

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## MARCH 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'

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### PAULINE SMITH BEQUEST

Pauline Smith, who died recently and had been a member of the Club for over 30 years, left a bequest of £773. It is gratefully received and will be administered in conjunction with the Vernon Hill Fund.

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

**Area** LYME PARK AND WHALEY MOOR **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)  
**Park Cars** Lyme Hall CP (GR 963823). Take A6 south from Hazel Grove. Lyme park entrance is on right 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles after Rising Sun PH junction. Park at the hall. Parking £7 (NT members free. Bring your card). If you can arrange to have a NT member (with card) in each car, then there will be no charge.  
**Details** A pleasant walk in and around Lyme Park. Steep climb out of the park. Then by the former Moorside Hotel, Whaley Moor, Broadhey, Green Lane, back into Lyme Park and return to the cars over Cage Hill and past Lyme Cage. Fine views in good weather.

**Area** STRINES **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.40**  
**Leader(s)** Jack Garstang, 980 6349  
**Park Cars** Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge. GR 964895. Free Parking. M60 east-off junction27—Follow A626 to Marple. At Texaco garage on right, veer left to Marple Bridge, downhill ,turning left just before white cottage to carpark.  
**Details** Along canals to Hawk Green, field paths to Turf Lea Farm, and down to Strines Station for lunch. Back along Goyt Valley Way. Stiles but no deep mud.

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

**Area** GOYT VALLEY **Leave 9.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** David Bona and Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)  
**Park Cars** Errwood Reservoir top car park, GR SK013756, Post code SK17 6SX (nearest), where leaders will meet. A6 to Whaley Bridge then A5004 and follow Goyt Valley sign on right.  
**Details** Errwood Reservoir, up to Pym Chair, down to Jenkin Chapel, up to Taxal Edge and back to Errwood.

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

**Area** RAMSBOTTOM **Leave 9.30** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)  
**Park Cars** Nuttall Park car park, GR SE795193, off Nuttall Hall Road (BL0 9LR). Take M66 and exit to Ramsbottom along A56. When you turn off the A56 at a left turn at traffic lights and falling steeply (signposted Ramsbottom), follow this road, then take the second turning on the left after crossing the motorway (Nuttall Park Road and signposted Nuttall Park).  
**Details** Peel Tower, Pilgrim Cross, Helmshore, Irwell Vale and return via the Irwell Valley Way.

**Area** RUDYARD LAKE **Leave 9.45** **7.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey, 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)  
**Park Cars** Rudyard Lake Miniature Railway free CP, GR 955578. A523 Macclesfield to Leek road, turn right onto B5331 SP Rudyard. CP on left immediately after passing under bridge.

**Details** From CP upto Horton Church, field paths and lanes to Dale House Bank Farm and Birch Trees Farm then onto Rushton Spencer Church and down to where we join Staffordshire Moorlands Walk, back to the CP. A varied walk with views, stiles and maybe mud.

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

**Area** **HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR** **Leave 9.00** **11 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, Hollingworth, Devil's Bridge, Arnfield, Higher Bank, the Swineshaw Reservoirs, Walkerwood Reservoir, Shaw Moor and the quarries back to the cars.

**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.

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

**Area** **LANTERN PIKE AND THE TORRS** **Leave 9.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** John and Jill Jagger, 980 6364 (Mob 07721640666)

**Park Cars** A6 and A6015 to New Mills and Birch Vale then turn sharp left on to Station Road. Park c 0.25 miles, opposite signpost to Lantern Pike or where available. GR SK020869. No toilets.

**Details** Initial climb to Lantern Pike, then west and south past Aspenshaw Hall, follow lanes and fields to Broadhurst Edge and Back Lane, south to Brook Bottom then Hague Bar, and east on Goyt Way, Millenium Way through The Torrs and along Sett Valley Trail to cars. Some stiles and mud as expected, mostly on established tracks with short sections on lanes. Varied walk with lovely views.

