

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## JANUARY CIRCULAR 2015

1. All walks meet at Altrincham Station car park at rear of station. When submitting a walk indicate the transport mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. The decision to cancel or change a walk is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) will only be taken on a walk 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 the relevant 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 document '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.

### CLUB WEEKEND

Those going on the Club Weekend are reminded that final payment should be made to Dean Edwards by 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY WALKS

On occasions there have been problems with the Railway authorities over cars waiting to pick up walkers in the Station Car Park. It is perfectly legal to wait for up to 20 mins in the 3 bays immediately next to the station exit. However, to avoid aggravation, if these are occupied, it is suggested that drivers park in the main Car Park next to the station, accessed from Oakfield Road, at a cost of 10p for an hour, and then walk to the station to collect passengers.

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### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

**Area** DUNHAM **Leave 10.15** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £0.50**  
**Leader(s)** Ian & Josie Stenhouse – 926 8446 (Mob. 07713030118)  
**Park Cars** Outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road. GR SJ760878.  
**Details** A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Devisdale, Denzell Gardens and the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Café - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then on to Little Bollington and across the fields to Agden Bridge, along the Canal into Dunham Park and back to the cars by way of Dunham and the Golf Course.

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### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** BIDDULPH GRANGE **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Alan Key - 941 4359 (Mob. 07761624521)  
**Park Cars** Biddulph Grange Visitors Centre Car Park GR 893594. Take A527 from Congleton to Biddulph, and after about 3 miles turn left onto Grange road ST8 7SB (brown sign for country park). Do not turn right into the National Trust gardens but continue for 200m then turn right into the car park.  
**Details** Staffordshire moorland walk to Knypersley reservoir and Greenway bank country park then a climb up Mow Cop.

**Area** ASTBURY **Leave 9.45** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.50**  
**Leader(s)** Heather Wykes - 01625 618782  
**Park Cars** Glebe Farm, just behind Astbury Church, GR 846617. Follow A34 from Congleton towards Newcastle and Little Morton Hall. In Astbury turn left by church and a few yards on right is Glebe Farm.  
**Details** The walk follows canal path and fields towards Little Morton Hall, then farm tracks back to the cars. Farm Shop and Cafe will be open for drinks.

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### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** FRODSHAM AND HELSBY **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin - 980 5409 (Mob. 07733270371)  
**Park Cars** Castle Park CP, Frodsham. GR 513773. Drive through Frodsham on A56, and immediately after passing under railway bridge turn left into Castle Park. CP on right  
**Details** Dunsdale Hollow and a rocky scramble for about 10yards. Follow the side of Woodhouse Hill and a very steep descent down to Tarvin Road. Ascend Helsby Hill to the trig point and descend gently to Tarvin Road again. Return to Frodsham via Riley Bank and Frodsham Golf Course.

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### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** EAST OF WILDBOARCLOUGH **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley - 777 6013 (Mob. 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The free public car park at Clough House, just north of Wildboarclough at GR SJ987698  
**Details** This winter walk generally to the east of Wildboarclough will visit Heild End Farm, Gradbach, Manor Farm, Sniddles, Green Gutter Head, Spring Head, Danebower Quarries, and Cumberland Cottage. No major climbs but a few of the usual undulations and of course, winter conditions.

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### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** TARPORLEY **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Phil & Sue Brownhill – 01925 754749 (Mob. 07721189338)  
**Park Cars** Free car park behind Rising Sun Inn in Tarporley (Where leaders will meet). Turn right off Tarporley High Street into Bell Meadow Crescent between Rising Sun Inn and The Chestnut Pavilion. Park at bottom of car park where it is free. GR SJ553626.  
**Details** From Tarporley over Portal Golf Course to Eaton. Gradual climb over Luddington Hill and down to Utkinton Hall then Fisher's Green and following Sandstone Trail and field paths to Shady Oak Pub. Canal towpath to Wharton's Lock and back via Tiverton Hall and Birch Heath. Good views of Beeston Castle and Peckforton Hills. Muddy in places and a few stiles.

**Area** OLLERTON **Leave 9.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton – 928 7087 & Norman Simcock – 962 1627  
**Park Cars** Recreation Ground, Oaklands Rd, Ollerton. From Knutsford, take A537 (Chelford Road). Turn left just past the Dun Cow into Marthall Lane and left again into Oaklands Road. GR SJ779769.  
**Details** A pleasant walk through Windmill Wood, passing Booths Hall and returning via Springwood Farm and Marthall Brook.

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### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** CUTTHORN HILL AND CHEEKS HILL **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Billington – 4854119 (Mob. 07880588392)  
**Park Cars** Clough House C.P. Wildboarclough. GR SK987698. On unclassified road between A537 and A54.  
**Details** Cumberland Clough, Danebower Hollow, Cheeks Hill, Orchard Common, Turn Edge, Cut Thorn and return.

**Area** PIETHORNE AND OGDEN RESERVOIRS **Leave 9.15** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £5.40**  
**Leader(s)** John & Monica Beardmore - 904 7448 (Mob. 07990079292)  
**Park Cars** Ogden Reservoir CP or on road. Car Park free, toilets. GR SD952122, Post Code OL16 3TF. From M62 Jct 21 at 3 roundabouts follow signs for A6193/A640, after 0.6m follow A640 left onto Huddersfield Rd, 0.8m left onto Ogden Rd (sign for "Bulls Head"), left onto Private Road, car park on left by Ogden Reservoir.  
**Details** From Ogden Dam climb to Tunshill Lane, Rochdale Way, follow Pennine Way returning to Rochdale Way, down track and through wood to Piethorne Dam, climb to Rooden Reservoir followed by long descent to Higher Ogden and return to car park.

