

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM  
AND THE MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM ARE INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS CIRCULAR.

**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

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

**OCTOBER 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'

**STOP PRESS !!!**

**\*\*SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - BOLLINGTON MILLS, NOOKS & CRANNIES\*\***

At the short notice request of Derrick (via Heather), Keith Wykes (01625 618164) & Anna Bainbrigge (07786 796261 on day) are pleased to lead the same walk as offered on Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> and as abandoned (due to weather forecast) on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Leave 0915 7 miles Cat. 3 + a short steep climb over 'Saddle of Kerridge' Transport £2.80.  
(Will car drivers who have spare seats please consider starting from the far end of Altrincham Station CP as recently there has been a spate of rambles being left behind at Altrincham due to lack of transport)

Leaders Keith Wykes & Anna Bainbrigge

Park Cars: Holehouse Lane CP (off Rushmere Close) just past; The Windmill PH &; between 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.

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER - ALPORT CASTLES**

Leave 0915 9.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £7.60

Leaders Laurie Culledge and Edwin Barron 941 1133 and 980 4216

Park Cars: Fairholmes P&D (£4.70) Car Park, where leaders will meet. Explorer Map OL1 GR SK173893.  
From Glossop, take A57 (Snake Pass) and turn left at viaduct at Ladybower Reservoir to car park.

A varied circular walk with fine views taking in lakeside, forest and open moor and featuring Alport Castles, a landslip feature, as its focal point. Return to Cars: c4.15pm

**- TARVIN**

Leave 0915 7.5 miles Cat. 4 Transport £5.20

Leader Alison Wilkes 962 9352

Park cars Church Street, Tarvin. Map Ref. 117 : 492668

Directions to Start :

1. Follow A556 along Northwich By-pass to join A51 beyond Delamere.
2. After Kelsall By-pass, look for village sign for Tarvin, and take left turn into village.
3. In village centre at junction, turn left into Church Street.
4. Park on right-hand side with careful discretion (avoid bus stop).

Tarvin – Great Barrow - Broomhill - Swindfordmill – Peel Hall – Tarvin Sands - Tarvin.

Note : Two short but steep steps down with good handrails.

**- POYNTON**

Leave 0930 5 miles Cat. 4 Transport £2

Leaders Ken Roe 980 4186 and Alan Thorpe 976 1154

Park cars Civic car park behind Waitrose car park, Park Lane, Poynton. From Stockport direction turn left at Poynton church. Cross roads into Park Lane. Car park on left opposite Farmers Arms. GR 922 837.

Some road walking and muddy field paths. Area of historical interest from 1600s to WW2.

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - THE ROACHES**

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20  
 Leader John Drinkwater 0161 969 1557 mob on day 07762178935  
 Park Cars: Gradbach CP(free) GR SJ998662

Several climbs and descents, often rough or muddy. Dane Valley Way to Three Shires Head, fields and lanes to Knotbury, Wolf Edge, Flash, Blackbank Valley, Bald Stone, Summerhill and The Roaches. Return to CP via Roach End and Gradbach Wood.

**LAMALOAD**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport  
 Leaders Ron Goodman 945 0198 and Frank Dockry 973 6617  
 Park cars Lamaload car park (where leaders will meet). GR SJ976 753. From Macclesfield take Buxton Road A537. After approx. 3½ miles turn left along minor road signed to Saltersford & Goyt Valley. Lamaload Reservoir CP is on LHS of road  
 From car park to Chapel House farm and then to Chest Hollow and up to Shining Tor and back to Lamaload.

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - COACH TRIP TO BLACKPOOL**

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 2.00 pm calling at the usual pick-up points. There will be time for sightseeing etc in Blackpool before a drive down the prom through the illuminations.  
 The coach is now fully booked but if wishing to go on the waiting list contact Janet on 941 1634  
 Mobile telephone no. on day ONLY - 07840 671087.

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - THE ROACHES AND GIB TOR**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20  
 Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mobile: 0773 327 0371)  
 Park Cars: Gradbach Car Park GR 999662. Take A523 south from Macclesfield. Turn left onto A54.  
 At hairpin bend at Allgreave, (Rose & Crown PH) turn back very sharp right. In about 2 miles just after crossing River Dane and Staffordshire boundary, turn back extremely sharp right, (signpost to Scout Camp).  
 Car park is 300 yards on right.

