

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
[<http://www.altrincham.ramblers.org.uk>]

MAY 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

WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY - STANAGE EDGE & PADLEY GORGE

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.60

Leaders Veronica Dunkley, Elizabeth Downie & Grahame Peake
Tel No: 928 4629 (mobile on day 07780 914 773 or 0780 1054 139)

Park Cars: A625 into Hathersage Turn right onto B6001 opposite George Inn. Turn left and left again into Car park. GR 232 814 P&D £5

From Hathersage a long climb up to Stanage Edge. SE along Edge, down and along to Upper Burbage Bridge. Below Burbage Moor to Padley Gorge. Down gorge and back along River Derwent to Leadmill Bridge and Hathersage. A scenic walk with very little climbing after Stanage Edge but some rough paths.

- **AIRPORT AND MOBBERLEY**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport 80p

Leaders: David & Liz White 980 8605

Park Cars: Take A538 through Halebarns towards Wilmslow. Under M56 and through traffic lights. In about 300 yds, turn left into Sunbank Lane. Left at The Romper pub and then park on Wilmslow Old Road (now a cul-de-sac) GR 808 847

Pleasant little walk with (hopefully) no ice or muddy fields! We skirt the end of the runway then head out towards Mobberley returning across the Bollin river and Sunbank Wood. Two short gentle slopes - nothing strenuous!

SUNDAY 6th MAY - MILLERS DALE

Leave 8.30 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.40

Leader Tess Gregory 01625 614211 Mobile on day: 07890 232594

Park Cars: Miller's Dale Old Station Car Park SK 138 733 where leader will meet. A6 from Buxton then turn left onto B6049. Car park charge £3.50 to be shared.

Chee Torr tunnels (opened last year), Cheedale, Mosley Farm, Flag Dale, Tunstead, Hargate wall, Dale Head, Peter Dale, Tideswell, Tansley Dale, Cressbrook Dale then return via Monsal Trail.

- **PRESTBURY, BUTLEY & TYTHERINGTON**

Leave 9.15 7.5 miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £2.80

Leader: Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigg (07786 796261 on day)

Park Cars: On road at end of Abbey Road alongside "Willow Court" sign(s) SK10 3PD GR SJ 907749. Take B5087 Alderley Edge Road towards Macc. and at Upton Priory Cross Roads (look for 30 mph sign then hidden SP on left) proceed straight ahead SP Macclesfield; after 1 mile approx. take 3rd L. into Bollinbrook Rd; straight ahead taking 90 degree R.H. bend (Tel Box, P.O. Box & row of shops on L.; 2nd L. into Abbey Road at Pack Horse & Bowling Club sign; keep ahead on Abbey Road until end where leaders will meet.

Very short climbs at start then gently ascending the mainly flat contours of Prestbury, Butley and Tytherington Parishes; taking in Bollin Riverside Park, Prestbury Lane, Hilltop, Dumbah Hollow, The Rookery & Tytherington Wood N.B. there will be stops for Elevenses, Lunch & Afternoon Tea

WEDNESDAY 9th MAY - COACH TRIP TO INGLETON

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual picking up places.

"A" walk - 8 miles Cat.3/2, Leaders: Ian and Josie Stenhouse

This walk will start from the lovely village of Clapham and proceed by way of the Ingleborough Nature Trail (50p entry fee) to Gaping Gill. There is then a steady climb to the summit of Ingleborough (about 550m but nothing very steep!) with, hopefully, glorious views. We then descend into Ingleton with one short steep section. Overall a moderately challenging but very rewarding walk.

"B" walk - 7.5 miles Cat.3, Leader: Alison Wilkes

From Ingleton to Thornton Hall, Masongill & Ireby, returning via Masongill, Westhouse and Thornton-in-Lonsdale. Views of Morecambe Bay but quite a few stiles, some of which are challenging.

