

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

**AUGUST 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 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST - TIDESWELL**

Leave 9.15 9 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.60

Leader Jack Garstang 980 6349

Park cars: Go through Tideswell, past road to Litton. Car park on left (P&D). Outdoor Leisure 24 GR 153 743. A6 out of Stockport, Disley, Whaley Bridge, Chapel by-pass, A623 Sparrowpit and Tideswell.

Right towards Litton, Tansley Dale, Cressbrookdale and Mill, Monsal Trail, climb to Brushfield, High Dale, Broadway Lane, down to Litton Mill and back along river. Muddy in places and slippery limestone if wet. Return to cars: 4.30 approx.

- **ACTON BRIDGE**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.20

Leader Anne Brooker 973 2179

Park cars Grass verge on side road between Italian Restaurant – La Vita Bella and Legh Arms, on left just before the bridge, on A49. Route: M56 to junction 10 (Whitchurch A49) – 2<sup>nd</sup> exit. Follow A49 all the way approx.5 miles, crossing road junction with traffic lights approx. half-way. Parking on left, just before the bridge.

Pleasant walk along the River Weaver to Dutton Locks for coffee. (Area rich in bird life – bring binoculars). We continue along the river towards Aston Grange – lunch by the river, followed by short uphill path through woodland and field paths across to the Trent and Mersey Canal. Return along the towpath approx. 2½ miles, with optional coffee stop at Davenport's tea/farm shop, 5 mins. before end of walk.

- **CLIFTON JUNCTION**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £3.20

Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Guilio Poletti. 962 7648

Park cars: Clifton Country Park. GR 772 043. M60 to A666 towards Bolton, 1st turn off A666 for Farnworth and Kearsley. Turn right for Kearsley and go along this road for approx. 2 miles until you see the sign for Clifton Country Park. Turn left into Clifton House Road, this is just after the garage and before the Lowry sign. Follow the road down and park the cars at the Visitor Centre

A walk along the Irwell Valley to the village of Ringley with its historic church and bridge. We then walk along the disused Bolton/Bury canal to Wilsons Bridge and return via the power station and the lake back to the cars.

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**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - HAYFIELD CIRCULAR**

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.00

Leaders Peter & Susan Darby : 980 3908 07967334581 on day

Park Cars Sett Valley Trail P & D Car Park, off A6015 Hayfield. Map - OL1 Dark Peak GR 036869

A (modified) repeat of our walk last year - minus South Head. Mostly on good paths and tracks, incorporating part of the Pennine Bridleway. Lantern Pike, Blackshaw Farm, Middle Moor, Kinder Reservoir, Mount Famine, Peep O'Day, Birch Vale.

- **HAYFIELD: ON THE MOORLANDS EDGE**

Leave 0930 7 miles Cat. mainly 3/very short 2 Transport £3.60

Leaders Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigge (07786 796261)

Park Cars OS Explorer OL1 Dark Peak SK 036869 : Sett Valley Trail C.P., Hayfield (P&D all day £3 to be shared & where leaders will meet; or on road parking nearby)

Good paths and tracks on heather moorland and rolling farm pastures taking in Lantern Pike & Middle Moor before returning to C.P. via the famous, but stony, Snake Path.N.B. Lantern Pike was donated to the National Trust in 1950 after being purchased by subscription; I.M.O.Edwin Royce who fought for the freedom to roam these hills.

- **CULCHETH**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40  
Leader Alison Wilkes 962-9352  
Park Cars Culcheth Linear Park Car Park. Map ref 109 : 6489949.

Directions to Start :

1. Take B5160 past Dunham Massey; turn right onto A6144 at end, then bear right to cross Warburton Bridge (toll 12p single / 25p all day return).
2. Turn right onto A57 at traffic lights, then left at next lights onto B5212.
3. At end turn left on A547 into Culcheth.
4. In Culcheth centre, turn right onto B5207, and in about 300 metres bear left just beyond The Cherry Tree.
5. Follow through to sign for Linear Park just before bridge.

Linear Park – Croft – Kenyon Hall – Kenyon – Linear Park.

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**WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST YOULGRAVE AND ROBIN HOOD'S STRIDE**

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3 Transport £7.80  
Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 or 0774 0777184  
Park Cars In the car park which is on the left as you enter Youlgrave village from the west. Explorer Map OL24. SK 205640. There is a £2 honesty charge to park and also toilets.

Walk Details We start from the village of Youlgrave and follow the River Bradford to Middleton. Then along Whitfield Lane to the west end of Long Dale. We walk the full length of Long Dale and Gratton Dale, through the village of Elton and then follow the Limestone Way, passing Robin Hood's Stride, back to the cars. There are a few undulations and inclines but no significant climbs on today's walk.

