

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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MAY 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'

** CLUB'S 60th ANIVERSARY **

Any suggestions as to how the Club might celebrate its 60th Aniversary next year should be communicated to Heather Wykes (01625 618782) or John Drinkwater (969 1557) prior to the meeting to discuss the subject to be held at the Hare and Hounds, Wood Lane, on Friday 26th June at 12.30.

SUNDAY 3rd MAY

Area **DENSHAW & THE PENNINE WAY** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Leave the M62 at Junction 22 and turn right onto the A672 towards Oldham. Park the cars in the large open area off the road on the right after 700m. GR SD982141
Details From the start we walk west over Winter Hill and then south and down to Piethorne Reservoir. We continue onto The Oldham Way passing the New Years Bridge and the Castleshaw Reservoirs before climbing up onto the Pennine Way and following this back to the cars. Quite a lot of undulations on today's walk though no major climbs.

Area **KETTLESHULME & TAXAL EDGE** **Leave 9.00** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Colin Turner 973 7770 (Mob 07582448095)
Park Cars Whaley Bridge GR 012816 Sharp turn left off the main road opposite the station. Follow the road round to the free public car park, alternatively park on the main road.
Details From Whaley Bridge we climb to Stoneheads then on to Whaley Moor before descending to Kettlethulme and on to Taxal Edge before returning to the cars

WEDNESDAY 6th MAY

Area **COACH TRIP TO ARNSIDE** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.
"A" walk 9 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Ian & Josie Stenhouse
A linear walk, starting at Milnthorpe, through the Deer Park to Beatham, Whin Scar, Hazelslack, Waterslack, round King William's Hill, past Arnside Tower, over Arnside Knott to Arnside.
"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 4/3 Leaders Muriel Lowther & Dave Stonehewer
Starting at Promenade, walking through fields and paths up to Arnside Knott, through woods and farm to Arnside Tower, through caravan park down to shore line and returning along farm track or shoreline if tide out. More info on coach – history, etc.
"C" walk 6 Miles Cat 4/3 Leader Brian Warburton
Mainly a coastal walk, but taking in woodlands, caravan parks and the lower levels of Arnside Knott
There will be a 15 minute comfort stop at the motorway services.
Coach fully booked with a waiting list.

Area **BRADFORD & LATHKILL DALE** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Veronica Dunkley 928 4629 (Mob 077809147737)
Park Cars Moor End C P, where leader will meet. GR SK194644. From Macclesfield take A537 to Buxton. Turn onto A515. After about 9 miles, at the Arbor Low Stone Circle sign, turn sharp left and then right in about 100 yards. Follow this road, ignoring right fork for Youlgreave, past quarry works on right and eventually car park sign is on right hand side.
Details From car park, down to Bradford Dale, along the river to Alport and Conksbury Bridge. Eventually we go into Lathkill Dale and along the river to Cales Dale. Then we climb up steeply to follow the Limestone Trail back to the cars. Weather permitting, we should have good views of weirs and wild flowers.

SUNDAY 10th MAY

Area **FROGGATT & CURBAR EDGES** **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.40**
Leader(s) Ruth Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)

Park Cars The Surprise View pay and display car park, 2 miles south-east of Hathersage on the A6187 at GR SK251800. £4.50 for all day when last checked. Cost to be shared. Please note that payment at the car park machine is by Credit or Debit Card only

Details This clockwise circuit to the south-east of Hathersage will call at Longshaw Lodge, White Edge Moor, White Edge, Eaglestone Flat, Curbar Edge, Froggatt Edge, Nether Padley, and Yancliff Wood.

Area **MARSDEN & STANDEGE** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £6.00**

Leader(s) John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 969 1557 (Mob 07401519951)

Park Cars Standedge Tunnel CP (next to Railway Station) GR SE047118 M60 to J23, right at T junction, right at traffic island signpost Stalybridge A635. Stay on A635. Follow signpost Mossley A670. Stay on A670 then right onto A62 Huddersfield. In Marsden left at signpost for Station follow brown signs for Standedge Tunnel CP

Details Towpath to Standedge Tunnel, old packhorse route passing Close Gate Bridge to Haigh Gutter to meet the Pennine Way, Dinner Stone and Standedge Trail back to Marsden. This walk is mostly across open moorland with sweeping uninterrupted views on a clear day.

Area **LITTLE LEIGH** **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) Brian Warburton 928 7087

Park Cars Lay-bys on Runcorn Rd. (A533) GR 623759. Take A556 to Lostock Graham. Fork right onto A559 and follow through Northwich Town Centre. Cross River Weaver onto A533 (Winnington Lane), passing the old ICI works, into Barnton. Still on A533, it becomes Runcorn Rd. There are 2 Lay-bys almost opposite each other.

