

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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AUGUST 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'

REMINDER

Next Year's Club Holiday – from 4th to 8th April 2016
The closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th August 2015**

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

Area	COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON Leaving M&S, Sale at 8.00 with the usual pick-up points.
"A" walk	11 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders John & Monica Beardmore From coach park cross A49 and follow lane and footpath into wood, over stream then steep climb up Caer Caradoc, with excellent views on clear day. Sharp descent and through meadows to Cardington village. Cross stream in private garden, through fields and lanes to "Ippikin Way", up Willstone Hill and descend into Hope Bowdler village to return by fields and wood to original lane and back to coach.
"B" walk	7.5 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Mike Jones & Janet Blinkhorn Follow Townbrook Valley to gradually ascend Long Mynd. Follow Portway to Pole Cottage then undulating descent to Little Stretton then via Owlets Path back to Church Stretton.
"C" walk	6 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Edna Adderley & Beryl Hunwick Full details on coach. Note there are a lot of nettles; so long trousers might be advisable.

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	TURTON MOOR	Leave 8.45	11 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.00
Leader(s)	Peter Darby 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)				
Park Cars	Entwistle Batridge Barn Car Park (higher) GR SD721172. From A666 turn R on to A673 (Ramsbottom), then L on to A676 (Burnley). Continue to the L turn on to B6472 Turton Road, then immediately after the bridge turn R on to B6391. When the road goes round to the right towards Edgworth, DO NOT TURN but continue straight ahead (leftish) on to High Street, Chapeltown. Continue for approx. 1.5m then take the SECOND signposted turning for Entwistle Reservoir Car Park to Batridge Barn CP – higher car park.				
Details	Undulating but no steep climbs, one moderately tricky descent. Mainly good tracks or paths through woods and on moorland. We will visit Cheetham Close, Dimple, Catherine Edge, Top o' th' Brow, Cadshaw, and finally Turton and Entwistle Reservoir.				

WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST

Area	TIDESWELL	9.15 Leave	8.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £6.60
Leader(s)	Jack Garstang 980 6349				
Park Cars	Tideswell Dale car park. Pay and display. GR SK153742. A6 out of Stockport through Disley to Chapel-en-le-Frith bypass, on to A623 (Sparrow Pit), Peak Forest. Continue until right turn to Tideswell, through village to car park on left.				
Details	Towards Litton, down Tansley Dale and on to Cresswell Mill. Monsal Trail, up to Brushfield, down steeply to Litton Mill and back along Tideswell Dale				

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. P&D to be shared. 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.				

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

Area **WESSENDEN MOOR** **Leave 9.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Park in the small car park known as White Moss car park, immediately on the left after the Kirklees sign on A635, GR SE050063, where leader will meet. Take the M60 to Ashton then take A635, Holmfirth Road, to the car park.
Details A challenging walk for the initial 2 miles over moorland up to Black Hill. We then descend to Wessenden Head down to Wessenden Reservoir where we then climb following the Pennine Way over Black Moss then take the path to Featherbed Moss back to the car park. After first 2 miles good paths many areas flagged. Only two stiles.

WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST

Area **HOLMFIRTH** **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Alan Key 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)
Park Cars Digley Reservoir North Car park, GR110073, on Digley Royd Ln. Take Woodhead road A628, then Holm Moss road A6024 to the village of Holm then turn left along Fieldhead lane (H9 2QJ). Ignore the first car park, cross Digley Reservoir Dam and turn left at the far side (Digley Royd Ln) and the car park is shortly on the left.
Details Holm, Ramsden Reservoir, Cartworth Moor Road, Holmfirth and return via Hill Lane and Holm Valley Circular Walk. Mostly good tracks but plenty of stiles and some hills

Area **NETHER ALDERLEY** **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £2.40**
Leader(s) David & Liz White 980 8605
Park Cars Nether Alderley Mill, Congleton Road, SK10 4TW. One and a half miles south of Alderley Edge on the east side of the A34. GR 844763
Details From Nether Alderley Church across to Monk's Heath and then Birtles Hall. Gentle climbing towards the Edge and then back to Nether Alderley. Lovely summer walk with good paths and very few stiles.

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

Area **HARDCASTLE CRAGS & WADSWORTH MOOR** **Leave 8.30** **12.5 Miles** **Category 3/2**
Transport £8.00
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)
Park Cars Clough Hole, Hardcastle Crags, GR SD 969297. £5 or free to National Trust members. Take A646, Halifax road, at Todmorden, and just before Hebden Bridge bear left at lights up hill following signs for 'Colden, Slack & Heptonstall'. After a couple of miles, bear right, signed 'Widdop & Colne', and car park is a mile down this narrow lane on right.
Details Hebden Water to Walshaw Dean Reservoirs via Calder / Aire link path, then Pennine Way to Wadsworth Moor and Oxenhope Stoop Hill, then Deep Nitch, Crimsworth Dean and Shackleton to Gibson Mill & cars.

