

MAY CIRCULAR 2014

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'

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO LANGDALE - DUNGEON GHYLL. For those members who may need a bite to eat after their walk, the NT Stickle Barn and the adjacent New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel are both open all day and both offer snacks at around £6 and meals from £9.50. Meals are served all day in the Walkers' Bar at the Hotel. Although open for drinks, the Barn does not serve food between 3.00 and 5.00 pm but will accept food orders during this period for serving at 5.00 pm. Keith Leslie

SUNDAY 4TH MAY - RUSHTON SPENCER / THE CLOUD BOSLEY

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00
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).

This is the same walk as offered on Wednesday 2nd April 2014. 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 and 'missing link'; newly opened F.P. courtesy of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society; and Bridestones Burial Chamber. Return is via Gosberryhole Lane, Cloud Side, Wood Common Farm, Woodhouse Green, Ditchway Farm and Oulton. Wet (underfoot and raining), muddy and gaiter weather when pioneered in January.

- **HEALEY DELL / WATERGROVE**

Leave 0915 7.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.60
Leaders Ian and Josie Stenhouse 926 8446 07713030118
Park Cars: Healey Dell Nature Reserve car park at Broadley Wood Mill. GR SD879164 - From A671(M)/A664 to Rochdale, right onto A58 (Halifax). After about 2 miles, left onto A671 (Burnley). After about 1½ miles (just after leaving Rochdale and entering Rossendale), road bends sharp right, then take 1st left into Station Road (Broadley). Bear left to car park.

We shall head north from the cars along the Spodden Valley and then, with a short (no more than 50m) steepish ascent, onto Waingap Hill, pick up the Pennine Bridleway and Rochdale Way and make our way round Watergrove Reservoir, passing the History Wall, and then join the Rossendale Way back to Broadley and, by way of the railway viaduct, to Healey Dell and the cars. A pleasant and varied walk in two interesting and contrasting valleys.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY - CAT AND FIDDLE / FLASH / THREE SHIRES HEAD

Leave 0915 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60
Leader Phil Brownhill 01925 75 4749 Mob.no. 07942757312
Park cars Lay-by opposite Cat & Fiddle pub on A537 Buxton road Grid Ref SK 001719 Exp Map OL24

Goytsclough Quarry, Berry Clough, Axe Edge Moor, Flash, Three Shires Head, Holt, Danethorn Hollow & back to Cat & Fiddle. Good track and views for most of the way but could be wet on Axe Edge Moor. Retn. to Cars: 4.30

- **STYAL / MORLEY (THE BLUEBELL WALK)**

(in memory of Evelyn Evans)

Leave 10.30 5½ miles Cat.4/3. Transport £1.60
Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648.
Park cars: Lindow Common CP, Racecourse Rd, nr Boddington Arms PH, A538 to Wilmslow

Pownall farm to Twinnies Bridge along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern woods along the river Bollin, round the rugby pitch and through the bluebells to Morley

SUNDAY 11TH MAY - THE HOWDEN MOORS

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £7.50

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369

Park Cars: Pay and Display car park at Fairholmes Visitor Centre. Off the A57 2 miles north of Ashopton Viaduct at GR 172893

This excursion will explore the high moorland to the east of Howden Reservoir. The outward route will travel via Hancock Wood, Cartledge Bents and Round Hill to reach the site of a Bronze Age burial mound at Margery Hill (546m). Turning south the return journey will follow Wilfrey Edge to High Stones and will continue along Howden Edge before descending to Abbey Tip Plantation and the car park at Fairholmes.

- WEST OF ENTWISTLE

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230

Park Cars: Batridge Barn Car Park off Green Arms Road Grid Ref SD720 171 (P & D when machines work!). Take M60 to M61 then A666 through Bolton. Stay on A666 to pass through Dunscar and Egerton to Green Arms Road (the B6391) Turn right and the car park is on the left after 1.3 miles

Top o'the Brow to Turton Heights then down to Dimple Hall, Owshaw Clough and on to Whewell's finishing along Entwistle reservoir. No long ascents, a few rough tracks but mostly Moderate grade 3.

- DELAMERE

Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.60

Leaders Dean & Elsie Edwards 0161 962 3301

Park Cars: Barnsbridge Car Park GR 542716. Take A556 to Oakmere. Turn Right onto B5152 Turn Left at Hatchmere into Ashton Road. CP 1 mile on the left. Return to Cars: 4.00pm

From the car park we cross the B5152, circling around the woods to re-enter the main forest and continue past Blakemere to the Visitors Centre for lunch. From here we visit the top of Old Pale before returning to the CP by various forest paths.

