

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

SEPTEMBER 2012 CIRCULAR

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'

**WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST - CALVER

Leave 0915 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6. Leader: Jack Garstang 980 6349
Park cars Sough Lane (right fork at Calver crossroad traffic lights) Do not turn right. A623. SK239 748

A623 through Chapel. Coombs Dale, Longstone Edge, Rowland, Hassop. By road to Bank Wood (steep climb) Bramley Lane, back along river. Return to cars 3.45 pm

SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER - EDALE TO CHINLEY (linear walk)

Leave 0830 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60
Leaders Beverly Harrison, Tony Davies, Pauline Glover : 928 1093, 969 5962, 928 0644
Park Cars: Chinley Railway Station. (free) GR. SK 03825 82615.
Train to Edale 9.59. cost £3.30 (£2.20 with rail card.):

Pennine Way - up Jacobs Ladder, then Oaken Clough, High Heys Farm, South Head, Peep O Day, Chinley Churn,

- BEESTON CASTLE

Leave 9.30 6 miles+ Cat.4 Transport £5.60 Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park cars: Beeston Castle car park (£3 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. .

WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER - PEAK FOREST AND TIDESWELL

Leave 0900 11 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.60
Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 or 07740 777184
Park Cars: On roadside in Old Dam, Peak Forest. Explorer Map OL24 GR SK115796 Post code SK17 8GA.
Turn left at traffic lights on A623 in Peak Forest and on to Old Dam about 600m after turning left

A ramble in the fields and on tracks around Peak Forest and Tideswell. We leave Old Dam and walk on the Limestone Way for a short time before crossing the fields of Tideswell Moor and then on into the village of Tideswell through Brook Bottom Dale. We then follow tracks south of Tideswell before dropping into Peter Dale and then Hay Dale on the way back to Peak Forest and the cars. No significant climbs today though there are plenty of stiles.

- ADLINGTON

Leave 10.00 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.60 Leader Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park cars Car park at Legh Arms located on the Adlington crossroads and traffic lights on the A523 Poynton to Macclesfield Road. Please park cars at the far end of carpark. GR.912 806.

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal va Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. On then to Syperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, and back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - LONGNOR

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8
Leaders Susan and Peter Darby 0161 980 3908
Park Cars: Longnor Village Centre Market Square or on road nearby. Longnor is on the B5053, GR 088649. Map OL24 White Peak

An undulating walk with several steepish ascents and a couple of steepish descents. Could be muddy in places, but we will be mainly walking on quiet lanes, farmland and good paths. Yewtree Grange, Chrome Hill, Dowel Dale, Earl Sterndale, High Wheeldon, Crowdecote, Pilsbury.

UPPER TAME VALLEY

Leave 0930 7 1/2 miles Cat.3 Transport £6
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 mob.07790063485
Park cars Brun Clough Reservoir. GR 017095. M60 – jct.22 – A62 through Oldham for approx.10 miles
CP on right

An interesting moderately hilly walk passing landmarks of industrial heritage. Some rough sections down to Brownhill Countryside Centre. Return by Huddersfield narrow canal where we can visit tearoom/ice cream parlour before walking back up to car park over Standage tunnel. By field, footpaths and lanes.

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO

The coach will leave outside M&S Sale at 8.00 pm with the usual picking up places

'A' walk - 8 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Martin and Sandra Ostick

A linear walk starting at Deganwy, visiting remains of Deganwy Castle, walking to West Shore, ascending the Great Orme via the Monks Path, limestone pavement to the summit. Descending passed the ancient copper mines and the remains of a cromlech (ancient burial ground), miners community of Cwlach and returning via Mynydd Isaf into the Happy Valley.

'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3/4 Leaders: Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn

Along the North Wales Path to the Little Orme with fine views skirting Mynydd Pen y garred and via Coed Isaf to pass St.David's College. We then return via Fferm and Craig-y-Don

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leaders: Margaret Fowden and Edna Adderley

Steady climb on some rough uneven paths to Little Orme summit. Field and woodland to the top of Nant-y-Gamar then descend to St.Davids college route Croet to Craig y Don.