**Area** **DANEBRIDGE** **Leave 9.15** **5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**

**Leader(s)** Keith Leslie

**Park Cars** Near Ship Inn, Wincle. GR 962652

**Details** A circular walk past the fishing farm, then Hotpot lunch at Blaze Farm at 1-30 approx., £6.50 on day. Bookings & details with Heather 01625 618782

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

**Area** **EYAM** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**

**Leader(s)** Mike Gregory, 01625 614211

**Park Cars** Free car park opposite Eyam Museum, Hawkhill Rd, GR. SK216767 (where leader will meet).

**Details** A mainly moorland walk along some old tracks and ways with excellent wide ranging views. Eyam – Foolow – Abney Moor – Offerton Hall – Abney – Stoke Ford – Sir William Hill – Eyam.

**Area** **HOLMES CHAPEL** **Leave 9.45** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.80**

**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087

**Park Cars** Outside Hermitage Primary School (off Hermitage Drive), Holmes Chapel. GR 767675. Take A50 out of Knutsford, through Cranage to 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout at Holmes Chapel. Turn left here onto A535 (Macclesfield Rd.). Hermitage Drive is on left and cul-de-sac to school is 500 yds on right.

**Details** From Hermitage Bridge we take the Dane Valley Way towards Cranage and, joining Twemlow Lane, we pass several farms and return to the cars via the Twemlow Viaduct (main line to London) and the Dane Valley Way.

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

**Area** **GRIN LOW TO DOVE HEAD** **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**

**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)

**Park Cars** Grin Low, Buxton Country Park. GR SK049720. After A537, turn right onto A53 and first left on to Grinlow Road. Then first left into Grin Low car park following the brown signs.

**Details** The walk first visits Solomon's Temple and Poole Cavern. The route then takes in Thirkelow, Brand End, Bran Top and Dove Head before returning over Leap Edge and Stanley Moor. It is an undulating walk with some boggy bits, good views and explosions possible.

**Area** **WILLASTON (WIRRAL)** **Leave 9.30** **5½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £7.60**

**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087

**Park Cars** Haddon Road Station Car Park (Wirral Way). GR 331773. Take M56 to end where it becomes A5117. Leave at Hoylake exit and turn right at island onto A540 (Chester to Hoylake road). After passing Gordale Garden Centre (on left), turn right onto B5151 (Hadlow Rd.). Station car park is on right between crossings and garage.

**Details** A leisurely flat walk, mainly pleasant fields and a short stretch of the Wirral Way. We start with a nostalgic look back in time at the station. Although closed since the mid-sixties, the booking office is a time-warp, complete with memorabilia from that era.

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### FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH (GOOD FRIDAY)

**Area** **CHATSWORTH** **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2ish** **Transport £8.00**

**Leader(s)** Judy Bailey, 928 1156, & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (with help? from John & Ian) (Mob 07713030118)

**Park Cars** The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House, GR SK261703. Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard where toilets are available and aim to start the walk by 11 am.

**Details** The traditional Good Friday Chatsworth walk, but following a different route. We shall start with a short, steep climb up steps to the Hunting Tower (the 2!), through Stand Wood to leave the Park, cross the Rabbit Warren and through Hell Bank Plantation to Beeley, on to Calton Lees, Calton Lees Houses and the interesting Estate village of Edensor, to return to the cars, hopefully in time for tea and scones! This walk has some magnificent views of Chatsworth and the Park as well as the surrounding countryside.

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

**Area** **BIDDULPH GRANGE** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**

**Leader(s)** Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)

**Park Cars** Biddulph Grange Visitors Centre Car Park, GR 893594. Take A527 from Congleton to Biddulph, and after about 3 miles turn left onto Grange Road (Post code ST8 7SB) (brown sign for country park). Do not turn right into the National Trust gardens but continue for 200m then turn right into the car park.

**Details** Staffordshire moorland walk to Knypersley reservoir and Greenway bank country park then a climb up Mow Cop.

**Area** **CHADKIRK – ETHEROW** **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.20**

**Leader(s)** Harry Hewlett, 962 4869 (Mob 0795068777)

**Park Cars** Car Park, Chadkirk Nature Park, off A627. GR SJ938897

**Details** From the CP, pass by garden centre to path and track to south bank of the River Goyt. Onwards to Lower Dale Farm and onto Marple C.C, Brabyn Park, Etherow, Morton Clough, Morton Farm, Redbrow Wood, canal aqueduct, Kirk Wood, Chadkirk Chapel, and CP.

