

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

APRIL 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 25TH MARCH - LINDOW MOSS - DUE TO COINCIDING WITH THE WILMSLOW HALF-MARATHON THIS WALK HAS BEEN CHANGED. IT IS REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING WALK.

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH - CHORLTON GREEN & IVY GREEN

Meet 10.15 Platform 1 Altrincham metro stn. (concessions). 4 ¼ miles Cat.4. Leader: Alan Thorpe 976 1154. Metro to Stretford stn. Car users:: A56 to Stretford, Drum PH, turn right over 1st jct, turn R to Hancock Street then follow Transpennine sign along Hawthorn Lane to CP on left. Await others arriving about 11 am.

Hawthorne Lane bridleway to Chorlton Green, then Bowling Green and Ivy Green. Follow Chorlton Brook to river Mersey, cross Jacksons Boat Bridge. Circular Walk round Sale Water Park. Chance of stop at the Ark Café, then return to start, i.e Metro station. Flat walk, no stiles.

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL - HOUSLEY AND GREAT LONGSTONE

Leave 8.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA

Leader Brian Billington 01614854119 / 07880588392

Park Cars: Travel A623 towards Stoney Middleton. At Housley there is a junction with minor road on the left leading to Foolow, GR White Peak.193759. there is a triangular area with adequate parking for many vehicles (Where the leader will meet). Return to cars: Approx 4pm.

Housley,S.E.to Cavendish Mill, Rough Side, North Cliff plantation, S.W.Rowland, Great Longstone, N Longstone Edge, Longstone Moor, and Castlegate stud Farm.

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL - CALVER

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6

Leader: Jack Garstang 0161 980 6349

Park Cars Sough Lane (right fork at Calver crossroad traffic lights) Do not turn right A623. SK 239748.

A623 through Chapel. Coombs Dale, Longstone Edge, Rowland, Hassop, by road to Bank Wood (steep climb). Bramley Lane. Back along river. Early lunch.

- **LYMM CROSS**

Leave 10 00 (Alt.town hall/market clock) 7 miles Cat.4 Transport: No.5 bus. Bus passes required,

Leader Colin Menzies 929 7521.

Woodland, golf course, Dunham Park (coffee/loos). Vine pub for lunch - food not available. Cross fields, cross Pennine Trail, canalside to Lymm. One stile and set of steps, escape point after 5 miles as required. Easy pace, weather to order!

GOOD FRIDAY 6TH APRIL - CHATSWORTH

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8

Leaders: Jill Lee & Mary Gerrard 0161 980 3252 & 980 7508

Park cars The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR 261703. Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the fountain in the main courtyard of Chatsworth House where toilets are available.

Along the river to Carlton Lees. Up past Beerley Hill Top and across moorland to Hobb Hurst's House, then continue to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood to Chatsworth House.

EASTER SUNDAY 8TH APRIL - LANGSETT

Leave 8.45 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6.60

Leader Alan Key 0161 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521

Park Cars: Langsett Barn car park near Langsett reservoir Dam and on A616 GR SE211004. Take Woodhead road A268 from Manchester and turn right at Flouch roundabout onto the A616. The CP is on the right after a mile.

A walk to Lady Cross along the Barnsley boundary walk then Howden edge, Harden moss, Margery hill and return via Cut Gate Path

WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL - HOLCOMBE MOOR

Leave 09,15 10 miles Cat,3/2 Transport £5.60

Leaders John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 0161 969 1557 – mob. on day 07762 178935

Park Cars: Peel Tower CP GR782163 M60, M66 leave at J1, at traffic lights turn right A56 to Ramsbottom.

In approx 2 miles turn left at traffic lights for Ramsbottom into Bury New Road. In Ramsbottom turn left at traffic lights for A676 SP Bolton. After about 1 mile turn right B6214 Lumb Carr Rd SP Peel Tower. CP half mile on right.

A scenic walk on varied terrain around and over Holcombe Moor(boggy) and part of the Irwell Valley Way. Route via Red Brook, Holcombe Moor, Bull Hill, Beetle Hill, Lumb, Stubbins, Buckden Wood, Peel Tower.

- ARLEY / GREAT BUDWORTH

Leave 09 45 6 miles Cat. 4 Transport £2.20

Leaders Jan Williams 07913 441664

Park Cars Small walkers' car park at Arley Hall - SJ671809. If full then in main car park for Arley Hall and Gardens - this is the start point for the walk. A556 Chester Road to M6 roundabout then right onto B5392 Pickmere Lane or A56 towards Lymm then right onto the B5159 High Legh Road following the signs for Arley Hall. The Walkers' car park is past the main car park to the T junction and turn left..

