

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

DECEMBER 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

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer, Roger Parker, 92 Woburn Drive, Hale, WA15 8NE before 12th December. Rates are: Single £5. Family £8.

Correction

****WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER – ENTWISTLE RESERVOIRS, BRADSHAW BROOK/JUMBLES**

Car users directions -'Left Turton Road signposted Chapeltown along to railway bridge. Then 1st left immediately Chapeltown Road.....' This should read ... 1st right immediately. Chapeltown Road. .

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER - FRODSHAM AND HELSBY

Leave 9.15 8¼ miles Cat.3 Transport 3.00 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.
Park Cars Castle Park CP, Frodsham. GR 513773. Drive through Frodsham on A56, and immediately after passing under railway bridge turn left into car park.

Walk beneath Overton and Woodhouse Hills. Cross to Helsby and climb to the trig point on Helsby Hill. Return to Frodsham via Five Crosses and Beacon Hill on field paths and quiet lanes.

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

To be held at All Saints Church hall, Hale Barns. from 7pm prompt to 11pm.
Buffet Supper served at 8.30pm. Father Christmas in attendance (don't forget your present for his sack, unisex, value £2 approx and suitably wrapped)
Tickets £7.50p available from Doreen Aldridge Tel:- 0161 973 4370

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER - HOLCOMBE MOOR

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20 Leaders: Susan & Peter Darby 980 3908.
Return to Cars : 15.45 Mob. 07967335481 on day
Park Cars : Park cars in Peel Tower car park on B6214 opposite Peel Tower. Grid Ref 782 163

A scenic walk on varied terrain around and over Holcombe Moor taking in part of the Rossendale Way. Route via Chatterton Close, Alden Ratchers, Causeway Height, Edgworth Moor, Red Brook, Peel Tower.

- CHRISTMAS WALK AND LUNCH AT WILDBOARCLOUGH

Leave at 11.00 am (11.45 am from Brookside). 2 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.00.
Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782.

Park cars: Wildboarclough can be accessed from the A537 Macclesfield to Buxton road OR from the A54 which is off the A523(T) Macclesfield to Leek road. There are two roadside laybys for parking near to 'Brookside' (was a café, now closed). GR.980 681 (where leader will meet). We leave lay-bys at 'Brookside' Wildboarclough, on to Lower and Higher Nabb farms and past the 'Crag Inn', then back to the cars.

Bring your own wine / drink for the meal. 'Blaze farm' is off the A54, a short distance from Allgreave GR.975 675. Approx.2.00 pm for Christmas lunch. This event is fully booked and has a waiting list.

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER – BURNLEY & THE SINGING RINGING TREE

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6. Leaders: Mary & Alan Gerrard 980 7508.
Park cars: Clowbridge Reservoir Car Park - GR823282. M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall. take the A682 towards Burnley. Turn right just after the Bei-Jing Restaurant on the left, approx 4 miles from the second roundabout in Rawtenstall. Sign posted Rossendale Sailing Club. The public car park is immediately on the right.

Visit Crown Point and onwards, climbing slowly, to Thievely Pike and along the top. Return via the Rossendale Way and field paths. A small amount of rough ground & road walking.

- MICKER BROOK / LADYBROOK VALLEY WALK AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leave 9.00 4 miles Cat.4 Transport 90p + CP fee to share. Leaders Betty Hollinshead 432 1761 and Joan Smyllie 998 6596. 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 lunch at Vinery Café. Bruntwood Park. (lunch £9 plus £1 tip) .This event is fully booked.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER - HAYFIELD

Leave 9.00 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.00 Leader: Don Darlington 962 7188.
Park Cars : Hayfield GR 036 869 (Sett Valley Trail)

Sett Valley Trail, Rowarth, Near Slack, Coombes Tor, Rocks Farm, Blackshaw Farm, Middle Moor, Snake Path.

- CASTLETON

Leave 10.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport: £6 plus CP. Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards 962 3301.
Park Cars : Castleton Town Centre car park. Map Ref 150 830

From the car park we make our way to Hollins Cross, following the ridgepath to the south. We pass below Lose Hill summit before descending towards Hope. We now cross the Edale Rd, making our way past Hope Cemetery and Hope Station and on to Brough. From here we follow field paths and the river bank back to Castleton for the Christmas Lights. Return to cars: 4.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER – COWPE LOWE/SCOUT MOOR

Leave 9.15 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.05 Leader: Ian Stenhouse 926 8446
(07713 030118 on day)

Park Cars : East Lancs Railway Car Park at Irwell Vale GR SD792201.

Shortest route - leave M66 at J1 (A56 to Ramsbottom), follow signs to Edenfield. At far end of Edenfield bear left onto B6527. After crossing bridge at Ewood Bridge (about 0.6M) turn sharp left to Irwell Vale. On entering village turn left, cross bridge and keep on to car park on right just before railway track

Quicker route (but 2M longer)- to end of M66, continue on A56. After A56 bears left to leave A682, take 1st exit (A680 Haslingden) At roundabout take 1st exit (B6527 Edenfield). At bottom of hill as road turns left (after about 0.5M) go straight ahead to Irwell Vale and follow directions above.

From Irwell Vale climb up to Edenfield and via Sand Beds Lane to Cowpe Lowe. Then by Foe Edge and Waugh's Well to Scout Moor. To Turn via Coal Road and drop back down to the River Irwell. Stroll back to the cars along the river and railway line.

- LYMM

Leave 0945 5¼ miles Cat.4 Transport 90p. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.
Park reindeers: (Tails to Antlers) and cars (bumper to bumper) behind St.Mary's church in Crouchley Lane (GR. SJ684 867) off A56 (before the Dam, travelling from Altrincham).