A steady climb to the top of the Roaches on at times rocky paths. Traverse the Roaches ridge, descend, and then a gentle ascent to near Gib Tor rocks. Return to Gradbach via Adders Green and Sniddles. Before lunch it is dry and rocky underfoot, and after lunch it is wet and soggy!

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - ECCLES PIKE AND TAXAL EDGE**

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00  
 Leader Colin Turner : 973 7770  
 Park Cars: Whaley Bridge CP GR 012815

Via Buxworth to Eccles Pike, on to Combs village, climb to Thorney Lee and Wythen Lache before descending into the Goyt Valley. We then climb to Taxal Edge then back to the cars Return to Cars: 4pm approx.

**RINGWAY & MOBBERLEY**

Leave 0930 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 80p.  
 Leaders David and 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. Turn left at the Red Lion Pub (Romper) and park on Wilmslow Old Rd. (now a cul-de-sac) GR 808 847

Extended version of the 'C' walk we did in May. To Castle Mill then around the airport runway. Out towards Mobberley and returning to cross the Bollin river and then through Sunbank Wood. Pleasant easy walk with possibility of Airbus A380 flying directly overhead!

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - RISHWORTH MOOR**

Leave 0915 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.40  
 Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713030118 on day)  
 Park Cars: Booth Wood Reservoir Car Park. GR SE031165

Leave M62 at J22. Left onto A672. Car park on right just after reservoir dam (about 3 miles).

A walk of three reservoirs. From Booth Wood Reservoir to Ryburn Reservoir then across Rishworth Moor to Green Withens Reservoir and back to the cars. The morning is largely through farmland by neglected tracks and byways and the afternoon in the moors and cloughs

**PLUMLEY & HOLFORD HALL**

Leave 0945 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.20  
 Leaders Jan. Williams 07913 441664 and David White 980 8605  
 Park cars 'The Golden Pheasant' Turn left on to Plumley Moor Road off the A556 Chester Road

at The Smoker. The 'Golden Pheasant' is just after the bridge on the righthand side.

Easy walk, fairly level through farmland and woodland. Few stiles.

#### **THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Starting at 7.30 pm in All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns. Subscriptions for 2012/13 are now due after the AGM, See attached form.

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#### **SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER - NEW MILLS**

Leave 0830 12.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.20

Leader Julia Corbett: 0161 976 2935 / 07791269688 on day

Park Cars: New Mills-Torr Top Car Park-Torr Top Street off Rock Street,GR:001 855.

In New Mills Centre at roundabout with B6101 take Market Street, then immediate Rt (where car park sign is on wall), this is Rock Street-go to end turn left and car park is on right. It is P+D but free on a Sunday.

Join Julia on a walk from New Mills going through someone's garage and garden gate in am and under someone's washing line and through their interesting garden pm. Some of walk on obvious paths other times moorland. Route - New Mills, Primrose Lane, Brook Bottom, Coombes Edge, Near Slack, Whitle and return to cars 16:00 approx.

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#### **- WHALEY BRIDGE**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat. 3 Transport £4.00

Leader Joy Darlington 962 7188

Park cars Whaley Bridge free CP. on left opposite station GR 012815

Our walk takes us via Hawkhurst Head, Cliff, Kettleshulme and Clough Farm to Taxal Edge, which we follow back to Whaley Bridge. An undulating walk taken at a leisurely pace with lovely views. A few stiles but nothing difficult.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - TEGG'S NOSE & MACCLESFIELD FOREST**

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £7.60

Leaders Phil and Sue Brownhill : 01925754749

Park Cars: Tegg's Nose country car park. Grid ref SJ950733 on Buxton Old Road out of Macclesfield

Following Gritstone trail as far as Hanging Gate pub. Over to Oakenclough and down to Crag Inn. Return over Shutlingsloe, through the forest to Forest Chapel and back down and then up to the start. Fine walk on a good day. Return to Cars: 4 30pm

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#### **- LONGDENDALE RESERVOIRS**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.4/3(ish). Transport £4.40

Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422

Park cars Crowden GR.073 994 M60 Jct.24, M67, A57, A628. Car park on left. Also entrance to Youth Hostel and Camp Site. Toilets. NB: Please car-share where poss. as not much space in CP.

