

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

JANUARY CIRCULAR 2012

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 1ST JANUARY - MARPLE

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.40
Leaders Brenda and Claire Bailey 01619009177 mobile 07561341396
Park Cars: Car park off service road SJ959 885 sat nav SK6 7AL via A626 Stockport to
Glossop Road

Marple, Mellor Church, Brookbottom and back to Marple. Some canal walking

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY - DELAMERE FOREST AND KINGSLEY

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.80
Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mobile: 0773 327 0371)
Park Cars: Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere.
Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road.
Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.

A pleasant and varied walk on good tracks and some field paths. Following the Delamere Way and Eddisbury Way to Kingsley. Return to the cars via Hatchmere and Blakemere Moss.

- NORTHWICH

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.80
Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park cars Town Centre CP at rear of Northwich Memorial Hall (on A559). GR.660 739
(Take LH turning in CP BEFORE Memorial Hall and OPPOSITE the Police Station).

Commence walk at FRONT of Memorial Hall. A pleasant walk alongside the River Weaver to Vale Royal Locks, returning to the town centre via the opposite bank.

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY - ANGLEZARKE AND HEAPEY MOORS

Leave 8.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader: Judith Rees and Tess Gregory 0161 980 5034 or 07923130630 on the day
Park Cars: Explorer 287 SD639148 off Sheep House Lane. Leave M61 at Junction 6. Take A6027 towards Horwich. Turn left at the T junction onto A673 towards Horwich. Just after roundabout, turn right (signpost Rivington Country Park) onto Rivington Lane. At Rivington village turn right onto Sheep House lane, after half a mile turn right towards car park. Rtn to Cars: 3.30

An uphill walk via Spitlers and Redmonds Edge to Great Hill, descending to White Coppice via Heapey Moor to Great Hill, descending to White Coppice via Heapey Moor, then undulating paths and field tracks back to the car park. Expect mud !

- GAWSWORTH

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00
Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782
Park cars: On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and church
GR.886 692 Where leader will meet.

An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount farm, Brereton farm and Cowbrook farm, along the Macclesfield canal to North Rode then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles If the weather is bad you may wish to ring the leader on the day of the walk

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY - MELLOR CHURCH AND RIVER ETHEROW

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60
Leaders Elizabeth Downie & Veronica Dunkley 904 9775, 928 4629, 07801054139 (on day)
Park Cars: Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge off A626. Map OL1 GR 963 895

Mellor Church, Hollywood End, Botham's Hall, Beacon Houses, Etherow Country Park. Back to cars through Compstall.

- TOFT AND THE PEOVERS

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.00
Leaders Barry Rice 962 2377 & Guilio Poletti 962 7648
Park cars Lay-by on A50 one mile south of Knutsford, 200 yds past Seven Sisters Lane
(There is also a lay-by on the opposite side of road). GR 762 755. The leaders will meet here.

Muddy start through farm – a pleasant easy walk through fields and quiet lanes, few easy stiles. Return to cars via Radbroke Hall

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY - DISLEY TO POTT SHRIGLEY AND BACK

Leave 8.45 11.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00
Leaders Susan and Peter Darby : 07967335481
Park Cars: Disley Station Car Park, just off A6. GR SJ972845 Postcode SK12 2AE.

A Winter walk in familiar territory on mainly good paths. Some gradual ascents but no strenuous climbs. West Parkgate, Bakestonedale Moor, Brink Farm, Bowstonegate, Lyme Hall, Bentside. Return to cars: 3.30 – 4.00

- BEESTON CASTLE

Leave 9.30 6 miles+ Cat.4 Transport £6.60
Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park cars: Beeston Castle car park (£1.50 all day) GR SJ 54053 59060 Follow the A49 south then follow the signs off to the right to Beeston Castle.

A circular walk. north from the castle to the canal, west along the canal. Leave the canal going south then turn east going between Peckforton and Beeston castle. Then north to the cars. Some stiles - I don't recall too many.

WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY - LYME PARK CIRCULAR

Leave 9.00 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader Brian Billington 0161 485 4119 / 07880588392
Park Cars: Nelson Pit car park, Poynton, off Anson Road, GR. SJ944833 (where leader will meet) for 10am start.

Through Lyme Park to East Lodge. Black Hill, Holme Wood, Sweet Hill, Dale Top, Moorside, Hase Bank, and Benswood. Return to cars Approx. 3.30 pm

- LYMM

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4. Transport £1.40
Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park Cars: GR SJ 684 867 at the beginning of Crouchley Lane Lymm where it joins the A56
We can also park in front of the Dam.Wall.

South by the lake to Primrose Hill, a short road walk to the M56 then north east through fields and woods to Crouchley Lane (escape route 1 mile back to cars) Past Deansgreen Hall. North to cross the A56 east through fields then west back to Lymm and cars

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY - ETHEROW AND CHARLESWORTH CIRCULAR

Leave 8.30 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader Brian Billington 01614854119/07880588392
Park Cars: Etherow Country Park, Compstall, off B6104. GR965909.

