

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

APRIL 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. Names of walkers including 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 2ND APRIL - RUSHTON SPENCER / THE CLOUD BOSLEY

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5

Leader Keith Wykes 01625 618164

Park Cars: Staffordshire Way C.P. behind the Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625 (nr.SK11 0QU) (where leader will meet).

Old railway trackbed NNW to Gritstone Trail/Staffordshire Way; Dane Valley Way; Raven's Clough Farm & Hillside Farm; then to The Cloud (1,125') - superb views over the Cheshire Plain. Descend to Congleton 82, the Bridestones & 'missing link'; newly opened F.P. courtesy of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society; & Bridestones Burial Chamber. Return is via Gosberryhole Ln., Cloud Side, Wood Common Farm, Woodhouse Green, Ditchway Farm & Oulton. Wet (underfoot and raining), muddy and gaiter weather when pioneered in January.

- ROSTHERNE

Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4 Transport 80p

Leader Joan McCance Tel No: 01625 585223 Mob No: 07986774181

Park Cars: Chapel Lane, Bucklow Hill.

On the A556 from Altrincham turn immediate Right at the Traffic Lights at Bucklow Hill, near the garage that sells used Mercedes etc. Park on R.H. side of Chapel Lane. GR. SJ731832

A very pleasant walk through lanes and fields, through Rostherne village and surrounding area but a crossing of A556 is involved . There are only a few stiles but there could be one or two muddy patches if there has been a lot of rain.

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL - MONYASH OVER HADDON AND SHELDON

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader Judith Rees 0161 980 5034 Mob No: 07923130630

Park cars In the layby on Flagg Lane (near Sheldon) Grid Ref OL24 157 686

Pleasant undulating walk on field paths and part of the limestone Way. Passing through or near to the villages of Monyash, Over Haddon and Sheldon. Return to Cars: 4.00

- DELAMERE

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.60

Leaders Judy Bailey & John Drinkwater 0161 928 1156 Mob No: 07401 519 951

Park Cars: Gresty Waste CP GR540686 A56, A556, CP on left after the A54 junction (0.4 mile)

Much of this walk follows the Sandstone Trail, field paths and some lane walking. From CP to Pale Heights, Eddisbury Hill, Stoney Lane, Harrow Hill, Tirley Garth and Bentley Wood where we pick up the Sandstone Trail, passing Summertrees and back to the CP.

NB Please be aware of possible travel disruption and road closures due to the Manchester Marathon

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL - WERNETH LOW TO COWN EDGE

Leave 0915 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.80

Leader Alan Key 0161 941 4359 Mob No: 0776 162 4521

Park Cars: Lower Higham Visitor Centre (on Werneth Low country park), Higham Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LR.

Take the A560 from Stockport, after 2 miles the A560 makes a right turn, follow this for 0.8 mile and turn right onto Spring Ave, which leads onto Higham lane and the visitor centre is just left

A walk to Cown edge via the top end of Etherow Country park and return via Broadbottom

- **ROOLEY MOOR AND HEALEY DELL**

Leave 0915 7 ¾ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.80
Leaders Jill Chandler 973 7188 and Gill Winn 905 2942
Park Cars Healey Dell Visitor Centre SD 879 155. M62 Junction 20, A58 to Rochdale. Left on A671.
In 1 ½ miles after Oxford pub, left at road junction with bollards and immediately right down narrow steep road to car park.
Through woodland, round Greenbooth and Naden Reservoirs. Steep climb to Rooley Moor Road crossing a high awkward stone wall stile, then Prickshaw and delightful Healey Dell.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL - DELPH

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.80
Leader Howard Meadowcroft 0161 904 0016 Mob No: 07960469488
Park Cars: CP on RHS as you enter Delph on the A6052. The CP is situated next to Delph Primary School and a childrens play area. GR SD982 081 Return to Cars: 15 00.
Castleshaw Lower Res.-Hind Hill-Pennine Way-Readycon Res-Rochdale Way-Cherry Clough-Tame Valley Way.

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL - CHESTER TO HELSBY

Leave 0830 13.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £5.40
Leaders Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 & 928 0644 Mob No: 0774 261 3309
Park Cars: Helsby Quarry car park, Alvanley Road, Helsby WA6 9PT
Linear walk from Chester to Helsby, ending at Helsby Fort. 9.41 from Helsby to Chester to start the walk. If driving direct to Helsby, please be at car park by 9.20am to walk down to station.