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

**Area** **CAERGWRLLE** **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**

**Leader(s)** John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)

**Park Cars** Free CP in village on left immediately after Old Castle Inn (Postcode LL12 9EU) opposite Spar, or on side road Bryn Yorkin. GR SJ305575. No toilets. Follow M56-M53-A55-A483 towards Wrexham, take right turn onto B5102 Llay road, continue through Llay, turn right at T junction onto A541 Wrexham Road, follow to Caergwrle.

**Details** Climb from CP off Bryn Yorkin through woods and meadows towards River Cegidog, then west to Offa's Dyke. Follow bridlepath and lane to Tyn-y-Cyffion, then along disused railway track and climb lane to Waun-y-Lyn for views on fine day. Follow paths and tracks over road and along river bank to Caergwrle. If time, cross road from CP to visit ruins of Castle Caergwrle.

**Area** **COMBERBACH** **Leave 9.45** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.20**

**Leader(s)** David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 077443394622)

**Park Cars** Spinner & Bergamot PH Car Park, Comberbach. GR 647775. EITHER M56 to Junction10. Take A559 towards Northwich. After about 3 miles, turn right into Gibb Lane and pub is on RHS at bottom

of hill. OR Non-motorway route:-Take A556 towards Chester. At M6 roundabout go straight across and first right by Windmill Pub on to the B5391. Branch right towards Great Budworth, go through village and straight across crossroads. Pub car park opposite next T junction.

#### Details

Another new short walk along quiet lanes and good paths around Comberbach and Antrobus. The book we used was quite helpful with local information, so this walk will not only be good exercise but also educational! Quite a lot of pleasant lane walking (which may not be a bad thing at this time of the year). Virtually no mud - guaranteed!

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### LEADERS WANTED

**Sundays:** April 3rd, "B" and "C", 10th, "B" and "C", 17th, "B" and "C", 24th, "B" and "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 April and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

### FUTURE EVENTS

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

"Kill or Cure" walking tour in Manchester. Meet at 11am, for those who have booked, at the Football Museum formally Urbis. Tour approx 1½ hrs. Cost £5 on day. Further details from Heather 01625 618782 .

#### THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY

A tour round the new AVRO Heritage Aircraft Museum, Woodford at 1.45 pm. Cost £8, payable on the day. Bookings to Heather, 01625 618782

#### SEPTEMBER 2016

##### 60th Anniversary Celebrations Programme – further information.

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Memorabilia Party with live music & buffet at Lark Hill, Timperley, 6-9 pm. Tickets available in April, £5.

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Vernon Hill Dedication Walk at Lymm, approx 6mls, leader Dean Edwards.

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> President's Evening Walk with Pub Meal, leader Barry Rice

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Celebration & Dedication Walks at Lyme Park, followed by a Party in the Park at 3.30. Leaders: John Beardmore (9mls), Keith Wykes (7mls) with dedication to Marjorie Wood, Beryl Hunwick (5½mls).

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> George Rochford Dedication Walk at Jenkins Chapel, 9mls, leader Ian Stenhouse, and Harold Corby, Alf Robinson, Les Platt and Alan Swann Dedication Walk at Nether Alderley, 6mls, leader David White

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Russell Marsh (Founder's) Dedication Walks at Hayfield, leaders: Judith Wainwright (10mls), Martin Ostick (7mls), Heather Wykes (5½mls). Walks will start from Dedication Bench on the Sett Valley Trail.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Stan Davies Dedication Walk at Delamere, 7½mls, leader Colin Baldwin.

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Formal Dinner at Altrincham Football Club. Tickets available end April, £25.

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Harold Willcock and Eddie Foden Dedication Walk on Transpennine Way, Altrincham, 7mls, leader Keith Leslie.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Bert Thistlewaite Dedication Walk at Arley, 6mls, leader Brian Warburton.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Suzie Sutton-Pratt fell whilst on a recent walk and broke a bone in her shoulder. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be out walking again before too long.

It is reported that Cathy Herron has had another stroke.

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