NB: A coffee stop has been arranged for the coach trip at the Springfield Hotel en route.

There are still a few seats available. Please ring Janet on 941 1634

- SOUTH OF LADYBOWER

Leave 0900 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.20

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013

Park Cars The pay and display car park at Heatherdene on th A6013 at grid reference SK202858.
Cost to be shared.

This walk will initially travel south west via Yorkshire Bridge and Hallum Barn to the River Noe. Turning now generally north and then east we continue to Kilhill Bridge, Fullwood Stile Farm, Oaker Farm, Upper Fulwood Farm and Jaggers Clough before climbing steadily to Hope Cross and eventually Win Hill Pike. Leaving the higher ground we now descend to complete the circuit by way of Winhill Plantation and Parkin Clough

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - THE OLD MAN OF CONISTON AND WETHERLAM

Leave 0730 11 miles Cat.2 Transport £8

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 or 07740 777184

Park Cars: Exit M6 at J36 and follow A590 to Greenod before turning on the A5084 and then the A593 into Coniston. As you arrive in Coniston there is a BP petrol station on the right. About 50m before the petrol station turn left into Station Road. Go uphill on this road which becomes steeper and narrower. This is now Walna Scar Road.Go up the initially rather steep road and follow it for about 1 mile until you meet a metal gate. The car park is immediately through the gate at the top of the Walna Scar Road. Explorer Map OL6 SD288970

The walk today is one of the Classic Lake District Walks. We walk west on the Walner Scar track before turning north and climbing to the cairn on Brown Pike. We then follow the path on the ridge to Buck Pike and Dow Crag before dropping down to Goat's Haws and then to the summit of The Old Man of Coniston. We continue north to Brim Fell and Swirl How before turning east down Prison Band and on to the summit of Wetherlam. We then descend into Coppermines Valley and back to the cars. On completion we have ticked off 5 of the fells listed in the Wainwright books, Dow Crag, The Old Man, Brim Fell, Swirl How, and Wetherlam. On a good day we get views from Blackpool to the Isle of Man and the peaks of the Lake District in between.

- SANDSTONE TRAIL, DELAMERE

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.60

Leaders Judy Bailey and John Drinkwater 07401 519 951

Park Cars: Gresty Waste CP GR540686 A56, A556 CP 0.4 ml on left after A54 junction.

Taking the Sandstone Trail through forestry and over open pasture, following mostly distinct paths and a little country lane walking. This walk gives us the opportunity to pass through large apple orchards and visit a well stocked farm shop for ice-creams etc. Imposing views of the Cheshire flatlands and Beeston Castle can be seen weather permitting.

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER - MANIFOLD VALLEY CIRCULAR

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.32 Transport £8.

Leader: Stephen Glover : 0161 928 0644 / 0771 750 6408

Park Cars: In Wetton Village near Ye Olde Royal Oak pub: follow signs to right to Wetton car park with free parking and WCs on right-hand side of road (GR SK109555 postcode DE6 2AF). From A523 beyond Leek take B5053 and after 3 miles turn right towards Butterton and Wetton.

A varied circular walk around the Manifold Valley from Wetton to Weag's Bridge, Throwley Hall, Rushley, Ilam Park, Castern and back to Wetton; includes fine views, Thor's Cave, a ruined hall, a National Trust hall in parkland, and a nature reserve.

- ASHTON HAYES

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £5.20

Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 and Muriel Lowther 01772 316781

Park cars Mouldsworth railway station. GR17 512706. - A556. Join A54. After about 6 miles from Sandiway traffic 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.

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2012 - HARVEST SUPPER AND HOEDOWN,

Venue – St.Paul's church, Springfield Road, Sale (parking available) Time 7.30 for 8 pm supper. Dancing with caller to 'The Fiddlesticks' Please bring suitable harvest produce to be displayed on the stage and auctioned afterwards for charity.