- **LAMALOAD RESERVOIR**

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80
Leaders Ron Goodman 945 0198 and Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park cars Lamaload Car Park. GR SJ 976 753. From Macclesfield take the A537 Buxton road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left on a minor road signposted Saltersford and the Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537.
From the car park to Chapel House farm, then to Chest Hollow and up to Shining Tor and back to Lamaload Res.

- **LYMM DAM**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.00
Leaders Dean & Elsie Edwards 0161 962 3301
Park Cars: Crouchley Lane Lymm GR SJ684867 Signposted Left off A56 just before Lymm Dam

From the Car Park we walk to Lymm Village. Taking the Mersey Valley Trail we visit Spud Wood and return to Lymm along the canal tow path. We then join the Trans Pennine Trail and return to Lymm Dam via Slitton Gorge and The Dingle, to visit the Vernon Hill Memorial Table for a short dedication (at about 3.00 pm) before returning to our cars. Return to cars: 4 pm.

Note: The exact location of the Table is not yet known. Dean will place full details on the Club Website when they are known or ring him on 0161 962 3301 in the week before 16 April.

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL - CHATSWORTH

Leave 0915 7.5 miles Cat.3 Transport: £8.00
Leaders Judy Bailey & Josie Stenhouse (with help from John and Ian!)
Tel No: 928 1156 or 926 8446 Mob No: 07713030118
Park Cars: The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR SK261703. Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the fountain in the Stables courtyard where toilets are available and aim to start the walk by 11am.
We are aiming to carry on the good work of Jill and Mary (to whom many thanks) in the traditional Good Friday Chatsworth walk. The route will be different this year. We shall start with a short, fairly steep climb up to Stand Wood and the Hunting Tower, then along Dobb Edge to Robin Hood. From there we go past Nelson's Monument and the Wellington Monument to Baslow and back into the Park to return to the cars, hopefully in time for tea and scones!

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL - ROCHDALE

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.60
Leaders Brenda Bailey and David Bona 0161 900 9177 Mob No: 07549630227
Park Cars: Grid ref. SD831158. Postcode(approx) OL12 7TY.
M60 junction 20 onto A727M to Rochdale. A58 then A680 to Norden, through Norden and park cars on the Edenfield Road on left at Ashworth Reservoir where leader will meet. Owd Betts pub on the right.

Ashworth Moor on to Turf Moor, the Rossendale Way, Cowpe Reservoir. Descend down Hamer Hill. Naden reservoir, climb up to Knowl Moor. Climb Knowl Hill to trig point. Descend down Ashworth Moor back to cars

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL - WESSENDEN HEAD

Leave 0915 10.6 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175

Park Cars: M60 exit 23, through Ashton-u-Lyne then pick up A635 signed for Holmfirth and roadside parking is 5.5 miles after passing clearly marked entrance to Dovestone reservoir. GR SE 077 073 Where leader will meet.

Following the Kirklees Way & Meltham Way over Meltham Moor to Deer Hill reservoir and the shooting range then returning over Binn Moor on the Marsden Moor Heritage trail via Butterley & Blakeley Reservoirs. As most of this walk is above 1,000 ft excellent views all day given reasonable cloud conditions. Return to Cars: 3.30

- DEVISDALE & DUNHAM

Leave 10.15 6 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p

Leaders Angela and Norman Simcock 962 1627

Park cars Devisdale Road, opposite St.Margarets church, Altrincham. GR 769 898.

Through Devisdale to Dunham Park via the golf course, back along canal to Dunham Town, through golf course to Denzell Gardens, and back to cars

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL - OGDEN / PIETHORNE RESERVOIRS

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40

Leader John Beardmore 0161 904 7448 Mob No: 07990079292

Park Cars: From Altr. M60, M62 exit jct. 21, at rdbts take A6193/A640, after .6m follow A640 left onto Huddersfield Rd, .8m left Ogden Lane, left onto 'Private Road', free car park on left by reservoir GR953123

Post code:OL16 3TF

From cp to Higher Ogden, Rooden res, waterfall, Windy Hill, Tunshill lane, Piethorne reservoir, Ogden reservoir. Return to cars: 15.30

- MACCLESFIELD

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat 3 Transport £3.80

Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park cars CP at Teggs Nose reservoir. Route – A523 Leek Road out of Macclesfield. Turn left at traffic lights (Byrons Lane) following signs to Langley, keep bearing left at Church Inn and by church, turn left up narrow lane marked with no through road sign, which leads to car park. Grid Reference SJ94562 71843.