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY - HAYFIELD (SK22 2LE)

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00

Leaders Stella Lewis and Carol West 0161 904 8998 Mob No: 07923469796

Park Cars: The Sett Valley Trail pay and display GR SK 036869 Return to Cars: 3.30

Walk from Hayfield towards Kinder Reservoir, Williams Clough. From there east to Sandy Heys, south to Kinder Downfall, Edale Cross then across to Coldwell Clough and Stone House

- DANEBRIDGE AREA - WITH HOT POT LUNCH

Leave: 0915 5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80

Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782

Park Cars: On the road past the Ship Inn at Wincle GR 962 652 Map OL24

A circular walk followed by lunch at Blaze Farm (1.30pm). Places still available. Book with Heather. £6 Pay on day.

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO KETTLEWELL

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

'A' walk 10 miles Cat 3/2 Leaders: Ian & Josie Stenhouse

A circular walk from Kettlewell up Great Whernside by way of Providence Pot and Hag Dike and back by Tor Mere Top, Starbottom and along the River Wharfe One of the classic Dales walks. Further details on the coach.

'B' walk 7½ miles Cat.3 Leader: Frank Dockry

An interesting walk through the undulating North Yorkshire hills from Kettlewell to Arncliffe village. Leaving Arncliffe there is a gradual climb over 1.25 miles to 977 feet to the top of the rise, with a short steep section near the beginning. We will take our time over the climb. Beautiful views along the way.

'C' walk 5½ miles Cat.3 Leaders Edna Adderley & Beryl Hunwick

We leave the coach approx a mile before Kettlewell and walk to the village alongside the River Wharfe and from Kettlewell there is a very short climb to the "upper" path along the hillside to Starbottom where we cross the river and return to Kettlewell walking mostly by the riverside. An easy, pleasant walk through the lovely Wharfe valley.

Seats still available contact Edna Adderley (980 7753), 2 Well Green Close, Hale, Cheshire WA15 8PT

There will be a coffee stop at The Old Stone Trough, Foulridge. PLEASE SUPPORT THE COACH TRIPS

SUNDAY 18TH MAY - AROUND HASLINGDEN GRANE

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leaders Susan & Peter Darby 0161 980 3908 Mob No: 07967335481

Park Cars: Route: M60 Junction 18, to the end of M66 continuing on to A56. Left where road splits and then Left at T Junction along Grane Road towards Darwen (B6232). After approx 2.5 miles the Clough Head Visitor Centre is on your right. Toilets and Café available. Grid Reference SD 752232. Return to Cars: 16.00

Around Haslingden Grane including sections of the Rossendale Way. We will walk along paths of varying quality, through woods, across fields and moorland. Only one steep climb but sometimes rough underfoot and expect mud in places. Pickup Bank, Haslingden Grane, Hog Lowe Pike, Causeway End, Great House, Calf Hey Reservoir.

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY - MOEL FAMAU AND CILCAIN

Leave 0915 9.2 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175

Park Cars: Bwlch pen Barras Forestry Commission car park £1 at TOP of road at G.R. SJ 161606 where leader will meet. M56 to Chester J15 following Queensferry & Mold and exit at 33b to follow A494 Mold after passing Loggerheads C.P. turn right at Moel Famau sign, toilet block on right halfway up hill.

Climbing to Moel Famau then through Happy Valley to Cilcain via Garth then following the Clwydian Way & Offas Dyke path alongside Ffrith Mountain to Brithdir and through plant ation back to cars. Return to 3.30 pm.

- LOWER WITHINGTON, Nr. JODRELL BANK

Leave 0945 6.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.50

Leaders: Roy Merritt & Jean Lewis 0161 941 7469 & 0161 928 8870. Mob No: 07881730802

Park Cars: From the end of the Alderley Edge bypass take the A34. After 2.5 miles turn right onto the B5392 (signed Jodrell Bank). After 2.0 miles reach Lower Withington (O/S 268 - GR. 813697). Park around the edge of the village green

From the Green we walk by paths and lanes through farms and around Dingle Bank Sand Quarry. A flat walk with about 12 stiles and some mud.

SUNDAY 25TH MAY - LANGSETT

Leave 0845 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.60

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

Park Cars: Langsett Barn car park near Langsett reservoir Dam and on A616 GR SE211004. Take Woodhead road A268 from Manchester ARLEY and turn right at Flouch roundabout onto the A616. The CP is on the right after a mile.

