

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

**FEBRUARY 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

**\*\*NOTICE TO MARCH WALK LEADERS: As I will be on holiday early/mid February, Sue Darby has kindly agreed to produce the March circular. Walks sent on-line via the Web Site will automatically be directed to Sue. Any notices for the circular should be emailed to [pandsjd@ntlworld.com](mailto:pandsjd@ntlworld.com) For those who send walks or notices by post please send to Mrs.Sue Darby, 221 Stockport Road, Timperley. WA15 7SW.- (980 3908). Note: This is for the March circular only. Thanks – Anne.**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY - FRODSHAM**

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20  
Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521  
Park Cars: Centre of Frodsham on A56 (Main Street) opposite 'Bears Paw' Pub and by A56/B5152 Junction. Park in Street side bays or car park behind shops. SJ516779

Frodsham and Helsby Hills, much woodland walking. Few steep sections but mostly easy going although muddy in places.

**- TIMPERLEY**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p  
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422  
Park cars Langham Grove, GR 788 897 where leader will meet. Turn off Park Road, Timperley onto Heyes Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Langham Grove. CP few yards on left. (No.20 bus from Altrincham stops at Langham Grove)

Travel light. Leave rucksacs at home for this gentle walk exploring local footpaths. (Includes coffee stop at Altrincham Garden Centre).

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - LYME PARK**

Leave 8.45 10.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.40  
Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453/07970742311  
Park Cars: SJ 936 817 Park on Wood Lane West on verge opposite houses - just before Fourlane Ends. At Adlington traffic lights turn left on to A523 towards Poynton and then 1st right on to Street Lane. Keep left then right.

Lockgate Farm Bakestonedale Moor, Bowstones, Bollinghurst Bridge, Elmhurst Cottage, Green Farm, Macclesfield canal. Could be very muddy in places.

**- KETTLESHULME**

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £5.20  
Leaders Ron Goodman 945 0198 & Frank Dockry 973 6617  
Park cars Pym Chair. GR 995 768. Approach Kettlethulme on B5470 heading North/East. Immediately on reaching Kettlethulme turn right into Side End Lane – a very tight turn, The car park at top of the hill.

A circular walk via Taxal Edge Wright Farm to Kettlethulme, then up to Near Carr Farm and Jenkin Chapel and back to car park.

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.80

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713030118 on day)

Park Cars: Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ 989966. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again and then park on verge at RHS of road opposite quarry. (Note this is about 0.5 miles sooner than my usual parking spot.)

Drop down to Edge Lane and back round Harrop Edge then to Walkerwood Reservoir. On to the Swineshaw Reservoirs, round Lees Hill to Higher Bank, by Middle Bank and Hollingworthall Moor to Wild Bank Hill and then back to the cars via Shaw Moor and the quarries. Another variation on a familiar theme!

- **CARRBROOK**

Leave 9.30 5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £4.60

Leaders David & Liz White 980 8605

Park Cars: Castle Clough CP at the end of Buckton Road, off B6175. 3 miles north east of Stalybridge. GR SJ 987 010 : Suggested route is M60 East to Junction 24. Then M67(to Sheffield)to end. Take A57 then left on A6018 to Stalybridge. Right on to B6175. At mini roundabout turn right and continue to end. Car Park on LHS.

Ideal short winter walk with mainly good paths and few stiles! Initially fringing the site of Buckton Castle until the Pots & Pans Memorial comes into sight. Descent to Roaches Wood and on to the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. At Scout Tunnel we climb gently to return with views across the golf course of Buckton Moor and Harridge Pike.

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**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - HOE DOWN AT LARKHILL CENTRE, TIMPERLEY**

7.30 for 8 pm. Caller – our old friend FRED. Tickets £6 from Derrick Hamer 969 3821, Mike Kenyon 928 6752, or Phil Worsley 777 6013. Coffee and cakes during the interval.