The walk will start in the main Arley Hall/gardens car park. A fairly level walk over farmland and through one of Cheshire's loveliest villages. Can be muddy in wet weather, (but nothing like as bad as Liz and David's Nether Alderley walk in February !!) Approx. 5 stiles

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL - LAMALOAD / KETTLESHULME

Leave 09.00 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00

Leader Harry Hewlett 0161 962 4869 / 07950 689777

Park Cars: Lamaload Reservoir C P. GR. OL24, 976753

CP/ Redmoor/ Thursbitch / Howlersknow / Greenstack / Dunge Clough/ near Carr Farm/ Kettlethulme/Midfield / Harrop Fold Farm / Ginchlough / Lamaload

- APPLETON THORN

Leave 09.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.80

Leaders: Jeanne Gregory 0161 980 8439 & Lesley Short 0161 980 1041

Park cars: A50 towards Warrington. first left after Bears Paw – Swineyard Lane. After 3 miles turn left B5356 SP Stretton Appleton Thorn. Turn right between church and Thorn Inn – Lum Brook Road, car park – playing fields on right after houses.

From Appleton Thorn over fields then follow stream (Lum Brook). Through woods to Grappenhall (lunch), then back to Appleton Thorn by canal and fields

WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL - LAMALOAD TODD BROOK CIRCULAR

Leave 09.00 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.40

Leader Stephen Glover 0161 928 0644 - on the day 0771 750 6408

Park Cars: Lamaload Reservoir Car Park GR SJ977753 = From Macclesfield, take the A537 Buxton Road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left on a minor road, signposted Saltersford & The Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537 and is free. Return to Cars: 16.00

A mainly high level circular walk to Thursbitch and Green Stack, Turnstead Knoll and Charles Head farms, then Summer Close and Waggonshaw Brow, back to cars by 4.00pm

- ANTROBUS

Leave 10.00 5.4 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.20

Leader: Alison Wilkes 962 9352

Park Cars Side of the road by Antrobus Church. Map Ref 118 : 645796.

Directions to start

1. Take A556 towards Northwich from J19 of M6.
2. At roundabout at start of Northwich by-pass, take A559 to Northwich.
3. At traffic-light crossroads, turn right onto A559 to Warrington.
4. In about 4 miles, turn right at Z-bends signposted to Antrobus Primary School.
5. Turn right opposite the Village Shop. Park on the roadside with careful discretion after the church.

Antrobus - Whitley Reed - Park Moss Wood – Antrobus – Visit to nearby ice-cream farm strongly advised.

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL - ABOVE THE DERWENT VALLEY

Leave 08.30 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 ref. SK 173893. Cost to be shared.

Re-scheduled from February 19th 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.

- **JODRELL BANK**

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat. 4 Transport £3.20

Leaders David and Liz White 0161 980 8605

Park Cars: Jodrell Bank Visitors Centre Car Park. From Knutsford take the A537 to Chelford. Then take the A 535 and follow the signs to Jodrell Bank. We have permission to park here but please use the rough area – away from the main car park. GR 797 710

Lovely, relatively flat but varied walk with very few stiles. Mainly in the Over Peover area through Parkgate, along the Peover Eye and past Peover Hall

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL - EYAM AND TWO DALES

Leave 08.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.80

Leaders: Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 or 07740 777184

Park Cars: Park the cars in the free car park in Hawkhill Road in Eyam. The car park is behind the P&D car park. Explorer Map OL24 SK 217768. Post Code S32 5QP.

A circular walk south of Eyam that was done in mist as a Sunday walk on 11 November 2011. We drop down to Stoney Middleton and on through Coombs Dale then south through Bleaklow and along Longstone Edge. We cross Longstone Moor and drop down into Cressbrook Dale then meander back to the cars through Foolow. There are two sharp but short climbs, out of Stoney Middleton and also up onto Longstone Moor. There is a steep drop into Cressbrook Dale but the rest of the walk is relatively level.

- **KINGSLEY/FRODSHAM**

Leave 0940 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.60

Leaders Mike Jones & Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634

Park Cars: Kingsley Community Centre GR 550 748

M56 to J12 then follow Frodsham signs. Take L signed Kingsley/Tarporley just after footbridge over A56. At top turn L onto B5152 then after craft centre take L opposite garage (B5153) After church turn R and follow Car Park sign. Park on road if car park full.

Kingsley then via field paths to Peel Hall, Hatley Farm, Top Road, Frodsham War Memorial, Townfield Lane and return via riverside and Catton Hall

- **WILLINGTON CORNER / KELSALL**

Leave 09.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Transport 4.00

Leader: Brian Warburton .928 7087

Park cars: Waste Lane (Kings Gate CP). Take A556 (it becomes A54(T) near Delamere). Filter left onto Waste Lane at traffic lights and sign to Kelsall. (Farmers Arms is on corner of Waste Lane)

Kings Gate CP is approx. ¾ mile up Waste Lane on the left (GR. 535 678).

A short forest walk and two fields takes us up to Summertrees. Mostly down-hill in the morning and early afternoon (Duddon Common), but gradual climb back to cars via Willington Corner and Castle Hill, resting on Cardia Hill, Gasping Glen and Breathless Brae. (The last three hills are not on the O.S map, so maybe I imagined them).

Nothing too difficult !

