

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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APRIL 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 22nd March – Tockholes Walk – Change of Start Point **

The car park at Slipper Lowe is closed. The start point is now changed to Ryal Fold. The directions are as previously published but continue on for ~0.6 miles to Ryal Fold and park in the rear car park. The walk details are the same but starting and finishing at Ryal Fold, not Slipper Lowe.

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

Area LAMALOAD RESERVOIR **Leave 9.30** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Ron Goodman, 945 0198, & Frank Dockry, 973 6617
Park Cars Lamaload Car Park GR 976753. From Macclesfield take the A537 Buxton road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left on a minor road signposted Salters Ford and the Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left, 1.2 miles from the A537.
Details From the car park to Chapel House Farm then to Chest Hollow and up to Shining Tor and back to Lamaload Rees.

Area DUDDON/OSCROFT **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087, & Norman Simcock, 962 1627
Park Cars Layby on left of A51 (just past O'Kells Garden Centre) GR 505652. Take A49 south just after Blakemere Craft Centre. At Tarporley By-pass, turn right onto A51, through Clotton to Duddon (Duddon is midway between Tarporley and Tarvin)
Details We take the Eddisbury Way to Duddon Mill and Westwood Grange. Continuing on the Eddisbury Way and field paths, we arrive at the village of Oscroft, returning to the cars via a golf course and repeating a short stretch of the Eddisbury Way.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

Area CHATSWORTH **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Judy Bailey, 928 1156, & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (with help? from John and Ian) (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR SK261703. Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the fountain in the Stables courtyard where toilets are available and aim to start the walk by 11am.
Details The traditional Good Friday Chatsworth walk. We shall start with a short, fairly steep climb up to Stand Wood and the Hunting Tower, then along Dobb Edge to Robin Hood. From there we go past Nelson's Monument and the Wellington Monument to Baslow and back into the Park to return to the cars, hopefully in time for tea and scones!

SUNDAY 5th APRIL

Area ABOVE THE DERWENT VALLEY **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £7.40**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The pay and display car park at Fairholmes Visitor Centre. GR SK 173893. Turn left off A57 before crossing Ashopton Viaduct and follow the minor road up the valley to Fairholmes. Cost to be shared.
Details This walk will explore the ground above and to the east of the Upper Derwent Reservoir and will call at Grindle Clough, Back Tor, Cartledge Stones Ridge, Berristors Tor, Abbey

Bank, Bamford House and Hancock Wood. Rough country with one steady climb, one steep descent and the usual undulations. Good views all day – subject to weather.

Area ABOVE BACUP **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Car park at Trough Gate GR SD 885214. The small car park is on the A671 just before the junction with the A6066 coming from Whitworth. If full, park on road close by.
Details From cars, climb up to Rossendale Way which is followed to A681. Then across Todmorden Moor via Higher Woodfield Farm and Hazel Greave to Gorpley Clough. From Gorpley Reservoir across Inchfield Pasture and Burnt Hills to Trough Edge End and back down to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

Area MARSDEN **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona 900 9177 (Mob 07549630227)
Park Cars Standedge Visitor Centre Car Park, GR SE0471218 OS Map OL21, where leaders will meet. Approx post code HD7 6AX. M60 to J23. Take A670 which then becomes A62 to Marsden.
Details A walk from the carpark along the canal to tunnel entrance and then up to Moss Moor Edge and back.

Area BEESTON **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Frank Dockry 973 6617
Park Cars Beeston Castle car park (£3 all day) GR SJ 540590 Follow the A49 south then follow the signs off to the right to Beeston Castle.
Details A circular walk. North from the castle to the canal, west along the canal. Leave the canal going south then turn east going between Peckforton and Beeston castle. Then north to the cars. Some stiles.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

Area CAT & FIDDLE **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars Lay-by opposite Cat & Fiddle on A537 Macclesfield to Buxton road. GR SK 000718
Details Errwood Reservoir, Bunsal Cob, Wild Moor, Plex Farm and over Goyt's Moss via Deep Clough back to cars.

Area MARTON **Leave 9.45** **5½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.40**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park Cars Bunce Lane, Marton. GR 847683. Bunce Lane is on right off A34 to Congleton (signposted Somerford and Swettenham). Park on right hand grass verge beyond houses and farm.
Details A varied walk around the pleasant village of Marton.

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL

Area BRIDESTONES & BOSLEY CLOUD **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob 0773 327 0371)
Park Cars Staffordshire Way CP, Rushton Spencer. GR 936624. Take A523 south from Macclesfield to Rushton Spencer. Turn right after Land Rover garage (Jim Hallam) into Station Road, and turn left immediately after Knot Inn into car park.
Details St Lawrence Church, Woodhouse Green, Bridestones from where we follow the 'missing link' to the summit of Cloud. Descend to Ravens Clough and then follow the conduit to Barleighford Bridge and thence return to Rushton. Some lane walking, and several churned up and muddy fields (in December anyway), and always muddy along the conduit.

Area MARTON **Leave 10.45** **4 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.60**
Leader(s) Mavis Weetman 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 .

