

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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## SEPTEMBER 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'

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### Coach Trip Sub-committee

The Coach Trip Sub-committee is looking for one or two new members. If you would be interested in helping to organise the coach trips, contact Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634).

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### WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Area** GREENFIELD **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Dovestone Reservoir, GR SE013034, P&D £1.30. Free to R.S.P.B. members. Toilets. M60 J23, left on A6140 then right at lights A635 Ashton. Follow A635 all the way to Dovestone signed variously Ashton, Stalybridge, Mossley & Holmfirth. Drop down to mini roundabout at Clarence Pub, straight over and in 500 yards Dovestone is signed on right (Bank Lane), where leader will meet.  
**Details** Dovestone Reservoir, 800 foot steep ascent of Ashway Gap, over Dovestone Moss to Chew reservoir then west over Wimberry Moss to Alphin Pike at 1,500 feet then steepish descent down to Oldham Way and back to cars.

**Area** BRIMSTAGE & BARNSTON (WIRRAL) **Leave 9.15** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £7.60**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Brimstage Craft Centre C. P., GR 304827. Take M56 and follow on to M53 (Birkenhead). Leave at J4 (Bebington/Clatterbridge exit). Take A5137, sign posted Heswall. Craft Centre is approx. 1¼ miles on left. Please park away from Visitor Farm.  
**Details** A varied walk, taking in a stretch of woodland, a common and many attractive fieldpaths. Time available at end of walk to look round the Craft Centre and use the Café/Ice Cream Parlour and other outlets.

**Area** BRERETON HEATH **Leave 9.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.80**  
**Leader(s)** Sheila Waite 928 3647 (Mob 07913575741) & Eileen Bate 928 7521  
**Park Cars** Brereton Heath Nature Reserve. GR SJ794655. Take the A50 from Knutsford to Holmes Chapel. At Holmes Chapel go straight over the double mini roundabout, turn left at traffic lights on to the A54 which goes past Holmes Chapel Station. After about 2 miles turn right (Davenport Lane) signposted to Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve. Car park (P&D £2.60) is on left after 1/4 mile.  
**Details** From Brereton Heath we walk to Brereton Green village via Smethwick Hall Farm, Moorhead Farm and Moorhead Lane. We then continue through a castellated gatehouse, past the church with Brereton Hall hidden in trees behind and back to Brereton Heath. A level walk over fields and tracks. Some road walking along quiet roads. Four easy stiles.

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### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Area** ALPORT DALE **Leave 8.30** **12.5 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** John Brownhill 980 1774  
**Park Cars** Parking area on left of the A57, Snake Pass, at Birchen Clough Bridge. GR SK109915.  
**Details** An interesting walk with good views and varied conditions. Along the Roman road behind the Snake Inn, up Oyster Clough, across the moor and down through Alport Plantation to Alport Farm. Then up to Alport Castles, northwest to Bleaklow Stones, on to Bleaklow Head and back to the cars via Alport Low and Alport Moor.

**Area** BIDDULPH – BOSLEY **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Harry Hewlett 962 4869 (Mob 07950689777)

**Park Cars** Biddulph Grange Country Park C P. GR 897594. Exit Congleton on A527 (south east of town) and follow the Biddulph Grange Garden signs. At the outskirts of Biddulph, turn left into Grange Road, the car park is approx. ¼ mile on the right.

**Details** Car Park, Marsh Green, Staffordshire Way (below Congleton Edge), A527, Gritstone Trail, Overedge, Pool Bank, Cloud Side, Gosberryhole Lane, Biddulph Common, Long Edge Farm, Biddulph Park, Spring Wood, Car Park.

**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.

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### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Area** **COACH TRIP TO SETTLE** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.

"A" walk 10 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders Bernie & Jerry Warner

Circular walk taking in Stainforth Force, Smearsett Scar and Pot Scar (fantastic views in all directions including Pen-y-Ghent and Ingleborough), Feizor and Giggleswick Scar. Total ascent of 530 feet.

"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Frances & Norman Felton

Details on the coach.