Details From Little Leigh Village, we reach the Trent & Mersey Canal and follow the tow-path to Saltersford Tunnel. From there we drop down to the River Weaver, retracing our steps, via field paths, to the tunnel and back to the cars through Barnton Village.

WEDNESDAY 13th MAY

Area **LONGNOR & HARTINGTON** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.40**

Leader(s) Jerry & Bernie Warner 962 5709 (Mob 07740996290)

Park Cars The Square in the centre of Longnor GR SK088649 (Voluntary contribution & toilets). Limited spaces but alternative parking on Church Street alongside Church. Take Cat & Fiddle road (A537) from Macclesfield. By-pass Buxton by turning right onto A53 and then first left onto Harper Hill road. Continue to meet B5053 where you turn right to Longnor. (Church Street is on left just before the Square, opposite St Bartholomew School.) Leaders will meet in the Square.

Details Along the Dove Valley to Pilsbury Castle and then on into Hartington. The return is along the Sheen Ridge. Includes a few short climbs (nothing too strenuous) either side of the upper Dove Valley and some quiet road walking. Beautiful views weather permitting!

Area **DISLEY** **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) Derek Hamer 969 3821

Park Cars Longstay public car park accessed via road which runs between Rams Head car park and the A6 (Buxton Road West) at the traffic lights in Disley. If the car park is full, park on the local roads and assemble to start the walk on the forecourt of the Rams Head. GR. SJ974846

Details Leave Disley for Strines and Brookbottom. Continue towards canal and back to Disley.

Area **STYAL/MORLEY (THE BLUEBELL WALK) (in memory of Evelyn Evans)**

Leave 10.30 **5½ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £1.60**

Leader(s) Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648

Park Cars Lindow Common C P. Racecourse Rd, off A538 to Wilmslow at Boddington Arms. GR SJ833813

Details Pownall Farm to Twinnies Bridge, along the top path to Quarry Bank Mill and the village, through Northern Woods, along the River Bollin, round the Rugby Pitch and through the Bluebells to Morley.

SUNDAY 17th MAY

Area **COACH TRIP TO GRASMERE** Leaving The Downs at 8.00 with the usual pick-up points.

"A" walk 10 Miles Cat 2/3 Leader Phil Worsley

Sergeant Man and High Raise via Easedale Tarn with a return via Moor Moss and Stythwaite Steps - Full details on the coach.

"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leader Keith Wykes

We follow the "Coffin Route" to Rydal; Rydal Hall Tea Shop & St. Mary's Church. Down and up to Rydal Caves (Loughrigg Quarry), "Loughrigg Terrace", Red Bank & a short road section to the Coach Park. These are the finest "B" party Terrace walks the Lakes have to offer.

"C" walk 6 Miles Cat 3/4 Leader Elsie Edwards

From Grasmere Village we follow the lanes to the Lake shore, passing Grasmere, Rydal Water, Loughrigg Fell to Rydal Bridge. Coffee at Rydal Hall, before completing walk along the old Coffin Route back to Grasmere Village.

There will be a 15 minute comfort stop at the motorway services.

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

Area DEEP DALE & SHELDON **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.80**
Leader(s) Judith Rees 980 5034 (Mob 07923130630)
Park Cars Monsal Head car park -Parking charge. Nearby road - free. Map OL24 GR SK185715
Details Through Monsal Dale to Deep Dale (where we should see cowslips and orchids in abundance), continuing to Bagshaw Dale via High Low. Then on to Sheldon, down to Ashford in the Water and back to the cars

WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

Area NORTH OF LLANGOLLEN **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars In front of, or in lane behind, the Ponderosa Cafe on top of the Horseshoe Pass on A542 north of Llangollen. GR SJ192481, where leader will meet
Details From Cafe over moorland to Dergoed via Foel Plantation and down to Eglwyseg then following Offa's Dyke Path with a steepish 750 ft. ascent back up to cars via Worlds End Organic Farm.

Area HOLCOMBE MOOR/PEEL TOWER **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)
Park Cars Peel Tower CP GR 782163. M60, M66 leaving at J1, at traffic lights take right A56 to Ramsbottom. In approx. 1ml turn left at traffic lights for Ramsbottom into Bury New Road. In Ramsbottom turn left onto A676 signpost Bolton. After approx. 1ml turn right B6214 Lumb Carr Road signpost Peel Tower. CP 0.5ml on right.
Details A scenic walk on varied terrain around and over Holcombe Moor (boggy). Route via Red Brook, Bull Hill, Beetle Hill and up to Peel Tower, mainly using bridleways and distinct paths.

