

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

JULY 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
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

****SUNDAY 24TH JUNE - ASHEN CLOUGH & SOUTH HEAD****

Please note that the route for this walk will be the reverse of that stated in the June circular. - Keith Leslie.

SUNDAY 1ST JULY - BRADFORD DALE AND LATHKILL DALE

Leave 8.30 am 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.20

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 or 07740 777184

Park Cars: Park cars in the parking area in Chapel Street in the village of Monyash. Post Code DE45 1JJ.
Explorer Map OL24 – GR SK149666

We follow the Limestone Way from Monyash and still on this trail drop into and then along Bradford Dale. We then walk the full length of Lathkill Dale and through Monyash village back to the cars. There is a tricky descent into and a steep climb out as we cross Cales Dale and the latter section of Lathkill Dale is slippery underfoot. Apart from that there is nothing difficult. The rare Jacobs Ladder should be flowering in Lathkill Dale.

- LITTLEBOROUGH

Leave 9.15 7.5 miles Cat.3 (because of rough section of path). Transport £6.00

Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park cars: Car park GR.SD 973 181. A layby on A58. Follow M60 clockwise. Join M62 at jct.18. Leave M62 at jct.21, follow signs to Littleborough past Hollingworth Lake. At Littleborough follow Halifax Rd A58 until you pass the White House Pub at the top of the hill, the layby is on righthand side of the road just after the pub. It's a big layby and there is another public CP beside the pub

This is a flat walk but muddy and exposed. There is a rough section where the path has washed away. Walk around the Blackstone Edge and White Holme and Warland reservoirs. We are on a plateau with good views to the north and west.

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY - WATERGROVE

Leave 09.15 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713030118 on day)

Park Cars: Car park at Watergrove Reservoir. GR SD911 176

From A58 east of Rochdale take turning to left to Wardle. Continue straight through village along cobbled road to car park below reservoir wall.

From Watergrove Reservoir to Hades Hill and on to Gorphey Reservoir, back across Inchfield Pasture down Ramsden Clough, on to Long Causeway and so back to the cars via the History Wall.

- CUERDEN VALLEY

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £6.20

Leaders Derek Dawson 748 1250 & Bernard Butterworth 973 2652.

Park cars Cuerden Valley, Town Brow Car Park. GR 568 228. P&D £1. M61 Junct.8, turn left A674. In 300 yds turn right. A6 North. In just over 3 miles at R/A turn left B5256. Car park is 8/10ths of a mile on right.

This is a pleasant figure of 8 walk with good views. There are easy climbs, both in the am.

SUNDAY 8TH JULY - SOCIAL COACH TRIP TO HARROGATE/HARLOW CARR GARDENS

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.30 am (NB) with the usual picking up places.

Harrogate is known as the "Jewel of the North" and has beautiful parks and imposing places to visit. If you wish to visit Harlow Carr, when booking please include £6.50 (group booking fee) – free for RHS members. Harlow Carr is a 1 ½ mile woodland walk from Harrogate or there is a service bus – (bring your passes) This is a Social trip so friends and family are invited. We will be leaving Harrogate at 6pm

Places available on the coach - Book with Edna Adderley (980 7753)

- **THE CLWD HILLS**

Leave 0830 11.5 Miles Cat.3/2 in equal measure. Transport £8
Leader Phil Worsley : 777 6013 or 07971 514369 (on the day only)
Park Cars: Moel Fammau Country Park at Grid Reference SJ 173611 - Turn right off the A494 0.5 miles past Loggerheads Country Park. The car park is then 1.25 miles along the minor road on the right hand side. A £1 coin is required to raise the automatic barrier after which there is no further charge.

This anti-clockwise undulating circuit in the Clwydian Hills will initially be at a lower level and will travel generally east and then north to contour under Ffrith Mountain and continue via Cae Newydd and Gronfoel to the Foot of Moel Arthur. The return at a higher level will use the Offa's Dyke path and climb to Moel Dywyll and Moel Famau before descending south to Bwlch Penbarra from where it is a gentler downhill back to the cars. 2,645 feet of ascent and descent.