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**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - BRETTON CLOUGH, ABNEY AND SHATTON MOORS**

Leave 8.30 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.60

Leader Alan Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars: From the A6 just after Chapel-en-le-Frith take the A623. After approx 12 miles turn left towards Foolow. At the next T-junction (opposite the Bull's Head) turn left and then almost immediately right The Barrel Inn is 1 mile ahead on the left. Park on the grass verge just past the Inn, (O/S SK201780 Post Code S32 5QD).

Bretton Clough, Abney Grange, Abney and Shatton Moors, Offerton Hall and along the River Derwent. Return vis Hoghall and Bretton Clough. A varied walk with good views

- **BUDWORTH MERE**

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40

Leader Heather Wykes 01625 618782

Park cars GR 658782 Take the next road on right after passing The 'Cock o' Budworth" pub on Belmont Rd. Park on the right, a little way up

Route is via Great Budworth, Marston, Anderton Lift and the Mere.

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**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - GRIN LOW, BUXTON**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40

Leaders Beverly Harrison and Tony Davies : 928 1093, 969 5962

Park Cars From A54 turn rt onto A53 and then follow brown signs immediately It onto Grin Low Road and shortly turn left towards the Caravan Site. Park on the road near the entrance of the Caravan park. The car park and toilet facilities are likely to be closed over the winter period.

Up to Solomons Temple then down to Poole Cavern, past Fern House, Diamond Hill, Brand Side and Fairthorn Then over Leap Edge to Turncliffe. A shorter walk avoiding most of the limestone but possibly subject to loud explosions if the sirens go off.

- **LYMM/THELWALL**

Leave 0945 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £1.40

Leader Jim Mallin 929 7561

Park Cars: Lymm Dam car park. Left at Crouchley Lane just before Lymm Dam; CP on right.

We go through Lymm village and Slitten Gorge, across the golf course to the Statham Fishing Pools and along the Ship Canal to Thelwall and back to Lymm by the Bridgewater canal. We go down two flights of stairs at the beginning of the walk and climb one flight at the end of the walk. Otherwise the walk is flat but with muddy areas.

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**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - ABOVE THE DERWENT VALLEY**

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £7.60

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013

Park Cars: The pay and display car park at Fairholmes Visitor Centre which is off the A57 at grid reference SK 173893. Cost to be shared.

This walk will explore the ground above and to the east of the Upper Derwent Reservoir and will call at Grindle Clough, Back Tor, Cartledge Stones Ridge, Berristors Tor, Row Top, Hey Bank, Abbey Bank, Bamford House and Hancock Wood.

- **REDESMERE**

Leave 0930 7.7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.90

Leader Frank Docky 973 6617

Park cars Redesmere Lane SJ849 713 Follow A34 south. Turn left into Redesmere Lane, go approx 400yds. Park in front of water.

A circular walk. East from CP then south to Marton Lane. West to Mere Moss, then North to the West end of Capesthorpe Hall lakes. Along the lakes back to the Cars. Some Mud. Some stiles.

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**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY - SOUTH OF BOWDEN BRIDGE**

Leave 09.00 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013

Park Cars: Bowden Bridge pay and display car park on Kinder Road, Hayfield at grid reference SK 048869. Cost to be shared.

From the car park at Bowden Bridge we will walk via Stones House and climb steadily above Coldwell Clough before contouring under Mount Famine and South Head (optional ascent). Continuing now south east and then south we will descend to Shireoaks and Breckhead before turning north to return at a lower level by way of Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadow, Far Phoside and Stubbs Farm.

- **ASHTON HAYES**

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £5.80

Leaders Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones 941 1634

Park cars Lansdown Road. GR.SJ471 673. A556 then A51 to Stamford Bridge lights, right on to B5132, then immediately right opposite pub. Layby and roadside parking

Great Barrow, Hollowmoor Heath to Ashton Hayes, then Tarvin Bridge, Tarvin Mill, Park Hall and return to Stamford Bridge. Mainly flat and across fields.

