

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## NOVEMBER 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 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

- Area** CHESTER TO HELSBY: ROMAN FORT TO VIKING VILLAGE **Leave 8.15 13.5 Miles Category 4/3**  
**Transport £5.80**
- Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)
- Park Cars** M56 to Helsby. Park near Helsby Station, Station Ave. off A56, GR SJ487756, approx. WA6 OAQ. Get ready to walk.
- Details** We take the 9.18 train from Helsby to Chester. Train fare £3.10 with rail card. We start along the Chester canal and from Pipers Ash take the Longster Trail back to Helsby.
- Area** THE CLOUD, RUSHTON SPENCER **Leave 9.00 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £5.00**
- Leader(s)** John & Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)
- Park Cars** Free Staffordshire Way Car Park, behind Knott Inn, Station Lane, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625 SK11 0QU.
- Details** From disused railway track climb to Church, fields and lanes to foot of The Cloud, then descend towards Timbersbrook and return to start of climb. Follow Staffordshire Way to cross A523 and along conduit and Dane River, climb to Hollinhall/Heaton then down to cross road opposite Station Lane. Some awkward stiles, muddy patches, super views on a clear day .
- Area** NETHER ALDERLEY **Leave 9.45 6 Miles Category 4/3 Transport £2.20**
- Leader(s)** Heather Wykes 01625 618782
- Park Cars** Wizard car park (NT), Alderley Edge on Macclesfield road, where leader will meet. GR SJ860773. Remember NT Membership cards!
- Details** Fields and paths to Birtles Hall, Monks Heath, Nether Alderley Church and school, few stiles ,hot when pioneered!

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### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

- Area** STRINES **Leave 9.15 9 Miles Category 3 Transport £3.20**
- Leader(s)** Jack Garstang 980 6349
- Park Cars** Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge. GR SJ964895. M60 east, off at J27. Take A626 to Marple, veering left at Texaco down to Marple Bridge, turning left to car park before white cottage.
- Details** Along Peak Forest canal to Goyt Mill, field paths to Ridge End, down to Strines Station. Then long slow climb to pass Brookbottom for lunch. On to Shiloh, Mellor Church and down to cars.
- Area** MACCLESFIELD'S PENNINE FRINGE **Leave 9.30 7 Miles Category 4/3 Transport £4.20**
- Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087
- Park Cars** Tegg's Nose Reservoir Car Park (off Holehouse Lane, Langley) GR 946718. From Silk Road (A523 at Macclesfield) going towards Leek, take Byron's Lane on left (before Macclesfield FC Ground). It then forks left to become Jarmon Rd., and left again to become Langley Rd. Ignore Coalpit Lane and take main road (to left when facing church). Holehouse Lane is on left (off main road). Car Park is at far end.
- Details** One steep climb up to Visitor Centre. Field paths and quiet lane to Higher Hurdsfield, then we join the Macclesfield Canal and complete the walk via Macclesfield Golf Club and Birch Knoll back to Langley. Good views for most of the walk.
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## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ON SHUTTLINGSLOE **Leave 8.30 12 Miles Category 3/2**  
**Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)  
**Park Cars** By Ridgegate Reservoir just beyond Leather's Smithy Inn in Macclesfield Forest, GR SJ953715. Through Macclesfield & Langley.  
**Details** This walk must start promptly at 9.30 to give us time for a brief comfort stop at Trentabank & be up Shutlingsloe by 11am. On leaving Shutlingsloe, we then go to Clough House & climb up to Sparbent; lunch at Three Shire Heads; past Leech Wood; Crag Inn; Lower Nabbs Farm; Oakenclough; Hanging Gate & then back to the cars on the Gritstone Trail. Two good climbs in the morning.

**Area** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ON SHUTTLINGSLOE – SHORTER VERSION **Leave 8.30 9 Miles**  
**Category 3/2 Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)  
**Park Cars** As above  
**Details** We shall make our way up to Shutlingsloe with the "A" Group above for 11am. On leaving Shutlingsloe and the "A" Group, we make our way by Lower Nabbs Farm, Oakenclough, the Hanging Gate, Lowerhouse, Higher Sutton and back to the cars using the Gritstone Trail.