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL - GOYT VALLEY & CATS TOR CIRCULAR

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40

Leader: Stephen Glover 0161 928 0644 - on the day 0771 750 6408

Park Cars: Errwood Hall car park SK012748. M60 East to A6 onto A5004 Buxton road. After 6 miles turn sharp right into Goyt's Lane. Follow this across Errwood Reservoir then turn left. Car park is about a mile on the right, overlooking the reservoir. It's FREE. Ignore the small Disabled Only car park near the reservoir dam road junction. Note: the road to the south of the car park is one way (south only) so there's no direct access from the A537.

Past Errwood Hall towards Cat & Fiddle to Shining Tor, Cats Tor, Windgather Edge, Taxal and back down Goyt Valley to cars by 4.00 pm

- **ASHTON HAYES**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £6.00.

Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 and Muriel Lowther 01772 316781.

Park cars Mouldsworth railway station GR 117 - 512706. A556 Chester Road. Join A54 6 miles after Sandiway lights. Turn right onto B5393 signed Frodsham/Ashton Hayes. Car park on right at station

Baker Way, Woodside farm, Home farm, Ashton Hayes, Peel Hall. Return to cars via church on main road. Short gradual climb at start.

LEADERS WANTED

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

WEDNESDAYS

MAY - 2nd 'B' walk . 16th, 23rd & 30th 'C' walks - Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO INGLETON

'A' walk 8 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders Ian and Josie Stenhouse

'B' walk 7.5 miles Cat.3 Leader: Alison Wilkes

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leaders Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigge

Book with Janet Blinkhorn, (941 1634) 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Cheshire. WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB stating where you will be joining the coach
Bookings only accepted after 20th March***

SUNDAY 20TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

'A' walk 9.5 miles Cat.2/3 Leader Phil Worsley Coniston Old Man via The Cumbria Way and Goat's Water

'B' walk 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders Norman & Frances Felton

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leader Pam Baxandall

'Book with Edna Adderley, 2 Wellgreen Close, Hale, Cheshire WA15 8PT,(980 7753) with a cheque for £10 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB and stating where you will be joining the coach. Bookings accepted only after 20th March***

NOTE to all leaders: Please let Anne Macaulay have details of your walks by 11th April.

*** *Please note that coach trips calling at motorway services will only do so for a 15 mins comfort break and therefore walkers should provide their own hot drinks or purchase a takeaway drink.*

WALK FOR 28TH MARCH - REDESMERE

On the Redesmere walk (28 March) there is a path across a field that has been destroyed by farming. If we keep to where the path should be the length is 124 metres. This is the shortest and best route and will be part of the walk. To avoid this field would be to cut out a large part of the walk. I intend to walk it. - Frank Dockry.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Roger Parker and Judith Bailey have given notice that they do not wish to continue in their respective posts of Treasurer and Membership Secretary after the 2012 AGM. It is proposed that any Member of the Club who want to take over these posts be co-opted onto the Committee to shadow the present officers to give time to see what is entailed. Any final appointments would of course have to be ratified by the Membership at the AGM. If any Member wishes to volunteer for these posts or wishes to discuss the matter further then I ask that you contact me.

Chris Sadler

CAN'T FIND A WALK?

A Member has kindly donated a book of maps to the Club. The book is by The AA and is entitled '1001 Walks in Britain'. Many of the walks in the book are between 4 and 9 miles and in our local area and would be eminently suitable for our B and C Walkers. The book has the maps in a loose leaf format and can be borrowed at any time from Roy Merritt the Map Custodian. (Contact details are on your Membership Card).

CONTACT WITH THE WALK LEADER

There has been some recent incidents when walkers travelling directly to the start of the walk have been delayed in traffic and, unable to contact the walk leader have missed the walk. It would be of assistance if walk leaders when submitting their walk included a mobile phone number (for use on that day only) so that walkers could advise that they are on the way to the start. Conversely it might be of assistance if you are going directly to the start of the walk to let the leader know this so that all participants in the walk are collected before the walk starts.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

JOY DARLINGTON Joy was Circular Distribution Secretary for many years before others took over the work some 18 years ago. At the same time (for 28 years until now) she has also delivered circulars in her local area We thank Joy for all her past work and dedication.

HILDA McALROY Hilda wishes to thank members for the cards and good wishes received on her 80th birthday recently. Congratulations Hilda on reaching your 80 years milestone we wish you all the best

SALLY & REG FERRANS Sally wishes to thank members for the cards and good wishes received recently on her 90th birthday. We send Sally all our good wishes, also all best wishes to Reg who has been in hospital. Hope you make a good recovery Reg.

RON HOWARTH - We are sorry to hear that Ron has been quite poorly in hospital. Ron was Weekend Organiser some years ago and organised some great Club Weekends. All the very best to you Ron.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to those joining our Club this month -
Susan Brownhill, Pauline Hales, John Murphy, Bernie Warner.

Anne Macaulay
Programme Secretary - 0161 980 2976

Edna Adderley
Programme Distribution - 0161 980 7753