Climb through wood to Ernocroft Smithy Lane Farm, Moorside, Coombes Edge, (high route) Higher Gamesley, Broadbottom, Bothams Hall, Lumn, and Beacons Houses. (Can be shortened dependent on the weather) Return to Cars: Approx 4 p.m.

- **MARPLE LOCKS**

Leave 9.45 6.5 miles Cat.4/3(ish) Transport £3.20
Leader Heather Wykes 01625618782
Park Cars Opposite Marple station on A626 (where Leader will meet).

This is a pretty walk along the canal and locks to Chadkirk, we go via Hyde Bank Farm, then fields and paths back to cars, via Middlewood Way and canal

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY - GOYT VALLEY

Leave 09.15 8.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.00
Leaders Laurie Culledge and Edwin Barron 941 1133 & 980 4216
Park Cars: Lay-by on A5004 GR SK009799 (Where leaders will meet)
Take A6 to Whaley Bridge. Lay-by is about 1/2 mile on the right of the A5004 from Whaley Bridge in the Buxton direction. Return to Cars: 15.15

Cross River Goyt climbing to Taxal village. Along Midshires Way to The Street. Gentle climb in Pym Chair direction on The Street - after 1/2 mile turn South to cross moor to Errwood Hall. Along road and woodland path beside Errwood and Fernilee Reservoirs. Across dam at Fernilee to follow Goyt River back to cars.

- **MARBURY**

Leave 9.30 6 1/2 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00
Leaders Derek Dawson 748 1250 and Bernard Butterworth 973 2652
Park cars Marbury Country Park. GR. 652 763. P&D £2.50 (where leaders will meet). M56 to Jct.10 then A559 Northwich Road. At Gibb Hill T/R to Comberbach. In 1.4 miles turn left into Marbury Country Park.

From Marbury to Budworth Mere on to Higher Marston, then Lion Salt Works, along Trent and Mersey Canal to the Anderton Boat Lift.

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY - TEGGS NOSE

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.60
Leader Julia Corbett 976 2935 07791 269688 on day
Park Cars: Teggs Nose Visitor Centre GR 950 733 (P&D approx £2). Take A537 Buxton Road out of Macclesfield, after approx 1 mile fork right into Buxton Old Rd. CP is a further mile and a quarter on right.

Circuit visiting Warilowhead farm, Vale Royal, Lamaload, Ginchlough, and Gritstone Trail back to cars
Return to Cars: 16:00

- **ASHEN CLOUGH AND SOUTH HEAD**

Leave 09.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.60
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars: Lay-by on A624 Grid Ref 049 847.

Directions - follow A6 through Disley to traffic lights at New Town and turn left for Hayfield at the lights. At the T junction in Hayfield turn right onto the A624. The lay-by is 1.4 miles from the T on the lefthand side..

Along Ashen Clough then up to South Head (National Trust) taking the easy gradual route via Shireoaks which gives great views over to the Roych and the Kinder area. We return via Peep-o-Day on good paths. Nothing too difficult.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Phil Worsley on 777 6013 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
Anne Macaulay on 941 2976 ('C' walks) – all dates.

WEDNESDAYS

February 1st 'B', 8th 'B', 15th 'B' & 'C', 22nd 'C', 29th 'B' & 'C'
Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SCOTTISH NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the very successful Scottish Night.

A message from the Webmaster :

In response to requests, there are pictures of the Scottish Dancing Evening on the Club Web Site. They are in the Member's Area under Social Events. Just Click the Image on the page to view.

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

All Saints Church, Hale Barns. 8 pm to midnight. Please bring a knife, fork and spoon and a sherry glass for the New Year's Toast Tickets £8.50 available from Derrick Hamer 969 3821 or Mike Kenyon 928 6752.

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - HOEDOWN

With Jean Seymour at Larkhill, Timperley. 7.30 pm. Tickets at £6 from Derrick Hamer 969 3821 or Mike Kenyon 928 6752. Coffee and cake at half-time.

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2012 - LANCASTRIAN THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT

At The Heritage Centre – Eccles. 1.30 pm. £5 on day. A unique experience – Hear and look behind the scenes of the Mighty Wurlitzer. Book with Heather 01625 618782. Travel arrangements will be made for those in need

THURSDAY 1ST MARCH - SLIDE SHOW AT TIMPERLEY VILLAGE CLUB

7.30 pm By special request Andy Leader will show his amazing photographs again. Don't miss them this time. £3 on day.

THANKS FROM DEAN.

Elsie and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all Club Members for their support, visits and their get-well cards received during my recent illness. I am pleased to report that my back problem is making excellent progress and I hope to be walking unaided in the near future. I am now 21 days into the first 28 day cycle of treatment for the Myeloma. All cycles should be completed by June.

THANKS TO LEADERS

John Drinkwater thanks all leaders who led in 2011 and hopes for continued support next year. Hopefully also some new leaders.

Mike Gregory and Phil Worsley also wish to thank Sunday leaders. Anne Macaulay would like to thank all Sunday 'C' walk leaders.

JOAN TOPLISS

Early members will remember Joan Topliss, the first secretary of the Club, who has recently died in Altrincham Methodist Home for the Aged.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd January at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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