

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

OCTOBER 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'

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER - LAMALOAD RESERVOIR

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80
Leaders Ron Goodman 945 0198 & 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 & Goyt Valley. Car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537, where leader will meet.

From car park to Chapel House Farm, then to Chest Hollow, up to Shining Tor and back to Lamaload Reservoir.

- CHRISTLETON

Leave 0950 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £5.80
Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634
Park Cars: GR SJ471673 far end of Lansdown Rd opposite Stamford Arms PH Stamford Bridge off A51. Either A556 A51 B5132 OR M56 to J14 Then A5117 A56 B5132.

To Great Barrow Church, then field paths to Guilden Sutton, Littleton and Christleton Pool. Nothing difficult and not too many stiles.

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER - LADYBOWER AND THE WOODLANDS VALLEY

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.20
Leader Ruth Worsley 777 6013
Park Cars: GR SJ471673 far end of Lansdown Rd opposite Stamford Arms PH Stamford Bridge off A51.

This clockwise circuit in the countryside around Ladybower Reservoir will visit Yorkshire Bridge, Hallum Barn, Fullwood Stile Farm, Townhead Bridge, Bagshaw Bridge, Haggton Coppice and Crookhill Farm.

- GAWSWORTH

Leave 1000 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00
Leader Heather Wykes 01625 618782
Park Cars: On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and church, GR.886 692, where leader will meet.

An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm, along the Macclesfield Canal to North Rode then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles.

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER - WEST OF ANGLEZARK

Leave 0915 7.5 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.00
Leader Judith Wainwright 928 8453 Mobile 07970742311
Park Cars: Angelzarke CP SD620161. Leave M61 at J6. Past Reebok stadium. Left on to A674 through Horwich then Right at pub 'The Millstone'. In 1.5 miles bear Right signposted to Angelzarke. Cross dam. Car park on Left.

Limbrick. Nab Wood. 3 reservoirs. White Coppice Farm. Back to cars

- LITTLE BUDWORTH

Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £5.60
Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 & Muriel Lowther 01772 316781
Park Cars: A556 Chester Road to Sandiway. Turn left at Shell Garage onto A49. Follow signs for Oulton Park. Turn left onto Coach Rd. Car park on left at end. GR 590655.

Whitehall Rd., Beech Rd., Budworth Pool, Village, Home Farm and back to cars.

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER - ABBEY VILLAGE/HOGHTON TOWERS CIRCULAR

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.60
Leader Brian Billington 485 4119 Mobile 07990599392
Park Cars: Follow M'Way to Bolton, onto A666 and then bear left A675 to Belmont and on towards Preston until passing the sign "Abbey Village". Immediately after the sign turn left and park at the side of the road, GR. SD 644224, where leader will meet.

We travel N.E. via Fowler Fold and cross through Cherry Tree to Witton Park Playing Fields, then west to Pleasington Priory and Hoghton Towers (History lesson) before turning south bypassing Feniscowles to Stanworth and return to cars.

- REDESMERE

Leave 0930 7.7 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.80
Leader Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park Cars: Redesmere lane SJ 849 713 Follow A34 south. turn left into Redesmere lane, go about 400yds. Park in front of water.

A circular walk. East from CP then south to Marton lane. West to Mere Moss, then north to the west end of Capesthornehall lakes. Along the lakes back to the cars. Some mud and stiles.

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER - BILLINGE HILL (ST.HELENS)

Leave 0915 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.60
Leaders: Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 Mobile No.: 0773 327 0371
Park Cars: Sankey Valley Heritage Centre GR SJ535966. M6 to J23 where turn left on A580 towards St Helens. In 2 miles turn left on A58, CP ¾ miles on right before/next to the Ship Inn

Follow Black Brook to Carr Mill Dam, and then circum-navigate Carr Mill Dam and ascend Billinge Hill, the highest point in Merseyside at 537 feet with good views. A flat walk except for the gentle ascent of Billinge Hill (1¼ miles, but the final 50 yards are steep) . No stiles.

- LACH DENNIS

Leave 0930 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00
Leader Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park Cars: Lach Dennis – Small layby on B5082. More parking before Duke of Portland PH, at end of Crowders Lane. (GR 706 720). Suggested route:A556 (crossing M6 at J.19) to Pennys Lane (B5082) on the left, which leads in to Lach Dennis, (becoming Holmes Chapel Road in village centre)

Starting walk from the front of Duke of Portland P.H. We cross the road and take to the fields and cross Crow Brook and pass Hulse Farm, Cape of Good Hope Farm, Moss Side Farm, before reaching the ruins of Hulme Hall and finally Snig Hall.

