

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

JANUARY CIRCULAR 2016

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'

NEW YEAR'S EVE (HOGMANAY) PARTY

Thursday 31st December at Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road Timperley from 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.

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** 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 new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

CLUB WEEKEND

Those going on the Club Weekend are reminded that final payment should be made to Dean Edwards by 1st Jan.

FRIDAY 1st JANUARY

Area	DUNHAM	Leave 10.15	7 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport £
Leader(s)	Ian & Josie Stenhouse – 926 8446 (Mob. 07713030118)				
Park Cars	Meet outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road, NOT at the station. GR SJ760878.				
Details	A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Café - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then along the Bollin to Bowdon Vale and back to the cars through Bowdon.				

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

Area	HAYFIELD AND SHIREOAKES	Leave 8.30	10.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.20
Leader(s)	Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)				
Park Cars	The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield. Just off the A6015 at GR SK036869. Cost to be shared.				
Details	This anti-clockwise winter walk in the Dark Peak will call at Moorland House, The Naze, Breckhead, Shireoakes, Peep-O-Day and Meadows Farm. Only one climb but several undulations and of course winter conditions.				

Area	GAWSWORTH	Leave 9.45	6 Miles	Category 4	Transport £4.00
Leader(s)	Heather Wykes 01625 618782				
Park Cars	On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and Church GR. SJ 886692, where leader will meet.				
Details	An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm, along the Macclesfield Canal to North Rode, then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles				

WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY

Area DELAMERE FOREST & KINGSLEY **Leave 9.30** **8 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin - 980 5409 (Mob. 07733270371)
Park Cars Barnsbridge Gate 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. Car park is then 0.9 miles on left. If full, plenty of adjacent roadside parking.
Details A walk in and out of the Delamere Forest visiting Kingsley via Sandstone Trail and Eddisbury Way on forest tracks and field paths.

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY

Area BURTON-IN-KENDAL **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) John Brownhill 980 1774
Park Cars At car park between Burton in Kendal and Hutton Roof. Leave M6 at J35, then A601(M) to A6 north. then A6071 to just short of Burton-in-Kendal where you turn right towards Hutton Roof. The car park is 1.5 miles up this lane on the left. GR SD552761.
Details Though this walk is a little further than usual for a Sunday walk it is an easy drive, to an interesting area and well worth the trip. From car park to Hutton Roof Crags, across Uberash Plane then skirt Holmpark Fell to Farleton Knott. Return via Newbiggin Crags and Hutton Roof. A pleasant walk in limestone country with views of the Southern Lakes, Morcambe Bay and The Three Peaks.

Area KINGSLEY **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park Cars GR 562727. Take A556 and turn right at B5152 (Station Rd., Delamere). After passing Delamere Station to Hatchmere, turn right at School Lane. Fork right up Post Office Lane, then left at T-junction on to Norley Td. Park on verge near entrance to Norley Hall.
Details An easy walk with one gradual climb, passing through the villages of Norley and Kingsley.

WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY

Area DANEBRIDGE WINCLE **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) Phil & Sue Brownhill – 01925 754749 (Mob. 07721189338)
Park Cars Roadside parking just below the Ship Inn Wincle. Grid Ref SJ964652.
Details Ship Inn to Allmeadows and up to Hammerton Knowl Farm. Depending on weather conditions follow route above Hammerton Knowl' down to Longgutter and Hammerton Farm. Over to Wincle Grange and follow Gritstone Trail to Barleigh Ford Bridge. Across to Heaton Hall, Heatonlow, Gig Hall, Whitelee and back to the Ship Inn.

Area LADMANLOW-HIGHER BUXTON **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars Grin Low Car Park, Grid Ref SK049720. Take A537 (Cat & Fiddle road) to 'T' junction with A53. Turn right onto A53 and, following Brown signs, turn left after 100 metres on the A53 then left again into Grin Low Country Park. At end of driveway fork right into car park (honesty box £1) Toilets may be open.
Details A walk on mostly good paths (some stony sections) and short-grass tracks in the lovely countryside above Buxton. Our route is through extensive areas of mature natural woodland, across Cavendish Golf Course, field tracks around Plex Farm, returning by the Dane Valley Way.

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

Area POYNTON AND LYME PARK **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.40**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Small car park at Poynton Lake off the A523 off Anglesey Drive (NOT car park on South Park Road), where leaders will meet. Grid Ref. SJ923 848. Post Code SK12 1BT.
Details Up to the Macclesfield Canal, then on to Lyme Park. Up to the Cage, past Lyme Hall up to Bowstonegate, out of the park and then on to the canal marina at Higher Poynton, Petrie Bank and eventually back to the main Macclesfield Road. (not too many stiles). If the weather is inclement, when we reach the canal we can do an alternative fairly flat walk(roughly the same distance).