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## WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** BEESTON/RAWHEAD **Leave 9.15 9.5 Miles Category 3 Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)  
**Park Cars** Beeston Castle CP (£3 P/D) GR 540590. From A49 follow brown signs for Beeston Castle. CP opposite Castle gates.  
**Details** Sandstone Trail to Cheshire Workshops, up to Bulkeley Hill and Rawhead. Field paths and quiet lanes to Burwardsley, Peckforton Estate Conservation Area and back to CP.

**Area** LYMM DAM **Leave 10.30 5 Miles Category 4 Transport £2.00**  
**Leader(s)** Giulio Poletti, 962 7648, & Barry Rice, 962 2377  
**Park Cars** Crouchley Lane, Lymm GR SJ684867. Signposted off A56 just before Lymm Dam.  
**Details** From the car park we walk round the Dam to the Bongs and back again, having our lunch on Vernon Hill's Picnic Seat. We can either go further or return to the cars.

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## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** WINCLE & DANEBRIDGE **Leave 8.30 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £4.60**  
**Leader(s)** John & Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)  
**Park Cars** On road below Ship Inn, Wincle. GR SJ962652 SK11 0QE  
**Details** West via Wincle Grange and Mareknowles. Climb north along Wincle Minn and up Croker Hill to Fox Bank. Turn east and south via Lowerhouse, Hanging Gate and finish by way of High Lee, Hazels and Allmeadows. Many stiles, could be muddy at this time of year.

**Area** GOYT VALLEY & WINDGATHER CIRCUIT **Leave 9.30 7.5 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Phil & Pam Grundy 973 8854 (Mob 07952564884)  
**Park Cars** Goyt Woodlands car park. GR 013756. A6 and then A5004 into Whaley Bridge Turn right onto B5470 and at Kettlethulme turn left into Side End Lane and travel past Windgather Rocks and turn left at Pym Chair down to the car park.  
**Details** A walk along Fernilee Reservoir to Madscar and Overton Hall Farm and up to Windgather Rocks (the only climb!). We then follow the Bridleway towards Pym Chair, descend round Foxlow Edge to Errwood Hall and return to the car park along Errwood Reservoir.

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## WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** SANDSTONE TRAIL & ALVANLEY CLIFF **Leave 9.15 8½ Miles Category 3 Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)  
**Park Cars** Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road. CP is then 0.9 miles on left. If full, there is plenty of parking on roadside adjacent.  
**Details** North via Pinewood Farm and Kingswood Cottage to Snidley Moor Wood. Return along the Sandstone Trail and Delamere Way past Alvanley Cliff.

**Area** OVER PEOVER **Leave 9.45** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** David & Liz White 980 8605 (Mob 07716961974)  
**Park Cars** Near Jodrell Bank Observatory. From Chelford Roundabout, take A535, Follow Jodrell Bank signs. Pass Observatory (on left), over railway bridge and, in 150yds, take 1<sup>st</sup> right (with care – bad bend - Bellmarsh Farm on the corner). Park on lane. GR 785718.  
**Details** Pleasant, easy walk in the Jodrell Bank Telescope area, Along Peover Eye to Peover Hall, Return via Parkgate.

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

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will start at 7.30 pm at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns.

Rose Monteath (Membership Secretary) is not standing for re-election. Nominations for this or any other position on the Committee (duly proposed and seconded and agreed by the nominee) should be sent to the General Secretary, Monica Beardmore, 41 Alexander Drive, Timperley, WA15 6NF, no later than 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A suitable nomination form can be found on the Club website in the 'Members Area/Documentation/Other General Documents' section, along with last year's AGM minutes..

Subscriptions for 2014/15 are due after the AGM. Next year's Renewal of Membership Form will be in the December Circular issued in mid-November.

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### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** LAMALOAD **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Sue Skelton 01625 263409 (Mob 07770566336)  
**Park Cars** Lamaload Reservoir Car Park. GR SJ975753, where leader will meet.  
**Details** Common Barn Farm, Waggonshaw Brow, Jenkin Chapel, Kettlethulme, Taxal Edge, Howlersknowl and Thursbitch.

