

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

### JUNE 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 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE - THE MOORS & VALLEYS EAST OF LEEK – BUXTON ROAD

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.50 Leaders: Alan Gerrard and Brian Billington .

Park Cars: Tittesworth Reservoir P&D car park close to the Visitors Centre GR994 603. From Rushton Spencer leave the A523 at the right hand bend and go straight on up the hill. Follow signs to Meerbrook. Tittesworth Reservoir is just through the village on the right.

Upper Hulme, and paths and over Access Land to Blake Mere. Proceed to Newtown via Round Knowl. Return via Boosley Grange, Little Fernyford, The Mermaid and Upper Hulme. This walk uses access land, overgrown paths and involves a small amount of "heather bashing". Lots of fine views, weather permitting.

#### - REDESMERE

Leave 9.45 7 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.40 Leader: Heather Wykes

Park cars: Redesmere, (opposite the ducks), Redesmere Lane, off the A34, Siddington GR 849 713. Where leader will meet.

Leaving Redesmere we make our way via fields, paths and farms towards Siddington, then on towards the Capestone Estate and back to cars.

#### - SCHOLAR GREEN

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.05 Leader: Liz White (assisted by David)

Park Cars : On the A 34 at Scholar Green, behind the Bleeding Wolf Pub. five miles south of Congleton Park behind Pub at rear of carpark. GR. 831561

A lovely walk mainly along the Trent and Mersey canal and the Macclesfield canal. We walk to the Harecastle Tunnel which disappears into the hillside, and back through Lawton Woods.

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### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH

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

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3 Leader: David White

Across Haworth Moor and then Upper Heights via Stanbury Village. We climb gently to Top Withens (site of "bleak hill-top" – Wuthering Heights). We descend to return via Bronte Falls and Penistone Hill Country Park. Enjoyable walk with nothing too strenuous. Mainly downhill after lunch and only one (high) stile

'C' walk - Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton Details on the coach

Coffee / tea stop at The Stonetrough. Drinks only ordered. £1

Book with Sylvia Fantom 969 1180. 3 Hamlet Drive, Sale M33 5PY. Cheque for £8.50. made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - POYNTON / LYME PARK

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA. Leaders: Jack Garstang and

Mike Morley Park cars: A5149 out of Poynton, veer left at Middlewood Road, right into Anson Road, then left over Middlewood Way into Nelson Pit car park. GR. 945 833.

Gently up to Lyme Hall, steeply up to Bowstones, along Dale Top and down to Keepers Cottage. Then via Birchenclyff and Lockgate Farm by field and farm tracks to Macclesfield canal and Middlewood Way. Return to cars: 4.00 pm

### **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - BLACKBROOK**

Leave 08.30 14 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.75 Leader: Julia Corbett  
(07970146615 on day). Park cars: Lay by on Rt hand side of A6 when travelling toward Buxton.  
Grid ref 075 796 approx 150 yds prior to junction with A623.

Join Julia on a walk round Blackbrook valley, passing beneath South Head, Mount Famine, Chinley Churn, Eccles Pike and calling at the hamlet of Blackbrook before returning to the cars.

### **- WILDBOARCLOUGH**

Leave 9.15 7 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.35 Leader: Roger Bestwick  
Park cars: Clough House Car Park, Wilboarclough on unclassified road off A537 Macclesfield to Buxton.  
Grid Ref: 987 698

Up to Crag House and round Birchenough Hill into the Dane valley. Up to Three Shires Head then round Black Clough to the Quarry and the Chimney. Back to cars via Danebower Hollow and Cumberland Brook  
Return to cars: 15.30

### **- LACH DENNIS**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.10 Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn & Mike Jones  
Park cars: SJ 706 720. Take A50 through Knutsford, pass Toft church, take next right B5081 through Lower Peover. Pass Shakerley Mere and turn right at Three Greyhounds PH onto B5082. Pass garage on right and park in laybys on left. Extra parking by arrangement on L at REAR of Village Hall car park (just before church).

Hulse farm, Moss Lane, Cape of Good Hope farm then via Hulme Hall and Snig Hall. An easy flat walk in pleasant Cheshire farmland.

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### **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - PYM CHAIR AND CHARLES HEAD**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.30 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin  
Park cars: Pym Chair CP. GR 995768. Take the Whaley Bridge road (B5470) out of Macclesfield. Pass through Rainow and after Ginclough turn right into Smith Lane. Then right at first junction and left at the next. Road turns sharp right by Jenkin Chapel. Then in ¾ mile at top of hill turn left SP Kettlethulme) and car park is on right.