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Area MILLER'S DALE **Leave 8.30** **12.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £6.80**
Leader(s) Tess Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars Miller's Dale Old Station Car Park, GR SK 138733, where leader will meet. A6 from Buxton then turn left onto B6049. Car park charge to be shared.
Details Chee Torr tunnels, Cheedale, Mosley Farm, Flag Dale, Tunstead, Dale Head, Peter Dale, Tideswell, Tansley Dale, Cressbrook Dale and Monsal Trail.

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL

Area JUMBLES PLUS TWO **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Jack Garstang 980 6349
Park Cars Jumbles free carpark. GR SD 736139. M60 onto M61 and immediately onto A666 into Bolton. Keep in outside lane and turn right to Ramsbottom on A676. One mile north of Bradshaw, at traffic lights and brown sign turn left into Bradshaw Lane and turn left at next brown sign.
Details Across dam and up to Turton Golf Club, through wood and across fields to track passing Clough House Farm to Green Arms Road and down to Turton Reservoir (lunch) around reservoir and over to Wayoh. Then back along Jumbles. Only one mild climb, mostly tracks and should not be muddy.

Area PRESTWICH / RADCLIFFE **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £-**
Leader(s) Angela & Norman Simcock 962 1627
Park Cars Leave Altrincham Metro Station 9.30 Bury tram and alight at Prestwich – where walk will commence at 10.45 a.m. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSES !!
Details Prestwich to Radcliffe – an easy walk through Prestwich Forest Park, along Irwell Sculpture Trail and Bury - Bolton Canal to Radcliffe.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

Area MOEL FAMAU, MOEL DYWYLL & DEVILS GORGE **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Alan Gerrard 07801652426
Park Cars Loggerheads Country Park P&D (GR SJ197625). M56 and A494 to Mold / Ruthin. Car Park is approx. 4 miles from Mold.
Details A short initial road walk followed by an undulating and progressively steepening climb to the top of Moel Famau. Return via Moel Dywyll, Cilcain and the Devils Gorge.

WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL

Area STOODLEY PIKE-BLACKSTONE EDGE **Leave 9.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.60**
Leader(s) John Brownhill 980 1774
Park Cars Free car park on the left of the A58 just before the White House Hotel at Blackstone Edge. GR SD968179 Post Code OL15 0LG
Details Along the Pennine Way to Stoodley Pike, down to White Clough Reservoir, round its West and East shores and then South up to Cloven Stone. We will then head South along White Home Drain to the reservoir then over Byron Edge to the cars.

Area PEOVER **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**
Leader(s) Jan Williams, Liz White & Janet Fowler 07913441664
Park Cars Whipping Stocks car park on bend of A50 Toft Toad approx 2 miles from Knutsford. GR SJ767746
Details A flat walk through countryside visiting 2 unusual churches. Approx 6 stiles with some road walking, followed by home-made ice cream at the Seven Sisters Farm just down the road for anyone interested – it's delicious!

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

May 3rd, "C", 10th, "C", 24th, "B" and "C", 31st, "B" and "C".

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

FUTURE EVENTS

CLUB WEEK END TO CRICCIETH 10 APRIL 2015

The coach will be leaving Sale M&S at 0830. The Pick up Points are: 1) A56 Sale M & S. 2) A56/ Eastway. 3) Park Rd /Brookfield Drive. 4) Timperley Post Office. 5) Stand A, Altrincham Interchange. There will be a morning coffee stop at the Driver's discretion. Don't forget your packed lunch. There will be a walk from Portmadog to the Hotel - full details on the coach. Have a good time. Sorry I can't be with you. Dean

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO ARNSIDE

Leaders:- A walk - Ian and Josie Stenhouse
B walk - Muriel Lowther and Heather Wykes
C walk - Brian Warburton

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634), 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Rd, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £10 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE

Leaders:- A walk - Phil Worsley
B walk - Keith Wykes
C walk - Dean and Elsie Edwards

Book with Beverley Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Rd, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9HP with a cheque for £10 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

Please note that both of these trips will have a 15 minute comfort stop at the motorway services. Remember to state where you will be joining the coach.

* Will all coach leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walks by April 11th.

There will also be a social coach trip to York on Sunday July 26th.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Margaret Ledger would like to thank her friends in the Club who sent good wishes after her recent stroke and to assure everyone that progress is noticeable.

Keith Wykes would like to thank the Club and members for the overwhelming support given to him by many kind expressions of sympathy and messages of condolence following the recent passing of his Mum (nearly 100!).

Heather Wykes would like to thank everyone who kindly sent messages of condolence on the recent death of her mother.

Alan Key suffered damage to his ankle on a recent walk, necessitating an operation. We wish Alan all the best for a speedy recovery and return to walking.

Joyce Blow has had a hip operation and is now recovering at home. Best wishes from the Club.

CLUB DISCOUNT

Nomad Travel, Bridge St., Manchester now offer us the following discounts:

20% off non-sale or pharmacy items in store or via their website www.nomadtravel.co.uk (pharmacy items being antibiotics, malaria tablets etc.)

10% off the cost of travel vaccinations

To claim any of the above **quote the code "ARAMC2000"** at the till when making a purchase or on their website when buying online.

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