

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

JUNE CIRCULAR 2011

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

WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE - GREAT HILL – RODDLESWORTH RESERVOIR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.60
Leaders Jean Lewis, Elizabeth Downie, Roy Merritt. 928 8870 Mobile on day 07881730802
Park Cars GR 665 215 Ryal Fold. M60, M61, A666. After crossing A58 turn left A675 S/P Belmont
5.7 miles turn right Tockholes. 1.5 miles right into pub car park. ONLY park at back (West Pennine Moor C/P)

Through Slipper Lowe and a gradual steep climb up Great Hill. Drinkwaters, around Wheelton Moor, Solomon's Temple and back along Roddlesworth Reservoir. Good views on a fine day.

- **NORTHWICH COMMUNITY WOODLANDS**

Leave 10.00 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £3.20
Leader Eric Stufifins 980 2955
Park cars Marbury Country Park car park. GR 652 764 (P&D £2.50 shared)

Anti-clockwise round within the woodlands; canal side towards Anderton; down to Witton Brook; north and east side of Neumann's Flash; Lion Salt Works; canal side back. No stiles. Return to cars: 3.00 pm.

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE - HEBDEN BRIDGE

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leaders Tony Davies 969 5962, Beverly Harrison 928 1093. 07708432105 on day
Park cars Midge Hole NT car park (P&D non members). GR. OS OL21, 989 296.

From the A646 in Hebden Bridge turn north on to A6033 (Oxenhope/Keighley). After 0.7 mile, turn left to Midge Hole.

We take a short climb from the car park to Middle Dean Wood, Crimsworth Dean and Lumb Hole, onto Coppy, around Shackleton Knoll to Walshaw and Black Dean. Next to Greenwood House, Knott Top, Foster Wood and Heptonstall.

- **THREE SHIRES HEAD**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars Clough House car park Wildboarclough GR987 699

Directions - from the A523 (Silk Road) in Macclesfield take the A537 (Cat & Fiddle road) for about 4 1/2 miles then turn right at minor cross-roads for Wildboarclough. After short distance (just before the Stanley Arms pub) take second right into Wildboarclough. Follow road for about 1 3/4 miles to car park on left.

A simple circuit of Cut-thorn Hill with nothing too difficult on mainly good tracks. Our route includes Cumberland Brook, Pannier's Pool, the Dane Valley Way & Wildboarclough. Good scenic walk on clear day.

- **OUT ON A LYMM**

Leave 10.00 5½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.40
Leaders: Norman & Angela Simcock 962 1627
Park cars Turn first right after Lymm Dam (Brookfield Road) and park cars at Lymm Library / Market, GR SJ 682 873

An easy walk along the Trans Pennine Trail. Around the village of Thelwall and back to the cars along the tow path of the Bridgewater canal.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE - BAGILLT, GREENFIELD AND HOLYWELL

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521
Park Cars Car Park in Bagillt on High street SJ219753. This is located just off the A548 coast road just west of Flint, High Street being the former coast road. After passing Flint look for signs left to Bagillt, and follow the road.

Coast path to Greenfield, Basingwerk Abbey, Greenfield heritage park, Holywell and Cefn farm

- **BURNLEY, SINGING RINGING TREE**

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £6.40
Leaders Bernard Butterworth 973 2652 & Audrey and Derek Dawson 748 1250
Park cars Clowbridge Reservoir. P&D £1.30. GR 823 280 (where leaders will meet).
M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall, then the A682 S/P Burnley. After approx.4 miles passing through
Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw, then the Beijing Restaurant on the left, turn right immediately into a lane. Public
CP immediately on the right

A walk over this moor using tracks and footpaths, many developed by United Utilities. Reservoir, Crown
Point, Ringing Singing Tree Compton Cross back to Reservoir. Very good views all day weather permitting.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CHARNWOOD

The coach will leave outside M&S Sale at 8.00 am with the usual picking up points.

'A' walk 9 ½ miles Cat.3 Leader: Ian Stenhouse

The walk begins at Newton Linford, and climbs up through Bradgate Park to Old John Tower to reach the
rocky heights of Beacon Hill. This is a delightful area with interest historically and geographically. The route
goes through Woodhouse Eaves and Swithland Wood back into the Park and on, to Newton. A really
worthwhile walk.

'B' walk 7 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Margaret Ledger

This walk starts at Beacon Hill (some of the oldest rocks in the world) and continues through Maplewell to
Hunt's Hill in Bradgate Park (connections with Lady Jane Grey) to reach Newton Linford. A very pleasant walk

'C' walk 5½/6 miles Cat.3/4 Leaders: Connie & Joe Jones

A gentle climb in Bradgate Park brings us to Old John Tower. We drop down to Swithland and its slate
quarries before returning, through the Park to Bradgate House (ruins/views) and back to Newton Linford. A
delightful and relatively undemanding walk.

