

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

**JULY 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.\*\* It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed to one of the walks organisers.
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'.

**New Club Website**

It is planned that the new Club Website will go live at or soon after the end of June. Navigating around the new site is straightforward and the functionality is very similar to our present site. A major change is that there will be only one set of credentials for accessing the Member's Area which are:

**User name: useradrc**

**Password: mem1415**

Please note that this information is for your personal use and must not be given to non-members. It will be changed annually in January and new credentials will be provided to paid-up members. The current website will also be maintained alongside the new one for a short time to ensure continuity in the event of any unforeseen problems whilst the new site becomes fully operational. This can be accessed using your current login information at: <http://www.old.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

- **EDALE**

Leave 0845 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.80  
Leader: John Brownhill 0161 980 1774 Mob No: 0780914366  
Park Cars: Car park on road from Barber Booth to Upper Booth, just past railway bridge. GR. SK 108 848

Up Jacobs Ladder to Swines back, Crowden Tower, Grindslow Knoll, Ringing Roger then Edale. Back to the cars over the fields. Return to Cars: 1600

- **MARPLE LOCKS**

Leave 09.45 6.5 miles Cat.4/3(ish) Transport £2.40  
Leader Heather Wykes 01625618782  
Park Cars Brabyns Car Park, Marple Bridge. (where leader will meet) GR.964.389. Entrance on A626 on left hand side after the Marple Station. (Note:- NOT Rose Hill Station.)

This is a pretty walk along the canal and locks to Chadkirk, we go via Hyde Bank Farm, then fields and paths back to cars, via Middlewood Way and canal.

- **LOWER WHITLEY**

Leave 0930 5.5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.60  
Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087  
Park Cars Lower Whitley is off the A49 and 2 miles south of J.10, off the M56. Take Street Lane (on LEFT of A49) In to Lower Whitley (signposted to Chetwode Arms). Pass pub on right and St.Luke's church on left and park where Street Lane becomes a dead end, (just before returning to A49). Keep driveways clear. (GR.614789)

From the vicarage, we cross several fields and meadow land. To Deslay Heath Farm, followed by a stretch of quiet lanes to the outskirts of Higher Whitley, back to Lower Whitley.

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

- **GREAT HILL TO DARWEN TOWER**

Leave 0830 11.7 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00  
Leaders: Julia Corbett /Rose Monteath 976 2935/286 2719 Mob No: 07791269688  
Park Cars: Crookfield Road Car park GR SD665191 where leaders will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont. 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right - signed Tockholes. Free parking on the left.

Up to Great Hill, on to Solomon's Temple, Abbey Village, Roddleswell Reservoir, Ryal Fold, up to Darwen Tower and back to the cars. There is an area before Great Hill which can be very boggy. Fantastic views if the weather is good.

- **LYMM**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.00

Leaders Edward and Zoe Spark Mob No: 07765027605

Park Cars: Travel from Altrincham on A56 to Lymm roundabout. take the Lymm Road, A56 and travel 1.8 miles then turn right down Warrington Lane. Continue straight down Warrington Lane until you come to the Barn Owl pub, (sat nav WA13 0SW) park on the lane outside the pub, where leaders will meet for the start of the walk.

Walk includes Spud Wood, Lymm Dam, Wishing Bridge, Lymm Village, Slitting Brook, Canal Bank. There is a little road walking, some steps, but no stiles.

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**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY - CLWYDIAN HILLS**

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 Mob.07713030118

Park cars Car Park west of Cilcain GR SJ170652. From Mold take unclassified road to Gwernaffield-y-Waun and Pantymwyn. Continue to Cilcain. Go straight through village and take 1st left after delimit signs. Car parking bays are about 400m on right. Public Toilets in Cilcain.

Over the side of Moel Llys-y-coed to pick up Offa's Dyke Path over Moel Arthur, drop down on the north side and then west to join the Clwydian Way back to the foot of Moel Arthur to pick up Offa's Dyke Path south along the ridge to Moel Famau, down the Clwydian Way to Pentre and back to the cars. An undulating walk with great views and one steepish ascent.

- **PEOVER**

Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.80

Leaders Jan Williams, Liz White, Janet Fowler 07913441664

Park cars Whipping Stock PH car park on bend of A50 Toft Road, Approx.2 miles from Knutsford.

A flat walk through countryside visiting two unusual churches, approx.6 stiles and some road walking followed by home-made ice-cream at the Seven Sisters farm just down the road - for anyone interested – it's delicious!

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**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY - SOCIAL OUTING - THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM / LICHFIELD**

Leave **0830** M&S Washway Road, Sale, 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. Places still available.

