

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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DECEMBER 2012 CIRCULAR

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the new treasurer: Steve Glover at: 4 Littlemere Court, 42 Ashley Road, Altrincham WA14 2LZ. Rates are: Single £7. Family £12

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 2ND DECEMBER - RUSHTON SPENCER

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £5.00

Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Staffordshire Way CP behind the Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer GR SJ 935 625 (where leader will meet).

A mix of wooded valleys along rivers and streams together with high level walking giving very attractive views. Rushton Spencer - Hollinhal - Wincle Grange - Nettlebeds - Nabbs Hill - Wincle Minn - Barleighford Bridge - Rushton Spencer.

MILLERS DALE

Leave 0915 6.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.00

Leaders Pam and Phil Grundy 973 8854 and 07952 564884

Park Cars Tideswell Dale car park (£3.00). GR 154742. Take A6 towards Buxton, left onto A623 through Sparrow Pit, after about 5 miles turn right onto B6049. Car park is 1 mile south of Tideswell.

A walk through Tideswell Dale into Miller's Dale along the Wye and past Litton Mill. Up through Cressbrook Dale and Tansley Dale to Litton, Tideswell and back to the car park. Return to cars 4 pm.

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - HIGHER BURWARDSLEY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leave 0915 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.00

Leaders Judy Bailey & John Drinkwater 928 1156/07401 519951

Park Cars: The Pheasant Inn CP GR523575 A556, A49 towards Whitchurch following SP for Candle Workshops. Turn left into Pennsylvania Lane for Pheasant Inn.

Lunch fully booked. Anyone planning to do walk only and requires transport please ring Judy.

Much of the route follows the Sandstone Trail and Eddisbury Way taking in Bulkeley Hill, Rawhead, Burwardsley, Willow Hill, Pennsylvania Wood and Peckforton Estate Conservation Area. Good views of Cheshire's castles and countryside.

MICKERBROOK - LADYBROOK VALLEY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leave 9 20 4 miles Cat 4 Transport £1 + CP Fee.

Leaders Betty Hollinshead 4321761 and Joan Smyllie 998 6596

Park cars Bruntwood Park CP Cheadle Hulme GR 859871. To car park turn onto Schools Hill at round about junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd (signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to CP

Cross bruntwood lane by stream and golf course to go along Micker and Ladybrook .Short stop (BRING COFFEE) Foot paths across fields and short stretches of roads to lunch at the Vinery cafe . Some lunch (£11) places left. Book and select menu by phoning Betty or Joan at the latest before Dec. 2nd.

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER - SHUTLINGSLOE

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00
 Leaders Tess Gregory & Sue Skelton 01625 614211
 Park Cars: Teggs Nose CP (P&D charge £2) on Buxton Old Road out of Macclesfield
 GR SJ951733 (where leaders will meet).

Teggs Nose - Bottoms Reservoir - Gritstone Trail - Oaken Clough - Greenway Bridge - Wildboardclough -
 Shutlingsloe - Macclesfield Forest - Ridgegate Reservoir - Teggs Nose.

- BLAZE FARM (fully booked)

Leave Brookside at 11.45 am 2 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.50.
 Leader Heather Wykes 01625 618782.
 Park cars On layby by the now closed Brookside Café GR 980 681

After a short walk via Higher Nabb farm and Crag Inn we drive to Blaze farm GR 975 675 for 2 pm lunch.

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - MARPLE RIDGE & MELLOR MOOR

Leave 9.30 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.20
 Leaders Jean Lewis, Elizabeth Downie & Roy Merritt. Tel No: 928 8870 & 904 9775
 Park Cars: A626 to Marple. Turn right in Marple town centre at Texaco garage onto B6101
 (Church Lane then Ridge Road). Continue uphill for 1.5 miles past three churches.
 Ridge Quarry Viewpoint car park is on the left. (GR. 964 867)

Peak Forest Canal, Bottoms Bridge, Cown Edge Way, Cobden Edge, Mellor Moor, Shaw Farm, Strines.
 Lovely views on a good day. Mud in places.

- WHALEY BRIDGE

Leave 9.30 3 miles Cat.3/4 Transport: £3.00
 Leader Ken Preston 973 0616
 Park Cars: Whaley Bridge canal basin car park. Alternatively on the road.
 N.B. No pick up at Altrincham. Please arrange lifts beforehand. A5004 towards Buxton from A6.
 Lunch at The Hanging Gate, Chapel Lane. Through Whaley Bridge, left at traffic lights. Pub on the right.