Easy figure of eight walk. Alongside Torside, Rhodeswood and Bottoms Reservoirs on good paths and tracks

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#### **- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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#### **SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - PEAK DISTRICT**

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3 Transport : TBA

Leader John Keeble 07754059393

Park Cars: Wye Dale car park. Just off A6. Approx 3miles after Buxton on left, opposite Toplow Pike Quarry. P&D GR SK103 724

Wye Dale, Deep Dale, Horseshoe Dale, Brierlow Grange, Brier Low, Roman Road, Ferndale, Earl Sterndale, Midshires Way, Chelmorton, Back to Cars. This is not a difficult walk. All climbs are gradual.

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#### **- SINGING RINGING TREE / CLOWBRIDGE RESERVOIR**

Leave 0930 6 ½ miles+ Cat.4/3 Transport £6.40

Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 and Muriel Lowther 01772316781.

Park cars Clowbridge Reservoir GR 823 280. M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall. Then A682 s/p Burnley. After approx.4 miles passing through Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw, then at Beijing Restaurant turn immediately

right into lane. Car park on right. P&D £1.30.

Reservoir, Crown Point, Singing Ringing Tree, Compton Cross, back to reservoir and cars.

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**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER - PENDLE HILL**

Leave 9.00 9.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £8

Leaders Beverley Harrison 928 1093 & Tony Davies 969 5962 :

Park Cars: Barley Car Park and Visitors Centre. SD 823403 £1. M65 to Jnt 13. A682 to first left after leaving Blacko, then through Roughlee to Barley. As it is Halloween, I may need to give info on road conditions later.

Steep ascent to Pendle Beacon. Down Boar Clough to Ogden Reservoirs, over to Newchurch in Pendle, Thorney Holme, up to Stag Top Moor and Black Moss Reservoirs. I can't get it to say one pound for parking ! Hear about the second curse of Pendle and eat Tony's Parkin.

**- BEESTON CASTLE**

Leave 9.15 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.

**- MARTON**

Leave 0930 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.40

Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087

Park cars Bunce Lane, Marton (s.p. Somerford and Swettenham) off A34 on right. Park on grass verge, beyond houses. (GR 847 683)

A varied easy walk around the pleasant village of Marton.

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**LEADERS WANTED**

**SUNDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

November - 7<sup>th</sup> 'C', 21<sup>st</sup> 'B', 28<sup>th</sup> 'B'. Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT 'THE HANGING GATE' - CHAPEL EN LE FRITH

By request on 12/12/12 short walk and pre Christmas lunch at The Hanging Gate. Cost will be £12.95 payable to Ken Preston 212 Glebelands Road Sale M33 6PB phone No. 0161 973 0616

Those not wanting to walk should be at the pub for 12 noon. We have been promised the big room and definitely a sing along. Walk details to follow at later date but will only be two to three miles.

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - RADISSON HOTEL (Free Trade Hall).

Tour - Cost £5 on day. Meet in reception at 1-30 pm Book with Heather 01625 618782.

SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - BLAZE FARM, WILDBOARCLOUGH.

Christmas lunch and 2 mile walk. Cost £12. Cheques made payable to H V Wykes, 30 Langdale Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK11 7YS

MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY AT TIMPERLEY VILLAGE CLUB - Details later.

MORECAMBE BAY CROSSING Sunday May 2013. It is proposed to arrange this event but I need an idea of interest. Please leave your name with Heather 01625618782.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to those joining our Club this month: Dave Burns, Pauline Campbell, Jill Nuttall, Graham Walsh.