We walk along the east side Teggs Nose reservoir and up fields to Clough House Farm, then across fields and Hacked Way Lane into Macclesfield Forest to Chapel House farm, across moorland and back into the Forest, skirting Buxtors Hill and Nessit Hill, then via part of the Gritstone Trail down to Ridgigate reservoir and by Clarke Lane on south side of Bottom reservoir back to the start. Some steady climbs, giving good views over the surrounding countryside to Alderley Edge, Jodrell Bank and Shuttlingsloe. Some muddy places but no difficult stiles.

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO LANGDALE - DUNGEON GHYLL

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

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.2. Crinkle Craggs and Bow Fell- Leader: Phil Worsley .

.Full details on the coach

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3. Leader: Keith Leslie

A linear walk from Skelwith Bridge to the Stickle Barn. Great views all the way on this low-level but undulating route, passing three major waterfalls, visiting the 'Cathedral of the Lakes', lunching at the picturesque Slater Bridge then to our highest point at the lovely Blea Tarn (featured in the opening sequence of Countryfile). An easy downhill takes us to our coach at the Stickle Barn by the New D G Hotel. Full details and route map on coach.

'C' walk - 5 miles Cat.4 Leader: Keith Wykes

Cumbria Way from Skelwith Bridge to New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel. N.B The leader will be taking a light lunch at Wainwright's Inn, Chapel Stile (www.langdale.co.uk/dine/wainwrights) where the Soup of the Day - Scotch Broth/Lamb Broth together with warm crusty roll & butter/spread (£3.95) is highly recommended. N.n.b. Please have sufficient foodstuffs with you to be eaten at the END of the walk.

Seats still available. Please contact Janet at (941 1634) 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Cheshire WA15 5RQ Please support the coach trips.

15 minute comfort stop at the Services so please bring your own drink or buy a take-away

- LYME HANDLEY

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00
Leaders Judy Bailey and John Drinkwater 0161 928 1156 Mob No: 07401 519 951
Park Cars: Nelson Pit 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 Boar's Head Pub go over crossroad, CP on left.

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

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAY May 4th 'C', 25th 'C'

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

May 7th 'B', 14th 'A' & 'B', 21st 'A' & 'C', 28th 'A' & 'C'

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

NOTE TO WALK LEADERS

During the recent renewal of the Club's insurance, our insurance broker advised that it's good practice for Walking Groups and Clubs to make and maintain a register of walk participants' names for each walk

The Committee has therefore decided to follow this guidance and to ask each walk leader to provide to the Walk Organiser a list of walkers on their walk including guests as from April.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO KETTLEWELL

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Ian Stenhouse

'B' walk - 8 ½ miles Cat. 3 Leader: Frank Dockry

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles Cat. 4/3 Leaders: Edna Adderley and Beryl Hunwick

Book with Edna Adderley (980 7753), 2 Well Green Close, Hale, Cheshire WA15 8PT with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Will all coach leaders let Anne Macaulay have details of your walks by 11th April please

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY.

5 mile walk with hotpot lunch at Blaze Farm. Cost £6. Pay on day. Book with Heather on 01625 618782

WEDNESDAY 28th MAY - Roberts Bakery, Northwich. Free tour. 2.30 pm. Book with Heather.

SUNDAY 13TH JULY - SOCIAL OUTING

This years social outing will be to The National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield

We hope to arrive in time for the daily remembrance service at 10.45am (lasts about 20/25 minutes). You will then have free time to explore the arboretum and the visitor centre. There is a café and restaurant for lunch and plenty of benches for a picnic if you prefer. There is to be a programme of entertainment throughout the year but it has not yet been published. This is often a military band or display. If you know of details of anyone who might be named on one of the memorials bring them with you. Keep your eyes open for booking details later in the year. Enquiries: Joan Jeffrey 0161 962 5651.

