Connie and Joe Jones
Park cars: Red Lion pub in Goostrey. GR. 780 700. The landlord is agreeable so Leaders will meet here. Please keep car numbers to a minimum and park at top of CP by the conifers. Please call in for a drink after the walk.

This is a very easy walk with only three stiles. It wanders through the village and into woodlands and fields. Rather muddy when we pioneered it in March after heavy rain. Some road-walking in quiet lanes.

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY - 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. (07973 193012 mobile)

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.

- 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, (after traffic lights). Park cars on road near Hyde Bank Mill, opposite the Leisure Centre, where 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.

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO KINVER

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

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles Cat.3. Leaders: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge
After a visit to the rock-houses at Holy Austin Rock we follow the Staffordshire Way before crossing Castle Hill and the Sheepwalks, returning by Enville Hall. This is a non-too-arduous, but delightful, walk through Staffordshire.

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3 / 4 Leaders: Dean and Elsie Edwards
A lovely walk along paths, and country lanes through Staffordshire countryside. We start by following the Way to Enville Home Farm, and go on to the Comptons before taking ancient "ways" to Castle Hill and along Kinver Edge to the rock-houses.

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.4 Leaders: Joe and Connie Jones
A walk through gently undulating and lush countryside on old rights of way in a varied and most interesting area.

Nearer the time please 'phone Margaret Ledger or Edna Adderley for any cancellations.

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - HULME END WHITE PEAK

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leader Judith Wainwright.
Park cars: Hulme End car park SK 102 593. P&D.

Lower Hurst farm, Wolfscote Dale, Gypsy Bank, Alstonefield, Dale farm, Grange farm, Larkstone Lane, Wetton, Ecton Hill. Yet another Joy Darlington walk !!

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY - EDALE

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.95 Leaders: Veronica Dunkley and Jim Mallin
Park Cars : Main car park Edale MR125853 Share P&D £5
Anybody who wants a lift, please ring Jim Mallin

A long steady climb to Hollins Cross and Mam Tor, along Rushup Edge, then a steep descent and on to Upper Booth and back by the Pennine Way

- **ROCHDALE CANAL. PART 2**

Leave 9.30 Alt.(Metro) Stn. 8½ miles Cat.4 Leader: Dave Attwell
Metro to Victoria Stn to get the 10.33 to Millshill Stn. Rochdale train Platform 6 to Millshill
Don't forget your pass.

Start walk 10.20 at Lock 51 Castleton. We stop for fish and chips again. We will 'phone ahead to the Chippy for those who want fish and chips. Then on to Smithy Bridge for train back to Victoria. Back to Alty by 1600. Fare £2.90 for those who have to pay. It is possible to go on to Littleborough, one mile extra but will decide on the day.

DELPH / OLDHAM

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.75 Leader: Ken Preston
Park Cars In Delph village GR 986 078

A circular walk from Delph village on good paths climbing to Stanedge where there can be a small amount of boggy area and dropping over Harrop Edge back to Delph. 2 stiles.

SUNDAY 25TH MAY - DOVESTONES

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60 Leader: Ian Stenhouse : (07891 254528)
Park Cars : Binn Green Car Park GR SE018044 on A635 about 1 mile beyond Greenfield

Climb up side of Alderman's Hill, along ridge to Broadstone Hill, then join the old Cotton Famine Road ('The Road to Nowhere') to the Pennine Way. Across the moor to Birchen Clough via Rimmon Cottage. Climb up to Raven Stones, then along Dovestones Edge to Chew and back to Dovestones Reservoir and the cars.

- **THE WEAVER VALLEY**

Leave 9.15 8 ½ miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £2.70 Leaders: Pam Baxandall and Audrey Corrie
Park cars: Acton Bridge Station. GR.599 746 (B5153). M56
to Jct.10 A49 (Weaverham) in approx 4½ miles, after crossing Swing Bridge, turn R (SP Acton Bridge) follow road keeping L. At junction. with B5153 turn L and immediate R into unsigned car park opposite. phone box (no toilets).

Across fields, along footpaths and bridleways, over stiles, via Dutton Locks, the River Weaver, Trent and Mersey Canal and back to Acton Bridge over fields. Can be muddy in places, but nothing too difficult.

- **AROUND TARPORLEY**

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton
Park cars: CP behind 'The Rising Sun' PH, High Street, Tarporley (GR. 554 626). Follow A49, then local Tarporley sign (near Portal Golf and Country Club sign). 'The Rising Sun' is on RH side of High Street.

Field paths and quiet lanes via Birch Heath, Pudding Lane, Shropshire Union Canal and Sandstone Trail, back to Tarporley.

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY – WILLINGTON CORNER / KELSALL

Leave 9.45 6 ¼ miles Cat.4/3 Transport 3.00 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton
Park cars: Waste Lane (Kings Gate CP). Take A556 (it becomes A54(T) near Delamere). Filter left onto Waste Lane at traffic lights and sign to Kelsall. (Farmers Arms is on corner of Waste Lane). Kings Gate CP is approx. ¾ mile up Waste Lane on the left (GR. 535 678).

Short forest walk and two fields takes us to our morning coffee stop at Summertrees Tea Rooms (and toilets). Mostly down-hill in the morning and early afternoon (Duddon Common), but gradual climb back to cars via Willington Corner and Castle Hill, resting on 'Cardiac Hill', 'Gasping Glen' and 'Breathers Brae'!. (The last three are not on the map but we will find them !).

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS 'A' walks - 20th July onwards.

'C' walks - ALL SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS:

JUNE 4th (coach day), 'B' & 'C' local walks
11th, 18th, 25th - 'A' 'B' and 'C' walks for all these dates

Please contact Anne Macaulay direct between 30th April to 18th May with offers to lead walks.
(Brian will resume after 18th May).

Contact Brian Warburton until 30th April.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH

'B' walk - David White

'C' walk - Brian Warburton

There will be a coffee / tea stop at 'The Stone Trough' - drinks only ordered

Book with Sylvia Fantom with cheques for £8.50 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Would leaders please let Anne Macaulay have details of your walk by 11th May, please.

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.2/3 Leader: Pam Baxandall

'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat.3 Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick

'C' walk - 6½ miles Cat 3/4 Leader: Margaret Ledger

Book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8.50 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' NB: No bookings will be taken before 21st April..

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY 19TH JULY 2008 - AN ENTERTAINING EVENING AT THE STABLES RESTAURANT

A repeat of last years very successful event. A Tutored Tasting of 6 wines accompanied by a 3-course meal, all home cooked by and at The Stables Restaurant, Barrington / Manchester Road, Altrincham. Hosted by Colin Jeffrey. Price £18 per person (excluding gratuities).

Time 7 pm prompt for meal and start of tasting at 7.30 pm.

Tickets available form Doreen Aldridge . Numbers strictly limited to 36 persons.

Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club.

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2008 - QUIZ & HOTPOT SUPPER

Hosted by Margaret Ledger and to be held at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley.

This should be a fun night with Hotpot and Apple Pie and a Quiz to follow. Tickets priced at £7.50

Watch for a further announcement in the newsletter.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Pamela (Mitchell) would like to thank all who sent her Get Well cards and messages during her recent illness. Pam is very much looking forward to being fit enough to walk with us again as she misses the company and her friends. We wish you all the very best Pam for a good recovery.

Sandra (Ostick) wishes to thank all those who sent get-well cards and good wishes after her recent 'op. Sandra hopes to be walking with us again fairly soon.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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