**NEWS OF MEMBERS**

Best wishes to Mary Gerrard who has recently had a knee replacement op. Hope you will soon be walking with the Club again Mary.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

7.30 pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

Anne Macaulay  
Programme Secretary  
0161 941 2976

Edna Adderley  
Circular Distribution  
0161 980 7753

**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

Renewal of Membership for 2012/2013

Annual membership subscriptions are due after the AGM, but may be paid in advance if you wish. Subscriptions have to be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> December at the latest for delivery of your circular to be maintained. Please note that subscriptions remain at £7.00 p.a. for a single member and £12.00 p.a. for more than one member, all living at the same address. Note that there is an option to pay for 5 years or 10 years if you wish. If at present you have your circular posted, rather than delivered by hand or downloaded from the website, please add £7.00 p.a. to cover postage costs. The fee has had to be raised due to the increased postage rates. If you do not add this fee your circular will not be posted. (This does not apply to honorary members). Your receipt will be attached to the 2012/2013 membership card and should be sent with the December circular. You do not need to send a stamped addressed envelope.

**N.B. If you are a 5-year or 10-year member having paid the relevant subscription and you are still paid-up, and your address is the same, NO ACTION IS REQUIRED** (Unless you need to record an e-mail address, mobile number or other change not previously notified). Members whose paid-up period has expired have been notified by letter.

If you have internet access to your bank account you may wish to pay by electronic transfer direct to our bank account at Yorkshire Bank, Sort Code 05-02-13, Account Number 42484432 and E-mail your completed renewal form to the Hon. Treasurer at rogerparker694@gmail.com. This saves your postage cost.

If you wish to pay by annual banker's order, please ask the Hon. Treasurer (Tel. 0161-980 2340, or E-mail rogerparker694@gmail.com) for a form. We are not able to use direct debit.

If you do not want a circular as you always obtain the walks programme from the club's website, please tick the box indicated.

Cheques to be made payable to **ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB**. Please do not staple your cheque.

If your address, e-mail address or programme delivery requirements have changed please call attention to this in the remarks section of the form.

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To the Hon. Treasurer, Roger Parker, 92, Woburn Drive, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8NE.

I/we wish to renew my/our membership and enclose my/our subscription. )

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) Please delete as required.

Please tick this box if you do not want the club circular as you always use the club website.

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## **ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 20 October 2011

**Present: 78 Members attended the meeting.**  
**Barns**

**Venue - All Saints Church Hall Hale**

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### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from 16 Members.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of Last AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM held on 21 October 2010 were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **4. President's Remarks**

The Chairman explained that the President, Dean Edwards is rather poorly and is in hospital and was unable to be in attendance. His wife Elsie has said that he would very much welcome visitors but this should be arranged through her as Dean might be moving hospital. Dean has specifically asked that visitors do not bring any gifts.

### **5. Reports**

#### **5.1 Chairman – Chris Sadler**

- CS reminded the Members that the year had started on a rather fraught note. There appeared to a note of unhappiness in the Club and following the last AGM there was 3 vacancies on the Committee – Sunday Walks Organiser, Social Organiser, and Wednesday Coach Trip Organiser. We however, managed to get through the year successfully.
- On behalf of the Membership CS sent thanks to Members working for the benefit of the Club. The Committee and Officers of the Club who give a lot of their time and energy in trying to ensure that the Members appreciate and enjoy the countryside. Particular thanks go to the Officers who are standing down, Margaret Ledger as Sunday Coach Organiser, Ron Armsden, who has looked after Members interests and also been our map custodian, and Mike Gregory who has coordinated the Sunday 'A' walks and also a large thank you to all of those who have led walks. This involves them in a great deal of time and significant cost. If it were not for these committed Members then there would be no walks.
- Members were reminded that during the year the problem of inflation reared its head and The Committee felt it fair that the transport costs be increased and it is trusted that the Membership understood and accepted the action taken.