A walk to Lady Cross along the Barnsley boundary walk then Howden edge, Harden moss, Margery hill and return via Cut Gate Path

- BARROWFORD, BLACO, BARLEY

Leave 0845 8.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £8.00

Leader: Harry Hewlett 0161 962 4869, Mob No: 09750 689777

Park Cars: Directions:- M65, exit junc.13 onto A682, continue into Barrowford. Pass by large park and heritage centre on RHS, turn right over bridge. CP on left (Voluntary fee). GR. 863 397 - OL 21

CP, Watersmeeting, Beverley, Blaco hillside, Admergill Pasture, Lower Admergill, Blaco Foot, Hollin Top, White Hough, Barley, Heys Lane, Thorley Home, Ridgaling farm, West Pasture, Crows Trees and back to CP.

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY - WHALEY MOOR

Leave 0915 8 ¼ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.

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

Park Cars: Hague Bar CP. GR 986856. Take A6 to Disley, and 0.4 miles beyond traffic lights in the centre of village, turn left (White Lion PH on corner) Follow road down into the valley, cross R.Goyt, and CP is up the hill on the right.

A steady climb into Disley, and then a very gentle ascent along Green Lane to the Moorside. Then a steeper (but short) climb onto Whaley Moor from where there are good views all round. Descend to Furness Vale and return to the cars by Peak Forest Canal, New Mills, River Goyt and Millenium Walkway.

FRIDAY 30TH MAY - ROWARTH / COWN EDGE / LANTERN PIKE

Leave 0900 7.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.66

Leader Jane Michael Tel No: 07917434598

Park Cars: Park at the car park in Rowarth village (SK 012 982) - this is NOT the Little Mill Inn car park.

Suggested route from Marple Bridge is Mellor, left down Shiloh Road, right down Hollinsmoor Road then the second right to Rowarth village (beware of driveways which look like roads). Care as the sign to the village may well be obscured by branches. If you reach the Little Mill Inn you have gone too far and will need to retrace your steps. Return to cars 16.00 (pto for Walk Description)

The walk will start at 10am and the leader will meet you in the car park. Alan Key will be at Altrincham. The walk is an easy paced geological walk based on 2 walks in 'Rocky Rambles in the Peak District' by the late Fred Broadhurst. It will include COWN EDGE, HART HILL and LANTERN PIKE. There will be stops at regular intervals for the leader (who led this walk for the Manchester Geological Association) to explain the geology on view. In good weather the views will be great. If it is windy, care will be needed on Cown Edge. Walking can also be muddy in parts if the weather is wet. Generally rough moorland and tracks. For further information, please contact the leader.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAY June 1st, 'B', 22nd, 'B' and 'C', 29th, 'B' and 'C'.

If you can help your Club by leading any of the above walks please contact Phil Worsley or Alison Wilkes. Contact details are on your membership card. Please note that maps, books and assistance with pioneering and or leading are all available. Please help your Club as without leaders there will be no walks.

WEDNESDAY 4th June 'C', 11th June 'A', 25th June 'B'.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO BURNSALL

'A' walk - 10 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Leader: Steve Glover

'B' walk - 8 miles Cat.3 Leader: Keith Wykes

'C' walk - 6 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Sandra and Martin Ostick

Bookings to 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 May please*

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles Cat.2/3 Leaders: John Drinkwater and Judy Bailey

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

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Dave and Liz White

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Cheshire WA15 5RQ with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB..

Will all coach trip leaders submit details of their walk to Anne Macaulay by 11th May please

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.

Please note that this trip will also have the option of a trip to Lichfield in the afternoon for those who don't want to spend the whole day at the Arboretum.

SOCIAL WALK

A social/walking trip to Liverpool is being arranged for early September to take in Liverpool's great parks, a private visit to the Grade One Listed Iron Church at St Michael's Hamlet and afterwards a meal at the Otterspool Inn. Part of the route includes the Trans-Pennine Trail. Details to follow.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Saturday 1st May is Shirley and Brian Warburton's Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We wish them all the very best.

We were sorry to hear that Robert Fysh (our Peak & Northern Footpath representative) is in hospital after unfortunately breaking his leg. We hope you will soon recover Robert.

Sally Ferrans would like to thank all her friends in the Club for their support, kind messages of sympathy, cards and letters of condolence following Reg's recent death. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service.

Marion Seymour wishes to thank people for cards and telephone messages. She is making good progress and hopes to be walking with the Club again before too long.

Resignations - Susan Darby (General Secretary) and Anne Macaulay (Programme Secretary) will both be standing down at the next AGM in November 2014. Please contact Susan or Anne if you would be interested in either of these positions.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd June at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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