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**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY - HULME END CIRCULAR**

Leave 0830 12.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.40

Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 07970742311

Park cars Hulme End car park [P&D] SK102593

Wolfscoate Dale, Gypsy Bank, Alstonefield, Dale Bottom, Grange Farm, Larkstone Lane, Wetton returning to Hulme End by the west side of Wetton Hill. Two climbs - up Gypsy Bank and up from Dale Bottom plus a few 'undulations'!

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**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY - COOMBES EDGE FROM HAYFIELD**

Leave 0900 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 Mob No: 07740777184

Park Cars: The Sett Valley P&D Car Park in Hayfield. Explorer Map OL1. GR 036869

We follow the Sett Valley Trail to Birch Vale then north through Rowarth and on to Coombes Tor and Coombes Edge. We return to Hayfield generally following the Pennine Bridleway. There are two steepish climbs before lunch and later a pull up as we contour around Lantern Pike but from there it is general downhill all the way back to the cars!

- **MARPLE BRIDGE**

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.40

Leaders Sandra and Martin Ostick 01625 532645

Park cars Car park at Brabyns Park GR 964 896 On left near bottom of hill before traffic lights.

**NOT** Public car park on right.

Follow Marple Locks to Macclesfield canal. Linnet Clough, Mellor church, Cobden Edge, The Banks. Return via Goyt Valley and Roman Lakes.

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY - LUMBUTTS, HEBDEN BRIDGE AND HEPTONSTALL**

Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.2 Transport £6.00

Leader: Suzanne Caulfield 928 4838

Park Cars: OL21 GR SD955246. Lobb Mill Picnic Area. From Todmorden Town Centre follow A646 Hebden Bridge Road for about 1.4 miles. Car park on left at end of railway arches. If full, additional parking on the road 200 yards further on the right.

Lumbutts, Stoodley Pike, Rake Head, Hebden Bridge, (descent to Hebden Bridge steep in places), Heptonstall, Calderdale Way, Hippens, Jumble Hole. Return to cars walking along the Rochdale Canal.

**- BEESTON**

Leave 9.30 6 miles+ Cat.4 Transport £5.60

Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park cars: Beeston Castle car park (£3 all day) GR SJ 54053 59060 Follow the A49 south then follow the signs off to the right to Beeston Castle.

A circular walk. north from the castle to the canal, west along the canal. Leave the canal going south then turn east going between Peckforton and Beeston castle. Then north to the cars. Some stiles.

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY - COACH TRIP TO RUTHIN**

The coach will leave M&S Sale at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up places.

'A' walk - 10.5 miles Cat.3 Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn  
Bathafarn Farm to Offa's Dyke Path, Moel y Plas, Llyn Gweryd, Pentre Coch and back to Ruthin.

'B' walk - 7.5 miles Cat.3 Leaders Sandra and Martin Ostick  
Clwyd Gate and Lanbedr DC. Details on the coach.

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

The walk follows field footpaths, which can be muddy in places and riverside tracks. There's a short moderate climb and plenty of stiles, our reward? lovely views of local countryside.

There will be a short comfort stop at the motorway services. Seats still available. Contact Janet on 941 1634.

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY - MARPLE BRIDGE**

Leave 0915 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 (A-) Transport TBA

Leader Jack Garstang 980 6349

Park cars Brabyns Park. M60 East, leave Jct.27, follow A626 Marple. Fork left to Marple Bridge and turn left just before white cottage. Grid ref. 964 895.

Brabyns Park to Etherow Weir, up to Glossop Road, along road, down by Higher Stirrup Farm to Bothams Hall, up to Idle Hill and down to Beacom Houses. Across to Redbrow Wood.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY - THE THREE PEAKS OF THE BERWYNS**

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

Leader Nigel Gartside 0161 969 2407 Mob No: 07896 913175

Park Cars: Llandrillo village car park, free with toilet block. Take A5 to Corwen then left onto B4401 Llandrillo at end of town, turn right into car park just before river bridge. GR SJ 034 371 (where leader will meet).

From Llandrillo [500ft] ascend gradually to enjoy some of the best views in N.E. Wales from this fabulous ridge. Firstly Cadair Berwyn [2,650ft], Moel Sych [2,700ft] [optional or a longer lunch] then Cadair Bronwen at 2,550 ft then down to cars.