- **RIBBLE VALLEY**

Leave 9.00 8 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £8  
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422  
Park cars: Car park in Downham GR 785 440 – toilets. M60 – M66 – A59/671 towards Clitheroe. At roundabout where A671 goes to Clitheroe keep on A59 for approx.4 miles. Just after passing under a road and railway bridges – left S/P Chatburn and Downham. In Chatburn – left S/P Downham. At pub in Downham right fork. Pass church, down to bridge over brook. CP right opposite cottages.

An undulating walk from Downham through Rimington and Sawley. Lovely views of Ribble Valley and Pendle Hill. Plenty of ups and downs, some short and steep, plus stiles ! Shorts worn at own risk !

- **FORMBY AND FRESHFIELD**

Leave 9.15 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £8  
Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087  
Park cars GR. 282 067 (St.Lukes Church Road, Formby). Leave M62 at J6 (Huyton). Join M57 and leave at J7. Turn left on to A5036 and 1<sup>st</sup> right on to A5207. then A565 (Southport Rd). Turn left onto B5424 (Liverpool Rd). Watch for Lighthouse Restaurant on left. Shortly after, turn left into Raven Meols Road.. (Thatched cottage on corner). Carry on over railway crossing. After approx 1 mile, turn right into St.Lukes Church Road. Church is on LH side of road. Park as near as possible to church.

A walk to the Red Squirrel Nature Reserve, returning via the beach. Not usually many (if any) red squirrels, but plenty of 'photos, literature etc. in the area !

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**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - WHITWORTH**

Leave 9.00 19km Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20  
Leader Don Wagstaff 976 2098  
Park Cars Station Road, off A671 (Market St) north of Rochdale G.R. SD881162

From Healey Dell to Wardle, Hades Hill, Cowm Reservoir and back Return to Cars 5pm

- **WHITE EDGE, LONGSHAW ESTATE, GROUSE INN  
FROGGATT EDGE**

Leave 9.00 8½ miles Cat.3 Transport £8  
Leader Anne Brooker 973 2179.  
Park cars Curbar Edge car park (P&D) now N.T GR.263 747 (White Peak)  
or layby ¼ mile on left before CP.

Route - A6 to Chapel-en-le-Frith, then A623 to Stoney Middleton. Continue to Calver crossroads. Go straight across at the traffic lights. After a couple of miles turn left for Curbar . Follow long, winding road uphill to Curbar Gap car park on left.

From CP – short ascent on to White Edge with stunning views, and the heather should be in bloom. Approx. 2 mile walk along the edge with gentle descent into the Longshaw Estate for lunch followed by an optional drink at the Grouse Inn to celebrate Anne's 65<sup>th</sup> !, followed by field and woodland paths, then back along Froggatt Edge – a very scenic walk, nothing difficult.

### **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - HOLMFIRTH (LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE)**

Leave 9.00 10.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.80  
Leaders John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 969 1557 mob on day 077621 78935  
Park Cars Bridge Lane CP or Station Rd CP (£2.80 to be shared) in Holmfirth centre. M60, M67 continue on A57/A628, turn left onto A6024 (SP Holmfirth) CPs are both on the right, off A6024 (Huddersfield Rd) Co-op CP more expensive.

We pass 'Nora Batty's cottage' and 'Sid's Cafe' before leaving Holmfirth by quiet lanes and footpaths. We round Ramsden Reservoir Dam, following Kirklees Way to Digley Reservoir. On our return we pass Hogley Green to Holmfirth.

Many thanks to Brian(Compo) and Shirley(Nora) Warburton also Ron(Cleggy) Howarth for this walk.

### **- RIVINGTON**

Leave 9.30 6.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.05  
Leaders Norman and Frances Felton 748 3493  
Park Cars : Great House barn, Rivington SD629139 Sat Nav BL6 7SB where the leader will meet.  
Take M61 to junction 6. Turn right towards Horwich and go 1.1 miles then turn left at the Beehive roundabout and go 1.8 miles on the A673 to the Crown. Go left on the roundabout and almost immediately right along Lever Park Avenue for 1.4 miles. The barn is on the left with toilets and a cafe. Return to cars: 3.30

A leisurely uphill walk taking in Rivington Pike, the Pigeon Tower (a folly) and by special request from those on the last walk, a tour through the Japanese terraced gardens in Lever Park.

### **- LOWER PEOVER**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.00  
Leaders Jan Williams, Liz White & Janet Fowler 07913 441664  
Park Cars Laybys either side of Toft road (A50) 2 miles south of Knutsford before the Whipping Stocks NGR SJ 76003 75531.