Please 'phone Margaret 980 8340 to book.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE - LANGSETT AND DUNFORD

Leave 08.45 12 miles Cat.3 (4 under new description) £6.70
Leaders Susan & Peter Darby 9803908, 07967335481 on day
Park Cars Langsett Barn car Park SE210004. From end of M67 follow Woodhead Road until turning
right on to the A616 at roundabout. After just over a mile Langsett Barn Car Park is on the right hand side.

A gently undulating walk on mainly good paths, through woods, across moors and including part of the
Pennine Trail along the River Don. North America, Mickleden, Crooklands Wood, Fiddlers Green, Dunford
Bridge, Cote Bank Bridge, Langsett Bank.

WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE - PEAK DISTRICT

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6
Leader John Brownhill 980 1774
Park Cars : Left side of A57 just past the Snake Inn. Grid Ref:SK114903

Up Fair Brook to The Edge, along The Edge via Fairbrook Naze to the Pennine way and then back to the cars
down the Snake Path, moving to the south side of the River Ashop two thirds of the way down. This is a
classic round with good views and much easier than it looks on the map. Return to cars: 3.30

- **FRODSHAM / HELSBY**

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20
Leader Pam Baxandall 973 6652
Park cars Beacon Hill CP. GR 518 766. M56 leave at jct.12. Follow signs for Frodsham. Left at the
B5394/5152. Turn right at sign for Forest Hills Hotel, then right at Frodsham Golf Course sign. Car park on
right just past golf course.

Leave Beacon Hill, follow Sandstone Trail, down to Helsby, then up to Helsby Hill (to be taken at your own
pace). Rejoin Sandstone Trail onto Sunley Moor, and back to Beacon Hill – one steep descent. This is an
interesting, undulating walk with extensive views over the Mersey and North Wales.

- **PLUMLEY & HOLFORD HALL**

Leave 9.45 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.20
Leaders Jan. Williams & Steve Darlington-Case 07913 441664
Park cars Plumley railway station (free). Turn left on to Plumley Moor Road off the A556 Chester Road
at The Smoker. Car park is on the left just before the bridge and the Golden Pheasant.

Easy walk, fairly level through farmland and woodland. Few stiles.

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE - NORTH OF MILNROW

Leave 9.15 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5

Leaders Brenda & Claire Bailey 900 9177 M. 07561341396

Park Cars From J22 M62 turn south onto A672. Within 100m take the service track of the microwave tower compound on the rt where there is parking. Alternatively there is a layby on the rt in a further 100m.

This walk takes in White Hill peat moor skirting the village of Denshaw then on to Ogden. From Ogden a long but gentle climb up to Windy Hill a ridge walk with fine views in all directions

- **DANE VALLEY / LUD'S CHURCH**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat,3/2(ish) Transport £4.40

Leader Derrick Hamer 969 3821

Park Cars Take A523 from Macclesfield to Leek road. Turn left onto A54 & continue to crossroad which is signposted to the right for Wincle. At Wincle park on the RH side of the road between the Ship Inn and the river Dane. GR.962.652 OS map OL24

At Danebridge we go along the Dane Valley by the side of the river, then upto Luds Church (chasm). From there we head in the direction of Bearstone Rock, where the start of the Roaches can be seen. We make our return alongside Back Forest and pass below Hangingstone Rock. We then descend back into Wincle to finish the walk.

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE - COACH TRIP TO MATLOCK BATH

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

'A' walk 9 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Jean & Ron Armsden

From Cromford, we climb up to the High Peak Trail, descend to High Peak junction and follow the Cromford canal. Climb up through Holloway and Lea, on to Dethick Church, on further to Ribber Castle and then a sharp descent into Matlock Bath. Tow path, field paths, and a short stretch of road.

'B' walk 7 miles Cat.3 Leader: Mike Kenyon (928 6752)

From Matlock to Oker Hill trig point, then Darley Bridge, Dimple, Matlock. To the Peak District Mining Museum at Matlock Bath via the Heights of Abraham and Masson Hill.

'C' walk 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leader: Anne Macaulay

We leave the coach at Cromford village then follow the canal towpath to the Visitors Centre for an early lunch stop. Drinks and loos available. A short walk to Bow Wood – a gentle climb through the wood then through meadows to where we drop down to Matlock Bath.

At the time of writing there are still seats on the coach. Please book with Janet Blinkhorn on 941 1634.

