

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the treasurer: Steve Glover at: 4 Littlemere Court, 42 Ashley Road, Altrincham WA14 2LZ. The rate is £6 per member To renew simply and cheaply use the Club's new direct debit (DD) facility by emailing [treasurer@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk) putting "DD please" and (both) your name(s) in the title line. Alternatively complete the attached renewal form in the usual way Please bring copies of the 2013/14 Annual Accounts and the Treasurer's Report to the AGM as there will be no hardcopies available at the AGM.

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

**DECEMBER 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'

**WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE**

Please be advised that the **password** required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will change on January 31st, 2015**. The **username** will remain unchanged. After this date you will only be able to view items in the Members Area of the website **if you have renewed your annual subscription and have the new password**. Details of the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

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**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER - MARPLE BRIDGE** (Christmas Lunch Walk)  
Leave 0915 7 ¾ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.40  
Leader Jack Garstang 980 6349  
Park cars Brabyns Park. M60 east, leave jct.27 and follow A626 Marple. Just before Marple, fork left at Texaco garage. Down hill. turn left just before white cottage. GR 964 895.

Four hours walking, start 10.15. 16 stiles and one muddy section. Redbrow wood, Beacom Houses, Back Wood, Higher Stirrup Farm, Glossop Road, (footpath) and back through Etherow Country Park. Two short stops (not full lunch). Meal at 3.15 pm. Five minutes walk away.

**- PRESTWICH / RADCLIFFE**

Leave 09.30 6 miles Cat.4  
Leaders Angela & Norman Simcock 962 1627

Leave Altrincham Metro Station 9.30 Bury tram and alight at Prestwich – where walk will commence at 10.45 a m Prestwich to Radcliffe – an easy walk through Prestwich Forest Park, along Irwell Sculpture Trail and Bury - Bolton canal to Radcliffe. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSES !!

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**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - WINTER HILL**

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.00  
Leader Alan Key 0161 941 4359 Mobile No.: 0776 162 4521:  
Park Cars: Moss Bank Park Car park SD693109 on Moss Lane BL1 6NB. Use the Car park Just off the A58. From Bolton take A666 North then left onto A6099 (signed Smithills Country Park) until you reach the A58, then left and Moss lane is the first turning on right at Traffic Lights.  
Smithills Park, Horrocks fold and Winter Hill. Return Via Barrow Bridge

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**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - SOUTH OF BOWDEN BRIDGE**

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.60  
Leader Phil Worsley 0161 777 6013 Mobile No.: 07971 514369  
Park Cars: Bowden Bridge pay and display car park on Kinder Road, Hayfield at grid reference SK 048869. Cost to be shared.

From the car park at Bowden Bridge we will walk via Stones House and climb steadily above Coldwell Clough before contouring under Mount Famine and South Head (optional ascent). Continuing now south east and then south we will descend to Shireoaks and Breckhead before turning north to return at a lower level by way of Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadow, Far Phoside and Stubbs Farm.

- **MICKERBROOK – LADYBROOK VALLEY  
AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Leave 0930 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1 + CP fee  
Leaders Guilio Poletti 962 7648 and Barry Rice 962 2377.  
Park cars Bruntwood Park CP Cheadle Hulme GR 859871. To car park turn onto Schools Hill at round about junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd ( signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to Car Park.

Cross Bruntwood Lane by stream and golf course to go along Micker and Ladybrook .Short stop (BRING COFFEE). Foot paths across fields and short stretches of roads to lunch at the Vinery cafe for lunch (£11) some places left. Book and select menu by phoning Guilio or Barry at the latest Dec.1st.

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**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - BOTTOM OF THE OVEN  
AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Leave 0845 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.40  
Leader: Phil Worsley 0161 777 6013 Mobile No.: 07971 514369  
Park Cars: The Stanley Arms at Grid Reference SJ980723. Satnav SK11 0AR. Please use the 'top' car park only. Contact the leader for further information if required.