#### **5.2 Treasurer – Roger Parker**

- RP issued copies of the accounts and highlighted and explained the following points.
  - There will be a deficit for the year of £258.37. RP explained that this was mainly due to the Coach Trips but that good results from the socials had held the deficit to this amount.
  - RP explained that the Committee had reviewed the overall situation and decided an increase in the subscriptions was unavoidable particularly as inflation is higher than in previous years and it was decided that an increase to £7 for single, £12 for multiple membership was appropriate. He further explained that a small increase at this stage would hopefully negate the necessity for further regular increases in the coming years.
- Further points from the accounts were highlighted:
- Subscription income has remained constant. The Treasurer thanked members who donated to the general fund, those who paid by standing order, and those who pay in advance. Members who have paid for 5 or 10 year membership and who's paid up period has not yet expired are not called on to pay the increase.
  - Expenditure – un-recovered categories were a little lower this year and happily there has been no need for charitable donations in memory of members who have died.
  - Donations have been paid as agreed at the last AGM - £50 each to the Ramblers Association, Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation, the Rossendale Search and Mountain Rescue Team, The Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation, the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, and CPRE Trafford District. Also £100 to the Lake District Search and Mountain Accident Association.
  - The net result for the year – Club money plus stock of badges is now a credit of £2506. Socials showed a surplus, the Weekend Away was nearly in balance, but coach trips showed an overall deficit between 2010 and 2011 although there was a small surplus for Wednesday coach trips in 2011.
  - Subscriptions must be paid by December 12. The Treasurer pointed out that payment by cheque is continuing to be accepted by the banks but alternatively Members could make direct electronic payment to the Club bank account. This method gives the Treasurer the least amount of work.
  - RP pointed out that there had been fewer social events this year and not using commercial catering at events had saved money. RP felt however, that we could not run the Club on the surplus made on social events.

- The Treasurer thanked Barry Rice and Keith Wykes for auditing the accounts.

### **5.3 Auditors - Barry Rice / Keith Wykes**

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- BR reported that the Books were left in very good order and added how fortunate the Club is having Roger as Treasurer. He also thanked Keith for his valuable help and Roger and June for their hospitality.
- The Auditors Report was proposed and seconded and then accepted by the Membership.

### **5.4 General Secretary - Susan Darby**

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- Nothing to report

### **5.5 Membership Secretary - Judy Bailey**

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- JB reported that during the year there have been 61 enquiries and from these there have been 22 applications for membership.
- The Committee had approved all of these applications and there is one proposed to be accepted at the next Committee Meeting. These numbers are in line with previous years.
- Over the year there have been 18 resignations and 3 members have changed their address.
- Sadly Bill Anderson, known as 'Sailor Bill' died earlier in the year. He had been a member for 19 years.
- There have been 10 guests on walks.
- The total membership of the Club presently stands at 388. This is 3 less than last year.
- The Committee has proposed that all new members will be welcomed and named in the Circular, starting with those elected at the first Committee Meeting following the AGM. This proposal was accepted by the Membership.
- JB thanked Robert Fysh for organising the updating, the printing, and delivery of the membership cards for her, Roy Clark for helping to get them out on time, and Edna Adderley for sending the cards to members.
- JB reminded members that there is an Accident Book and that all accidents should be reported to her.

**5.6 Sunday Walks Organiser.** There was no Sunday Walks Organiser appointed last year. John Drinkwater gave a report to the Meeting based upon information supplied by the coordinator from the individual groups.

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John Drinkwater read the report from 'A' Walks coordinator Mike Gregory.

- The walk numbers for September 2011 are 4<sup>th</sup> - 20, 11<sup>th</sup> - 17, 18<sup>th</sup> - 18 and 25<sup>th</sup> - 14 members.
- Records show there have been 51 'A' walks completed by 905 walkers, which averages at 17 per walk.
- Mike Gregory commented on the wonderful walks during the past year and gave his thanks to the leaders for a full and varied programme which included 3 mountain walks these being in North Wales, the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District, which were enjoyed by 60 walkers.
- He thanked Phil Worsley, Julia Corbett and Judith Wainwright for organising the Christmas walk and lunch at the Ram's Head Disley last year and this year at the Stanley Arms at Bottom of the Oven.

Mike Gregory is standing down after 5 years of coordinating the Sunday 'A' walks during which he has enjoyed the support of 'A' walkers and has seen the average numbers increase since 2006/7 from 10 to 17. He hopes his successor enjoys the same success and support.

John Drinkwater read the report from 'B' Walks coordinator Derrick Hamer.

- There have been a total of 41 walks completed by 608 walkers, averaging at 14.8 members per walk.
- There was one cancelled walk on December 5.
- This year's figures show a marginal increase on the 2010 figures.
- Derrick thanked Heather Wykes for her invaluable help in finding leaders, John Drinkwater for reporting to the Committee and to the AGM, all those who planned and pioneered walks, and those who attended.