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER - PYM CHAIR CIRCULAR

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.80
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013 Mobile 07971514369
Park Cars: Free public car park at Pym Chair, 2 miles south of Kettleshulme at GR SJ 995768

This circuit above the reservoirs of the Goyt will, wherever possible, track the higher ground and will call at Cats Tor, Shining Tor, Goytsclough Quarry, Bunsal Cob, Wythen Lache, Fernilee, Overton Hall Farm and Windgather Rocks.

- **WALSDEN**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leader: Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 Mobile No.: 07713030118
Park Cars: On Scott St., Walsden GR SD933216. Take A6033 from Littleborough to Walsden. Scott Street is on left just after Riggs Garden Centre. Park on side of road outside cricket ground.

Cross Rochdale Canal, climb up to Pennine Bridle Way and on to Rake End. Then, without leaving Yorkshire, pass Blarney Castle and through Salford. Pass Dobroyd Castle, on to Gorpley Clough, Foul Clough Road, Ramsden and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER - DANEBRIDGE AND WINCLE MINN

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60
Leader John Beardmore 904 7448 Mobile No.: 07990079292.
Park Cars: On road below Ship Inn, Wincle, GR SJ962652.

From Ship Inn via All Meadows, Hanging Gate, north and east to Fox Bank, Croker Hill and Wincle Minn, east to Wincle Grange and cars. Return to Cars: 1545

- **DENSHAW MOOR**

Leave 0915 7½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leader Jill Chandler 973 7188
Park Cars: Castleshaw Centre Public Car Park, Waterworks Rd. Fork left off A62 1 mile beyond Delph. GR 997092.

Steady climb to Millstone Edge and Pennine Way. Across the moors, then Pennine Bridleway to Dowry Reservoir and Castleshaw Roman Fort.

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER - BOLLINGTON AND LYME PARK

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.00
Leader Tess Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781 (where leader will meet).

Middlewood Way – Macclesfield Canal – West Parkgate – Lyme Park – Bowstonegate – Sponds Hill – Harrop Fold Farm – Oakenbank Lane – Bollington.

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER - CASTLETON: MURDERS, TORTURE AND HAUNTED HOTELS

Leave 0915 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40
Leaders: Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 Mobile 07742613309
Park Cars: Mam Nick Car Park (N.T.) on Sheffield Road, signed to Edale and Castleton from A6, just after turning to Edale. SK124833

From Windy Knoll, along Limestone Way to Peveril Castle. Along Peakshole Water up to Lose Hill and Hollins Cross to Winnats Pass. This is the Halloween Special. Alas no witches but ghosts, murder, torture, geology and Parkin available.

- **APPLETON THORN**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.60
Leaders Bruce & Audrey Merrick 312 6227 Mobile 078102331204
Park Cars: Grappenhall Community Centre Car Park, Bellhouse Lane. WA4 2SG (GR SJ 642863). A56 through Lymm, then turn left on A50 at traffic lights. Grappenhall Village is about 200 yards from traffic lights on right hand side of A50 and community centre is 400 yards into village on right hand side.

A 6 mile level walk without stiles starting along canal then through Dingle Wood and Rough Wood to Appleton Thorn. Return via field paths through Grappenhall Heys. Return to Cars: 14.30

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

November 9th, B and C, 16th, B and C, 23rd, B and C, 30th, B and C. All offers of walks - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

WEDNESDAYS

A and B walks for all dates in November. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks, David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We regret to announce the death of Ron Howarth on Wed 10th September. Ron was one of our Honorary Member who had served the Club in several roles over many years. We send our deepest sympathies to Joan. Details of the funeral arrangements will be posted on the website.

A message from Elaine Hall: 'I wish to thank all club members who have supported me during my stay in hospital and continue to do so now I'm home. All the offers of help I have had show just what a wonderfully supportive group ARC is. I hope to be able to join in some activities as soon as I can. Again many thanks.' We wish Elaine all the best.

Robert Fysh is now in Woodend Nursing Home, Altrincham. We send Robert all our good wishes.

Dorothy Hopkin is now home after a long stay in hospital. Best wishes to Dorothy.

Bill Phillips, whom some of our long-standing members may remember, has recently died.

FOUND

Ladies Black Cardigan (New Look size 14) was left in the boot of Frank Dockry's car recently. The owner should contact Beryl Hunwick on 928 3644.

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, 928 8453) if you would be interested in any of these posts.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER - Short walk and Xmas Lunch at Blaze Farm. £12, cash on the day. Book with Heather Wykes, 01625 618782.

COMING SOON - New Year's Eve Ball. Black & White Ball to the Sound of Glen Miller.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 21st October at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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