

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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JULY 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'

* 60TH ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION MEETING - FRIDAY 26TH JUNE *

Don't forget the above meeting to be held at the Hare and Hounds, Timperley. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a carvery at 12.30 prior to discussing how we could celebrate this momentous occasion in September 2016. The meeting will begin around 1.30. If you are unable to attend, your ideas can be given to Heather Wykes (01625 618782) or John Drinkwater (969 1557).

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

Area CONGLETON EDGE **Leave 9.15** **8¾ Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)
Park Cars Astbury Mere Country Park. GR 846627. Take A34 south from Congleton. Turn left 100yards after island junction with A54 & A534 into Sandy Lane.(signpost to "Astbury Mere Country Park"). Sandy Lane leads into car park. Voluntary 50p or £1 donation to park cars.
Details Steep climb via steps from car park. Lamberts Lane, Macclesfield Canal, Biddulph Valley Way. Then a steep and muddy climb up to Congleton Edge. Nick i' the Hill, Pot Bank, and by field paths and lanes to Macclesfield Canal again. Finally across Astbury Golf Course and round the mere back to the cars.

Area BUNBURY **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087, & Norman Simcock, 962 1627
Park Cars Village Green, Bunbury (at side of St Boniface Church) GR 569581. Take A49 through Beeston, passing Wild Boar Hotel and taking 2nd turning on left (School Lane) into village. Turn left after ½ mile in to Vicarage Lane. Pass Dysart Arms P.H. Church is opposite on right.
Details A brief stop at Bunbury Mill, followed by a pleasant stretch of the Shropshie Union Canal. The towpath takes us to Beeston Cattle Market – just in time to witness the final stages of the weekly auction! We return to the cars via pleasant meadowland and quiet lanes.

SUNDAY 5TH JULY

Area EDALE **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Mike Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars Edale car park (P&D charge £5) GR. SK 124853 where leader will meet.
Details An abridged version of the classic Edale horseshoe. The route will include Hollins Cross, MamTor, Rushup Edge, Brown Knoll, Edale Cross, Crowden Tower, Upper Tor and Ringing Roger.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

Area DANEBRIDGE AND WINCLE MINN **Leave 9.15** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) John and Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)
Park Cars On road below Ship Inn, Wincle GR SJ962652, SK11 0QE. No public toilets.
Details From Ship Inn to Hawkslee, then climb north to Wincle Minn, Croker Hill and Fox Bank. Return east on Gritstone Trail, south via Cophurst, Cessbank Common and Allmeadows to cars.

Area RAINOW SCARECROW TRAIL **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.40**
Leader(s) John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)
Park Cars Pool Bank CP, Palmerston Street, Bollington GR 935779 Follow the B5090 Pott Shrigley Road, CP on left just after Holly Bush Pub, opposite Spinners Arms. CP free, toilet 20p

Details From CP a short uphill road walk to join the Gritstone Trail. We then take footpath on lower slope of Kerridge Hill to Kerridge End and the start of the Scarecrow Trail. We aim to see as many scarecrows as possible. The theme this year is "Children's Books and Nursery Rhymes". Return to Bollington via bridlepath.

SUNDAY 12th JULY

Area **ALPORT CASTLES** **Leave 8.30** **13.5 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £7.20**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The pay and display car park (cost to be shared) at Heatherdene on the A6013 at GR SK 202858 which provides toilets and boot cleaning facilities.
Details This clockwise circuit will climb to Win Hill Pike before descending gradually to Alport Bridge via Hope Cross. Level walking will take us to Alport Farm from where we climb again to Alport Castles. The return route calls at Woodcock Coppice, Bridge-End Pasture, and Toadhole Cote. Two steepish climbs and some undulations all of which are rewarded by wonderful peakland scenery.

Area **RISHWORTH** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.40**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Booth Wood Reservoir Car Park. GR SE031165. Leave M62 at J22. Left onto A672. Car park on right just after reservoir dam (about 3 miles).
Details A walk of three reservoirs. From Booth Wood Reservoir to Ryburn Reservoir then across Rishworth Moor to Green Withens Reservoir and back to the cars. The morning is largely through farmland by neglected tracks and byways and the afternoon in the moors and cloughs.