John Drinkwater read the report from 'C' Walks coordinator Anne Macaulay.

- This year there have been a total of 13 walks completed by 154 walkers, averaging at 11.8 members per walk.
- Last year there were 11 walks with a total of 106 walkers averaging at 9.6 per walk
- Anne thanked all Leaders for their time and effort and hoped for their continued support.

John Drinkwater then gave a Summary of all Sunday Walks

- A grand total of 105 walks attended by 1,667 walkers, showing an increase from last year's 97 walks attended by 1,449 walkers. These figures do not include Sunday coach trips.

### **5.7 Wednesday Walks Organiser – John Drinkwater**

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JD reported as follows:

- There have been 51 planned 'A' walks but 2 of these were cancelled. These were attended by a total of 1038 walkers including 2 visitors, averaging at 21.1 per walk.
- There have been 37 planned 'B' walks but 1 was cancelled. These were attended by a total of 581 walkers including 3 visitors, averaging at 16.1 per walk

- There have been 31 planned 'C' walks but 2 were cancelled. These were attended by a total of 759 walkers including one visitor, averaging at 26.1 per walk.
- There were 13 walks more than last year despite the bad weather in December causing some cancellations.
- Some members have been unable to get lifts. JD asked if members travelling without passengers could call in at Altrincham station.
- The Christmas walks and lunches had been very successful and he thanked Joan Smylie, Betty Hollinshead, Ken Preston, and Judy Bailey. This year's Christmas lunches are organised.
- He thanked those who had led walks this year. More volunteers are needed, support and maps are available.

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### 5.8 Sunday Coach Trip Organiser - Margaret Ledger

It was noted that this was Margaret's last report as she is standing down as Sunday Coach Trip Organiser

- She has reported on Sunday Coach Trips since 1994 and in the last 17 years has organised 42 different venues
- She commented on the enjoyable experience for all and was pleased her efforts had led to many good times and expressed satisfaction that she is handing over to such a special team.

**5.9 Wednesday Coach Trip Organiser.** There was no Wednesday Coach Trip Organiser appointed for last year but Janet Blinkhorn had stepped in and acted in this role.

- Janet Blinkhorn reported that all coach trips had been successful.
- Arnside in May had 47 people, Matlock Bath in June had 38, Anglesey in July was fully booked and had a waiting list of 6 people and Grassington had 44 members attending.
- She thanked all walk leaders and hopes that coach trips next year will be as successful.

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### 5.10 Weekend Organiser – Dean Edwards

The Chairman read a report that had been prepared by Dean Edwards.

- Only 45 members out of a possible 53 took advantage of an excellent five days at Fort William. This was due mainly to the distance involved and the prospect of strenuous walking conditions. Despite poor weather all had a good time. The hotel was first class; the food was good including the packed lunches. The coach was comfortable and the driver took care of everyone.
- There were walks arranged for 'B' and 'C' members only as there were no 'A' walkers present. On the first day the 'B' walkers completed a 10 mile walk around Loch Oich starting at loch level and climbing about 700ft whilst the 'C' walkers tackled the lower section of the Great Glen Way including Neptune's Staircase.
- The second day was forecast to be very wet. Most members elected for a train trip to Mallaig. Despite the weather the scenery was spectacular (you couldn't see a thing!).
- On the third day both groups visited Glen Nevis, the 'B' group walked 9 miles using woodland paths to the Lower Nevis falls and back following the River Nevis whilst the 'C' group followed a similar but shorter route that unfortunately included a steep ascent.
- The journey home via Glencoe, Loch Lomond, Gretna Green, and the Lake District was completed in excellent weather.
  - The Weekend Away for 2012 is arranged for The Cumberland Hotel Scarborough.
  - 67 members have applied for a place on the Club weekend. The maximum number allowed on the coach is 53.
  - In addition to the 53 a further 4 members have elected to make their own travel arrangements.
  - The remaining 10 applicants have been contacted to inform them they are on a waiting list.
  - A deposit of £30 per person has been sent to Alfa Travel. A final invoice has now been received and the persons accepted on the trip will be contacted to arrange payment of the outstanding balance.
  - A meeting with the Club Walks Organisers is arranged to agree a walk programme that is suitable and which ensures that the coach travel on the walking days is minimised and efficient.