LEN KELLY

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Len Kelly. He died in Hospital on Wednesday 19th February 2014. Len will be familiar to the older members of the club. He was a very strong walker but unfortunately was involved in an accident with a mountain bike rider whilst out walking approx. 12 years ago. Both parties required hospitalisation. His health was affected as a result of the accident and he has not walked with the club for 10 years, although he still maintained interest in the club

MARION SEYMOUR - We wish Marion all the best for a good recovery after her recent replacement hip operation

REG FERRANS - We are sorry to report that Reg died recently and the funeral took place on March 4th . We send our sincere condolences to his wife Sally and all the family.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

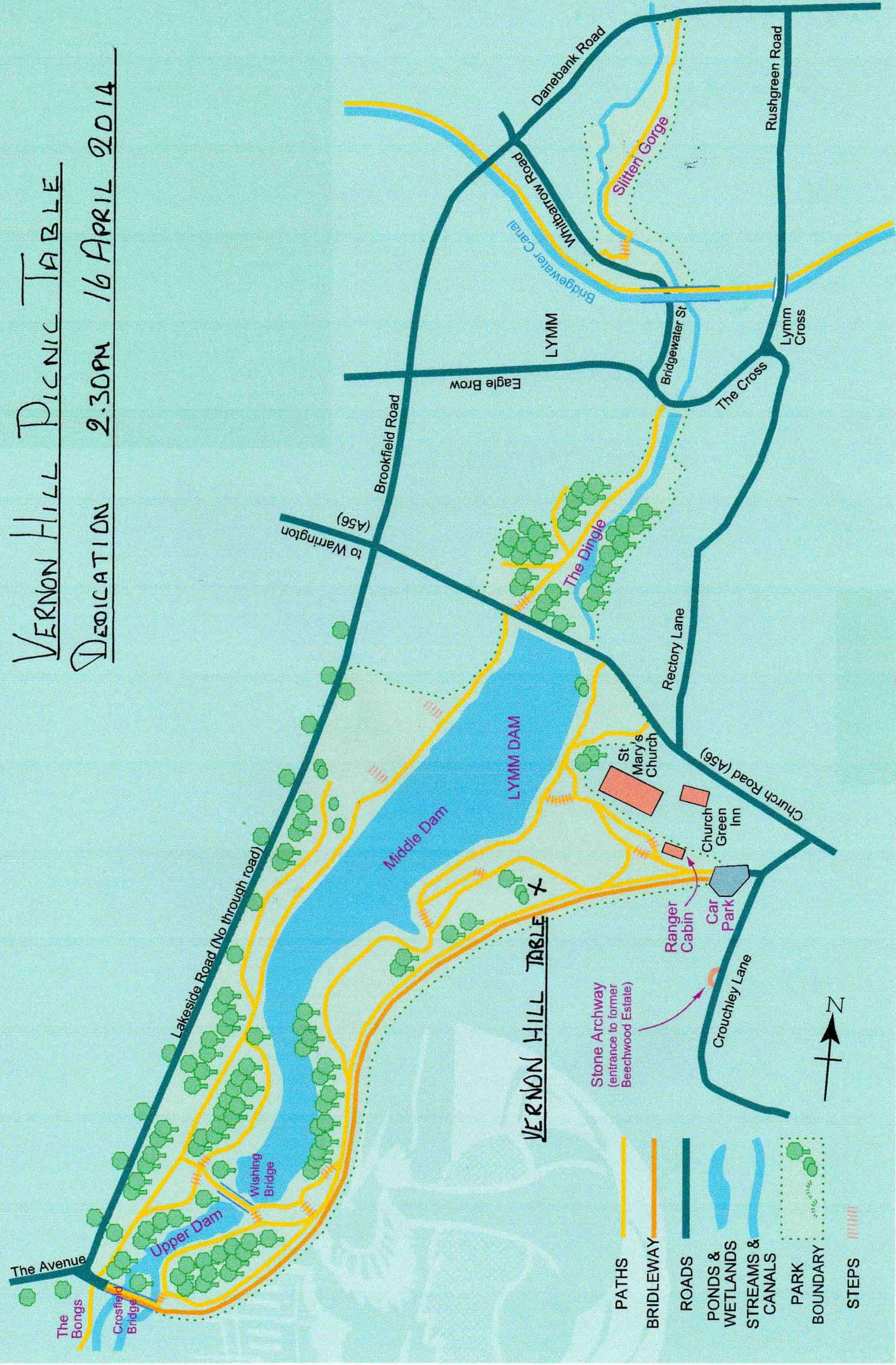
7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th April at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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VERNON HILL PICNIC TABLE

DEDICATION 2.30PM 16 APRIL 2014



VERNON HILL TABLE

- PATHS
- BRIDLEWAY
- ROADS
- PONDS & WETLANDS
- STREAMS & CANALS
- PARK BOUNDARY
- ||||| STEPS