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### WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

**Area** TEGGS NOSE AND MACCLESFIELD CANAL **Leave 9.15 8 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £3.40**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison – 928 1093 & Pauline Glover – 928 0644 (Mob. 07742613309)  
**Park Cars** Sandringham Road, Macclesfield SK10 1QB. From B5470 (Hurdsfield Road) turn into Higher Fence Road. Sandringham Road is the second road on the right. Park here or on the continuation of Higher Fence Road towards the canal. The walk will start from the junction of these roads, GR SJ929741.  
**Details** Along the canal path and over Macclesfield Golf Course towards Langley. Up to Teggs Nose and Walker Barn. Past Kerridge End and Swancoe Hall, back to the canal over somewhat boggy fields. Hopefully a pleasant winter walk.

**Area** HALE to KNUTSFORD (linear) **Leave 10.15 6 Miles Category 4 Transport**  
**Leader(s)** Marion Seymour - 941 5885 (Mob. 07572474415)  
**Park Cars** Meet at the Bowling Green on Ashley Road in the centre of Hale Village for 10.15 start, **not** at Altrincham Station.  
**Details** We walk to Knutsford using field paths and some roads to enter Tatton Park at the Home Farm. After reaching the main south gate we walk into Knutsford to catch the 88 bus or the Chesterline train back to Altrincham. There will be mud but not many stiles Bus passes or rail cards will be useful for the return.

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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** NADEN VALLEY AND KNOWL HILL **Leave 8.30 11 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** Alan Gerrard – 980 7508 & Brian Billington – 485 4119  
**Park Cars** Gallows Hill, Jericho – GR SD827123. M66 to Jct 2. Left off the motorway and immediately right B6221. At first lights turn right onto the B6219. At the T junction turn right onto the B6222. In just under a mile – after the car wash – turn left into Castle Hill Road. After approx. 0.4 miles park on the left just clear of the entrance to Mawkin Farm.  
**Details** Birtle, Cheesden and Naden Valleys to Norden. Traverse above Greenbrook Reservoirs and onward to the top of Knowl Hill. Return via Ashworth Moor Reservoir and lanes to the start. Very muddy in parts.

**Area** MARTON **Leave 10.45 4.5 Miles Category 4 Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Mavis Wheatman - 478 6648  
**Park Cars** Park cars at Marton Church, GR SJ850680. Take the A34 from Alderley Edge to Monks Heath continue towards Congleton. Church is on left just after Davenport Arms pub on right.  
**Details** Lovely easy walk across fields and paths near the Capesthorpe Estate. Tea Shop at the end .

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### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** LONGDENDALE **Leave 9.00 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley – 777 6013  
**Park Cars** Torside Visitor Centre P&D car park on the B6105 at GR SK068983. Cost to be shared.  
**Details** Travelling clockwise from the car park this walk will initially be at low level and pass Valehouse Farm, Bottoms Reservoir and Tintwistle. Crossing the A628 we will then continue along Arnfield Lane before turning into open country to climb steadily to Lad's Leap at 1,547'. Contouring now above Highstone Rocks we will eventually descend steeply to Crowden and complete the walk via the Longendale Trail. One long, steady climb, one short steep descent.

**Area** ALDERLEY EDGE **Leave 10.00 5 Miles Category 3/4 Transport £2.20**  
**Leader(s)** David & Liz White - 980 8605  
**Park Cars** Take A34 South from Wilmslow into Alderley Edge village. At the end of the shops, take immediate left into Chapel Lane (signposted Mottram St. Andrew/Prestbury). Continue past the church and then park on the left hand roadside overlooking Alderley Sports Centre cricket ground. GR 847783  
**Details** Pleasant short walk with a little climbing! Taking in "The Edge" via Wizards Well. Through woodland to Findlow Farm and through the old mining area to Clock House Farm. Back via White Barn Farm. Improved paths and lovely views.

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## LEADERS WANTED

### Sundays

February 1<sup>st</sup>, "B" and "C", 8<sup>th</sup>, "B" and "C", 15<sup>th</sup>, "B" and "C", 22<sup>nd</sup>, "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' walks on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

**Why not make a New Year's Resolution to lead at least one walk this year.**

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Jean and Ron Armsden will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding in January. We send our congratulations and wish them many more years together.

Mike Jones would like to thank members for their cards and kind wishes after his recent operation. He is recovering well and hopes to be walking with the club again in the New Year.

Max Barnes, who walked with the Club until quite recently, has broken his hip and is in Wythenshaw Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We welcome Ray and Judith Bonner, Michael Moore and Wendy Brady who have recently joined the Club.

## FUTURE EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE BLACK AND WHITE BALL to the sounds of Glen Miller. At Timperley Village Hall, Stockport Road, Timperley. 8 pm to Midnight. A few tickets still available, £8.50, includes supper, from Derek Hamer 969 3821. Bring knife, fork, spoon and wine-glass.

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. BANFF FILM FESTIVAL, at the Plaza, Stockport, 7.30 pm. Tickets can be bought online or go early and buy at box office next door. Extreme sports, fantastic evening, not to be missed.

The MANCHESTER TOWN HALL TOUR is now fully booked.

### COACH TRIPS.

The programme for 2015 has been finalised.

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|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May   | Arnside        | Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | Grasmere        |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Pateley Bridge | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June   | Coniston        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | Sedbergh       | Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August | Church Stretton |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | Settle         | Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept. | Haworth         |

Further details will be published nearer the time. If you would be prepared to lead a walk on a coach trip and have not yet been approached, please contact Martin Ostick 01625 532645.

✧ *We wish everyone Season's Greetings* ✧

*and a Happy and Healthy New Walking Year.*

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