**- AROUND THE SADDLE OF KERRIDGE**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £3.00

Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230

Park Cars: Palmerston Street car park Bollington (opposite the Spinners Arms) Grid Ref SJ937 779 Post Code SK10 5PW Keep on the main road through Bollington to pass under two bridges. The road bears left after the second bridge (traffic lights here) and the car park is on the left after a short distance.

A walk with easy gradients on good tracks and over grass - which may be a little longer by late July - and flatslab pathways used by the old mill and quarry workers to get to work. There is one steeper descent with steps. We use the canal to reach the fields then over field tracks to Swancoe Hall and then a good gravel path past Swanscoe Farm and on to Kerridge. Goods tracks take us past Walkmill Farm skirting Rainow on to Thornsett Farm. Our return is by Oakenbank Lane (a bridleway) and Savio House.

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY - DIGGLE AND SADDLEWORTH MOOR**

Leave 0915 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40  
 Leaders John and Monica Beardmore 904 7448 Mob No: 07985 983252 or 07990079292  
 Park Cars: Sam Road CP Diggle, SE 005079

From Ashton under Lyne A670 Mossley Rd to Saddleworth, continue on Wool Rd take rt onto Huddersfield Rd, rt turn Sam Rd, free CP approx 2km on rt. No toilets. Return to Cars: 15.30

Anticlockwise from Diggle to Running Hill Farm - steep ascent to Broadstone Hill - across Saddleworth Moor to Marsden Moor Heritage Trail - Black Moss Reservoir - Pennine Way to Standedge Tunnels and CP. Could be boggy on moor.

**- HARE HILL**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.00  
 Leaders Beryl Hunwick 928 3644 & Edna Adderley 980 7753  
 Park cars The walk begins at Alderley Edge main car park, next to the cafe. Pay and display, free to National Trust members. Route via Hale Road A538 to Wilmslow, turn right after fire station onto Hawthorn Street, at roundabout follow signs to Alderley Edge (second exit) onto Alderley Road, second exit at A34 roundabout onto Wilmslow Road, through Alderley Edge village and turn left onto B5087 Macclesfield Road, continue up the hill following National Trust signs to Alderley Edge, main CP is on the left just beyond The Wizard. GR SJ860776.

This walk takes us across farmland to Hare Hill and back to the Edge via Daniel Hill and Waterfall Wood. From the Edge we head across Macclesfield Road and take a loop through Windmill Wood before heading back, via the Armada Beacon to the car park. There is very little road walking, a few stiles but it can be extremely muddy in places, even waterlogged and if the weather has been very wet we might have to do an alternative walk. A decision will be taken nearer the date.

**LEADERS WANTED****SUNDAYS**

August 10th - 'B', 17th - 'C', 24th - 'B' and 'C', 31st - 'B'

'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 nos. on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil Worsley

**WEDNESDAYS** August 6<sup>th</sup> 'A', 13<sup>th</sup> 'C', 20<sup>th</sup> 'A' and 'B', 27<sup>th</sup> 'A', 'B' and 'C'.

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

**FUTURE EVENTS****SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO HAWES**

'A' walk 11 miles, Cat.3/2 Leader: Phil Worsley - Great Shunner Fell - Full details on the coach.

'B' walk 8 miles, Cat.3 Leaders: Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn.

'C' walk 6 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 11<sup>th</sup> July please

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** 2 pm STOCKPORT TOWN HALL. £4.50 including refreshments. Book with Heather  
01625618 782

**NEWS OF MEMBERS**

We send a Get Well message to Roger Parker who is at present in Woodend Care Home following an operation. Roger hopes to be home in about two weeks time.

Get Well wishes to Robert Fysh who is in Wythenshawe Hospital. Hope it won't be too long before you are home Robert.

Pam Baxandall wishes to thank members and all who sent her Get Well cards during her recent stay in hospital. Pam is now getting better and hopes to be walking with us before too long. We send our very best wishes.

**NEW MEMBER** We welcome Jennifer Riddell who has recently joined our Club.

**VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE**

The following committee members will be standing down in November.

Susan Darby (General Secretary), Anne Macaulay (Programme Secretary), Erica Clarke (Goodwill Secretary),

Edna Adderley (Coach trip committee. Edna also organises the Sunday Coach Trips).

Alison Wilkes (Sunday 'B' and 'C' walk organiser and general committee member).

Please contact Judith Wainwright (Chairman) if you would be interested in any of these posts

We are pleased to say that we have one volunteer, Monica Beardmore, who is interested in the post of General Secretary but applications are still invited. Monica will be co-opted onto the Committee to see how things are run.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

Anne Macaulay  
Programme Secretary 0161 941 2976

Jill Lee  
Programme Distribution 0161 980 3252