

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

JANUARY 2014 CIRCULAR

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station . When submitting a walk indicate the mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
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'

TUESDAY 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 final celebration of 2013 by donning your vintage gear.

Live music and hot supper. Tickets £8.50 from Derrick Hamer 969 3821. Friends welcome.

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY - DUNHAM

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 20p

Leaders Ian & Josie Stenhouse 926 8446 Mob No: 07713030118

Park Cars: Outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road.
GR SJ760878.

A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Café and Shop - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then on to Little Bollington and across the fields to Agden Bridge, back along the Canal into Dunham Park and on to the cars by way of the Golf Course, Denzell Gardens and the Devisdale.

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY - HAYFIELD

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369

Park Cars: The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield at Grid Reference SK036869.
Cost to be shared.

We travel anti-clockwise on this winter walk in the Dark Peak 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.

- GAWSWORTH

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00

Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782

Park cars: On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and church
GR.886 692 Where leader will meet.

An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount farm, Brereton farm and Cowbrook farm, along the Macclesfield canal to North Rode then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY - DELAMERE

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat. 3 Transport £4.80

Leaders Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 Mob No: 0773 327 0371

Park Cars: Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road. Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.

A walk mainly on tracks in Delamere Forest, visiting Eddisbury Lodge, Pale Heights (views over seven counties in good weather), Hart Hill, Hatchmere and Blakemere Moss

- **TIMPERLEY**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 Mob No: 07790063485
Park Cars: Langham Grove GR788 897 where leader will meet. Park Rd. onto Heyes Lane 3rd right onto Langham Grove. CP few yards on left. (No 20 bus from Altrincham stops at Langham Grove).

A gentle walk exploring local footpaths via Old Hall cross golf course visit Garden Centre for refreshments back via Brooks Drive and Beech Fields.

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY - HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leaders Brenda Bailey and David Bona 900 9177 Mob. 07549630277
Park Cars: Grid reference SD939153 Post Code OL15 0AZ Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre p/d carpark £2.20. Junction 21 sign Milnrow, follow Milnrow signs and then Hollingworth Lake sign. Go past the lake and past Wine Press Hotel. Carpark is on left.

Note this is a repeat of walk in November, when no-one turned up. If weather is bad (eg snow etc) ring me the night before as I have an alternative 10 mile walk which we can do regardless of the weather

Leave car park go all round Hollingworth Lake towards M62 viaduct go under towards flank of Dick Hill, long climb up to Windy Hill, then over motorway up to Blackstone Edge Pennine Way, down Roman Road. through golf club and back towards the visitor centre

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY - WIRRAL

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.4 Transport: £8.00 Leader Beverley Harrison 928 1093
Park Cars: Take M56/M53 towards Birkenhead/Ellesmere Port. At junction 2 follow the B roads to Hoylake /West Kirby and turn right on to the A540. Turn left at the bend to the right down Dee Lane past Morrisons to the beach road 'South Parade'. Park along this road but we will meet at the junction with Dee Lane. CH48 0QG. We will walk to the train station from here as we start the walk in New Brighton. Remember to bring your rail card if you have one.

This is a flatish linear walk along the promenade and beach from New Brighton to West Kirby. While it is an easy walk we will have to walk at a brisk pace to finish in daylight. We should see a variety of sea birds.

- **MARBURY COUNTRY PARK**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.20. Leader: Frank Dockry
Park Cars Marbury Country Park car park. Pay & display. GR SJ 652 764
Follow M56 exit J10 First left on roundabout. Follow A559 for 4.75 mile turn right into Gibhill, follow this road until you see the signed entrance to Marbury country park.

An easy walk with not too many stiles. A little road walking. first to Great Budworth then to Marston. Then via canal to the Anderton Lift. Then through fields back to cars

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY - JUMBLES RESERVOIR

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20
Leader Ruth Worsley 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369
Park Cars: The Jumbles car park on the east side of Jumbles Reservoir at grid reference SD736140.

This walk will visit the three large reservoirs to the north of Bolton, the Cheetham Close Stone Circle and the village of Turton Bottoms. Travelling clockwise and utilising some sections of the Witton Weavers Way the route will also call at Horrobin Fold, Three Lowes, Fox Hill Plantation, and New House Farm.

- **LYME HANDLEY**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00
Leader: John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 0161 969 1557 Mob No: 07762 178935
Park Cars: Nelson Pitt CP Higher Poynton GR945 834. A5149 Chester Rd to Poynton, over crossroad into Park Lane. Take left fork into Middlewood Rd sp Anson Engine Museum, turn right sp Nelson Pitt and Anson Engine Museum. At Boars Head pub go over crossroad, CP on left.

From Middlewood Way to Throstlenest Farm, West Parkgate, Moorside, gradual climb upto Dale Top and Bow Stones then down to Lyme Park, Platt Wood Farm and Hill Top Farm. The route follows grassy field paths, grit/stoney paths, farm tracks and country lanes. Panoramic views on a good day.