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY - BICKERTON, PECKFORTON & BULKELY HILLS

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6.40
Leaders Philip Brownhill & Susan Brownhill 01925 754749:
Park Cars: Free Parking, The Bickerton Poacher Pub car park on the west side, SY148BE, A534 Wrexham Road, Bulkely, Grid Ref SJ523545. Take A556 Chester road and then A49 Whitchurch road followed by the A534 to Wrexham. There are short cuts through Eaton and Beeston. Return to Cars: 4.30pm

A circuit of the Beeston Hills. Bickerton, Larkton Hill, Broxton, Harthill, Burwardsley, Horsley Lane, Bowlers Moss, Peckforton & Bulkely Hills & return to car park. A good number of stiles some steady climbs but compensated by wonderful views and scenery.

- **BOSLEY**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.60
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars: Timbersbrook Car Park. Follow A34 to traffic lights in Congleton. Turn left at these lights to follow A54 (Buxton direction) Keep following A54 and on the edge of the town, just after passing over a canal, turn right down a lane signposted Timbersbrook 1 ½ miles (also a brown country park sign). Follow brown signs turning right at T to reach car park on left.

Up the Cloud then along the attractive Raven's Clough to Rushton Spencer returning by field paths to the south of the Cloud

SUNDAY 15TH JULY - AROUND DOVEDALE

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leader Colin Turner 973 7770
Park Cars: Milldale CP GR 136547 Post Code DE6 2GB
Take the A515 out of Buxton towards Ashbourne. In 6 miles beyond Parsley Hey turn right sp Milldale. In 1 mile in village follow signs to car park Return to Cars: 4pm approx

We cross the river Dove to climb to the ridge before turning South to Thorpe Pasture and Thorpe village. After reaching the start of Dovedale we skirt round to Bunster Hill to Wetton and Alstonefield before returning to the cars. An interesting walk with great views in fine weather.

SOUTH OF WHALEY BRIDGE

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.40
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars: Coombs Reservoir Car Park Take A6 through Disley and New Town. Turn right to leave A6 for Whaley Bridge at roundabout At the far end of town turn left at traffic lights onto B5470. At just over 1.5 miles from the lights turn right (opp a new stone house) into a very narrow road marked unsuitable for coaches. The car park is on the right beneath the reservoir wall.

A wander around this attractive area passing many view points with the usual ups and downs for a level 3 walk.

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY - CLWYD GATE

Leave 0900 10/12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00
Leader John Brownhill 980 1774
Park cars In lay-by on the left of the A497(Mold - Ruthin road), 1/4 mile past the Clwyd gate Motel. Post Code LL15 1YF GR SJ160 585. Return to cars: 4.00 pm

This will be a repeat of last Septembers walk, with a few tweaks, taking the Offa's Dyke path South to the Radio Tower near Nurse Fawr woods. We then head West to Graig ,returning to the cars along field paths and country lanes. Depending on the weather and mood of the party we can add a two mile extension past Cae-Mawr Farm and the Foot of Foel Fenlli

- **ALDERLEY EDGE**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £2.20

Leaders David & Liz White 980 8605

Park Cars: Take A34 South from Wilmslow into Alderley Edge village. At the end of the shops, take immediate left into Chapel Lane (signposted Mottram St. Andrew/Prestbury). Continue past the church and then park on the left hand roadside overlooking Alderley Sports Centre cricket ground. GR 847 783

Pleasant short walk with a little climbing! Taking in "The Edge" via Wizards Well. Through woodland to Findlow Farm and through the old mining area to Clock House Farm. Back via White Barn Farm. Improved paths and lovely views.