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

NB - There will also be a special celebration for a Club member !

Dress accordingly – Scarecrows very welcome.

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO SETTLE

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

'A' walk - 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013

We leave Settle and travel north along the Ribble Way as far as Little Stainforth before turning away from the river to climb and cross Smearsett Scar and Pot Scar to eventually reach Wharfe Wood. The circuit is then completed by way of Jop Ridding, Feizor and Giggleswick Scar. Further details will be provided on the coach.

'B' walk - : 8 miles Cat. 3 Leaders: Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigge (07786 796261 on day).

This circular walk, based on Settle, takes in Giggleswick Scar, Feizor, Smearsett Scar, Stainforth (and its R.Ribble Force where previously the group have witnessed salmon leaping!) returning via Stackhouse and the Ribble Way. Superb views. Nothing difficult.

'C' walk - 5.5 mile Cat.4/3. Leader: Alison Wilkes

The route goes from the centre of Settle up to Stackhouse then along the side of the River Ribble to Stainforth Force before returning via Stainforth, Craven Lime Works and Langcliffe.

A coffee stop has been arranged for this coach trip at the Old Stone Trough en route.

Places still available on the coach. Please ring Edna on 980 7753.

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - WEST PENNINE MOORS

Leave 9.00 10+ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.

Leaders Brenda and Claire Bailey 0161 900 9177 mobile 07549630227

Park Cars: Road opposite Hare and Hounds on A675 Preston to Bolton Road via Belmont - about six miles from junction 8 on M61, onto A674 then the A675

Starting from Hare and Hounds pub in Abbey Village, taking in plenty of woodland. Up to Jubilee Tower. Calling at Roddlesworth visitor centre where there are toilets, on to Hollinshead Hall ruins eventually returning via reservoirs and back to cars.

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - WOODHEAD

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6.00

Leader John Brownhill 980 1770

Park Cars: Take the A628 from Tintwistle and turn sharp right approx 1 mile past the end of Woodhead Reservoir to park near the entrance of the old railway tunnel. GR SK114998

Up Black Clough, East across to Bleaklow Stones and Grinah Stones, then NNE to Barrow Stones. Return to the cars down Far Black Clough. A good walk with fine views and interesting rock formations. Return to Cars: 4.30

- WALTON HALL / STOCKTON HEATH

Leave 0945 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.80

Leaders Derek Dawson 748 1250 and Bernard Butterworth 973 2652

Walton Hall GR.600 852 (where leaders will meet). A56 through Lymm to Stockton Heath. In 1.4 miles from the t/lights in centre of Stockton Heath turn left at t/lights. SP Walton Hall Gardens P&D £2.20.

We walk along the Bridgewater canal to the village of Moore, then through the Cheshire countryside back to the cars via the village of Hatton.

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - GOYT VALLEY & CATS TOR CIRCULAR

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

Leader Stephen Glover: 0161 928 0644 / 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, and free. Ignore the small Disabled Only CP 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.

A repeat of this 29 April 2012 walk hopefully with better weather. Past Errwood Hall towards Cat & Fiddle to Shining Tor, Cats Tor, Windgather Edge, Taxal and back down Goyt Valley to car park.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

October - 10th 'A' & 'C', 17th 'C', 21st 'C' walks. Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER - SOCIAL TRIP TO BLACKPOOL - 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS. Due to popular demand a coach trip has been arranged to see the illuminations. The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 2.00 pm giving spare time in Blackpool before a drive along the prom. to see the lights. Family and friends invited.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18th October 2012 at 7.30 pm in All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 4th September at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mary and Roy Clarke who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on 16th August. Mary and Roy wish to thank members for their cards and good wishes.

Lesley Short wishes to thank members for their good wishes following her wrist injury.

Angie Southern also wishes to thank members for their cards and good wishes on her 70th birthday recently.

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