

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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MARCH 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'

Sunday "C" Walks

Since the AGM on Nov 20th last year only 5 "C" walks have taken place on a Sunday, 3 of these being led by the same person. Looking ahead there are only 2 walks booked in for March and no other walks are currently planned.

Your Club is in urgent need of the following:

- A volunteer to source Walks and Leaders for "C" walks on Sundays – Please note that Phil Worsley will be available for help and advice. Contact Phil on 777 6013, for further information.
- Leaders for "C" walks on Sundays – Please contact Phil Worsley

Please help your Club to help you

SUNDAY 1st MARCH

Area	GOYT VALLEY & CATS TOR	Leave 8.30	12 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.40
Leader(s)	Steve & Pauline Glover 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)				
Park Cars	Errwood Hall car park. GR SK012748. M60 East to A6 onto A5004 Buxton road. After 6 miles turn sharp right into Goyt's Lane to Errwood Reservoir then turn left. Car park is about a mile on the right and free. Ignore that nearest the reservoir dam road junction. Nearest postcode SK17 6GJ is the Errwood Sailing Club a kilometre away. Note: the road to the south of the car park is one way (south only) so there's no direct access from the A537.				
Details	Past Errwood Hall towards Cat & Fiddle to Shining Tor, Cats Tor, Windgather Edge, Taxal and back down Goyt Valley to car park.				

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH

Area	RAMSBOTTOM	Leave 9.15	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.80
Leader(s)	Alan Key 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)				
Park Cars	Nuttall park car park, GR SE795193 off Nuttall Hall road (BL0 9LR). Take M66 and exit to Ramsbottom along A56. When you turn off the A56 at a left turn at traffic lights and falling steeply (signposted Ramsbottom) follow this road, then take the second turning on the left after crossing the motorway (Nuttall Park road and signposted Nuttall Park).				
Details	A walk up Scout Moor and Whittle Hill via the Cheesden Valley.				

Area	PRESTBURY	Leave 9.30	6 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport £2.80
Leader(s)	David & Liz White 980 8605 (Mob 07716961974)				
Park Cars	Main Car Park in Prestbury village. Take the A538 from Wilmslow into Prestbury. The car park is on the left hand side just past the Admiral Rodney Inn. GR 902772				
Details	A walk in the most prosperous area of Cheshire! Across the Bollin river to Spittle House. Then lovely countryside with distant views of White Nancy to Woodend Farm. Returning via Big Wood and the golf course. Quite a number of stiles!				

SUNDAY 8th MARCH

Area PEAK FOREST & GREAT RIDGE **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Explorer Map OL24. GR SK114796. Travelling SE on the A623 turn left at the traffic lights in Peak Forest and park the cars on the roadside in Old Dam which is about 600m after turning left.
Details We climb on to Eldon Hill and then on to Mam Tor. We then follow the Great Ridge before dropping down into Castleton and follow the Limestone Way up Cave Dale and back to the cars over Old Moor. No hard climbs today but a few of the normal undulations.

Area KNUTSFORD & TATTON PARK **Leave 10.00** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**
Leader(s) Edna Adderley (980 7753) and Beryl Hunwick (928 3644)
Park Cars Car park in the centre of Knutsford, GR 753787, behind King Street, adjacent to Malt Street. On A50, at roundabout in Knutsford, follow sign to station, left at traffic lights, left again after station onto B5083, King Street, look out for signs to car park which is on the right.
Details A very pleasant walk into Tatton Park, through Dog Wood to Tatton Old Hall, then across parkland to the Old Mill Pond, and on to Tatton Hall, before returning via Beech Avenue to the start. Tea rooms and pubs in Knutsford. Walk can be muddy near the start but no stiles.

