

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

JUNE 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'

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE - WORLDS END AND EGLWYSEG MOUNTAIN

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £8.00
Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175
Park Cars: In front of or in lane behind Ponderosa café / motel on summit of Horseshoe Pass North of
Llangollen. Grid Ref. SJ 192 480

By popular demand this is a repeat of a walk last July where we visit Worlds End via Fron Llwyd and travel over the shoulder of Eglwyseg mountain using the Offas Dyke path then back to the cars via Glyn cottages and Bryn-yr-odyn. Return to Cars: 3.30

- ADLINGTON

Leave 0945 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40
Leaders Heather Wykes 01625 618782 and Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park cars On layby on A523. GR.912 808.

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Syperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, then back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE - GRATTON DALE / LONG DALE / BRADFORD DALE

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.80
Leaders Veronica Dunkley and Graham Peake 928 4629 / 980 8179 Mob No: 07780914773
Park Cars: Youlgreave Car Park GR 208642

Take A515, then turn left on road at signpost Youlgreave and Abor Low (brown sign). After 200/300 yards turn right and follow signs to Youlgreave. CP is on the left just after 30mph sign. (honesty box £2)

From CP walk LT through village to Telephone box and Village Hall/toilets down to Bradford River. Climb up to Mawstone Farm, cross fields to Dale End, then along Gratton Dale and onto Long Dale. Northerly climb towards Bradford finishing along the river to Youlgreave. Good views (weather permitting) many stiles/gates. Gratton Dale could be wet/ muddy.

- ASHTON HAYES

Leave 0930 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.00
Leaders Bruce & Audrey Merrick 0161 312 6227 Mob No: 07810233104
Park Cars: The Mouldsworth Train Station (previous free parking) is no longer available. Parking now in rear car park of Goshawk Public House opposite train station. GR17 512706. Return to Cars: 15.00hrs
Directions - A556 then join A54. 6 miles after Sandway traffic lights turn right on to B5393 signposted Frodsham/ Ashton Hayes. Through Ashton Hayes and car park is on left opposite train station.
A fairly level walk, can be muddy if wet. Baker Way-Woodside Farm-Home Farm-Ashton Hayes-Peel Hall

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO BURNSALL IN WHARFEDALE

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up points

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Stephen and Pauline Glover
Burnsall – Barden Moor Circular – a 10 mile moorland walk starting with a very strenuous cross-country climb to a gently undulating circular track to Cracce obelisk and Barden reservoir with fine views, finishing with a rough cross-country descent.

'B' walk - 8 miles Cat.3 Leader: Keith Wykes
A circular walk from Burnsall uphill to Hell Hole cave (highest point on walk at 300 mtrs.) then down via a dry valley & Skyreholme Beck to Middle Skyreholme, Skyreholme & Howgill. Back along the River Wharfe.

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Martin and Sandra Ostick
From Burnsall to Linton calling at a village called Thorpe and returning via the Dales Way

Seats still available. Contact - Edna Adderley (980 7753). There will be a coffee stop at The Old Stone Trough, Foulridge.

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE - THE ROACHES AND RAMSHAW ROCKS

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5.20
 Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 Mob No: 07740777184

Park Cars: Park the cars in Gradbach Car Park. The car park is on the minor road that leads to the now defunct Gradbach Youth Hostel. Follow Midgley Road from Allgreave which is south of Macclesfield on the A54. Explorer Map OL24 SJ999662. The Post Code for the Youth Hostel is SK17 0SU.

From the car park we follow Dane Valley Way (DVW) to Gradbach and then climb up to Roach End and continue up to the Trig Point on the Roaches. Then along the Roaches and, turning north, across to and up and over Ramshaw Rocks. We continue north passing Newstone Farm and Gib Torr up to Flash Bottom. Then on to Spring Head before climbing up to the DVW and back to the cars. The path up on to The Roaches is a significant climb and Ramshaw Rocks involves a minor bit of scrambling. A splendid walk with many spectacular rock formations.