"C" walk - 6¼ miles(max) Cat.4/3 Leaders: Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigge (07786 796261 on day). Now pioneered, this is a walk of contrasts (fieldpaths, spectacular waterfalls, and oak woodland). After setting down near to Lane House/Greenwood Legh (GR SD 700716 S. of Ingleton on the A65) we amble the 1(3/4) miles into Ingleton along fieldpaths (Cat.4), hopefully taking lunch; thereafter we take the 4 ¼ mls.to 4½ mls Waterfalls Trail (admission £5 Adult, no Concessions - www.ingletonwaterfallstrail.co.uk - climbing by the R. Twiss & waterfalls (steps and handrails to assist at steep gradients) for 1(3/4) mls. of very slow climbing (600 feet?) to Twistleton Lane) afterwards returning to Ingleton via Beezley Cafe & the downhill gorge & waterfalls of the R. Doe. **NB.** those not wishing to walk the Waterfalls Trail may choose to walk the first section into Ingleton leaving the party at the Waterfalls to walk the Ingleton Village Heritage Trail (leaflets available from the Community Centre CP Information Centre); walk falls @ leisure etc. A few seats still available. Contact Janet Blinkhorn on 941 1634.

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY - WERNETH LOW

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: TBA
Leader: Jane Michael 07917 434598
Park Cars: Werneth Low Country Park, Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane,Hyde, SK14 5LR
Grid Ref SJ 960 935 Free parking as far as I can ascertain. Return to Cars: 4pm
Leave the car park at 10am. The leader will meet the group at the start.:

Werneth Low, along the cycle track to Apethorn along the canal to Manor Park Marple, then to Etherow Country Park and back up Werneth Low to the car park. Approx 1500 ft of ascent mainly after lunch. One steep descent, some very muddy areas depending on the weather.

- **STYAL / MORLEY "THE BLUEBELL WALK"**

(in memory of Evelyn Evans)

Leave 10.30 5½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1.60
Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648.
Park cars: Lindow Common CP, Racecourse Rd, nr Boddington Arms PH, A538 to Wilmslow

Pownall farm to Twinnies Bridge along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern woods along the river Bollin, round the rugby pitch and through the bluebells to Morley

SUNDAY 13TH MAY - DEEP DALE AND SHELDON

Leave 8.30 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader Judith Rees 980 5034 or 07923130630
Park Cars: Monsal Head car park -Parking charge. Nearby road - free.
Map OL24 GR 185 715 Return to Cars: 4.30

Through Monsal Dale to Deep Dale (where we should see cowslips and orchids in abundance), continuing to Bagshaw Dale via High Low. Then on to Sheldon, down to Ashford in the Water and back to the cars

- **FLASH**

Leave 9.15 6 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.60
Leaders Beryl Hunwick 928 3644,(Mob.07950094203) Edna Adderley 980 7753
Park cars Leave cars on roadside near the school, grid reference SK026672

Suggested route: From Macclesfield take A523 Leek road, turning left at Byron's Lane and follow road (keeping to the right) until it meets the A54 Buxton Road. Turn left onto A54 and at Allgreave Rose and Crown, turn sharp right. Turn right again at Midgeleygate and then follow the road through Gradbach to Flash.

Interesting walk across moorland and meadows giving wonderful views over the Derbyshire hills. Some road walking but mostly footpaths which can be very boggy/muddy in places. No difficult stiles but some short, steep climbs and the terrain is challenging in places.

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY - RAMSBOTTOM

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00
Leader Alan Key Tel No: 0161 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521
Park Cars: Nuttall park car park SE795193 off Nuttall hall road. Take M66 and exit to Ramsbottom along A56. When you turn off the A56 at a left turn at traffic lights and falling steeply (signposted Ramsbottom) follow this road, then take the second turning on the left after crossing the motorway (Nuttall park road and signposted Nutall park).

A walk up to Peel tower and onto Holcombe moor then along the Rossendale way to Musburry heights. Return via the Irwell Valley.

- **LOWER WITHINGTON, Nr JODRELL BANK**

Leave 0945 6.5 miles Cat. 4/3 Transport £3.40
Leaders: Roy Merritt & Jean Lewis 9417469 & 928 8870 Mob on the day 07881730870
Park Cars: From the end of the Alderley Edge bypass take the A34. After 2.5 miles turn right onto the B5392 (signed Jodrell Bank) After 2.0 miles reach Lower Withington and park around the edge of the Village green. GR. 813697 (O/S 268)

From the Green we walk by paths and lanes, through farms and around Dingle Bank Sand Quarry. A flat walk with about 12 stiles and some mud.

