

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

SEPTEMBER 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'

****NOTICE TO OCTOBER WALK LEADERS:** As Anne will be on holiday early/mid September, Ian Stenhouse has kindly agreed to produce the October Circular. Walks sent on-line via the Club Website will automatically be directed to Ian. Any notices for the circular should be emailed to: i.stenhouse@btinternet.com

For those who send walks and notices by post please send to: Ian Stenhouse Apt.3 Woodlawns, 25 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BW. (926 8446). Note: This is for the October circular only.

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - BICKERTON, PECKFORDON & BULKELEY HILLS

Leave 0900 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6.40
Leaders Phil & Sue Brownhill 01925 754749 Mobile No.: 07947257312
Park Cars: Free parking, The Bickerton Poacher car park on the west side of Pub, SY14 8BE, on A534 Wrexham road, Bulkeley, Grid ref SJ523545. Take A556 Chester road and then A49 Whitchurch road followed by the A534 to Wrexham. There are short cuts through Eaton and Beeston. Return to Cars: 04:30

A circuit of the Beeston Hills. Bickerton, Larkton Hill, Broxton, Harthill, Burwardsley, Horsley Lane, Peckforton, Bulkerly Hill and back to car park. A few stiles some steady climbs but great views and scenery.

- St MICHAEL IN THE HAMLET & L/P PARKS WITH LUNCH

Leave Altrincham *before* 9.30 for a **10.30** start from Otterspool (50 minute journey) where leader will meet. 6 miles approx. A guided social walk for all grades. Transport £6.40
Leader Keith Leslie (976 3230) assisted by Larry Fletcher who is very knowledgeable about this area.
Park cars at the Otterspool Harvester Inn, Otterspool Grid Ref SJ 377 858 Post Code L17 5AL

Take M56 to junction 12 then A557 to cross Runcorn Bridge (follow 'BRIDGE' and 'Airport'). After the bridge take A562/A561 to Liverpool South and Airport. Stay on **A561** and 3 miles after passing the Airport (old control tower on left) turn left off A561 at traffic lights into Otterspool Rd/Jericho Lane. At roundabout take 1st left and the Inn is 250 yards on the left.

The walk links Otterspool, Sefton, Princes, Priory parks and the reopened Festival Gardens with the Bohemian Qtr and includes a private visit to the unique **Grade 1 Listed** Church of St Michael in the Hamlet. Originally King John's hunting estate this area has remained very open. We lunch at the Harvester (about £5/7) after the walk but bring a light snack. Please ring Keith if you intend to be on this walk as there is a limit to the numbers. Arrange your own lift beforehand or ring Keith.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER DUNSOP BRIDGE

Leave 0830 10.8 miles 3/2 Transport 8.00
Leader Nigel Gartside 969 2407 Mobile No.: 07896 913175
Park Cars: Dunsop Bridge main car park with toilet block. P & D £1.80p SD 660 502
Exit Clitheroe on B6478, through Waddington and bear left on unclassified road just after Parkers Arms at Newton, car park a couple of miles down on right hand side just before entering Dunsop village. Return to Cars: 15:30

North along River Dunsop to Whitendale then East over Dunsop Fell to Burnside & roman road then back to cars via Burn Fell, Oxenhurst & Beatrix. One area of boggy moorland after heavy rain.

- **DELAMERE**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.40
Leaders Phil and Pam Grundy 0161 973 8854 Mobile No.: 07952 564884
Park Cars: Barnsbridge Car Park GR542 716
Take B5152 from the A556 and turn left at Hatchmere to car park.

A walk northwards along the Sandstone Trail through Manley Common past Alvanley Cliff through Snidley Moor wood returning down the Delamere Way past Birch Hill and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO GRASSINGTON

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

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 969 1557/928 1156 mob.07401519951
Starting the walk from Threshfield to Skirehorns, passing Height House we cross Malham Moor to reach Conistone. Climbing up through the Dib, a small limestone gorge, to reach Bycliffe Road and Kelber, we then follow the paths via Bare House into Grassington. A really delightful walk.

'B' walk - 7 Miles Cat 3. Leaders Frank Dockry 973 6617 Beryl Hunwick 928 3644.
Nothing difficult on this walk. We start from the car park, walk through village square onto the hills. At Conistone we will stop for our break. After this we pass through a gully which involves a couple of scrambles, nothing worse than the average stile. If the water in the valley is high enough to wet our boots we can use the bypass path

'C' walk - Leaders - Dean and Elsie Edwards. Details on the coach.

There will be a coffee stop at The Old Stone Trough (not Motorway Services as in last circular).
Seats still available - Contact Janet on 941 1634.