"C" walk 6 Miles Cat 4/3 Leaders Martin & Sandra Ostick

Settle to Stainforth, then back to Settle along the Ribble Way through Stackhouse

There will be a 15 minute comfort stop at The Old Stone Trough, Foulridge.

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** **SMITHHILLS & WINTER HILL** **Leave 9.15** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**

**Leader(s)** Pauline Glover 928 0644 (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 Smithills Hall. Then towards Green Nook and a long slow climb to Scotch Man's Stump and the masts on Winter Hill. Then towards the Two Lads 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 be boggy bits. A varied walk with several items of local interest.

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### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Area** **COACH TRIP TO HAWORTH** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.

"A" walk 9 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders Ralph Johnson

A steady climb from Haworth to the ruins of Top Withthins, said to be the inspiration for Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights (the Earnshaw family home), although it bears no resemblance to the house described in the book. The return to Haworth involves some short but steeper undulations. Worthwhile views on the moors, weather permitting.

"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leaders David & Liz White

Across Haworth Moor and then Upper Heights via Stanbury Village. We climb gently to Top Withthins (site of "bleak hill-top" - Wuthering Heights). We descend to return via Bronte Falls & Penistone Hill Country Park. Enjoyable walk with nothing too strenuous! Mainly downhill after lunch and only one (high) stile.

"C" walk 6 Miles Cat 4/3 Leader Brian Warburton

A figure of eight walk – split by lunch in Central Park (not the New York one!). Further details on the coach.

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

Still a few 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** **LANGSETT AND DUNFORD BRIDGE** **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.20**

**Leader(s)** Peter Darby 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)

**Park Cars** Langsett Barn CP (Toilets and café) GR SE210004 Postcode: S36 4GY. From end of M67, follow Woodhead Road A628 until turning right at roundabout onto A616. After just over a mile Langsett Barn CP is on the right.

**Details** A varied and undulating walk with some good paths and also some rough and uneven terrain in places. The walk takes us above the reservoir, through woods, across moors and tracks with only one short steepish climb. We visit North America, Barnsley Boundary Walk, Dunford Bridge, Cote Bank Bridge and finally Langsett Bank.

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**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Area** LITTLEBOROUGH **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**  
**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07549630227)  
**Park Cars** Car Park adjacent to the visitor centre on the side of Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough Near Rochdale (P&D), GR SD939153, Post Code OL15 0AZ, where leader will meet. M60 leave M62 at junction 21 turning left towards Milnrow and follow signs to Littleborough.  
**Details** Start at the Lake and up to Windy Hill. Pennine Way up to Blackstone Edge. Down the Roman Road which descends quite steeply past cottages, cross a section of the golf course and make our way back to the car park.

**Area** RIVER WEAVER **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Audrey & Bruce Merrick 312 6227 (Mob 07810233104)  
**Park Cars** Take M56 towards Chester, exit Junction 10, and follow the A49 to Acton Bridge (Blue Bridge) over the river Weaver. Parking is in the lane just before the Acton Bridge (left hand side of A49), GR 601761, Sat.Nav post code CW8 4QU.  
**Details** We follow the River Weaver, then underneath the railway viaduct and leave the Weaver to return via Aston Grange, Dutton Lodge Farm and the Trent & Mersey canal. No stiles. At the completion of the walk it is worth visiting Davenports Farm shop (01606 853241) for an excellent cup of tea.

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**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Area** GREAT HILL TO DARWEN TOWER **Leave 8.30** **11.7 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Julia Corbett, 976 2935, & Rose Monteath, 286 2719  
**Park Cars** Crookfield Road car park GR SD665191 where leaders will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont. 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Free car park on left.  
**Details** Up to Great Hill, on to Solomons Temple, Abbey Village, Roddleswell Reservoir, Ryal Fold, up to Darwen Tower and back to the cars. There is an area before Great Hill which can be very boggy. Fantastic views if the weather is good.