Area **PLUMLEY** **Leave 10.00** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644, and Edna Adderley, 980 7753
Park Cars Park in the far corner of the car park at the Golden Pheasant pub on Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 9RX. GR SJ721753. Take A556 from Altrincham, over M6 at J19, towards Chester. Turn left at traffic lights by The Smoker (signposted to Plumley). The Golden Pheasant is on the right immediately after Plumley station.
Details A very pleasant walk through the Cheshire countryside, passing Holford Moss, Holford Hall and alongside Royd Wood, generally good paths with a little lane walking. Some field walking, possibly through a herd of cows. No hills but a lot of stiles, most of which are easy.

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY

Area **COACH TRIP TO SEDBERGH** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.
"A" walk 9 Miles Cat 2/3 Leader Brian Billington
Sedbergh, Cattleshaw Tower, Settlebeck Gill, Calders, The Calf, Return via Calders, Arant Haw, The Nab, Cragstone, Winder, Crook Sedbergh.
"B" walk 8 Miles Cat 3/2 Leader Frank Dockry
Details on the coach.
"C" walk 6.5 Miles Cat 4 Leaders David & Liz White
Pleasant, fairly easy circular walk with lovely views. The walk is mainly along the River Rawthey. The 17th century Quaker Meeting House at Brigflatts is worth a visit "en route". Further details on the coach.
There will be a 15 minute comfort stop at the motorway services.
Still a few seats left. 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.

Area **LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD** **Leave 9.15** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)
Park Cars Clwyd Gate Pub / Motel (currently closed). GR SJ165582. Cars parked at owners risk, full approval has been given by owner. Large car park is off A494, Ruthin road, 2.5 miles after Llanferres village.
Details Plas y Nant Plantation, Bathafarn Water Works, field tracks to Llanfair then via old water mill to Graig and on to Llyn Gweryd returning to cars via Offa's Dyke Path and Garreg Lwyd.

SUNDAY 19th JULY

Area **EYAM AND TWO DALES** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Park in the free car park in Hawkhill Road in Eyam. Post code S32 5QP. This car park is behind the P&D car park. GR SK 217768.

Details A circular walk south of Eyam. We drop to Stoney Middleton and on through Coombs Dale. Then south to and along Longstone Edge before a short sharp climb onto Longstone Moor. We drop into Cressbrook Dale then a meander back to the cars through Foolow. Rather undulating in the morning but relatively level after lunch with a few stiles.

Area **STUBBINS & HOLCOMBE MOOR** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**

Leader(s) Colin Turner 973 7770 (Mob 07582448095)

Park Cars Nuttall Park, Ramsbottom G.R. 796164. M66 to J1, signed Ramsbottom. At "T" junction, right onto A56. In approx 1 mile, at lights, left into Bury New Rd. In 1/4 mile at metal barrier, left into Nuttall Hall Rd (a severely potholed lane). Nuttall Park is 1/4 mile on right. Free parking.

Details We descend into Ramsbottom, then follow field paths to Stubbins (we might be lucky enough to see a steam train on the East Lancs Railway). We loop round the top end of Holcombe Moor before turning South to visit Pilgrims Cross, Harcles Hill and Peel Tower. Passing through Holcombe Brook to Brooksbottom and Higher Summerseat, we follow the railway back to the cars.

Area **APPLEY BRIDGE** **Leave see below** **6½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £**

Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087, & Norman Simcock, 962 1627

Transport (From Altrincham) Take any tram (but no later than 9.45) and alight at Deansgate/Castlefield. This will enable ample time to cross Whitworth Street West to Deansgate Station (formerly Knott Mill) to catch the 10.40 Southport train to Appley Bridge. Assemble on platform at Deansgate Stn. These arrangements are necessary due to ongoing disruption at St. Peters Square Station. The journey is free for those with Senior Travel Passes (approx. £4.20 to Appley Bridge for paying passengers!)

Details Starting the walk at Appley Bridge, we follow the Leeds/Liverpool Canal back to Wigan, passing through Crook Village, Dean Wood, Coppice Bank and the remains of Wigan's industrial past in mining and heavy engineering – lost forever – but replaced by a pleasant landscape in the Douglas Valley. (Frequent trains back to Manchester)

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

Area **HOPE TO HATHERSAGE** **Leave 8.45** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**

Leader(s) Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)

Park Cars On entering Hathersage take the first left on B6001 to Grindleford. Take the third road on the left, Station Road, and park in the car park. We will be taking the 10.32 train to Hope. The route to the station passes the large car park in Oddfellows Road behind the main street, GR SK232814. The cost of the rail fare is £2.50 (£1.65 with railcard). At the time of the recce the Snake Pass was closed, so please check.