SUNDAY 22ND JULY

- **ABOVE BACUP**

Leave 0845 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leader Ian Stenhouse : 926 8446 (07713030118 on day):

Park Cars: Car park at Trough Gate GR SD 885214 (Post Code OL13 9XF) The small car park is on the A671 just before the junction with the A6066 coming from Whitworth. If full, park on road close by.

From cars, climb up to Rossendale Way which is followed to Heald Top Farm. Down Green's Clough, through Cock Hill Wood and up Tower Clough then via Higher Woodfield Farm and Hazel Greave to Gorpley Clough. From Gorpley Reservoir across Inchfield Pasture, past Coolam to Trough Edge End and then back down to the cars.

- **BOLLINGTON MILLS, NOOKS & CRANNIES**

Leave 0915 7 miles Cat. 3 + a short steep climb over 'Saddle of Kerridge' Transport £2.80

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

Park Cars: Holehouse Lane CP (off Rushmere Close) just past; The Windmill PH & ; before two bridges GR SJ92590 78945 (or on Holehouse lane if CP is full). Take B5358 @ Cheadle Hulme, Handforth or Dean Row to its; 'T' junction Bonis Hall Rd. end @ A523(T) London Rd. just N. of Butley Town; L. turn then 1st R. (S.P. Whiteley Green) into Holehouse Lane & ; C.P. as above where leaders will meet.

An exhilarating ramble incl. contrasting & varied scenery particularly over the & ; Cheshire Plain. We pass Ingersley Vale Mill (now being demolished); Waulkmill Wood (Woodland Trust); Adelphi & ; Clarence Mills.

NB - there will be stops for outside (and maybe inside bought) elevenses, Lunch & Afternoon Tea etc.

- **NANTWICH**

Leave 0930 5.5 Cat.4 Transport £6.20

Leaders: Mike Jones/Janet Blinkhorn 941 0634

Park Cars: Shrewbridge Rd CP, Nantwich GR SJ650515

From Nantwich follow A530 signed Whitchurch. At bend opposite lake turn R into Shrewbridge Rd. CP is on L.

Walk around Nantwich Lake then across fields and farm track to Acton, returning via canal towpath. Easy walking with very few stiles.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY - COACH TRIP TO PATELEY BRIDGE

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

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.3 Leaders: Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn. (mobile on day only 07840671087).

The first part of this invigorating walk climbs steadily out of Pateley Bridge and passes Crag Hall before reaching Brimham Rocks with its incredible rock formations. We return via Smelthouses and the lovely riverside path.

'B' walk - 7.5 miles Cat 3 Leaders: David & Liz White 980 8605 (mobile (on the day) 07716961974)

A lovely circular walk with good variety and a little (2sh!) climb to get your heart pumping!

Initially through the centre of Pateley Bridge to climb gently past a Victorian viewing point. Then via Higher Plain through Glasshouses and down to the river Nidd. (Where we hope to have lunch overlooking the river).

We then cross the river and up to Harewell Hall. Now we climb past Bark Cabin Woods and up to the radio mast. Joining the Nidderdale Way the going gets easier to reach Yorke's Folly via Guise Cliff. Now it's downhill nearly all the way over Turner Bridge, through Bewerley and back to the coach park in time for "a bite to eat".

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Edna Adderley

From Pateley Bridge to Mosscarr Bottom, then following the Nidderdale Way around to Brandstone Dub Bridge, and back to Mosscarr Bottom. Home along track to follow Foster Brook and River Nidd to Pateley Bridge. A very pleasant walk.

Some seats still available. Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634)

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY CONGLETON AND BIDDULPH PARK

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leaders: Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob: 0773 327 0371)

Park Cars: Timbersbrook CP. GR 895628. Take A523 south from Macclesfield and turn right on A54 towards Congleton. In 3.0 miles at a right hand bend, turn left into Middle Lane (Brown sign to Picnic Site). In 0.5 miles, after crossing railway, bear right then turn right at T junction. Car park is on left in 0.5 miles .