Area **MARBURY** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644, & Edna Adderley, 980 7753
Park Cars Marbury Country Park. GR 652764. M56 to J10. Turn sharp left to A559. After 3.5 miles, at Sevenoaks Saddlery, turn right into Gibb Hill and follow brown signs to Marbury Country Park. Park in the main car park, pay and display (£2.50) – share costs. There are public toilets.
Details A pleasant walk around Marbury Country Park, along good paths, with views of Budworth Mere. Neuman's Flash, Wilton Brook and the River Weaver.

WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY

Area **HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR** **Leave 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ995971. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again and park on verge at RHS of road opposite the quarry
Details Mottram Old Hall, Landslow Green, Devil's Bridge, Arnfield, Higher Bank, Pack Saddle, Swineshaw Reservoirs, across the moor to Brushes, Walkerwood Reservoir, Shaw Moor and the quarries back to the cars.

Area **ADLINGTON** **Leave 9.45** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**
Leader(s) Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park Cars Legh Arms. GR 912805, Park in far corner of car park.
Details We make our way to the Macclesfield Canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green Farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Syperson Pool and Higher Doles Farm, then back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

Area **TACKLERS TRAIL – DARWEN** **Leave 8.45** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Peter & Susan Darby 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)
Park Cars Earnsdale Road, opposite the entrance to Sunnyhurst Wood Visitor Centre. GR 679230, Postcode BB3 0LA. Directions: M61 to J9, then M65 (Burnley) to J4, turn right on to A666, then first right after lights (by St Cuthbert's Church) into Earnsdale Road and continue until the entrance to Sunny Hurst Visitor Centre is reached. Park opposite on the left on Earnsdale Road.
Details The walk for the most part follows the Tackler's Trail section of the Witton Weavers Way. An undulating walk with a couple of short steep climbs. Woodland walking in the morning, moorland in the afternoon. Roddlesworth Reservoir, Hollinshead Hall, Top o' th' Brow, Jubilee Tower.

WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY

Area **JUMBLES COUNTRY PARK** **Leave 9.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Jumbles Car Park, Grid Ref. SD736140, Postcode BL2 4JP (approx.). M61 and follow signs for A666 and turn right onto A673, a slight left onto the A676. Keep on A676, Bradshaw Road, until you reach Jumbles Country Park, where leaders will meet.
Details Start from the car park up to Turton Golf Course, along Witton Weavers Way. Then Turton and Entwistle Reservoirs, on to Wayoh Reservoir, through Turton Bottoms, along the river to Jumbles Reservoir and back to car park.

Area **PRESTBURY / MOTTRAM** **Leave 9.45** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Roy Merritt & Jean Lewis 941 7469 (Mob 07881730802)
Park Cars Park in C.P. rear of Admiral Rodney P.H. in Prestbury village. (Postcode SK10 4HP) GR 902773.
Details Prestbury, by field paths to Top o' th' Hill, Mottram Hill Hall, Woodside Farm, Legh Hall, and Spittle House. A pleasant walk through the paths and fields around Prestbury, There will be mud in places.

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY

Area TODMORDEN **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)
Park Cars Todmorden Town Centre (Free Sundays), GR SD938241. M62 J21, then B6225 past Hollingworth Lake to Littleborough, then A6033 to Todmorden Centre, turning right at roundabout then second right into car parks.
Details Calderdale Way & Pennine Bridleway over Walsden Moor to Withens Clough Reservoir then Cragg Road and Pennine Way to Lobb Mill and canal path back to cars.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

February 7th, "C", 14th, "C", 21st, "C", 28th, "C" All offers of walks - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 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 February and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

Why not make a New Year's Resolution to lead at least one walk this year.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Mike Kenyon wishes to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes following his recent illness.

Pam Mitchell has broken some bones in her foot after a fall (not on a club activity!). We wish Pam a speedy recovery.

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2016

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

COACH TRIPS.

The programme for 2016 has been finalised.

Wednesday 11 th May	Appleby	Sunday 22 nd May	Great Langdale
Wednesday 22 nd June	Kirby Lonsdale	Sunday 12 th June	Pooley Bridge
Wednesday 13 th July	Ilkley	Sunday 7 th August	Bolton Abbey
Wednesday 7 th Sept.	Betws y Coed		

Further details will be published nearer the time. No bookings taken at this time.

The Social Coach Trip will be on Sunday 24th July to a destination yet to be decided.

★ *We wish everyone Season's Greetings* ★
and a Happy and Healthy New Walking Year.

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