**5.11 Social Organiser.** There was no Social Organiser appointed for last year but Heather Wykes had stepped in and acted in this role.

Heather Wykes reported on the following events that have taken place since December 2011.

- Two visits to Chetham's School of Music - A total of 30 members attended a concert and tour.
- New Year's Eve Party - 66 members attended.
- Tour of the Palace Hotel - 40 members attended.
- Hoe Down at The Larkhill Centre - 70 members attended.
- A magnificent slide show at Timperley Village Club - 40 members attended. Robert Fysh organised this event.
- Walk and Anderton Boat trip - 40 members attended.
- Two visits to Woodford Heritage Centre - 24 members attended. A fascinating insight into aviation history.
- Trafford College lunch - 60 members attended and celebrated the Club's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Alderley Edge Mines - 14 attended. The guide made the event very interesting.
- Hilton Hotel tour - 25 attended. The feedback declared this to be an excellent event.
- Quiz and Games Night - 34 members attended. A fun night with good food.

In conclusion Heather thanked all who have helped and supported her in these events and highlighted the importance of these activities in bringing all of the Members together. She asked if members would notify her of any ideas they had for future events.

The Chairman also thanked Colin Jeffrey for arranging an excellent Wine Tasting Evening at the Stables Restaurant.

#### **5.11 Goodwill Secretary – Erica Clark**

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EC reported as follows:

- 5 Thank You cards were sent to members who retired from the committee last year – Ian Stenhouse, Libby Malin, Joan Holmes, Derrick Hamer, and Colin Jeffrey
- Also sent were 2 Thinking of You cards, 18 Get Well cards, 16 Sympathy cards, 1 Christmas card, 9 Birthday cards and 3 special Anniversary cards.
- Flowers were sent to Libby Malin and a book token to Ian Stenhouse to say thank you for the work that they had done for the Club.
- She also reported that Ian Marsden is recovering well from a quadruple heart bypass.

In conclusion thanks were given to all members who contact Erica to notify her of members who should receive acknowledgements. Thanks were also extended to Margaret Ledger for all she has done for the club.

#### **5.12 Webmaster - Alan Gerrard**

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AG explained the advantage of a Website and how our Club appears high on the page when a search engine is used to look for a walking club. He went on to highlight the following

- There have been 44 membership enquiries online this year, 16 have converted to membership.
- The majority of walk submissions are now done online – 158 and this is increasing.
- The forward walks diaries are proving popular and are very useful for the Walks Organisers when planning the programme of walks.
- Technical problems with the Web hosting provider resulting with the Website going down. AG has now changed to a new Web hosting provider.
- There have been some nasty attacks on Websites. AG has spent considerable time with the help of the provider to get this problem sorted.
- AG thanked members for their constructive suggestions, support, and encouragement.

#### **5.13 Peak & Northern Footpaths Society Representative – Robert Fysh**

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RF reported – 3 notable successes for the PNFS this year.

- The Bridestone Path on the Derbyshire/Staffordshire border – subject to a public enquiry regarding a dispute whether part of the path was a public right of way. After considerable work by the legal team of the PNFS the Inspector ruled that it was a right of way and the path now provides a pleasant circular walk that includes Bosley Cloud. When the path fully opens next year the PNFS plan to hold a celebration walk. Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigge are proposing a Club walk along this path.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> August public enquiry into the obstruction caused by an eight foot high fence and rubble placed on a section of the Brookfield to Hawthorne Avenue footpath in Timperley. The inspector ruled in favour of the PNFS and the footpath is now clear after Robert and others gave evidence to the effect that they had used the footpath without hindrance for more than twenty years. The Ramblers Trafford Branch had been the main objectors and the PNFS had supported them.
- Opening of the Irlam Ferry – another joint venture between the Ramblers Trafford Branch and the PNFS. This ferry had been closed since the ferryman died three years ago. If it is not used it will be closed.