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE - COOMBES / LANTERN PIKE

Leave 0915 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
 Leader Jack Garstang 980 6344

Park cars Road opposite Plainstead Farm. GR 024 910. M66, off Junction 27. A626 to Marple Bridge, on to Charlesworth, veer right at obelisk, up Town Lane and right at Chapel Brow (leading to Monks Road) Approx. 2 miles to Plainstead.

Up to Coombes Rocks, along edge, down to Far Slack and Rowarth, on to Aspenshaw Hall and Bank Head. Up to Lantern Pike and back by tracks. Some mud and several tricky stiles.

- BLAKEMERE

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.40
 Leaders: Norman and Angela Simcock 962 1627.

Park cars: A56 to Sandiway – park cars at Blakemere Craft Centre. GR 598 703 – (lower CP opp. Coach park)

Blakemere to Cuddington, Whitegate Way to Newchurch Common, Swallows farm, Daleford farm, and back to Blakemere.

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE - ABOVE HATHERSAGE

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.2/3 in equal measure Transport £7.80
 Leader Phil Worsley Tel No: 777 6013 Mob No: 07971 514369

Park Cars: Hollin Bank pay and display car park at GR SK 237837, cost to be shared. Go past Heatherdene and then turn left on to New Road, go over Bole Hill and past Dennis Knoll. Car park is on the left.

This clockwise circuit on the higher ground above Hathersage will visit Stanedge Pole, White Stones, Brown Edge Farm, Ox Stones, Houndkirk Road, Burbage Rocks, the Iron Age hill fort of Carl Wark, Higger Tor, Fiddler's Elbow, and a section of Stanage Edge. Good scenery throughout the day, weather permitting.

- TAME VALLEY / CASTLESHAW

Leave 0915 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60
 Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 Mobile No.: 07713030118

Park Cars: Grains Bar GR SD962084 On A672 from Oldham, car park is on right before crossroads, opposite first row of houses in Grains Bar.

Drop down into Tame Valley by way of Hanson Farm House to Slackcote, then Slack Gate and Spring Hill to the Castleshaw Reservoirs. Then by Low Gate Lane, Ox Hey Lane, around Denshaw to Cherry Clough and back to the cars using the Crompton Circuit.

- MILLERS AND CRESSBROOK DALES

Leave 0915 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.00
 Leaders: Phil and Pam Grundy 0161 973 8854 Mob No: 07952 564884:

Park Cars: Park at Tideswell Dale car park (charge to be shared). GR154 742. Take A6 towards Buxton, left onto A623 through Sparrow Pit, after about 5 miles turn right onto B6049, car park is about 1 mile south of Tideswell.

A walk through Tideswell and Miller's Dales along the Wye past Litton Mill, up Cressbrook Dale into Tansley Dale onto Litton and back to the Car park. Good wild flowers.

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

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

'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.2/3 Leaders: John Drinkwater & Ian Stenhouse

A circular walk from Ambleside up to Dove Crag by way of High Sweden Bridge, Scandale Bottom, Scandale Pass and back by High Pike, Low Pike and Low Sweden Bridge. This is a strenuous walk with rocky ascents and descents but well rewarded with fantastic views. Further details on the coach.

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

Troutbeck and Wansfell Pike Cat.3 - or a suitable walk for the day.

'C' walk - 5.5 miles Cat.3/4. Leaders David and Liz White

Rydal Hall, Nab Scar and circling Rydal Water

Seats still available. Contact Janet on 941 1634

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE - ROSSENDALE

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

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

Park Cars: Nuttall park car park SE795193 off Nuttall Hall road. Take M66 and exit to Ramsbottom along A56.

When you turn off the A56 at a left turn at traffic lights and falling steeply (signposted Ramsbottom) follow this road, then take the second turning on the left after crossing the motorway (Nuttall Park road and signposted Nuttall Park).

A walk up to Peel Tower and Holcolme moor, with return along the Irwell valley

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE - ALSTONEFIELD

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leaders Sue Skelton and Tess Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Alstonefield village CP. Next to public convenience. GR. SK 131557 (where leaders will meet).