SUNDAY 24th MAY

Area CYNWYD **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars Eifion Williams Trailers Car Park, Cynwyd Village, free. GR SJ056411. M56 J15 then follow M53, A55 then A483, Wrexham, to A5, Llangollen. Through here to Corwen then bear off left at end of Corwen, marked B4401 Cynwyd. Look out for Village Stores and park at back accessed by narrow entrance immediately after shop.
Details From the village (500ft) we use the North Berwyn Way to the lunch spot on Moel Fferna (2,100ft), a gradual five mile ascent via plantations and moorland, before visiting the memorial stone via Cerrig Coediog. Easy tracks & green lanes then take us back down to cars via Rhos-y-Maerdy & Colomendy.

Area DOVE HOLES, COMBS EDGE **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) John and Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 0799007929)
Park Cars Dove Holes Station, Station Road. GR SK074781, SK17 8DH. From A6 at Dove Holes traffic lights turn right, station approx. 200yds on left. Free CP, no toilets.
Details From station steady climb on lane to Castle Naze, descend to Rye Flatt, tracks and fields to Bank Hall farm and White Hall leisure centre then climb to Combs Moss, follow along edge and descend to lane and return to station.

Area HAZEL GROVE/HAPPY VALLEY **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.60**
Leader(s) Edna Adderley & Beryl Hunwick 928 3644
Park Cars Brookside Garden Centre on A523. GR SJ924849. Please park on corner of car park furthest from garden centre.
Details Lovely walk by Ladybrook, through woodland where path takes us up some steps. The walk then follows field paths and farm tracks back to the garden centre where there is a tea room. Only a few stiles, one tricky. Muddy in a couple of places. Thanks to Elaine Hall for this walk.

WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

Area WHALLEY **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison 928 1093 & Pauline Glover 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)
Park Cars Spring Wood car park GR SD741361. M60 to J18, then M66 to end. Follow the A56 heading for Clitheroe At cross with A671 turn left for Whalley. After 3.6 miles at traffic lights turn right into Spring Wood car park.
Details A pleasant undulating walk through the villages of Wiswell and Sabden below the shadow of Pendle. Then climbing the Black Hill, down to White Hill and Lower Read Wood Hall. It can be boggy in places.

Area DARESBURY **Leave 9.30** **8 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Audrey & Bruce Merrick 312 6227 (Mob 07810233104)
Park Cars Walton Hall Gardens (Pay&Display £2.20) GR SJ600849. A56 through Lymm, then continue to follow A56 onto dual carriageway section. After around 600yds turn left into Old Chester Road then a further left opposite the Walton Arms. Return to cars 15.30
Details A level walk without stiles initially along the canal then through the golf course to Hatton and then Daresbury. Return to Walton Hall along the canal.

SUNDAY 31st MAY

Area BAKEWELL & CHATSWORTH **Leave 8.30** **13 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.60**
Leader(s) Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)
Park Cars Smiths Island CP. GR SK220684. Arrive in Bakewell on A6, left at roundabout & follow the one way system over the bridge. Turn immediately right (Rutland Road) and right again, past the first carpark on the right & straight ahead to Smiths Island CP. £4 charge per day.
Details From Bakewell up across the golf course to Calton Pastures; Edensor; Chatsworth (coffee & cake); climb waterfall; Rabbit Warren; through Hall Bank Plantation to Rowsley. Return via Bouns Corner; top of Haddon Park & along the river to Bakewell. There are three climbs, two in the morning – the golf course & the waterfall plus a further climb out of Rowsley in the afternoon.

Area COLNE VALLEY **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.20**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Marsden Moor Information Centre GR SE048118 Use A62 into Marsden. After passing cemetery on left, turn left into Towngate, bear left into Church Lane, then turn left into Station Road. (Alternatively follow signs to Station) Just before Station turn right up cobbled way into Car Park. Go past Information Centre and park cars.
Details Along canal tow path to Tunnel End. Climb up to Kirklees Way and join Colne Valley Circular Walk across moors to Merry Dale. Then via Merry Dale Clough. Upper Holme and Owlers Wood to the River Colne. Cross the canal and river and climb up to rejoin the Colne Valley Circular Walk at Hill Top and follow it back to the cars.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: June 21st, "B" and "C", 28th, "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 June and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO CONISTON

Leaders - A walk - Chris and Margaret Sadler

B walk - John Drinkwater and Judy Bailey

C walk - Keith Wykes

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

This trip will have a 15 minute comfort stop at the motorway services.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE - COACH TRIP TO PATELEY BRIDGE

Leaders - A walk - John Drinkwater and Judy Bailey

B walk - Keith Leslie

C walk - Edna Adderley and Beryl Hunwick

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.

This trip will have a short coffee/comfort stop at The Old Stone Trough, Foulridge.

Please remember to state where you will be joining the coach.

* Would all coach walk leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walks by May 11th.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Joyce Blow wishes to thank everyone for the 'Get Well' cards and wishes following her recent hip replacement.

Rose Monteath wishes to thank everyone who sent cards & messages of sympathy following her brother's death.

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