Area **LYME PARK FROM MACCLESFIELD CANAL** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) John & Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)
Park Cars Nelson Pit car park, Higher Poynton, off A5149, GR SJ945834. In Poynton continue across roundabout onto Park Lane, left fork Middlewood Rd, right turn signed "Anson Engine Museum" onto Anson Road. At Boars Head, cross road, CP on left (incl. toilets). Park on lower level if possible.
Details Going north along canal, then crossing to go east to Lyme Park East Lodge, past Bollinhurst Reservoir and across Lyme Park to Bow Stones, Keepers Lodge and, from West Park gate and Green Farm, to canal and car park. Includes stiles and gates and some muddy patches, but mostly good paths and lanes with some steady climbs. Good views from Dale Top on a clear day.

WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST

Area **HATHERSAGE, PADLEY GORGE AND HIGGER TOR** **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2**
Transport £8.00
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)
Park Cars Oddfellows Road Car Park, Hathersage, GR SK232814. Pay and Display. On reaching Hathersage, turn left along the B6001 to Grindleford. Take the first road on the left for the car park.
Details A pleasant stroll down the River Derwent, Then a climb to Grindleford, passing Padley Chapel. Follow the Neolithic woodland alongside Padley Gorge to emerge along Burbage Brook. We then walk on open moorland to the Iron Age fortification of Carl Wark. and then to Higger Tor, where the options are scrambling to the top or treading carefully around the side. We then head down and across Mitchell Field to reach Hathersage.

Area ASHTON HAYES **Leave 9.30** **8 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £5.80**
Leader(s) Mike Jones & Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634 (Mob 07840671087)
Park Cars Lansdown Rd., GR SJ471673. A556, then A51 to Stamford Bridge lights, right onto B5132 then immediately right opposite pub. Lay-by/roadside parking.
Details To Great Barrow, then, via Hollowmoor Heath, to Ashton Hayes, returning via Tarvin Bridge and Park Hall. Mainly flat and across fields.

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

Area TISSINGTON **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Mike & Tess Gregory 01625 614211
Park Cars Tissington old railway station CP (P&D charge), GR SK177521, where leaders will meet.
Details Dovedale and White Peak villages. Tissington, Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Dovedale, Milldale, Alsop en le Dale and Parwich.

Area THURSTASTON / CALDY **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £7.40**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park Cars Wirral Country Park Visitor Centre, Station Rd., Thurstaston. GR 238835. Take M56 to A540 (Chester/Hoylake). Turn right at this exit towards Hoylake. Watch for Thurstaston District sign on left (after Heswall). Station Rd. is on left, before Cottage Loaf Restaurant. Car park is on left of Station Rd. just before Dee shoreline.
Details We walk through Thurstaston Common and Royden Park before reaching Caldly Village via Stapledon Woods. Our return to the cars is by the beach (tide permitting) or the Wirral Way.

WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST

Area THE ROACHES **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)
Park Cars Tittesworth Reservoir Visitor Centre. GR 994603. Take A523 south from Macclesfield. Bear left at Rushton Spencer for Meerbrook. In ½ mile at top of hill, turn left for Meerbrook. Drive through Meerbrook and over an arm of Tittesworth Reservoir. Turn right into Visitor Centre CP and park on right facing the water. (P&D £4.70 to be shared)
Details Upper Hulme, Roaches Ridge, Buxton Brow Farm, Meadows Farm, White Lee Head Farm. Good views to and from the Roaches during the walk. Some very rough and very muddy sections. Steep climb onto the Roaches, followed by a short steepish rocky gully with steps. All the climbing in the first half of the walk.

Area RODE HEATH **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton 92807087
Park Cars Old Knutsford Rd., Rode Heath. GR 812563. Leave M6 at J17. Turn left onto A534, then right onto A50. Old Knutsford Rd. is on left of A50 just beyond junction with A533 (almost in Alsager). Park as near as possible to the Canal bridge. (Plenty of parking space)
Details A short stretch of the Trent and Mersey Canal takes us to Church Lawton, followed by field paths and quiet lanes to Rode Mill and Boden Hall. We return via a stretch of the South Cheshire Way and the Trent and Mersey Canal.

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

Area MANIFOLD VALLEY **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Steve & Pauline Glover 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)
Park Cars In Wetton Village near Ye Olde Royal Oak pub: follow signs to right to "Wetton car park" with free parking and WCs on right-hand side of road (GR SK109555 postcode DE6 2AF)
Details A varied circular walk around the Manifold Valley from Wetton to Weags Bridge, Throwley Hall, Rushley, Ilam Park, Castern and back to Wetton; includes fine views, Thors Cave, a ruined hall, a National Trust hall in parkland, and a nature reserve.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: Sept 6th, "C", 20th, "B" and "C", 27th, "C". All offers of walk - please contact Phil Worsley, 777 6013. Would all Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO SETTLE

Leaders

- A walk - Bernie and Jerry Warner
- B walk - Norman and Frances Felton
- C walk - Martin and Sandra Ostick

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. Please state where you will join the coach

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH

Leaders

- A walk - Ralph Johnson
- B walk - David and Liz White
- C walk - Brian Warburton

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 August 11th

** Please wait until August 1st before booking for these September trips.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Elaine Hall thanks members for their kind messages on her recent bereavement and also the support she has received from club members during the last 12 months, all very much appreciated.

Alison Wilkes would like to thank everyone for their support during the last four and a half years. Her move to the Midlands will be in late July.

Congratulations and best wishes to Trixie Willcock, who has just celebrated her 102nd Birthday.



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