Follow Gritstone Trail and Congleton Edge to Nick l' th' Hill. (Steep climb on a narrow muddy path to Congleton Edge). Then by Higher Whitemoor Farm and a short steepish climb before lunch. Then a longer gentler climb to Biddulph Park and Common. Good views given the weather.

SUNDAY 29TH JULY - A WALK IN THE WHITE PEAK

Approx. 11 miles - Leader Judith Rees (0161 980 5034) - Details in August circular.

- DISLEY

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.20

Leader Derrick Hamer 969 3821

Park cars Longstay public car park accessed via road which runs between Rams Head car park and the A6 Buxton Road West at the traffic lights in Disley. If the car park is full, park on the local roads and assemble to start the walk on the forecourt of the Rams Head. GR. SJ974.846

We climb gently out of Disley to the Disley Golf Course, making our way via the Peak Forest Canal to the Mellor Golf Course. We pass 'The Banks' and make our return via the Hamlet of Brook Bottom and then Strines, back onto the Peak Forest canal for a short period and into Disley

LEADERS WANTED**SUNDAYS**

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

'C' walks - Anne Macaulay 941 2976.

WEDNESDAYS

AUGUST - 1ST 'C' walk, 8th 'B', 15th 'C', 22nd 'B' and 'C'.

Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON

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

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat. 4/3 Leader: Frank Dockry

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat. 4/3 Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick

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

Note to leaders: Please let Anne have details of your walks by 11th July.

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

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2012 - HARVEST SUPPER AND HOEDOWN,

With a 5 piece band 'The Fiddlesticks'. Venue at the St. Pauls Church Hall, Springfield Road, Sale.

Tickets £9, includes supper. Tickets available from Derrick Hamer tel. 969 3821 or Elaine Hall tel. 962 5422.

THE CLUB BREAKAWAY 2013

Next year's Club Breakaway takes us to the Imperial Hotel Ilfracombe from 8th April to 12th April 2013 at a cost of £195 pp. The price includes travel, use of coach and 3 packed lunches. This destination gives us excellent access to both the Coast and Exmoor and a great variety of walks. Application and Insurance Indemnity forms are attached.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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- 1 **Special Requests, ie: Vegetarian Diet etc**
- 2 **INSURANCE £ Yes / No**

If NO, the attached Indemnity Form MUST be completed and returned with this application, **one per person**. This includes those with their own holiday insurance.

Contact Telephone Number:

Please Return by the 17th August 2012

TO
Mr G D Edwards
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Cheshire
M33 6WH

Please note that A.& D.R.C. Members must not contact Alfa Travel or the Hotel with regard to this holiday except through the Club Organiser Dean Edwards.

INSURANCE

The booking conditions of most tour operators require you to obtain adequate holiday insurance. Such insurance should ensure that you are fully covered against unexpected cancellation charges, medical expenses arising abroad, loss of luggage or money and personal liability claims.

It is strongly recommended that you accept either the insurance offered by your travel agent or the insurance arrangements described in the tour operator's brochure. However you are entirely free to make your own arrangements provided that the resultant policy affords cover comparable to that offered by the tour operator. If you elect to make your own arrangements please sign the indemnity statement shown below.

Whereas I have declined to take out holiday insurance cover offered by the tour operator in connection with the arrangements referred to below and furthermore I have declined to take out comparable insurance cover offered by the travel agent through whom the arrangements have been made I hereby undertake on behalf of myself ~~and all members of my party~~ to arrange holiday insurance which provides comparable cover to that offered in the tour operator's brochure. Furthermore I agree on behalf of myself ~~and all members of my party~~ that should I fail to arrange such insurance, I shall indemnify the tour operator and travel agent for any costs that arise which would otherwise have been met had such insurance cover been taken out.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tour Operator: _____

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Travel Agents Stamp