This anti-clockwise circuit will visit Chest Hollow, Stake Farm, Shining Tor, Lamaload Reservoir, Walker Barn, Ashtree-top, and Chapel House Farm. On completion of the walk, and for those who have pre-booked, Christmas Lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.30 pm. Please note that the Christmas Lunch element is now fully booked.

- **BLAZE FARM**

Walk and Lunch

Leave Brookside at 11.45 am 2 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.50.  
Leader Heather Wykes 01625 618782.  
Park cars On layby by the now closed Brookside Café GR 980 681  
After a short walk via Higher Nabb farm and Crag Inn we drive to Blaze farm GR 975 675 for 2 pm lunch.

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**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 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) Carry on A556 to Pennys Lane (B5082) on the left, which leads in to Lach Dennis, (becoming Holmes Chapel Road in village centre)

Starting walk between layby and the pub, 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 and a new development on what was ruins of Hulme Hall and finally Snig Hall.

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**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER - SNAKE INN**

Leave 0830 8.5 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6.20  
Leader: John Brownhill 980 1774  
Park Cars: AT roadside approximately 250yards past the Snake Inn on the A57.  
Grid Reference SK113905. Post Code S33 0BJ Return to Cars: 15:45

A clockwise walk up Fair Brook to Fairbrook Naze, along the edge to the Pennine Way and back down the Snake Path. A little gentle scrambling at the top of Fair Brook.

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**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - SOUTH AND EAST DISLEY**

Leave 0830 10.5 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £3.60  
Leader: Rose Monteath 286 2719  
Park Cars: Disley Station Approach at SJ972845 where leader will meet. On a Sunday there should be adequate free parking.

Today's anti-clockwise walk to the south and east of Disley will initially visit Parkgate before picking up the North Cheshire Way to walk south to West Parkgate and Keeper's Cottage. We then turn east and climb up to Dale Top and cross the Gritstone Trail to descend to Cornfield Farm and New House Farm. The circuit is completed by way of the Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll and Bollinghurst Bridge

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**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE - BLACK AND WHITE BALL**

with the sound of Glen Miller. 8 pm to Midnight At Timperley Village Hall, Stockport Road, Timperley. Tickets available at. £8.50 includes supper. From Derek Hamer 969 3821. Guests, friends and family all very welcome. Bring knife, fork, spoon and wine-glass.

## **LEADERS WANTED**

SUNDAYS January 4th, "B", 11th, "B" and "C", 18th, "B" and "C", 25th, "B".

All offers of walks please contact Phil Worsley - Tel: 777 6013.

Would all Sunday walk leaders please forward names of all Members and guests attending Club walks direct to Phil.

WEDNESDAYS January 7<sup>th</sup> 'A' & 'C', 14<sup>th</sup> 'A' & 'B', 21<sup>st</sup> 'A' & 'B', 28<sup>th</sup> 'B'.

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

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2015.

BANFF Film Festival. 7.30 pm at Plaza Cinema Stockport. Just turn up.

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

Manchester Town Hall Tour. 11 am. £5 on day. Book with Heather 01625 618782

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following walkers to our Club Yesim AR Farouq, Selda San Ridley, Gulay Essen.

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of three of our members and send our sincere condolences to their families. Pat Thorley who died on 9<sup>th</sup> November, Pat has been walking with the Club for many years and will be known to A, B & C walkers, also Shirley Mills and Keith Percy who had both been in the Club for a number of years but had not walked for some time due to illness. We do not yet have any information on their funerals.

We send our sincere condolences to Alison Wilkes whose husband Peter died recently. Alison is a committee member and until a few months ago organised Sunday 'B' and 'C' walks.

## **CIRCULAR NOTICE**

This is my final Circular. After the AGM Ian and Josie Stenhouse will be taking over the work of Programme Secretary. All handwritten walks for the January circular onwards should be posted to Ian Stenhouse, Apt.3 Woodlawns, 25 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BW. Telephone no. 0161 928 8446.

Many thanks to all who have supported me by posting their walks in good time. I wish Ian and Josie the very best of luck. Anne.

***SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS***

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