- **PRESTWICH / RADCLIFFE**

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4 Leaders Angela & Norman Simcock 962 1627
Leave Altrincham Metro Station 9.30 Bury tram and alight at Prestwich – where walk will commence at 10.45a m

Prestwich to Radcliffe – an easy walk through Prestwich Forest Park, along Irwell Sculpture Trail and Bury-Bolton canal to Radcliffe. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSES !!

SUNDAY 20TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 pm with the usual picking-up places.

'A' walk - 9.5 miles Cat. 2/3, Leader: Phil. Worsley

Coniston Old Man via the Cumbria Way and Goat's Water

Leaving the coach behind we will walk on the Cumbria Way along the lake shore to Torver Common Wood, passing Coniston Hall along the way. From this point we turn north and continue via Scarr Head, Tranearth, Goat's Water and Goat's Hause before turning south east for the final pull to the summit of Coniston Old Man at 2,634 feet. For our descent we will use the well trodden but shattered path down to Crowberry Haws, Church Beck and Dixon Ground. On a good day the walk will offer fine views of the Dow Crag ridge, complete with climbers, Wetherlam and the Coppermines Valley. Please note that beyond Tranearth, and all the way to Church Beck on the return leg, the ground is rough underfoot, particularly so the upper reaches of the descent from the Old Man. Further details on the coach.

'B' walk - 8.5 miles, Cat.2/3 Leaders: Norman and Frances Felton

This challenging 8.5 mile walk will take about 5 hours 30 minutes. We will climb 1750 feet overall but the highest point is only just over 800 feet. The way varies from grassy fields to very steep rough loose tracks. Some may find it useful to use their hands on some of the steeper parts. Good boots and sticks are recommended.

This is a great walk but should only be attempted by those who can cope with a 2/3 grading. The final two miles is easy and all downhill and could be classed as 4.

'C' walk - 6 miles, Cat.3/4 Leader: Pam Baxandall - Details on the coach

The coach is full but contact Edna nearer the time for cancellations.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY - TODMORDEN

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £7.00

Leader: Suzanne Caulfield 928 4838

Park Cars: OL21 GR SD955246. Lobb Mill Picnic area. From Todmorden town centre follow A646 Hebden Bridge road for 1.4 miles. Car park on left at the end of railway arches. If full, parking available about 200 yards on the right.

This circular walk crosses the Halifax (Calder), Burnley and Rochdale valleys which meet at Todmorden. Lumbutts, Calderdale Way, Salford then cross the Rochdale Valley to Dobroyd Castle. Calderdale Way. Cross Burnley valley, Bridestones Moor, Devil's Rock, Jumble Hole (hopefully bluebells in flower) and return along the Rochdale canal.

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY - NORTH OF STANDING STONE

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 or 07971 514369 (on the day only)

Park Cars: Standing Stone car park on Charity Lane at GR SJ977714.

The nearest post code is SK11 0BE (use only as a guide).

This anti-clockwise undulating circuit to the north of Standing Stone will initially travel via Clough Brook and Chest Hollow to reach the A537. Continuing via Stake Farm the route will visit Shining Tor before descending to Lamaload Reservoir from where it continues west to Snipe House and Berristal Road. Turning south and then south east the circuit is completed via Gulshaw Hollow, Walker Barn, Ashtreetop, and Macclesfield Forest.

- RIBBLE VALLEY

Leave 9.00 8 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £8.00

Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 (mob. 07790063485)

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.

A lovely undulating walk with some stiles, views of the Ribble Valley and Pendle Hill. From Downham (where "Whistle Down the Wind" was filmed), Through pretty Rimmington to Sawley with its Abbey Ruins. Shorts worn at own risk.

SUNDAY 27TH MAY - WHITE PEAK

Leave 0830 13.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: TBA

Leader Judith Wainwright : 928 8453/07970742311

Park Cars: NT Car Park Ilam SK131507

Back of Bunster Hill, Air Cottage, Dovedale Woods, down to Ilam Rocks, up the Nabs, Tissington, Lindale, Coldwall Bridge, Blore, towards Upper Musden, down to footbridge over Manifold & back to Ilam.