**Area** MACCLESFIELD **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**  
**Leader(s)** David Bona & Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07549630227)  
**Park Cars** Trentabank Visitor Centre car park (P&D) or on the road outside the car park. GR SJ960711 Post Code SK11 0NS(approx). Take The A523 out of Macclesfield (the Leek Road) and turn left for Sutton and Langley. The visitor centre is signposted.  
**Details** Leave Trentabank and make way towards Shutlingsloe. Climb Shutlingsloe and up to the Cat and Fiddle. A small amount of roadwalking and then Macclesfield Forest and back to Trentabank.

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**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Area** SUMMIT **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)  
**Park Cars** Public Car Park just before White House on A58 beyond Littleborough. GR SD968179  
**Details** Chelburn Reservoirs, Summit, Allenden Hill, Rochdale Way, Rochdale Canal, Pennine Way.

**Area** SALE & CHORLTON WATER PARKS **Leave 9.30** **8 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 9.50 start. (remember Bus Pass)  
**Details** Two lakes, a river and woods. No stiles, no climbs.

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**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Area** PENDLE & THE RIBBLE VALLEY **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Chris & Margaret Sadler 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)  
**Park Cars** Car Park in Barley village. The car park is signposted with the 'Brown' signs as 'Barley Picnic Site'. There are toilets and a café. GR SD823403.  
**Details** We follow The Pendle Way over Pendle Hill and then drop down to Downham. We then walk SW along the Ribble Valley past Worsaw Hill to Mearley Hall. Then a long pull up Pendleton Moor and

Badger Wells Hill before dropping down Spence Moor to the Ogden Reservoirs and through the village back to the cars. The climb over Pendle Hill is steep. The climb over the moors after Mearley Hall is a long pull up.

**Area** MILLER'S DALE **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.80**  
**Leader(s)** John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)  
**Park Cars** Miller's Dale Old Station CP GR SK138733. A6 from Buxton, left onto B6049. CP charge to be shared.  
**Details** Miller's Dale, Chee Dale, Mosley Farm, Flag Dale, Wormhill, Dale Head, Peter Dale, Limestone Way back to Miller's Dale.

**Area** NORTHWICH **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Picnic Area/Café on left of A556, just after traffic lights at blue Hartford Bridge, GR 643715.  
**Details** A pleasant walk alongside the River Weaver to Northwich, returning to Hartford via the opposite bank.

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### WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Area** SHUTLINGSLOE & THE CAT & FIDDLE **Leave 9.00** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**  
**Leader(s)** Chris & Margaret Sadler 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)  
**Park Cars** Trentabank Car Park in Macclesfield Forest. GR SJ961711.  
**Details** We walk south east climbing through the forest up the moor and on to Shutlingsloe. We then drop steeply to Clough House then climb up Cumberland Brook to Danebower Hollow before following the level track to The Cat & Fiddle. The afternoon is almost all downhill first to Bottom-of-the-Oven and then on Forest tracks back to the cars.

**Area** LINDOW COMMON, MORLEY GREEN, AIRPORT **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3**  
**Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Sandra McFadyen, Elizabeth Downie 904 9775 (Mob 07801054139)  
**Park Cars** Lindow Common Car Park GR 833814. A538 towards Wilmslow. First right after Boddington Arms into Racecourse Road and first left into car park.  
**Details** Rossmere, Bollin House Farm, Bollin Tunnel to airport runway, path to Airport Inn, Morley Green.

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### LEADERS WANTED

**Sundays:** October 4th, "B" and "C", 11th, "C", 18th, "C", 25th, "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 October and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting at the Hare and Hounds in June. Progress is being made regarding the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in September 2016. Further details will be announced in January.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Clock Tower Tour. Will all those who have booked please meet outside the Midland Hotel at 10.35am, duration approx 1½ hrs.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome Blanche Chappels and Paul Hally, recent new members.

Congratulations to Roger and June Parker on their recent Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Found – lady's folding umbrella left on coach after York Social trip - Contact Janet Blinkhorn(941 1634)

For sale - Pair of lady's Peter Storm leather walking boots size 6, only worn three times, £25. Contact Hazel Baldwin, tel 980 5409.