

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

FEBRUARY 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.

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.

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY

Area FRODSHAM **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970 742311)
Park Cars Park at the Castle CP in Frodsham. GR SJ513773. Drive through Frodsham on the A56 and immediately after passing under the railway bridge, turn left into Castle Park. CP on right.
Details This walk will take us south of Frodsham towards Delamere Forest. As I have not pioneered it yet, I am unable to be more precise – but I'm sure it will be fine!

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

Area HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ995971. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again. After about ½ mile park on verge at RHS of road (before 'No Through Road' sign).
Details Mottram Old Hall, the Quarries, Walkerburn Reservoir, Upper Hyde Green, the Swineshaw Reservoirs, Hollingworthall Moor, Wild Bank Hill and Moorside Farm. An undulating walk mainly through the moors on good paths but may be muddy in places!

Area ASHLEY **Leave 10.00** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.50**
Leader(s) Liz White 908 8605 (Mob 077106961974)
Park Cars Bow Lane, Bowdon Vale. Langham Road, Bowdon, turn left into Vicarage Lane. This soon becomes Priory Road. Eventually Priory Road bends sharply to the right and changes to Bow Lane. GR.757858
Details A pleasant walk across fields, River Bollin towards Ashley and passing the Tatton Estate Area and Ashley Hall

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Area **DISLEY AND POTT SHRIGLEY** **Leave 8.45** **11 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Peter and Susan Darby 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)
Park Cars Disley Station Car Park, just off the A6. GR SJ972845. Postcode SK12 2AE
Details A winter walk in familiar territory on mainly good paths, but of course muddy in places. Some gradual ascents but no steep climbs. West Parkgate, Bakestonedale Moor, Brink Farm, Bowstonegate, Lyme Hall, Bentside.

WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Area **LITTLEBOROUGH** **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars Watergrove Reservoir Car Park, free parking. GR SD911175. M62 J21, left at roundabout to Milnrow then right at lights on B6225 then follow to mini roundabout at 'T' junction to turn left. Over Smithy Bridge Railway Crossing to lights at top then left. Right at next lights signed Hospital and Wardle. Go up through village and cobbled road to car park at top.
Details Pennine Bridleway and Mary Towneley Loop over Shore Moor and Cranberry Dam to Ramsden Road then back to cars via Rochdale Way and Brown Wardle Hill. No major ascents but undulating all day.

Area **NORTHWICH** **Leave 9.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087, & Norman Simcock, 962 1627
Park Cars Picnic area on left of A556 (just after the Blue Hartford Bridge). GR 643715
Details A pleasant walk alongside the River Weaver to Northwich and returning to Hartford via the opposite bank.

SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Area **TODMORDEN** **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars Todmorden town centre, free Sundays. GR SD938241. M62 J21, then B6225 passing Hollingworth Lake to Littleborough then take A6033 to Todmorden centre, turning right at roundabout then first right to car parks.
Details To Stoodley Pike via Langfield Edge and Bald Scout Hill then via Sunderland Pasture, Swillington and London Road to Mankinholes and Rochdale Canal back to cars. No serious ascents, just steady climbing.

WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

Area **WINCLE** **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport TBA**
Leader(s) Derek Binns, 973 4266, & Jack Garstang, 980 6349
Park Cars In Wincle/Danebridge, on left hand side after Ship Inn. GR 652964. A523 out of Macclesfield, turn left to Sutton and eventually right at Fourways Hotel.
Details Along Dane Valley Way, up to Whitelee and onto the Gritstone Trail. Ahead to Nettlebeds, Wood Cottage and on to Wild Boar Inn. Follow track to Hazels Farm and down to A54. Across to Allmeadows and Bartomley Farm.

Area **MARPLE LOCKS** **Leave 9.45** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park Cars Brabbyns car park. GR SJ963894. A626, past Marple station, take left into car park near bottom of hill.
Details Route is via Chadkirk Chapel, after coffee at Hyde Bank Farm, towards Middle Wood Way and return by canal paths.

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Area NORTH OF BOLTON WILD SIDE **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Brian Billington 485 4119
Park Cars Travel to BOLTON via A666. then continue along A666 towards Darwen. Immediately after passing the LANCASHIRE sign take the first left into minor road travelling through Charter's Moss Plantation. Park in layby on right hand side of the road just before the point that this road rejoins the A666. Explorer 287. Grid ref SD173699.
Details Turton Heights. Cheetham Close, Wayoh Reservoir, Entwistle, Aushaw Moss, Tom Barn, Yarnsdale. and return.

WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

Area TEGG'S NOSE **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Judy Bailey & John Drinkwater 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)
Park Cars Tegg's Nose Country Park. GR SJ950733. Leave Macclesfield on A537. After about 1ml turn right onto Buxton Old Road, CP approx 1.25ml on right.
Details From Tegg's Nose we take the Gritstone Trail to Bull Hill Lane, then climb up to Kerridge Ridge and White Nancy. Steep steps down from White Nancy, lane walk to Waulkmill Farm and field paths into Rainow where we pick up the Gritstone Trail to Hordern Farm then field paths to Gulshaw Hollow and Hacked Way Lane, passing the reservoirs to climb back up to Tegg's Nose.

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. This walk can be very muddy in places! Farm Shop and Cafe will be open for drinks.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

March 1st, "B" and "C", 8th, "B" and "C", 15th, "B" and "C", 22nd, "B" and "C", 29th, "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 March 4th, 18th and 25th. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Nothing reported this month.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat 31st Jan and 21st 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.

Tues 3rd Feb. A reminder for those booked on the Manchester Town Hall Tour – meet just before 11 am outside the Midland Hotel. £5 on day.

Wed 18th March. 5 mile walk with hotpot lunch at Blaze Farm. £6 on day. Book with Heather 01625 618782.

Fri 26th June. A meeting to discuss the Club's 60th Anniversary Celebrations in 2016. More details later.

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