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE - BOSLEY CLOUD

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80

Leader Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mobile on day: 0773 327 0371)

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. In 0.5 miles, after crossing railway, bear right then turn right at T junction. Car park is on left in 0.5 miles

A steady ascent to the summit of Bosley Cloud (just over 1 mile). Then by the Staffordshire Way and along an old railway track to Rushton Spencer, and a short steep climb to St Lawrence Church. Then by Woodhouse Green, Bridestone burial chamber and along Gosberry Hole Lane back to the cars.

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE - ANGLEZARKE

Leave 8.30 14 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.80

Leader Colin Turner: 973 7770

Park Cars Anglezarke CP (P&D) cost shared GR 621161 M61 to J6-Past Rebock Stadium then L on A673 through Horwich. Millstone pub turn RIGHT in 1-1/2 miles bear R sp Anglezarke

A pleasant undulating walk with no hard climbs, Skirting Anglezarke moor to Belmont to join the Witton Weavers Way. Pass Hollinshesd Hall & Well house to reach Roddlesworth reservoir then White Coppice. We finish the walk skirting Anglezarke reservoir back to the cars Return to Cars : 4.30 approx

- **WEST WIRRAL, (THURSTASTON)**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £8 Leader Pam Baxandall 973 6652

Park cars Thurstaston Common CP on A540. GR 245 846. M56 (Chester) to near the end, follow new extension S/P A540 to roundabout and follow Hoylake Road for approx 11 miles. CP on the right just after Cottage Loaf Pub.

A heathland, woodland and coastal walk across Thurstaston Common to Royden Park, through Stapledon Wood onto Caldy Hill. Along Wirral Way to Country Park Information Centre returning to cars via the Dungeon. Three sets of steps 1 ¾ miles along the beach. Good views over the Dee Estuary.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE - WINCLE

Leave 9.00 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60

Leaders Alan & Mary Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars Take the A523 Macclesfield to Leek road. Turn left on the A54 and right at Fourways into Wincle. Park cars on the roadside as close as possible to the start of the walk from the Ship Inn. (GR 962653):

Wincle Grange and follow Shell Brook to Butterlands. Field paths to Foxbank Farm. Return via Croker Hill, Wincle Minn and Dumkins.

- RISHWORTH MOOR

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.80

Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park Cars PC GR SD 983 143. Route M60 Join M62 going towards Leeds. Leave the M62 at Junction 22, at the end of the slip road turn right onto the A672. Go under the Motorway the car park is about a third of a mile on the right just after the lane to the radio mast.

We go over the motorway foot bridge then follow the Penine Way mostly uphill at the start. At the Pack horse track, those who want to could take a very short detour to see what is marked as the Roman Road on the OS map. We then go east then south past Green Withens Reservoir back to the cars. I can only remember two stiles.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
Anne Macaulay on 941 2976 'C' walks - all dates.

WEDNESDAYS

JULY 6th 'A' & 'C', 13th 'C', 20th 'B' & 'C', 27th 'B' & 'C'

Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

MESSAGE FROM KEITH LESLIE

The Upper Goyt & Higher Buxton walk on 20 April was $\frac{3}{4}$ mile longer than stated on the programme! Though my stated walk distances are accurately measured by my PC, this one slipped through. Apologies, though no-one complained,

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 10TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO ULVERSTON

'A' walk - 9½ miles Cat.3 Leaders: Dean and Elsie Edwards

'B' walk - 7½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Keith Wykes

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4/3 Leader: Brian Warburton

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340), 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, WA15 0BS with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO ANGLESEY

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

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

'C' walk - 5½ miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Edna Brownhill

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) 2, Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will be joining the coach. Note to leaders: Please let Anne Macaulay have details of your walk by 11th June. NO BOOKINGS PLEASE BEFORE 1ST JUNE.

SOCIAL EVENTS

JULY - Woodford Aerodrome – fully booked.

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – Trafford College – lunch 12 noon.

3-course meal with tea or coffee £10. Book with Heather Wykes, 30 Langdale Close, Macclesfield, SK11 7YS 01625 618782. with cheque for £10 made out to HV Wykes.

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER (pm) - Hilton Hotel Tour. £5 on day. Contact Heather on 01625 618782

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER - American supper with games and a quiz night at Timperley Village Hall.

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SUNDAY COACH TRIP ORGANISER

All Members will be saddened to learn that Margaret Ledger will not be carrying on as Sunday Coach Trip Organiser in 2012. She will resign from the position at the AGM in October this year. Margaret has carried this duty since 1994 and has been and will continue to be a valuable Member of the Club. We are all in her debt and thank her for all of the work that she has done. This leaves The Club in the very difficult position of finding a replacement as Sunday Coach Trip Organiser. If anyone wishes to take on this role then they should contact the Club Chairman. It should be noted that if we do not find a replacement then we will be in the unhappy situation of no Sunday coach trips.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th July at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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