Stanshope, Castern Hall, Rushley Bridge, Slade House, Calton. Return via Manifold Way, Thor's Cave, Grindon and Wetton.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE - GREAT HILL / RYAL FOLD

Leave 0915 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00

Leader Rose Monteath 0161 286 2719

Park Cars: Crookfield Road car park GR SD665191 where leader will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont, 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right - signed Tockholes. Free Car park on left

Up to Great Hill, on to Solomons Temple via Drinkwaters, then Roddlesworth Reservoirs, Ryal Fold, Hollinshead Hall and back to the cars. One or two places may be muddy.

- MOBBERLEY

Leave 9.45 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.40

Leaders Liz and Dave White 980 8605 Mobile phone(on the day):-07716 961974

Park Cars: Lay-by on B5085.

From the Bird in Hand pub in Mobberley, take the B5085(towards Wilmslow/Alderley Edge). In about 200yds there is a small lay-by with a telephone box.(Restricted parking-try and double up) GR 803793

A lovely flat summer walk but with a number of stiles and some lane walking(less mud!). Taking in Newton Hall, Paddock Hill. Yewtree Farm then back to Mobberley via Great Warford and Antrobus Hall

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE - CHROME HILL CIRCULAR FROM FLASH

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.60

Leader: Alan Gerrard 0161 980 7508

Park Cars: Take the A573 Cat & Fiddle Road from Macclesfield. Turn right at the junction with the the A53 towards Leek. After approx. 3 miles turn right, signposted Flash and proceed into the village. At the junction near the church turn left and park on the roadside -GR SK025671 - on the RHS just after the houses.

Blackbank, Thick Withins, Hollinsclough and traverse Chrome Hill. Return via Booth Farm, Fairthorn, and Axe Edge Moor. Very muddy going in places.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS July 6th - "B" July 20th - "C" July 27th - "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 July 2nd 'C', July 9th 'B', July 16th 'C', July 30th 'A' and 'B'

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

FUTURE EVENTS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 2015 CLUB WEEKEND

The 2015 Club Week End will be with Alfa staying at the George IV Criccieth

10th April 2015 for 4 Days. Application forms will be sent out with the August Circular

COACH TRIPS

SUNDAY 13TH JULY - SOCIAL OUTING - THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM / LICHFIELD

(pick up starts M&S Washway Road 8.30 am), then the usual pick-up points.

We hope to arrive in time for the daily remembrance service at 10.45am (lasts about 20/25 minutes), followed by an optional guided tour (£3pp) of about 45 minutes. Then free time to explore the memorials, arboretum and the visitor centre. There is a café and restaurant for lunch and plenty of benches for a picnic if you prefer.

At 2 pm the coach will leave for a visit to Lichfield. If you would prefer to stay at the Arboretum the coach will return to pick you up later in the day. If you know of details of anyone who might be named on one of the memorials bring them with you. (You can look them up for free on Ancestry at Sale library)

Book with Joan Jeffrey, 0161 962 5651 (Not between 25-30 June). 16 South Meade, Timperley Ches. WA15 6QL with a cheque for £10 made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY - COACH TRIP TO RUTHIN

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones

'B' walk - 7 1/2 miles Cat.3 Leaders: Martin and Sandra Ostick

'C' walk - 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leader: Elaine Hall

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. and stating where you will join the coach.

Will all coach trip leaders let Anne Macaulay have details of your walks by 11th June please

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sandra Ostick would like to thank all who sent cards and good wishes after she recently fractured her arm during a walk on the Club Weekend. We wish Sandra a good recovery.

Ron Armsden wishes to thank members for their get well wishes on his recent illness. We send Ron Armsden all our good wishes and hope to see him walking with the Club before too long.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Alan and Lorraine Anderson will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on June 16th.

Hazel and Colin Baldwin would like to thank the Club and members for their cards and good wishes on their Golden Wedding.

Shirley and Brian Warburton would like to thank members for their cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

We send our good wishes to Pat and Alan Thorpe who celebrated their Diamond Wedding recently.

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 two posts.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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