A flat walk through countryside, visiting two unusual churches. Approx. 6 stiles with some road walking. Followed by home-made ice-cream at Seven Sisters farm just down the road, for anyone interested - it's delicious!

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST - ABOVE HATHERSAGE**

Leave 0845 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.80 Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013  
Park Cars : Hollin Bank pay and display car park at GR SK 237837 cost to be shared. Take New Road, south of Heatherdene, go over Bole Hill and past Dennis Knoll. Car park is on the left.

This clockwise circuit on the higher ground above Hathersage will visit Stanedge Pole, White Stones, Brown Edge Quarries, Ox Stones, Houndkirk Road, Burbage Bridge, the Iron Age hill fort of Carl Wark, Higger Tor, Fiddler's Elbow, and a section of Stanage Edge including Robin Hood's Cave. Good scenery throughout the day, weather permitting.

### **- DERWENT EDGE**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00 Leader Anne Brooker 973 2179  
Park cars Fairholmes car park P&D Derwent Valley. GR 172 893 (Dark Peak)  
Route: M60, M67 to Glossop. Then A57 (Snake Pass) to Ladybower Reservoir. Just before the viaduct, turn left into Derwent Valley. Follow the road as far as it goes (at weekends), to Fairholmes car park. Meet at the Visitor Centre (for pre-walk coffee !) NB: There is also free parking in a lay-by on the right about ¼ mile before the car park.

From CP, we pass under the wall of the Derwent Dam (made famous by the Dam Busters !), then along the lakeside for about a mile, before climbing up through Walker's Clough (fairly steeply) to a stunning view point for coffee stop. We then cross the moors by the Grouse Butts, followed by a steep climb to Lost Lad, and Back Tor (Derwent Edge) for lunch. (NB: The leader will be going at a slow pace, so don't be put off !! All climbing completed by lunchtime!). We then have a long flattish walk along the edge, with stunning views, and unusual rock formations – (Cakes of Bread, Salt Cellar, Wheel Stones), after which, we turn off to follow a gradual, diagonal descent under the edge, back to the lakeside and car park. (NB: The heather may still be in bloom, and the grouse should be calling.).

### **- STYAL COUNTRY PARK/BOLLIN VALLEY WAY**

Leave 9.45 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.  
Leaders Anne Macaulay 941 2976 and Barbara Cartledge 928 9794  
Park cars NT car park. GR 838 831. P&D £4. Free to NT members A538 to Wilmslow. Turn L, then continue to B5166 Styal Road. Follow this road for just over 1 mile. Turn L down Holts Lane. This leads to Car park

Pass Quarry Bank Mill, then footpaths through woods.. We then follow the Bollin Valley Way by the River Dean. Across fields and onto Styal Golf course. Cross Altrincham Rd and follow cobbles into Styal village past millworkers cottages and medieval Styal cross. We pass Norcliffe Chapel and return to Quarry Bank Mill and car park

### **WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST - THE SADDLEWORTH HILLS**

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20 Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013  
Park Cars Pay and display car park at Binn Green on the A635 Greenfield to Holmfirth road at GR SE018044. Cost to be shared. Free to RSPB members.

This walk will explore some of the reservoirs and edge paths of the Saddleworth Hills. From the car park at Binn Green we will travel clockwise by Greenfield Reservoir and Birchin Clough before climbing to join one of the edge paths. Contouring now generally at this level we will visit The Trinnacle, Bramley's Cot, The Dish Stone, Chew Reservoir, The Indian and Alphin Pike before descending to join The Oldham Way to return to the cars via Dovestone Reservoir. Weather permitting there will be fine scenery throughout the day.

#### **- FRODSHAM**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.60 Leader: Alison Wilkes 962 9352  
Park Cars : Side road at Frodsham. Map ref 117 : 532786.

Directions to Start :

1. Exit westbound M56 at J12 and turn left onto A557.
2. At traffic lights, turn left to Frodsham.
3. Over swing bridge and turn right into side road immediately before next bridge.
4. Park on right-hand side near garden centre.

Frodsham – Bradley – Belleair – Nook – Kingsley – Catton Hall – Weaver Navigation – Frodsham.

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### **SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO ILKLEY**

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

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles, Cat.3 - Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones.

The walk begins at the edge of the Moor above Ilkley and continues to Horncliffe Well before turning towards the Stone Circle. From West Buck Stones we keep along Addingham Crag to reach the town. A superb airy walk with open views and full of interest.

'B' walk - 7 miles, Cat.3/4 - Leader: Edna Adderley

From Ilkley we take the delightful, riverside walk to Addingham. There we cross the Wharfe to reach West Hall, Nessfield and Upper Austley. Continuing through fields we get back to the centre of Ilkley. A lovely walk in an attractive area.