- **DANE VALLEY**

Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.00

Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087

Park cars Take Holmes Chapel to Congleton Road (A54). Turn right at signs to Brereton Heath Country Park. (Approx 2 ¾ miles out of Holmes Chapel). Continue to 1st crossroads AFTER park. Turn left here and park on verge of Brereton Heath Lane (GR.795 649).

Through Brereton Heath CP we cross the river Dane to Swettenham, Midge Brook and Swettenham Meadow, retracing our tracks via Ash Tree Farm and the Dane Valley, back to cars.

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**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - TAXAL**

Leave 08.45 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4

Leader Mike Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Layby off A5004, 1 mile south of Whaley Bridge, GR SK009799 (where leader will meet).

Taxal Moor - Kettlethulme - Charles Head - Sponds Hill - Bowstonegate - Whaley Moor - Todbrook Reservoir - Shallcross Hall Farm.

## **BOLLIN VALLEY/ LINDOW MOSS**

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport £1.60 Leader: Elaine Hall 962 5422.  
Park cars: Twinnies Bridge GR.840 823. Styal Road (B5166) towards Wilmslow. Pass Styal  
Prison car park on right at bottom of Worm Hill

Styal Mill, Bollin Valley, Morley Green, Lindow Moss. Return to car park via The Carrs. Varied walk, three sets of steep steps and some inclines in Bollin Valley. Rest of walk easy, if its been wet expect mud.

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### **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - CRACKEN EDGE**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4, Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230  
Park Cars: Whaley Bridge Canal Basin car park. Turn sharp left opposite the rail station and follow road to car park. If full, there is usually plenty of parking on the road just before the rail station. Toilets nearby.

A walk up to and along Cracken Edge and Chinley Churn using mostly good tracks and field paths Nothing very steep or difficult. Great views if clear

### **- NETHER ALDERLEY**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.40 Leaders David & Liz White 980 8605  
Park Cars: Nether Alderley Mill, Congleton Road, SK10 4TW.  
One and a half miles south of Alderley Edge on the east side of the A34. GR 844 763

From Nether Alderley Church across to Monk's Heath and then Birtles Hall. Gentle Climbing towards the Edge and then back to Nether Alderley. Lovely winter walk with good paths and very few stiles.

**NB** We have just checked this walk again. Some parts were very muddy and we counted 11 stiles. It's still a lovely walk and hopefully it could have dried out a bit more on the day!

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### **LEADERS WANTED**

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

WEDNESDAYS March - 'C' walks - 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Thanks to all those who helped at The Olympic New Year Party – you all deserve a medal.

#### **THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY - THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT**

Time 1.45 pm prompt. Directions – Exit at Jct.11 off the M60 - Turn right towards Eccles, in approx. ½ mile turn right into Alexander Road. Park in church CP or on street. Entrance left of church. Sat.Nav. M30 7HJ. Cost £5 includes tea/coffee. Places available. Book with Heather 01625 618782

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - Slide show at Timperley Village Centre. 7.30 pm. By special request again, Andy Leader will return to show us amazing photographs. £3 on door.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE -**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 5 mile walk and Hot Pot lunch at Blaze Farm – Cost £6. Cheque made payable to HV Wykes at 30 Langdale Close, Macclesfield SK11 7 YS

### **COST OF DELIVERING THE CIRCULAR**

At the last AGM it was agreed by the Membership that due to fiscal pressure the cost of Membership be increased. The agreement was that the Membership subscription be increased to £7 pa. It was also agreed that if the Circular is delivered to a Member by post, rather than delivered by hand or downloaded, then a further £5 should be added to cover the postage costs. There are a number of Members who have elected to have their Circular posted but have not paid the £5 to cover the cost. It should be noted that the Club do not have funds to cover this cost and if this payment is not received then the Circular will no longer be delivered by post and the Member will have to make alternative arrangements

**NEWS OF MEMBER** - Mary Gerrard is unable to be out walking with us at present due to a painful cyst behind her knee, so hope she will be back with us soon.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to Celia Betney and Jennifer Groves who join our Club this month

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.30pm Tues.6 March – Timperley Community Centre.

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