Details The walk starts from Hope Station, up to Win Hill and down to Ladybower The path then rises above Cutthroat Bridge and along to Moscar Lodge. We then walk along Stanage Edge to descend through woods to North Lees Hall, (teas available!). We come to Hathersage via a churchyard and Little John's Grave. This can be a strenuous walk if the wind is in the wrong direction but is a varied and interesting walk.

Area **ADLINGTON** **Leave 9.45** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**

Leader(s) Derrick Hamer 969 3821

Park Cars Legh Arms. GR 912805, Park in far corner of car park.

Details We make our way to the Macclesfield Canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green Farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Syperson Pool and Higher Doles Farm, then back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

SUNDAY 26th JULY

Area **COACH TRIP TO YORK (SOCIAL)** Leaving The Downs at 8.30am with the usual pick-up points.

Come along and enjoy time at leisure in the beautiful historic city of York. Visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, the Yorvik Viking museum, or just walk the circuit of the city walls.

Seats still available. Book with Joan Jeffrey (962 5651), 16 South Meade, Timperley, WA15 6QL with a cheque for £10 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will join the coach.

Area **ABBEYSTED** **Leave 8.30** **12.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**

Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)

Park Cars Small free car park on right immediately after hump back bridge just after Abbeystead Village. GR SD 563543. Park tightly facing River Wyre. M6 J33, left, then immediately left at Hampson Lane, right at 'T' junction then left at crossroads in front of Fleece Inn up to consecutive mini roundabouts then following Abbeystead signs.

Details Via Emmetts and Ouzel Thorn to the 1,300 foot ascent of the Black Side of Tarnbrook Fell via a good but stony track to Black Syke then west to the Ward's Stone, the highest point of Bowland at 1,850 feet, great views of Cumbria & the Dales on a good day !

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY

Area MIDGE HOLE & HARDCASTLE CRAGS **Leave 9.15 8 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison 928 1093
Park Cars Midge Hole N.T. car park GR 989296. From A646 in Hebden Bridge, turn north onto A6033 (Oxenhope/Keighley). After 0.7 miles turn left to Midge Hole.
Details Through woods to Lumb Hole, Shackleton Knoll, Hebden Dale, Gibson Mill and Hardcastle Crags.

Area TAMESIDE **Leave 9.30 7 Miles Category 3/4 Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) David & Liz White 980 8605 (Mob 07716961974)
Park Cars Stalybridge Country Park (Hartley St. or Grove Rd. on opposite side of Huddersfield Rd if full). GR 978993. Take M60 and leave at Junction 24 for M67 towards Sheffield. Continue to the end and then straight on. At traffic lights, turn left towards Stalybridge on to A6018. Continue downhill and at traffic lights take B6174 (Huddersfield Road). Country Park on right after tight bend.
Details Steady climbing for the first part passing Lower Swineshaw Reservoir. The climb gets a little rough as does the descent but lovely views! Down to the Huddersfield Canal where the going gets easier and back via the golf course. Note:- You may like to bring a torch to aid progress through the Scouthead tunnel!

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: August 9th, "B" and "C", 16th, "B" and "C", 23rd, "B" and "C", 30th, "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 August and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON

Leaders:- A walk - John and Monica Beardmore
B walk - Mike Jones & Janet Blinkhorn
C walk - Edna Adderley & Beryl Hunwick

Book with Beverly Harrison(928 1093), 55 Hale Rd,Hale,WA15 9HP with a cheque for £10 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will join the coach.

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

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Manchester Clock Tower Tour, at 10.45 am. Cost £10, A few places still available. Book now with Heather 01625 618782. Please note loads of steps!!

NEXT YEAR'S CLUB HOLIDAY – from 4th to 8th APRIL 2016

We are going to the Bayshore Hotel Sandown Isle of Wight, again with Alfa Tours at a cost of £212 pp. An application form is attached to this Circular which must be returned to Dean by 15 August 2015. Further copies can be obtained by down-loading from the Club Website or directly from Dean (962 3301).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome Jill Jagger and Eshita Hasan, recent new members.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Harry Hewlett for his upcoming 80th birthday.

Our condolences go to Elaine Hall on the recent death of her sister.