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

Area WINTER HILL **Leave 9.15** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)
Park Cars Barrow Bridge car park, Barrow Bridge Road. GR: SD687117. M60, M61, A666, A6099, follow Brown signs towards Smithills Hall. Cross the A58, turn left at the school down Smithills Croft Road and then right at a sharp bend onto Barrow Bridge Road. Pass the first car park on the left for Moss Park. The car park is on the left just before a row of stone cottages on the right. The car park is beyond the postal code BL1 7NH on Barrow Bridge Road.
Details Barrow Bridge to Smithalls Hall. Then towards Green Nook and a long slow climb to Scotch Man's Stump and the masts. Then towards Two Lads Hill and down to Pike cottage and Wilderswood. A shorter steeper climb to Burnt Edge, down to Walker Fold, down 63 steps to Barrow Bridge. There may well be boggy bits.

Area SIDDINGTON & CAPESTHORNE **Leave 9.00** **8 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Elizabeth Downie & Sandra McFadyen 904 9775 (Mob 07801054139)
Park Cars Redesmere Lane, GR SJ848712. A34 via Alderley Edge bypass. Pass signs to Capesthorpe Hall and Siddington Village Hall. Turn left into Redesmere Lane and park facing the lake. If you wish, bring bread to feed the ducks!
Details A short uphill near the start then flat thereafter. A good number of stiles. An attractive varied walk via Hills Green Farm, Henshaw Hall Farm, Marton Gate Farm, Siddington Heath, Siddington, Capesthorpe Lakes and back along side of Redesmere.

Area SANKEY VALLEY/CARR MILL DAM **Leave 9.30** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087, & Norman Simcock, 962 1627.
Park Cars Stanley Bank, Sankey Valley Visitor Centre, Blackbrook Rd., Haydock, GR SJ 535966. Take M6 north to J23 and then the East Lancs Road (A580) west towards Haydock and St Helens. After approx. 3 miles turn left at A58 (Vicarage Rd.) which becomes West End Rd. and then Blackbrook Rd. Stanley Bank C P is on the right hand side of A58 behind the Ship Hotel.
Details We enter Sankey Valley Park at the Stanley Basin, a loading wharf for the Sankey Canal – England's first "dug-out" canal, dating from the mid 1700's. It served several coal mines in the area. We circuit Carr Mill Dam and return via the hamlet of Chadwick Green, viewing Billinge Hill (Merseyside's highest point) as we pass the nineteen arches bridge into the Goyt Valley (No! not that one).

SUNDAY 15th MARCH

Area WYCOLLER & BOULSWORTH HILL **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896 913175)

Park Cars Wycoller Country Park, Trawden, Burnley, free. GR SD 926395. Toilets 500 yds into walk. M60, M66, A56, M65 (east) to end then follow Skipton to third roundabout and take right filter lane B6250 signed Wycoller and after a mile or so sharp left into Rock Lane and follow signs.

Details Bronte Way and Pennine Way to Boulsworth Dyke, then 725 foot ascent to trig point at Lad's Law (1,680 feet) and corresponding tricky descent back to Bronte Way passing Coldwell Reservoirs and over Deerstone Moor via Oaken Bank back to cars. Great views given good conditions.

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

Area **MACCLESFIELD FOREST** **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**

Leader(s) John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)

Park Cars Alongside Ridgeway Reservoir GR SJ952715. From Macclesfield, A523 Leek road, left at traffic lights into Byron's Lane for Sutton, Langley & Wincle. Follow signs for Langley. After passing Leather's Smithy Pub, roadside parking on left.

Details Circular walk through Macclesfield Forest across High Moor to the summit of Shutlingsloe, down to Wildboardclough. Higher Nabbs, Lower Nabbs Farm, Oakenclough, up to the Hanging Gate pub. Back to Ridgeway Reservoir via the Gritstone Trail. Lanes, footpaths and bridleways.

Area **DANEBRIDGE (with Hot Pot Lunch)** **Leave 9.15** **5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**

Leader(s) Heather Wykes 01625618782

Park Cars On the road past the Ship Inn at Wincle GR 962652 Map OL24

Details A circular walk followed by lunch at Blaze Farm (1.30pm). Places still available. Book with Heather. £6 Pay on day.

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

Area **LANTERN PIKE, MILL HILL & THREE KNOLLS** **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £4.20**

Leader(s) Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)

Park Cars The Sett Valley Trail pay & display car park, just off the A624 at GR SK036869. Cost to be shared.