A short walk before our pre Christmas lunch for those that would like it. A short ascent to Bugsworth basin and back along the canal. Take a flask if you like. Those not walking please be at the venue for 12 noon.

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER - BOTTOM OF THE OVEN AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leave 0845 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.40
 Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013
 Park Cars: The Stanley Arms at Grid Reference SJ980723. Please use the 'top' car park only.
 Contact the leader for further information if required.

This anti-clockwise circuit will visit Chest Hollow, Stake Farm, Shining Tor, Lamaload Reservoir, Walker Barn, Ashreetop, and Chapel House Farm. On completion of the walk, and for those who have pre-booked, Christmas Lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.30 pm. Please note that the Christmas Lunch element is now fully booked.

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER - TATTON PARK

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.20
 Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 / 07970742311
 Park Cars: On Mereheath Lane near Knutsford entrance to Tatton SJ750793.

Through Knutsford and then a circular walk round the boundaries of Tatton park.

- **ASTBURY**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat. 4 Transport £3.80
Leaders Brian Warburton 928 7087 and Norman Simcock 962 1627
Park cars Astbury Mere Country Park (GR 847 626). Suggested route via Wilmslow and Alderley Edge: Take A34 (Congleton road) to Monks Heath. Continue on A34 through Marton, Lower Heath and outskirts of Congleton, passing Tesco on right. After traffic lights and climbing hill to roundabout where A34 bears right, then left to become Newcastle Road. Shortly (on left) is a brown sign to Astbury Country Park where a small housing estate leads into the car park.

We walk halfway round the mere (to the Sailing Club), then a series of paths and fields take us to the Macclesfield canal (part of the Cheshire Ring) which we walk for approx. 1 mile, before returning to Astbury Mere, via Astbury village with its impressive church and quaint cottages

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER - FRODSHAM TO DELAMERE

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.20
Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 07761624521.
Park Cars: Meet Frodsham High Street at A56/B5152 junction (opposite the Bears Paw Pub). Use roadside parking bays along road or car parks SJ517779.

Sandstone trail to Delamere forest, and return via Delamere way.

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER - HAYFIELD

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013
Park Cars: The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield at Grid Reference SK036869.
Cost to be shared.

This strong winter walk in the Dark Peak will see us travel anti-clockwise with the outward leg taking us to Ridge Top, The Naze, Breckhead, and Wash with the return calling at Malcoff, South Head, Mount Famine, and Stubbs Farm.

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley. 8.00 pm to midnight.
Please bring knife, fork, spoon and sherry glass. Join in the final celebrations of 2012 by donning your diamonds, jewels and dinner suit for this glamorous, sparkly occasion. Hotpot and apple-pie supper.
Tickets £8.50 from Elaine Hall 962 5422 or Derrick Hamer 969 3821.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

January - 9th 'B', 16th 'C', 23rd 'B', 30th 'C'.
Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

CLUB OFFICERS 2012/2013

At the AGM held on 18 October 2012 all of the proposed Officers and Officials were accepted by those attending. The names and contact details of these Officers and Officials are listed in the new Membership cards or in the Circular.

Our thanks go to the officials who have retired from the Committee for their work over the past years.

Edna Adderley who has been responsible for the distribution of the Circulars. The new Circular Distribution Organiser is Joyce Hausaman.

Barry Rice as Auditor. He has also held several other posts in his time with the Club.
The new Auditor is Jean Lewis.

Judy Bailey as Membership Secretary. The new Membership secretary is Rose Monteath.

Roger Parker who has been Treasurer for 21 years. The new Treasurer is Steve Glover.

In recognition of the service that the retiring persons have given as Officers of the Club, each was presented with a memento in the form of book token.

Both Judy and Edna say many thanks for the book tokens presented to them.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Committee is pleased to inform all Members that at the AGM held on 18 October 2012 Barry Rice and Roger Parker were proposed and accepted as Honorary Members of The Club. Both will be presented with a certificate to commemorate the event at the next AGM.

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2013.

Hoe Down with Fred. Details in next circular.

CLUB HOLIDAY – APRIL 2013

Alfa Travel have brought to Dean's attention that there is a £45 exclusion which is applied to the holiday insurance provided by them.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to those joining our Club this month.

Sue Coles, Jean Smith, Eddie Bent, David and Christine Hartley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

All good wishes to Edna and John Brownhill who celebrate their Golden Wedding this month.

We send best wishes for a good recovery to Marion Barnes who has recently been in hospital and to Edwina Fysh who has very recently been in hospital for an operation on her foot.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

SEASONS GREETINGS TO CLUB MEMBERS

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