Woodlands, fields and 'The Dam' , all making for a pleasant pre-Christmas walk around Lymm (approx.12 stiles). Optional dress: Gents : Santa hats and red noses, Ladies: Henna rinse with sparkling highlights, and crinkled stockings with red 'wellies'.

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER - LONGDENDALE

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013.
Park cars: : Torside Visitor Centre Car Park on the B6105 at GR 068983 (P&D, to be shared).

Enjoy a pre-Christmas walk in the Dark Peak and call at Vale House Farm, Tintwistle, Lad's Leap. Crowden and the Trans Pennine Trail. One climb and one descent.
Festive treats on the Leader, again, for all attendees.

- CROAL & IRWELL VALLEYS / BOLTON

Leave 9.30 6.5 to 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.40 Leader: Ken Preston 973 0616.
Park cars: Moses Gate Country Park Grid Ref. 745 070
M60 exit at junc.15 onto M61 leave at Kearsley turn off and at roundabout take A6053
Park at Moses Gate car park. Leader will meet there

An easy walk following canal footpaths and river banks amid ancient transport routes over two packhorse bridges and passing an old steam crane and a splendid viaduct.

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - Sorry no leaders for today

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER - BOLLINGTON & LYME PARK

Leave 8.45 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.70 Leader: Tess Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars : Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781 (where leader will meet)
Middlewood Way - Macclesfield Canal - West Parkgate - Lyme Park - Bowstonegate - Sponds Hill
- Harrop Fold Farm - Oakenbank Lane - Bollington.

- LADDER HILL AND GOYT

Leave 9.00 7 ¾ miles Cat.3 Transport £3.15 Leader: Keith Leslie 976 3230.
Park Cars : Long lay-by on the A5004 (Long Hill road to Buxton) at Taxal about one mile south of Whaley Bridge Station. Grid Ref 008 799 Return to cars: 3.00 pm.

A very scenic walk around Ladder Hill with views over to Coombs and Kinder, then past Wythen Lache to views over the Goyt Valley. We descend to the Goyt and follow the river through Shallcross Woods to the cars. Mostly good tracks and paths through varied scenery.

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER - TATTON PARK

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.05 Leader: Judith Wainwright 928 8453
Park Cars On Mereheath Lane near the Knutsford entrance to Tatton Park SJ750793
Tatton Park circular and back through Knutsford

- NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

To be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns Start at 7.30pm for Hotpot Supper served at 8pm Please don't forget your sherry glass for the New Year toast.
Tickets price £8.50p. Please contact Doreen Tel:- 0161 973 4370 for availability.

Doreen and Ivan would be really grateful for offers of help with games, catering and setting up of the room at both the Christmas Party and the New Years Eve party.
Please phone Doreen 973 4370 with offers.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walks - 11th January and 15th February. 'C' walks – All dates.

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks), Joe Jones 973 2019 ('C' walks).

WEDNESDAYS

'A' walks 7th January, 'B' & 'C' walks – 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th January

LEADERS OLD & NEW - Make a New Years Resolution - Please lead a walk

Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

AGM 2008

New Elected Officers and Committee Members: Dean Edwards (President), John Drinkwater (Wednesday Rambles Organiser), Noel Titterington (Wednesday Coach Trip Organiser), Keith Wykes (second auditor).

Our thanks to the following Retiring Officers & Committee Members: Eric Stuffins for representing us as President and for his votes of thanks on many occasions. Brian Warburton for eight years as Wednesday Rambles Organiser and to Sylvia Fantom and Pam Floyd for organising the Wednesday coach trips which so many of us have enjoyed. To Alan Thorpe as Vice President. Also to Max Barnes (Second Auditor) for a number of years.

AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH & SAFETY DOCUMENT

Further to resolutions at the AGM, please amend your copy of the Health and Safety Document as follows:

Front Cover

Replace the words: "Health and Safety Policy and Guidelines"
with the words: "Guidelines"

Title/Contents Page

Delete the words: "HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY and"
In the sentence starting: "It is the sole responsibility", **replace the words:** "the Club's Health and Safety Policy" **with the words** "this document".

FUTURE EVENTS

CLUB BREAKAWAY 2009

Those members going on the Club Breakaway to the Isle of Wight are reminded that final payment is due by 1st January 2009.

It is proposed that on the Wednesday of the week, the coach takes those who are interested on a visit to Osborne House (Queen Victoria's House on the Isle of Wight). A group visit of more than eleven gets a 15% reduced entrance fee. The 2008 full entrance fee was concessionary £8, ground only £4.80. All free to English Heritage members. Anyone interested please let Dean know, by 'phone or when we meet. Those not interested will be able to go on a walk with Dean.

MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2009 Talk and Slide Show by Mr. John Hill-Wilson, at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley at 7.30pm Entrance £2

MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009 Talk with Slides by Dr. Angela Hilton, at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley at 7.30pm Entrance £2

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Doreen Aldridge and Gladys Pritchard on winning this years Townswomens Guild National Crown Green Bowls Final in Fleetwood recently.

Pam Mitchell wishes to thank all who signed her get well card on the Bolton Abbey coach trip Pam says it cheered her up no end as she received it just after returning home from a hospital visit. Our very best wishes to you Pam. We hope someday in 2009 you will be walking with us again.

Best wishes for a good recovery to Colin Turner who recently underwent a hip operation. Hope you will be out walking before too long Colin.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 6th January 2009, 7.30pm Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley

*A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2009
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS*

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