Long descent to Saltersford Hall, then steep climb up Bank Lane. Harrop Fold Farm, Charles Head, Clough Farm. Steep climb onto Taxal Edge which is then followed to Windgather Rocks and the cars. An energetic walk with all round views.

### **- PENNINGTON FLASH** (by kind permission of Pam & Sylvia)

Leave 10.15 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40 Leaders: Barry Rice and Gulio Poletti  
Park cars: At the CP near the Visitors Centre opposite the Flash. P&D £1 (all day). Cross toll bridge at Warburton 12p single trip. Right towards Irlam A57, left at traffic lights to Glazebrook B5212. A574 towards Leigh and Bents Garden Centre on right. Then turn onto A580 towards Liverpool. Follow Pennington Flash signs on right side of the road. Take road opposite Robin Hood PH. Car park is opposite the Flash.

Walk along the Leeds Liverpool canal and back to the Visitors centre for lunch, then in the afternoon around the golf course and bird hides. Bring binoculars.

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### **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON**

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

'A' walk - 8 ½ miles cat.3/2 Leader: Martin Ostick

Circular walk from Coniston via Coppermines Valley, Hole Rake, High Tilberthwaite, Hodge Close, High Oxen Fell, Tarn Hows, Boon Crag farm, Cumbria Way to Coniston  
Obviously this may change rather radically if we meet inclement weather on the day

'B' walk 7 ½ miles cat.3. Leader: Pam Baxandall

From Coniston we follow the Miner's Bridge track into the Coppermines Valley and over the shoulder of the Yewdale Fells to Tilberthwaite. The return route past Holme Ground and over Holme Fell to Shepherds' Bridge makes this a gloriously varied and interesting walk.

'C' walk 6 ½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Margaret Ledger

This is a linear walk "par excellence" starting on Oxen Fell and following the shores of Tarn Hows before dropping to Boon Crag and the return through the valley.

At the time of writing there are two seats available. Please ring Margaret Ledger on 980 8340

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### **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - EDALE**

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.50 Leader: Mike Gregory .  
Park cars: Edale car park (P&D) GR. SK 124 853 (where leader will meet).

An abridged version of the classic Edale horseshoe including Hollins Cross, Mam Tor, Rushup Edge, Brown Knoll, Edale Cross, Crowden Tower, Upper Tor and Ringing Roger.

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - PRESTBURY, BOLLINGTON & TYTHERINGTON**

Leave 9.15 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.10. Leader: Keith Wykes

Park cars: Corner of Abbey Road & Cartmel Close, Macclesfield GR 908749 Take B5087 Alderley Edge road towards Macclesfield and at Upton Priory Cross Roads (look out for 30mph signs & hidden SP on left) proceed straight ahead SP Macclesfield & after 1 mile approx take 3rd L. into Bollinbrook Road; straight ahead taking 90 degree R.H.bend (Westminster Wine) & shops on left; 2nd left into Abbey Road at Pack Horse Bowling and Social Club Sign). Straight ahead on Abbey Road until Cartmel Close CP is met (1st on R) and where leader will meet. Return to cars: Post 1700 hrs.

Apart from a stiff climb up to, and returning from, the 360 degree panorama viewing point of Nab Head, Bollington and an awkward downflight of steps our route traces the gently undulating and flat contours of Prestbury and Bollington Parishes and the flanks of White Nancy.

### **- WALTON / DARESBUY**

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.70 Leaders: Joan Howarth and Dorothy Stelfox

Park cars: Walton Hall Garden car park (pay & display) Turn off A56 at Walton Arms PH. where leaders will meet.

Canal walk from Walton through Moore onto Keckwith Hill, then on to Daresbury and via field paths to Hatton and back to Walton Hall.

### **- MARTON**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.55 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.

Park cars: Bunce Lane, Marton (SP Somerford & Swenttenham) off A34 on right. Park on grass verge, beyond houses. GR.847 683.

A varied walk around the pleasant village of Marton

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### **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE - FOREST OF BOWLAND**

Leave 8.30 am for a walk commencement of 10 am. 13 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5

Leader: Ruth Worsley Park cars: Public CP at Dunsop Bridge. GR.661 501.

Early summer amongst the fells and pastures of Bowl and, starting from the official centre of the British Isles, as determined by the Ordnance Survey, 22n and calling at Langden Brook, Langden Castle (stream crossing), Beasley's Steady, Totridge (1,612'), Whitemoor, Burnholme Bridge, Thorneyholme Hall.

### **- YOULGRAVE WELL DRESSINGS**

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leader: Joy Darlington .

(mob. on day 07952817038). Park cars: Moor Lane Picnic Site. GR 194 645 (off A515) P&D £3.50 to share, or layby just before CP.