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY - LUMBUTTS AND HEBDEN BRIDGE

Leave 0900 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.80

Leader: Suzanne Caulfield 928 4838

Park Cars: Lobb Mill picnic area. OL 21 GR SD955246. From Todmorden town centre follow the A646 Hebden Bridge Road for 1.4 miles. Car park on left at end of railway arches. If full, parking available about 200 yards further on the right

Lumbutts via Lumbutts Clough, Mankinholes, London Road, Erringden Grange, Hebden Bridge and return to cars along the Rochdale canal.

- NEWCHURCH COMMON

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00

Leaders David and Liz White 980 8605 Mob No: 07716961974

Park Cars: Whitegate Way CP. Take A556 towards Chester. In Sandiway (at traffic lights) turn left into Daleford Lane. Take 2nd right into Clay Lane. CP on left just over bridge. GR 615680

Whitegate Way then passing the lakes of Newchurch Common. Pleasant walking in the heart of Cheshire's salt region.

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY - RUDYARD

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00

Leader Alan Gerrard 980 7508:

Park Cars: Staffordshire Way CP behind the Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer GR SJ 935625

Rushton Hall, Birchtree Farm, Horton, along Horton Brook and onwards to Lyme House. Climb over Longsdon Edge to join the Staffordshire Way. Return along the west side of Rudyard Lake. This walk is very muddy with some heavy going in parts.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY - EAST OF WILDBOARCLOUGH

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369

Park Cars: The free public car park at Clough House, just north of Wildboarclough at GR SJ987698

This winter walk generally to the east of Wildboarclough will visit Heild End Farm, Gradbach, Manor Farm, Sniddles, Green Gutter Head, Spring Head, Danebower Quarries, and Cumberland Cottage. No major climbs but a few of the usual undulations and of course, winter conditions.

- LYMM WEST

Leave 0945 7.5 miles Cat. 4 Transport £1.40

Leader: Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634 Mob No: 07840 671087

Park Cars: GR SJ684687 CP Crouchley Lane, Lymm, signposted on L of A56 just before Dam.

Pass Dam and across fields to A50 then M6 roundabout. To Boothshill Farm and to canal before proceeding to Statham. Back via canal and/or TPT to Lymm centre and cars.

- LACH DENNIS

Leave 0930 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00

Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087

Park cars Lach Dennis. Small layby on right of B5082 (Past Duke of Portland pub.) GR 706 720.

Suggest route: A556 (crossing M6 at J.19). Carry on A556 (Northwich Bypass) to Penny's Lane. (B5082) on the left, which leads into Lach Dennis becoming Holmes Chapel Road in village centre. Alternative parking: Crowders Lane, near Duke of Portland pub.

Starting from front of pub, we take to the fields passing Hulse Farm, Cape of Good Hope Farm and the ruins of Hulme Hall and the ruins of Snig Hall, before returning to our cars.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walks and 'B' walks above 8 miles Phil Worsley Tel: 777 6013

'B' walks up to 8 miles and 'C' walks Alison Wilkes Tel: 962 9352

Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward details of numbers on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil Worsley.

WEDNESDAYS

5th February 'C' walk, 19th February 'B' and 'C' walks, 26th February 'B' walk.

Contact Alan Key 941 4359 'A' walks, David White 980 8605 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2014

At the Plaza Cinema. Stockport. Spectacular film - Banff (Canada) Film Festival, This is a must for everyone if you enjoy the active outdoors. 7.30 pm Just turn up at cinema.

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2014 Timperley Village Club

7.45 pm A film show on the Kinder Mass Trespass. A must for all walkers.

AGM 2013

At the AGM held on 21ST November 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. Chris Sadler our Chairman for the past three years, Derrick Hamer, Sunday 'B' walks organiser, John Drinkwater, Wednesday walks organiser. Elaine Hall, ordinary member, Roy Merritt. Map Custodian - Chris Sadler has now taken over the map library.

We welcome Judith Wainwright – Chairman, Alan Key – Wednesday 'A' walks organiser, assisted by David White 'B' and 'C' walks. Alison Wilkes for Sunday 'B' walks of 8 miles and below and 'C' walks. Mike Jones – ordinary member. For some months now Jill Lee has been Circular Distribution organiser assisted by Joyce Hausaman.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The following members received their certificates for their many years service to the Club. Roger Parker - Treasurer and Barry Rice - auditor and many other positions.

WEBMASTER

Alan Gerrard intends to stand down from the position of Webmaster after the 2014 AGM.

Accordingly he would like to hear from members, who would be interested in joining a Group to develop a new Club Website, one of whom to eventually become the new Webmaster. The aim is to develop a new and more modern website using a content management system - which does not require a detailed programming knowledge to build, maintain and manage.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Fiona Butterworth who has recently joined our Club.

NEXT COMMITTEE

7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th January at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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