

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

## OCTOBER 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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### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** DOVESTONE & CHEW RESEVOIRS **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**  
**Leader(s)** Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)  
**Park Cars** Meet at Binn Green CP. GR SE018044. M60; M67; left on to A6018 to Stalybridge then on to the A635 through Mossley & Greenfield, pass the turning to Dovestones Reservoir car park and Binn Green car park is on the right after about ½ mile.  
**Details** Across the Dovestone weirs then on to the Oldham Way. Up to Alphin Pike, Wimberry Stones & then to Chew resevoir. We return by Dovestone Moss. One good climb in the morning & a steep descent at the end. Lovely views if we get a good day.

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### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** LYME PARK & THE BOWSTONES **Leave 9.15** **8¼ Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)  
**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Visitor Centre GR 944834. From crossroads in the centre of Poynton, take Park Lane. In about ¾ mile this becomes Coppice Road, and in a further ¾ mile, turn left into Shrigley Road North. The car park is then about 300 yards on right opposite Anson Road. Park in the upper CP adjacent to the canal.  
**Details** We ascend into Lyme Park almost to the hall, and follow the Gritstone Trail up to the Bowstones. Then by Cornfield Farm, the former Moorside Hotel, Bollinhurst Reservoir to the North Park Gate, Ryles Wood, Barlow House Farm and back to the cars along the Macclesfield Canal.

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### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** HAYFIELD – WILLIAM CLOUGH & BEYOND **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 2/3**  
**Transport £4.20**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park in Hayfield, just off the A624 at GR SK 036 869. Cost to be shared.  
**Details** This walk on the high ground to the north and east of Hayfield will visit The Snake Path, William Clough, Kinder Downfall, Kinder Low, Swine's Back, South Head and Stones House. Three climbs and some rough underfoot conditions – but you will be rewarded with some excellent Dark Peak scenery.

**Area** DELPH & CASTLESHAW **Leave 9.00** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Colin Turner 973 7770 (Mob 07582448095)  
**Park Cars** Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre free long stay CP in Uppermill GR SD 999054. If entering Uppermill from the South, just beyond the museum and information centre, turn right into Smithy Lane, forward into Station Road, then follow signs on right to the car park  
**Details** We follow the Huddersfield narrow canal until Saddleworth Viaduct, then pick up the Donkey Trail beyond Dobcross and on to Delph. We then head north to reach Heights Church, then the two Castleshaw reservoirs, before climbing to the Roman fort. We then turn South to climb to Harrop Edge before descending through Dobcross to join the canal back to Uppermill and the cars.

**Area** **KNUTSFORD & TATTON PARK** **Leave 10.30** **4½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**  
**Leader(s)** Mavis Walker, 973 5514, & Mavis Wheetman, 478 6648  
**Park Cars** Car Park in centre of Knutsford, behind King St., adjacent to Malt St. GR 753787. A50 at Knutsford, follow signs to Station, left at lights, left into King St. Car park is on right next to children's play area.  
**Details** A very pleasant circular walk around Tatton Park, returning via Beech Avenue to the start and tea rooms and pubs in Knutsford. Walk can be muddy at the start but no stiles.

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### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** **GRITSTONE PLUS** **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Laurie Culledge, 941 1133, & Jack Garstang, 980 6349  
**Park Cars** Far end of Teggs Nose Reservoir Dam BELOW Teggs Nose. GR SJ 946718. Take A523 out of Macclesfield turning left to Sutton and left again to Langley. At far end of houses, left into Holehouse Lane (cul-de-sac).  
**Details** Gritstone Trail towards Ryles Arms, up Rossen Clough and up to Croker Hill. Descend to Langley by field paths. Was 24 stiles but some converted to 'kissing gates'. One area could be muddy.

**Area** **DARESBURY & MOORE NATURE RESERVE** **Leave 9.30** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £2.80**  
**Leader(s)** Jan Williams 07913441664  
**Park Cars** Car park at All Saints Church, Daresbury (the Lewis Carroll Centre). GR SJ580828. M56 to Junction 10. At Stretton roundabout take 4th exit on to Tarporley Road, A49, left on to Hatton Lane (B5356) and left again on to Daresbury Lane which is a continuation of the B5356.  
**Details** From the church the walk drops to the Bridgewater canal. From here field-paths and lanes lead through the village of Moore, passing the Red Lion and going north to cross the Manchester Ship Canal. On the far side is an extensive nature reserve with well constructed paths, one being along the course of a disused canal. We then cross meadows that are now community open spaces before the Bridgewater canal is reached again. A short (BUT QUITE STRENUOUS!!) climb over a hill capped by Daresbury Firs brings us back to the car park. The walk is fairly flat, good underfoot and has no stiles.

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### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** **GLOSSOP** **Leave 8.45** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** David Bona & Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)  
**Park Cars** Park on Shepley Street, Glossop (plenty of parking), where leaders will meet. GR SK045948. Post code SK13 7SG (approx.). A57 out of Glossop, left on to Manor Park Road and right on to Shepley Street.  
**Details** Past Edge Plantation to Pennine Way, Bleaklow Head, Wain Stones, Doctors Gate, on to Roman Road and back to cars

**Area** **CLOWBRIDGE RESERVOIR/SINGING RINGING TREE** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £6.40**  
**Leader(s)** Dave Stonehewer, 962 6450, & Muriel Lowther, 01771 316781  
**Park Cars** Clowbridge Reservoir (P&D) GR SD823280. M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall, then A682, signed Burnley. After approx. 4 miles, after passing through Crawshaw Booth and Goodshawm at Beijing Restaurant on left, turn right to car park.  
**Details** Clowbridge Reservoir, Crown Point, Singing Ringing Tree, Crompton Cross, return to cars via Reservoir.