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - LANGSETT AND PENISTONE

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.20
Leader: Alan Key 941 4359 Mobile 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 and turn right at Flouch roundabout onto the A616. The CP is on the right after a mile.
A walk to Penistone via the Penistone Boundary Walk. Then along the Trans Pennine trail to Hazelhead, then return to Langsett

- **WHITE PEAK - WEST**

Leave 0915 6 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5.60
Leader Gordon Bird 0161 718 0149
Park cars Earl Sterndale church GR 090 670. Return to cars 4.00 pm

Minor road for half mile, then tracks and field paths to Dowel Dale - (could be tricky on a wet day). The dale gives way to field paths via Stoop farm and Fough to Hollinsclough. A short walk leads to a field track which contours around Park House Hill with superb views of the Dragon's Back on Chrome Hill with a final climb up Hitter Hill to the cars.

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - SOUTH WEST OF LOGGERHEADS

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £8.00
Leaders Peter and Susan Darby 980 3908 Mobile No.: 07837345297.
Park Cars: Park Cars: Loggerheads Country Park Visitor Centre £3 charge to be shared.
Grid ref: SJ200628 Postcode: CH7 5LH M56 – A474. Loggerheads Country Park is on the right shortly after passing through Gwernymynydd. Return to cars: 1630

A fairly strenuous undulating walk, but with mostly steady climbs and a couple of steepish descents. Varied countryside along lanes, farmland, moors, woods. Spectacular views if a clear day.
Route will include Ffrith Mountain, Moel Famau, Foel Fenlli, Llanferres.

- **SINGING, RINGING TREE, CLOWBRIDGE RESERVOIR**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £6.40
Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 and Muriel Lowther 01772316781
Park cars Clowbridge Reservoir. GR 823 280. M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall then A682 S/P Burnley, after approx. 4 miles passing through Crawshaw Booth, Goodshaw, then at Beijing Restaurant on left turn right to Car Park.

Reservoir, Crown Point, Singing Ringing Tree, Compton Cross. Return to cars via Reservoir.

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - EYAM

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.40
 Leader John Drinkwater and Judy Bailey 969 1557/928 1156 Mobile No.: 07401 519951 on day
 Park Cars: Free car park & toilets (next to Museum CP) GR 216767 A6, A623, SP Eyam B6521

We take field paths to Foolow, climb to Eyam Edge before dropping down through Bretton Clough to the valley of Highlow Brook, climbing back over Eyam Moor before returning to the village. This is a varied walk with deep wooded valleys, open moorland, magnificent views and the chance to explore the plague village of Eyam.

- ALDERLEY EDGE

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40
 Leaders Elizabeth Downie & Sandra McFadyen 0161 904 9775 Mobile No.: 0780 1054 139
 Park Cars: On rough ground beside Stags Head Pub (not in the pub car park).
 Mill Lane Alderley Edge. SK9 7TY. GR 815 771 A538 to Wilmslow. Right into Hawthorn Street just after fire station. Right at roundabout to B5086 towards Knutsford. After 1 mile left into Warford Lane past Wilmslow Golf Course. This continues to Merryman's Lane. Turn right into Mill Lane signposted to the David Lewis Centre. Park on the corner on the right on rough ground. A number of stiles.

Wilmslow Golf Course, Grogam Cottage, Field's Farm, Chorley Old Hall. Crosses the Bypass and railway line – twice! By farm paths to Little Moss Farm and back across Wilmslow golf Course.

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO BALA

The coach will leave from opposite M&S Sale at 8.00 am with the usual picking up places.

'A' Walk - 10 miles Cat 3/2 Leaders: Chris and Margaret Sadler
 A varied walk through fields, tracks, woods, and moors on little used and often indistinct paths. A few undulations and a sting in the tail. Also an interesting avian experience.

'B' walk - 7.5 miles Cat.3 Leaders: Norman and Frances Felton The overall climb is 650 feet We start at the village of Llanfor and finish at the car park in Bala.

We will be pioneering this walk on the 26th and 27th August and will give you more details on the coach.

'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Martin and Sandra Ostick.
 Around Llandderfel. More details on the coach.

There will be a short comfort stop at the Services so please bring a drink or buy a take-away.

Seats still available - Contact Edna on 980 7753.

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER - HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Leave 0845 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.60
 Leader Mike Gregory 01625 614211
 Park Cars: Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre CP (P & D charge) GR. SD 939154, on Rakewood Road just past the Wine Press pub, where leader will meet.