Details This clockwise circuit based on Hayfield will call at Lantern Pike, Burnt Hill, Mill Hill, Kinder Downfall, Red Brook, The Three Knolls, Coldwell Clough and Stones House. Three climbs and some rough ground on the Kinder Edge path.

Area **TOCKHOLES** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**

Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)

Park Cars Slipper Lowe car park. GR SD663202. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont, 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Car park 1 mile on left (if you reach Ryal Fold you have gone too far!).

Details Slipper Lowe, Watsons Farm, Abbey Village, Roddlesworth Reservoirs, Ryal Fold, Jubilee Tower, Darwen Moor and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

Area **SOUTH EAST OF WHALEY BRIDGE** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**

Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)

Park Cars Combs Reservoir Car Park, free, no toilets GR SK 034798. M60 to Stockport then A6 through Disley and Furness Vale to first roundabout, go right on B5470, signed Whaley Bridge & Macclesfield. Through Whaley Bridge to lights at top then left on B5470, signed Chapel-en-le-Frith, and 1.6 miles later, right down narrow entrance marked Combs Reservoir and cul-de-sac sign.

Details Via Thorny Lee to Combs Village, then via White Hall Centre to Hanging Rock (1,350 feet), past Fernilee Reservoir, over River Goyt to Tunstead Farm and back to cars.

Area **SALE & CHORLTON WATER PARKS** **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £-**

Leader(s) Pauline Campbell 864 1335

Park Cars Tram from Altrincham Metro Station at 9.30, alight at Dane Road for 10am start. (remember Bus Pass)

Details Two lakes, a river and woods. No stiles, no climbs.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH

Area	MONYASH	Leave 8.30	12 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £7.00
Leader(s)	Mike Gregory 01625 614211				
Park Cars	Monyash car park, opposite Chapel on Chapel Street GR. SK 149667 (where leader will meet).				
Details	Limestone uplands and villages mainly above 1000 ft providing superb views. Monyash – Flagg – Chelmorton – Taddington – Sheldon – Monyash.				
Area	DOVE HOLES, COMBS EDGE	Leave 9.15	8.5 Miles	Category 3	Transport £4.80
Leader(s)	John and Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 0799007929)				
Park Cars	Dove Holes Station, Station Road. GR SK 074781. From A6 at Dove Holes turn right at Traffic Lights, station approx 100yds on left. Free CP, no toilets.				
Details	From Dove Holes station steady climb on lane and track up to Castle Naze, then circular walk round Combs Edge, White Hall Centre, Bay House, Rye Flatt and Bank Hall farms and return to station. Excellent views over Goyt Valley on a fine day.				
Area	GAWSWORTH	Leave 9.45	6 Miles	Category 4	Transport £4.00
Leader(s)	Heather Wykes 01625 618782				
Park Cars	On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and Church GR. SJ 886692, where leader will meet.				
Details	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				

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

April 5th, "C", 12th, "B" and "C", 19th, "C", 26th, "C". Beyond April - "C" walks for all dates.

All offers of walk - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

Wednesdays

Several dates in April and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Jean and Ron Armsden would like to thank the Club and members for all their cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding.

Robert Fysh, one of our vice-presidents, is in Woodend Nursing Home, Bradgate Rd., Bowdon and would welcome visits from members of the Club. Visiting hours are 2 – 4 in the afternoon and 7 – 10 in the evening. Robert's direct line is 929 5127.

Margaret Ledger is now back at home following her short stay in hospital and is doing well. All members of the Club send Margaret their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Keith Wykes mother – Muriel Quibelle Wykes – has died just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday. We send Keith our sincere sympathy and condolences.

Lost Property: Ladies size 14 black cardigan (New Look) left in the boot of Frank Dockry's car – could have been there for some time! Now washed and pressed and with Beryl Hunwick (928 3644). If not claimed within a month, will donate to charity shop.

PA System: If anyone wants the Club's old PA system please call David White on 0161 980 8605. The Club has a new one thanks to the Vernon Hill Legacy.

Membership: After all the recent renewals, the Club has over 280 members - much the same as last year.

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