**Area** DANE VALLEY (SWETTENHAM) **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Brereton Heath Lane, GR 795649. Take A54, Holmes Chapel to Congleton road. Turn right at sign to Brereton Heath Country Park (approx. 2¾ miles out of Holmes Chapel). Continue to 1<sup>st</sup> crossroads after Park. Turn left and park on verge of Brereton Heath Lane.  
**Details** From Brereton Heath Country Park, we cross the River Dane to Swettenham, Midge Brook and Swettenham Meadow, retracing our tracks, via Ash Tree Farm and the Dane Valley, back to the cars

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### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** BOSLEY CLOUD **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)  
**Park Cars** Timbersbrook CP GR SJ894627. A34 to Congleton, follow SP Biddulph A527. At top of steep hill turn left at traffic lights into Reades Lane. Take left turn, SP Timbersbrook, into Under Rainow Road, passing Coach & Horses pub. At Timbersbrook village sign turn left into Weathercock Lane. CP is 100yds on right.  
**Details** Gradual climb up hill to reach the Cloud, good views over the Cheshire Plains on a clear day. A gradual descent down onto a quiet lane, then following field paths to reach the Macclesfield Canal and back to the CP.

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### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**Area** CASTLETON & THE LIGHTS **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The pay and display car park on the A6187 Buxton Road in Castleton, GR SK 149829. Post Code S33 8WH. Cost to be shared.  
**Details** This clockwise circuit based on Castleton will call at the Blue John Cavern, Hollins Cross, Lose Hill, Fullwood Stile Farm, Aston, and Brough. The walk will be completed by returning through the streets of Castleton under the Christmas Lights as dusk falls. There are two moderate climbs and one or two of the usual minor undulations, all of which will be in the morning. The afternoon will provide easier walking at low level.

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## LEADERS WANTED

### Sundays

December 6th, "C", 13th, "C", 27th, "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 December and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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

Walk and Lunch. A 5 mile country walk at Mickerbrook and Ladybrook. Book lunch and menu choice (Beef, Turkey or Lasagne; Christmas Pudding, Pavlova or Ice Cream) with Barry Rice, 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, WA15 6AT, Tel 962 2377, before 1<sup>st</sup> December. The cost will be £11 per person.

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

Blaze Farm Christmas lunch and 2 mile 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!!

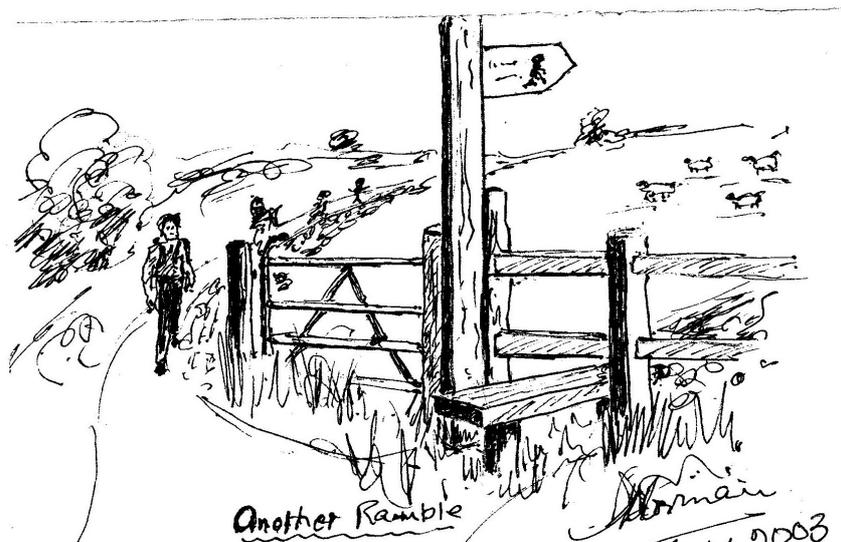
## NEWS OF MEMBERS

With regret, we have to announce the death of Trixie Willcock at the age of 102. Trixie was an Honorary Member and had walked regularly with the Club until well into her 90's.

Alan Evans, a long time member, has also recently died.

Roger Parker has made a good recovery after his recent heart attack and should be returning home soon. We send Roger all best wishes.

Finally, an appeal to artists in the club. When space permits, small pen and ink drawings, as below, have been included in the circular. Most of those being used at present were done by Norman Bullock in the 1980's and many are no longer relevant, featuring walkers from that era. If any member would like to submit suitable pen and ink drawings, to be used as and when space permits, they should be sent to Ian Stenhouse, Apt 3 Woodlawns, 25 Bentinck Rd., Altrincham, WA14 2BW.



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