#### **6. Donations – Roger Parker**

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- RP proposed that donations to continue as listed in the Accounts document. This proposal was properly seconded and accepted by the Membership.

#### **7. Subscriptions - Roger Parker**

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- RP proposed that the Subscription should be increased to £7.00 for single Membership and £12 for double Membership as described in the draft document that describes the details for renewal of Membership presented by RP. This proposal was properly seconded and accepted by the Membership with a unanimous vote.
- It was agreed that the joining fee would remain unchanged.
- RP proposed that there should be a payment of £5 to cover postage costs if the Club Circular is delivered to a Member's home by The Post Office. This proposal was properly seconded and accepted by the Membership with a unanimous vote.

## 8. Election of Officers and Committee

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The Chairman reminded the Members that at the last AGM there were some vacant positions.

This year the majority of members of the Committee have agreed to continue in their posts and we have had nominations for the remaining 6 vacant positions. We have received only one nomination for each of the post of Committee member and Official and there is therefore no necessity for any votes.

The following persons are therefore elected unopposed:

- **President** - Dean Edwards
- **Vice Presidents** - Robert Fysh and Roger Parker
- **Chairman** – Chris Sadler
- **General Secretary** - Susan Darby
- **Treasurer** - Roger Parker
- **Membership Secretary** - Judy Bailey
- **Sunday Walks Organiser** - Phil Worsley
- **Wednesday Walks Organiser** - John Drinkwater
- **Sunday and Wednesday Coach Trip Organiser** - Janet Blinkhorn
- **Weekend Organiser** - Dean Edwards
- **Social Secretary** - Heather Wykes
- **Programme Secretary** - Anne Macaulay
- **Goodwill Secretary** - Erica Clarke
- **Webmaster** - Alan Gerrard
- **Peak & Northern Footpaths Representative** - Robert Fysh
- **Ordinary Members** - Elaine Hall and Barry Rice
- **Auditors** - Barry Rice and Keith Wykes
- **Map Custodian** - Roy Merritt
- **Archives** - Heather Wykes
- **Circular Distribution Organiser** - Edna Adderley

## 9. Honorary Members

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- Joan Holmes and Peter Harris were elected as Honorary Members at the last AGM and Robert Fysh presented certificates to them.
- Joan had joined the Club in 1973 and acted on the Committee for about 6 years. She extended her thanks to members and said how much she had enjoyed her years with the Club.
- Peter joined the Club in 1983 and is remembered for his Well Dressing Walks and walks in the Lake District. He thanked everyone for the welcome but unexpected award.

The Chairman explained that the Club Constitution says that Honorary Membership can be given to any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the aims and activities of the Club. This year we had one nomination for Honorary Membership. After only a brief consideration the Committee recommends that the honour is given to Margaret Ledger.

The records that the Club holds might not be fully accurate but as far as we are able to tell Margaret was a Committee Member for 5 years, Coach Trip Organiser for 17 years, and President of the Club for 4 years.

This recommendation was unanimously accepted by the attending Membership.

A certificate will be printed and presented at a suitable time but in the meantime a presentation of a book token was made by Robert Fysh and flowers by Erica Clarke to Margaret.

Margaret Ledger thanked members for the flowers and book token and for their support over the years.

## 10.0 Constitution

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The Chairman explained that there were no proposals to amend the Constitution so it remains as agreed at the 2010 AGM.

## 11. Any Other Business

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- The Chairman read out a letter from Veronica Dunkley in which she sent her apologies for absence and asked for the opportunity to thank Members for their contribution to such a successful Club. She also wished to thank the Committee Members who were retiring this year, especially Margaret Ledger.
- It was confirmed that The Peak District National Park Authority has gained a temporary prohibition of 4 x 4 vehicles on the Chapel Gate Track.
- Keith Wykes advised members of BBC4 programmes starting on 30 October that are recommended viewing for Members. The first entitled Rocking the Boat, then about The Lake District, and finally about Loch Lomond.
- The Chairman thanked Heather Wykes and her team of helpers for organising the refreshments.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

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- The date of next AGM is Thursday 18 October 2012 at 7.30pm in the All Saints Church Hall Hale Barns. The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm