

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## DECEMBER 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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## WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the **password** required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will change on January 31st, 2016**. The **username**, which is **useradrc** will remain unchanged. After this date you will only be able to view items in the Members Area of the website **if you have renewed your annual subscription and have the new password**. Details of the username and the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

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

**Area** CHRISTMAS AT HOLLINGWORTH LAKE **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)  
**Park Cars** Hollingworth Lake, GR SD938153. M60 to J21, A6104 towards Chadderton then A627(M) to M62 J21. Follow A6193 towards Milnrow and Littleborough. Then turn right onto the B6225 and follow brown signs to Hollingworth Lake. Where the road turns away from the Lake is a white building on the right: the Winepress, OL15 0AZ. If you are attending the Christmas meal, park in the small car park to the left of the Winepress if you can. Otherwise follow round the lake and park in the Visitors Centre on the left, p&d £2.20.

**Details** The walk will start from the road outside the visitors centre. It follows the Pennine bridleway towards Lydgate and the climbs toward the Pennine Way There is then a steep descent to Summit Quarry and we follow the canal back towards Littleborough, leaving it at Durn to follow the station to station walk back to the start. There are several undulations over the moors in the morning and one can expect wind at the top but the walk back is almost completely flat.  
**Note:** Tony Davies is planning a much shorter walk prior to the lunch. If you are interested in this, please contact Tony on 969 5962 for details.

**Area** ACTON BRIDGE **Leave 10.00** **4½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** Anne Brooker 973 2179  
**Park Cars** On roadside by the Leigh Arms , on left just before the bridge (painted white!), GR SJ601761. M56 to J10, then follow A49 (Whitchurch) for about 5miles, all the way to the Bridge. Turn left just before the bridge to park.

**Details** A pleasant, flat walk along the Trent & Mersey Canal, field and woodland paths to Dutton Locks (for lunch). Back along the River Weaver. (Optional stop at Davenport's Café at end of walk). An easy walk, slow pace, NO STILES – ideal for those who don't/can't walk far!!

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

**Area** LITTLEBOROUGH **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Watergrove Reservoir, Wardle. GR SD 911176 Free Parking No Toilets. M62 J21, left at bottom then right at lights B6225, left at mini roundabout towards Hollingworth Lake then left at T junction / mini roundabout, over Smithy Bridge railway crossing to lights at top then left and right at first lights signed Wardle. Straight up and cobbled road leads to parking.

**Details** Rochdale Way round Brown Wardle Hill & Hades Hill up to Freeholds Top trig point [1,500 ft.] then Trough Edge, Clough Road, Long Causeway and Rough Hill back to cars.

**Area** **ASHLEY & BOWDON BOLLIN** **Leave 9.45** **5¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.50**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Lay-by on Ashley Mill Lane, GR 769859. Take Ashley Road (B5357) through Hale Village. Ashley Mill Lane is on right off Ashley Road after passing over the River Bollin.  
**Details** From the lay-by, we drop down to the Bollin and reach Bowdon Vale. A short village walk takes us to fields leading us back to the Bollin, on to Ryecroft Farm and over the M56. We return to the cars via Ashley Hall.

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

**Area** **MARPLE** **Leave 9.30** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07549630337)  
**Park Cars** Trinity Street Car Park, Marple, GR SJ959885. J27 M60 then A626 to Marple. At Texaco garage keep to right on Church Street(one way) go over mini roundabout and turn left on to Trinity Street, car park on right at the end of the street. Pay and display £1.70 for parking.(where leader will meet)  
**Details** Start at canal, up to Linnet Clough, Mellor Church , Brookbottom, Strines and eventually back to the canal and down to car park.

**Area** **MICKERBROOK – LADYBROOK VALLEY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH** **Leave 9.30** **5 Miles**  
**Category 4** **Transport £1.00**  
**Leader(s)** Giulio Poletti 962 7648 & Barry Rice 962 2377  
**Park Cars** Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme, P&D, GR SJ859871, Satnav SK11 0AR. To car park turn onto Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd ( signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to Car Park.  
**Details** Footpaths across fields and short stretches of road to lunch (£11 per person, cheques payable to The Vinery). Book and select menu (see last month's circular for menu choice) by phoning Giulio or Barry by 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

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

**Area** **BOTTOM OF THE OVEN & CHRISTMAS LUNCH** **Leave 8.45** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2**  
**Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The Stanley Arms at GR SJ 980723. Satnav SK11 0AR. Please use the 'top' car park only. Contact the leader for further information if required.  
**Details** This anti-clockwise circuit will visit Greenways Farm, Lamaload, Rainow, Gulshaw Hollow, Five Ashes, and Macclesfield Forest. On completion of the walk, and for those who have pre-booked, Christmas Lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.30 pm. Please note that the Christmas Lunch element is now fully booked.

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### WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area** **DELAMERE FOREST** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Barnsbridge free car park, GR SJ 542715 From A556 right on to B5152 and, after 4 miles, left at minor cross roads signed Manley. Down this road for about a mile and car park is on left.  
**Details** Using Sandstone Trail and Delamere Way we head south to Pale Heights and Primrose Hill then via Kelsall & Woodside to Manley Common and back to cars.

**Area** **DUNHAM PARK & LYMM CANAL** **Leave 10.00** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.00**  
**Leader(s)** Celia Betney, 928 2772, & Jenny Rydell, 941 6847 (Mob 077891055)  
**Park Cars** Meet at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon at 10am, NOT at the Station. Plenty of parking close by.  
**Details** Come! Yes, do come and join in the fun on this linear pre-Christmas walk. A comfortable walk through Dunham Park (coffee and comfort stop here). Our walk continues through the Park to the Canal. Eventually we arrive at Lymm Village. On route, Christmas Carols will be encouraged. Perhaps a 'Secret Santa' would enhance the mood? (we suggest £1 max. item from a pound shop – could be fun?) We are confident that all Ramblers will return home fulfilled and content in true Christmas Spirit! REMEMBER BUS PASS FOR RETURN JOURNEY – Bus No. 5, every ½ hr, returns to Altrincham. Alight at Church Brow to collect cars.

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

<b>Area</b>	<b>RUSHTON SPENCER &amp; GUN HILL</b>	<b>Leave 8.30</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £5.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Mike & Tess Gregory 01625 614211				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Free Staffordshire Way Car Park, behind Knott Inn, Station Lane, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625, where leaders will meet.				
<b>Details</b>	From Rushton Spencer we follow field paths and quiet lanes passing Heaton Hall and Gun End House before a gradual climb to the top of Gun Hill (1263ft). We descend to Poolend and Rudyard and follow the Staffordshire Way along the west side of Rudyard Reservoir back to the cars.				
<b>Area</b>	<b>BLAZE FARM WALK &amp; LUNCH</b>	<b>Leave 10.45</b>	<b>2 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3</b>	<b>Transport £4.50</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Heather Wykes 01625 618782				
<b>Park Cars</b>	On layby by the now closed Brookside Café GR 980681, leaving at 11.45.				
<b>Details</b>	After a short walk via Higher Nabb farm and Crag Inn we drive to Blaze farm GR 975 675 for lunch at 2 pm. Places are still available (£12 on the day).				

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## WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Area</b>	<b>TATTON PARK</b>	<b>Leave 9.30</b>	<b>7 Miles</b>	<b>Category 4</b>	<b>Transport £1.20</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Park cars on Mereheath Lane near the Knutsford entrance to Tatton Park. SJ750793				
<b>Details</b>	Our annual Christmas walk round the edge of Tatton Park and back through Knutsford.				

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## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Area</b>	<b>SOUTH &amp; EAST OF DISLEY</b>	<b>Leave 8.30</b>	<b>10.5 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £3.60</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Rose Monteath 286 2719				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Disley Station Approach, GR SJ972845, where leader with meet.				
<b>Details</b>	Today's anti-clockwise walk to the south & east of Disley will initially visit Parkgate before picking up the North Cheshire Way to walk south to West Parkgate & Keeper's Cottage. We then turn east & climb up to Dale Top & cross The Gritstone Trail to descend to Cornfield Farm & New House Farm. The circuit is completed by way of The Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll & Bollinghurst Bridge.				

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## LEADERS WANTED

**Sundays:** January 10th, "C", 24th, "C", 31st, "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 January and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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

New Year's Eve (Hogmanay) Party at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road Timperley 8pm to midnight. Tickets, £8, from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821. (Cheques made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club.) Kilts, sporrans & tartans all welcome, otherwise wear red. Please bring knife, fork, spoon and sherry glass. Catering by our resident chefs, Zoe and Edward. Dancing to the Scottish Highland Clan. Friends welcome.

### THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

"Kill or Cure" walking tour in Manchester. Cost £5 approx. Pay on the day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome Janette Orrell and Mary Smith recent new members.

Mary Gerrard would like to thank all members for their good wishes following her recent hip operation.

Frances Felton would like to thank everyone for sending their best wishes and cards following the incident when she fell and broke her arm on the 27th September. It is still in plaster.

Regretfully, we have to announce the death of Pauline Smith and send condolences to her family.

Alan Key fell again on a walk and broke his other leg, just a couple of days before having the pins removed from his earlier accident in March!! He is again in plaster, but hopefully not for too long. We wish him a speedy recovery..

Mike Kenyon was taken ill whilst holidaying in Croatia, and spent sometime in Hospital there, but is now recovering at home. We wish him well.

Following the appeal in the last circular for pen and ink sketches, Gillian Wetters has submitted several, for which many thanks. These will be featured over the coming months, as space permits. The first one below may bring back memories of a recent Sunday walk! However, contributions from other artists would still be appreciated.