We follow the Pennine Bridleway and ascend Clegg Moor to join the Pennine Way continuing along Blackstone Edge and passing the Aiggin stone. From the White House pub we descend to Chelburn reservoirs and Summit Quarry and rejoin the Pennine Bridleway climbing gradually to join the Rochdale Way above Warland. The return to Hollingworth Lake is via Shore Moor, Hey Head Lane and Rochdale Canal.

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER - HOLME MOSS

Leave 0900 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.40
 Leader: Steve Glover 928 0644 Mobile No.: 0771 750 6408
 Park Cars: Digley Quarry Reservoir car park – SE111073 : M60 East to M67 to A57 to A628: alongside Woodhead Reservoir turn left onto A6024 to Holme. In Holme : Turn left into Fieldhead Lane to Digley Quarry Reservoir on the North of the reservoir: ignore the other Digley Reservoir car park on the South side of the reservoir. SatNav HD9 2QJ gets you to Fieldhead Lane Return to cars: 16.00

Kirklees Way onto Pennine Way to Black Hill, Holme Moss, Wilmer Hill, around the wooded Netherley Clough area to Holme and North back to Digley Reservoir.

- WALTON HALL - HATTON - DARESBUURY

Leave 0930 8 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00
 Leaders Bruce & Audrey Merrick 0161 312 6227 Mob No: 07810233104
 Park Cars Walton Hall Gardens (Pay&Display £2.20)
 Directions: A56 through Lymm and continue to follow A56 onto dual carriageway section. After around 600yds turn left into Old Chester Road then a further left opposite The Walton Arms. Return to Cars: 15.30

A level walk without stiles initially along the canal then through the golf course - Hatton - Daresbury and return along the canal.

- FRINGES OF DELAMERE FOREST

Leave 0945 5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £4.80

Leader: Janet Fowler & Liz White 0161 980 2988

Park Cars: Free car park at Gresty's waste, which is on the South side of the A.54, 1/2 mile to the East of Kelsall and 1/4 mile West of its junction with the A556. Map OS Explorer 267 Northwich & Delamere Forest (GR 540686).

Terrain: Mostly clear paths and tracks across fields and through areas of woodland. Includes steep steps on return to car park. Return to cars 14.00

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - HEBDEN BRIDGE

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.20

Leaders Beverly Harrison, Rose Monteath 928 1093, 286 2719

Park Cars: Midge Hole NT car park (P&D for non members) GR OS OL21 989 296

From A646 in Hebden Bridge turn north to A6033 (Oxenhope/Keighly) After 0.7 miles turn left to Midge Hole. Midge Hole to Lumb Hole, Shackleton Knoll, Walshaw, Gibson Mill, Long Edges, Hebble Hole, Colden Valley, and Heptonstall. An up and down walk with moors, woods and valleys.

- GRADBACH AND LUDS CHURCH

Leave 09.00 7 miles Cat. 3 Transport £5.80

Leader Beryl Hunwick 928 3644

Park Cars Gradbach Car Park GR 998 662

From Macclesfield take A523 Leek road, turn left down Byron's Lane, follow lane (keeping to right) until it joins A54, turn left; at Allgreave Rose & Crown turn sharp right, follow lane and turn right Midgleygate, turn very sharply right by Manor Farm (sign to Gradbach Scout Camp) and car park is a short way along on the right.

This walk takes us from Gradbach up through Forest Wood to Lud's Church and then across moorland to Roach End, giving wonderful views over the countryside, returning via Goldstitch Moss and Cloughhead to our starting point. There are a couple of steady climbs, some paths are uneven and quite muddy in places but there is only one stile.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

October 19th "C", 26th "B" and "C" All walks - Contact: Phil Worsley Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward details of names and numbers on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil.

WEDNESDAYS

October 1st 'A' and 'B', 8th 'A', 22nd 'A' and 'C' 29th 'A'.

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are sorry to report that Elaine Hall is now very poorly. To date she is in Ward A7 at Wythenshawe Hospital Elaine wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all those who have sent her either, cards, gifts or good wishes and also for all the kindness shown to her.

We send our good wishes to Ron Howarth who is in Wythenshawe Hospital undergoing an operation. Ron is in Ward A1.

Jean Lewis thanks members for their good wishes after her foot op. We hope you will soon be walking with the Club Jean.

All good wishes to Reg. and Vera Blease who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently.

NEW MEMBER We welcome Geoff Pinnington who recently joined our Club.

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 pm All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns

We still urgently need a volunteer for each of the following posts:

1. A Sunday 'C' walk organiser
2. Sunday coach trip organiser who will be part of the coach trip sub-committee.
3. A General Committee Member

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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 7th October at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley

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