We go first to Youlgrave to view the five 'dressed' wells. Our walk then takes us past eight of the 'Sites of Meaning' marker stones by way of Smerrill Grange, Kenslow Wood and Kenslow Knoll, with It's fine view point and sun-dial (fingers crossed). We then drop down to Middleton, along Bradford Dale and back up to C.P.

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### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - DENSHAW MOOR**

Leave 9.20 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Pat Thorley 928 6099 & Jill Chandler

Park cars: Castleshaw Centre Public Car Park. Waterworks Road, off A62 1 mile northeast of Delph. GR 997 092 (Dark Peak).

Steady climb to Millstone Edge and Pennine Way, across the moors then Pennine bridleway to Dowry Reservoir and Castleshaw Roman Fort.

### **- WAVERTON / CHRISTLETON**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.4 Transport £5. Leaders: Audrey & Derek Dawson and Bernard Butterworth .

Park cars: Egg Bridge, Waverton GR.455 642 (where leaders will meet). M56 / 53 to Chester .At Jct.12 turn right A56(T) next roundabout turn left A41, at 2<sup>nd</sup> round about turn left A41(T). In approx.1½ miles before canal bridge.

A flat pleasant walk along the Shropshire Union canal to the historical village of Christleton. Then on to the Roman bridges over the river Gowy for lunch, then back to Waverton (could be muddy).

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### **SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - COACH TRIP TO LUDLOW**

This is our Social Outing for the year – the coach trip when we can invite friends to join us. We are going to spend the day in Ludlow which is a fascinating old place full of odd spots and gimels and with about 500 listed buildings. The Feathers Hotel (1619) must be the most photographed building in Shropshire. There is a well-preserved castle, an unusual church, many specialist food shops – and cafés – and a pleasant walk by the river. It should make a good venue for a great day out.

As this is a more expensive journey please send cheques for £9.00 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' to Margaret Ledger

## **SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - DOVESTONES / FEATHERBED MOSS**

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £3.60 Leader: Brian Billington .

Park cars: Binn Green car park, off A635 at GR.SE 018 044 approx. 1 miles east of Greenfield.

Memorial cross, across Featherbed Moss. Chew Reservoir, Laddow Rocks, Bareholme Moss.  
Return via ridge of Dovestone Moss, Sunny Brow.

### **LEADERS WANTED**

#### **SUNDAYS**

'A' walks for AUGUST - 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> & SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 'C' walks for all Sundays  
Contact: Mike Gregory ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on ('B' walks). Joe Jones ('C' walks).

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

JULY - 2<sup>nd</sup> 'B' & 'C' walks, A', 'B' & 'C' walks for 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Brian Warburton

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY - COACH TRIP TO RUTHIN**

'A' walk - 8 ½ miles Cat. 3/2 - Anna Bainbrigg and Keith Wykes

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3 - Roger Parker

'C' walk - 5 miles Cat.4 - Beryl Hunwick

Book with Margaret Ledger with a cheque for £8.50 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'  
NB :No bookings will be accepted before 19th May.

#### **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY - COACH TRIP TO MATLOCK BATH**

'A' walk 7 miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Roger Parker

'B' walk 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Anne Macaulay

Book with Sylvia Fantom .Cheque for £8.50. made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB

#### **YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS WALK**

If anyone is interested in doing the Yorkshire Three Peaks Walk (approx.25 miles and 500 ft of climb)  
at the end of June / beginning of July, would they contact Ian Stenhouse

#### **RACE FOR LIFE - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE AT HEATON PARK**

Elaine Hall has entered this amazing event which raises money for Cancer Research. If you wish to  
sponsor, please contact Elaine on club walks or 'phone

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

#### **SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

A Tutored Wine Tasting with traditional home cooked 3 course meal at The Stables Restaurant Altrincham  
Hosted by Colin Jeffrey start 7pm prompt for meal at 7.30pm Numbers strictly limited to 36 persons.  
Very small number of tickets still available. Telephone Doreen Aldridge

#### **MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008 - QUIZ AND HOTPOT SUPPER**

Tickets at £7.50, will be on sale (See May circular for details).

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

We are sorry to announce the recent death of Bernard Blow. The funeral was held at Altrincham  
Crematorium on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.. We send Joyce and family our kind thoughts at this sad time.

Our Congratulations and Best wishes are sent to Julie Dodwell and Peter Lambert who are getting  
married on 1<sup>st</sup> June at the Beech Hill Hotel, Lake Winderemere.

**FOR SALE** Stout leather walking boots, excellent condition, ladies size 5. Also small rucksac  
£10 for both Contact Hilary Gee

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.30 pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Timperley Community Centre, Park Rd,  
Timperley

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