Most of the climb is in the morning.

- 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 is 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. Steep climb at end of walk

WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY - RIBCHESTER

Leave 0900 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leaders Tony Davies 969 5962, Beverly Harrison 982 1093, Pauline Glover 928 0644

Mob.on day 07708432105

Park cars Ribchester car park GR 649 352 – OS.287. Take the M60 to M61 north. Join the M6 and leave J31 to join A59 travelling East. At Oaks turn left onto B6245 to Ribchester. Follow signs to the free car park.

We walk to the river bank then on to Stone Bridge, Lower Dutton, Clough Bank Wood. Through Hurst Green (toilets) and close to Stoneyhurst College to Greengore, Hudd Lee Wood, Dudder Wood and Stydd.

PRESTBURY, BUTLEY & TYTHERINGTON

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.80

Leaders Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigg (07786 796261 on day)

Park Cars: Within "Willow Court Private" sign(s) marked parking bays at end of Abbey Road, or alongside on road SK10 3PD GR SJ 907749. Take B5087 Alderley Edge Road towards Macc. and at Upton Priory Cross Roads (look for 30 mph sign then hidden SP on left) proceed straight ahead SP Macclesfield; after 1 mile approx. take 3rd L. into Bollinbrook Rd; straight ahead taking 90 degree R.H. bend (Tel. box, P.O. Box and row of shops on L.); 2nd L. into Abbey Rd. at Pack Horse and Bowling Club sign; keep ahead on Abbey Road until end where R. into "Willow Court Private"; signed area CP bays (aim for the middle block of three blocks of flats) where leaders will meet; (or park on road above)

This is the same walk as offered on Sunday 6th May; very short climbs at start then gently ascending the mainly flat contours of Prestbury, Butley and Tytherington Parishes; taking in Bollin Riverside Park, Prestbury Lane, Hilltop, Dumbah Hollow, The Rookery and Tytherington Wood. N.b. there will be stops for Elevenses, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

LEADERS WANTED**SUNDAYS**

Contact Phil Worsely 0161 777 6013 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).

Anne Macaulay 0161 941 2976 ('C' walks)

WEDNESDAYS

JUNE - 13TH 'C' walk - 27TH 'B' and 'C' walks

Contact John Drinkwater 0161 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO SEDBERGH

'A' walk 9 ½ miles Cat. 2/3 Leaders: John Drinkwater and Judy Bailey

'B' walk 7 ½ miles Cat. 3/2 Leader: Pam Baxandall

'C' walk 6 miles Cat. 4/3 Leaders: Edna Adderley and Beryl Hunwick

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

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

'A' walk 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Leader : Martin Ostick
'B' walk 7 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Keith Leslie
'C' walk 5 ¾ miles Cat.4/3 Leader: Brian Warburton

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

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

THANKS FROM DEAN

May I take this opportunity to thank all those members of the Club who have sent me good wishes, cards, letters and phone calls. I have also received lots of cards and calls regarding this year's Weekend to Scarborough, which all tell me that a good time was had by all. May I also thank all those who took over the organisation during my illness and contributed so much to the overall success of the break. As for next year, I have requested a formal price for a four day break, Monday to Friday, to Ilfracombe April 8 to 12, 2013.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sadly we have to report the sudden death of Maurice Haigh, returning home from a Club walk on Wednesday 28th March. Maurice will be greatly missed by all who walked with him particularly for his command of the English language, dry humour and mystified by all things technical. We do not yet have any details of funeral arrangements.

We send our sincere condolences to Pam Floyd whose husband Eric passed away on 26th March.

Ron Howarth wishes to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes during his spell in hospital. Ron is now on the road to recovery.

Jean Lewis wishes to say thank you for the cards and good wishes and hopes to be back walking again soon.

We send our good wishes to Edwina Fysh who is at home recovering from a knee op.

Viv Addie wishes to thank 'the Scarborough gang' for their card and good wishes when she unfortunately had to cancel the club weekend at the last minute.

Nita wishes to thank all who sent her cards and good wishes on her 70th birthday recently.

- Apologies if I've missed someone – Anne

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 1st May 7.30 pm at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley

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