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### WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** **CAERGWRLLE, FLINTSHIRE** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)  
**Park Cars** Free Car Park in village on left immediately after Old Castle Inn (Postcode LL12 9EU), opposite Spar, or on adjacent Bryn Yorkin Road. GR SJ305575. No toilets. M56-M53-A55-A483 towards Wrexham, exit right onto B5102, Llay Road, follow through Llay and bear right at junction with A541, Wrexham Road, to Caergwrle.  
**Details** Steady climb from Car Park off Bryn Yorkin Lane through woods and meadows bearing SW towards River Cegidog, then west to Offa's Dyke. Follow north onto disused railway and east to Waun-y-Llyn Country Park. Excellent views on fine day. Follow paths and tracks east over main road and along River Alyn to Caergwrle. If time in hand, cross road by Inn to visit ruins of Castle Caergwrle.

**Area** NORTH OF WHITCHURCH **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £7.00**  
**Leader(s)** Frank Dockry 973 6617  
**Park Cars** Opposite the Blue Bell Inn. GR SJ 523454. Go south on the A49 (road turns right at the Red Fox (PH)). A couple of miles after you see an impressive stone casellated wall and gate on the right, turn right at the sign "Bickley Church, No Mans Heath, Malpas". Follow road until T-junction with A41. Turn left onto the A41. After 1.6 miles turn right at the (2nd) sign "Bell O'the Hill." The Blue Bell Inn is a couple of 100 yds down  
**Details** Field Paths, canal, numerous stiles, not flat.

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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** TEGGS NOSE & LAMALOAD – 'OFF PISTE' **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 2/3**  
**Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Billington, 485 4119, & Alan Gerrard  
**Park Cars** Car Park across dam of Teggs Nose Reservoir. GR SJ 946718. A523 from Macclesfield. Turn left off A523 to Sutton Lane Ends, then bear left into minor road signed to Langley. After passing through a residential area with conjested parking turn left into Holehouse Lane and follow to end.  
**Details** Teggs Nose, Hordern Farm, Vale Royal, Higher Ballgreave Farm, Greenway Farm, Forest Chapel, Clough House, Library in the Landscape and return.

**Area** WEST KIRBY/HILBRE ISLAND **Leave 9.30** **6½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Wirral Way Caldly Picnic Park, Croft Drive, Caldly. GR SJ223850. Take A540 through Thurstston, turn left on to B5140 and follow into Caldly Village. Opposite the Church, take Croft Drive (straight ahead) which then turns right towardsthe shoreline. Car Park is on the right 200 yards before shoreline.  
**Details** A cliff-top flat walk to West Kirby, including the beach and Wirral Way, to visit Hilbre Island (and, hopefully, the basking seals).

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### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**Area** POTT SHRIGLEY & SPONDS HILL **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Jack Garstang 980 6349  
**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Visitors Centre. GR944 834. From centre of Poynton( A523), take Park Lane. In ¾mile keep left on Middlewood Rd. Shortly, turn right onto Anson Rd which has brown sign to Nelson Pit.  
**Details** Southwards along Macclesfield canal, then skirting Lyme Park and down road to Pott Shrigley. Steady climb to Brink Farm and on to Sponds Hill then descending through the park. Few stiles, should not be excessively muddy, mostly tracks and some road walking.

**Area** RIVINGTON **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £5.20**  
**Leader(s)** Norman & Frances Felton 748 3493  
**Park Cars** Great House Barn, Rivington. GR SD629139, Sat Nav BL6 7SB. Take M61 to J6. Turn right towards Horwich along the A6027 for 1.1 miles. Turn left at the Beehive roundabout on the A673 and go 1.8 miles to the Crown Pub. Go left on the roundabout and the immediately right along Lever Park Avenue for 1.4 miles. The barn is on the left with toilets and a cafe. Leaders will meet you there.  
**Details** An easy undulating walk through Rivington village and along three major reservoirs, Yarrow, Anglezarke and Rivington. A good walk at this time of the year.

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### LEADERS WANTED

#### Sundays

November 1st, "B", 8th, "C", 15th, "C", 22nd, "C", 29th, "C". All offers of walks, please contact Phil Worsley, 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

#### Wednesdays

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

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 pm All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns

## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Blaze Farm Christmas lunch and 2mile walk. Cost £12 on day. Book with Heather Wykes, 01625 618782.

## THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

New Year's Eve (Hogmanay) Party at Timperley Village Club, 8pm to midnight. Tickets, £8, from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821. Cheques made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Friends are welcome!!

## THE ISLE OF WIGHT CLUB HOLIDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> TO 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016

There is one Room still available on a first come, first served basis. Can be used as Double/Twin or Single (at extra cost). For full details and/or booking, please ring Dean on 962 3301

## INCIDENT TRAINING COURSES

Following the enthusiastic response from participants on the previous course, two more courses have been arranged for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The courses are limited to a maximum of 14 participants each. For further details and bookings, contact Stephen Glover, 928 0644.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We regret to announce the recent death of Fiona Cox who had been a member for many years.

Found – folding stool left on coach after Haworth trip - Contact Ian & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446.

## TEXT MESSAGING IN AN EMERGENCY

A document providing information on contacting the Emergency Services by text message (SMS) in the event of an emergency when you have poor mobile phone signal has been added to the **Members Area/Documentation/Other General Documents** page of the Club website. The facility requires pre-registration with the Emergency Services by texting 'register' to 999.