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles, Cat.3/4 - Leader: Joe Jones

Although we are up on the Moor our route is not difficult, being relatively level – and has superb views over the dale. From the Nick we drop to Slade, then follow the track from farm to farm to reach Wells Road and the way into Ilkley. A short but worthwhile walk.

There are plenty of seats on the coach. Please 'phone Margaret on 980 8340

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#### **- WHITE PEAK – EYAM**

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 / 07970 742311  
Park Cars Eyam is situated off the A623. Park opposite the museum in Eyam in the P&D carpark or nearby roadside.. SK216767.

Stoney Middleton; Froggatt Edge; Padley Chapel; Leadmill Bridge; Offerton Hall; Smelting Hill; Abney Clough; Eyam Moor. There are 3 good climbs, two of which are in the afternoon. This is the Well Dressing weekend in Eyam

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### **WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST - ALSTONEFIELD & WOLFSCOTE DALE**

Leave 9.00 9 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £8  
Leaders Elizabeth Downie and Jean Lewis 904 9775 Mobile on day 0780 1054 139  
Park Cars Alstonefield Car Park with Toilets. Optional donation. OL24 GR 130 556 Overflow CP nearby.  
From A515 when you see left turn to Alsop Station take right turn along narrow lane. Right at T junction, over bridge, fork right uphill to Alstonefield and follow signs to CP.

Milldale Bottom, Stanhope, Hall Dale, Dove Dale, Milldale, Wolfscote Dale. Return through Narrowdale and field paths. Lovely views over hills and along dales. Couple of steeper sections with one short bit of slippery stone.

#### **- CHRISTLETON**

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat.4 Transport £5.80  
Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634  
Park cars Lansdown Road. GR SJ 471 673. A556 then A51 to Stamford Bridge lights, right on to B5132 then immediately right opposite pub. Layby and roadside parking.

Great Barrow. Guilden Sutton then to Littleton and Christleton by field paths then canal towpath and return across fields to Stamford Heath.

## LEADERS WANTED

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

WEDNESDAYS - SEPTEMBER. 7<sup>th</sup> 'C' walk, 14<sup>th</sup> 'B' walk, 21<sup>st</sup> 'C' walk, 28<sup>th</sup> 'A' & 'C'  
Contact: John Drinkwater 969 1557

## FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO GRASSINGTON

'A' walk 9 miles Cat.3 Leaders John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey  
'B' walk 6.5 miles Cat.3 Leader: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge  
'C' walk 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Joe and Connie Jones

Book with Janet Blinkhorn, (941 1634), 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Rd, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9RQ with a cheque made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will join the coach. Leaders: Please let Anne have details of your walk by August 11<sup>th</sup>.

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO LLANBERIS

'B' walk - 7 miles, Cat.3 - Leader: Beryl Hunwick  
'C' walk - 5 miles, Cat.4/3 - Leader: Margaret Ledger

Please book with Margaret Ledger, 14, Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS (980 8340) with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.  
(NB - There is no 'A' walk on this day out).

## CLUB WEEKEND 2012

Apologies, I forgot March had 31 days! The Club Week End should read :- 30,31, March 1,2, April 2012

**Reminder - Please send bookings to Dean by 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

**MAP CUSTODIAN** Ron Armsden is standing down as Map Custodian at the 2011 AGM. If anyone would like to take over this job please contact Ron on 962 2434 who will explain what is involved.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch – See previous circ. – closing date for bookings 15 August.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 'Caving for Beginners' - see previous circular.

13<sup>th</sup> Oct/3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Hilton Tours – Fully booked.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz and Games Nite. Tickets £3.50 now available from Mike Kenyon 928 6752 and Derrick Hamer 969 3821..

Wednesday 30<sup>TH</sup> November - Pre-Christmas Lunch - The Hanging Gate, Chapel en le Frith.  
The cost this year is £12.95 excluding tip. We can now take bookings. Cheques to be made out to Ken Preston 0161 973 0616. 212, Glebelands Road, Sale, M33 6PB. We do a short walk in the Whaley Bridge area before lunch.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Scottish Nite.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Years Eve "Special Edition"

## COACH TRIP MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

RESULTS - 30 members attended and many more offered help. A huge thank you to all involved. A subcommittee will be formed of 5 people, details at AGM.

**FOR SALE** - Cotton Traders Unisex summer hiking boots (new) Size 8 - £15. - Anne Brooker 973 2179

## MEMBERS NEWS

The Club sends its condolences to John Keeble following his recent loss of his wife. Our thoughts are with John at this difficult time.

Jean Armsden would like to thank all those who sent cards and good wishes following her recent spell in hospital and hopes to be walking with you all again soon.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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