

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

AUGUST 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'

** SUNDAY 24TH JULY - SOCIAL COACH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO **

A few seats still available - contact Joan Jeffrey (962 5651).

NEXT YEAR'S CLUB HOLIDAY – FROM 5TH TO 9TH APRIL 2017

Reminder: The closing date for applications is Saturday 13th August 2016

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS PROGRAMME

Get your tickets for both 60th Anniversary social events from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821, 3 Carlyn Avenue, Sale, M33 2EA, or Judy Bailey, 928 1156, 17 Bow Lane, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 3BU ; £5 for Memorabilia Party on Sat 3rd Sept. and £25 for the Dinner on Fri 23rd Sept. Cheques should be made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Please enclose a SAE. Tickets are going well, so if you do not want to be disappointed please order them ASAP. **Please remember to return your menu choices for the dinner. Note that both venues have disabled parking and full, level disabled access for wheelchairs, etc.**

The President's Walk will take place on the morning of Thursday 8th September. Barry Rice will recreate the very first Club walk, led by Russell Marsh, our founding president, 60 years ago. It will be followed by a meal at the Hare and Hounds. Further information on this and all the celebration walks can be found in the Sunday and Wednesday Forward Programs in the Walks section of the Members Area of the Club website.

WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST

Area **BURBAGE TO MACCLESFIELD** **Leave 9.00** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)
Park Cars Park cars in Commercial Road car park just through Arighi Bianci's car park between Buxton Road and B5470, GR SJ919738 (P&D £3.30 to be shared). We take the 10.15 am No.58 bus from Macclesfield Bus Station to Level Lane, Burbage and walk back. Please bring bus passes or £3.
Details We take the Old Buxton Road up to the Cat and Fiddle, descend via Cumberland Brook, climb Shuttlingsloe, descend through Macclesfield Forest, through Langley, over Macclesfield Golf Course and back along the canal. This is not a difficult walk underfoot but is strenuous in terms of ascent and distance. We should be back before 5.00pm.

Area **HALE TO KNUTSFORD** **Leave 9.45** **7.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £-**
Leader(s) Jenny Rydell, 941 6847, & Celia Betney, 928 2772 (Mob 07789191055)
Park Cars Linear walk starting from Hale Village Bowling Green. (NOTE – NOT ALTRINCHAM!) Bus passes or fare required for return journey!
Details We walk to Rostherne via the river Bollin and Birkin House Farm, then over fields to Home Farm and finally through Tatton Park to Knutsford for tea &/or some shopping. Return journey by bus or train so don't forget bus passes!

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

Area **COACH TRIP TO BOLTON ABBEY** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.
"A" walk 10.5 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders Steve & Pauline Glover
Simon's Seat Circular. A varied walk on clear tracks thro' pleasant meadows and open moorlands. Starting with a gentle riverside walk past the Cavendish Memorial and Pavillion, we begin a steady climb thro' woodlands and the picturesque "Valley of Desolation" up to Truckle Crags and Simon's Seat trig point. Heading East across this moorland to Lord's Seat and Little Agill Head, on around Hazlewood Moor down to Storiths and the Wharfe valley, crossing the river bridge in front of Bolton Abbey to the coach park. Fine views on a clear day.
"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Keith Wykes & Jean Hibbert
650ft of ascent over 3 miles, nearly to Hare Head Side (highest point of walk at approx 1050ft) thereafter descending to Strid Wood Visitor Centre and returning to Bolton Abbey via The Strid (Waterfalls), Strid Wood and Sulphur Well beside the River Wharfe.

"C" walk 5½ Miles Cat 4/3 Leader Brian Warburton
Details on the coach.

Seats still available - book with Beverly Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9HP with a cheque for £11 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB remembering to state where you will join the coach.

Area MILLER'S DALE TO SHELDON & BACK Leave 8.30 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £7.00

Leader(s) Judith Rees 980 5034 (Mob 07923130630)

Park Cars Miller's Dale car park. Parking charges to be shared. GR 138734.

Details From Miller's Dale to Deep Dale via Brushfield. Along Deep Dale to the village of Sheldon, then through Great Shacklow Wood and Taddington Field to Taddington and back to the cars through Priestcliffe.

WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST

Area VALE OF LLANGOLLEN Leave 9.15 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £8.00

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

Park Cars Pontcysyllte Heritage Site long stay car park on Queen Street, Cefn-mawr, LL14 3NN, GR SJ275425.

Take A483 south from Chester, then take the A539 (Signposted Llangollen) for about 2 miles where you will see Brown signs for Pontcysyllte Heritage site - follow the signs for the long stay car park which is the first one you will see.

Details Offas Dyke path, Dinas Bran, Llangollen and return via the South side of the valley and the canal Aqueduct

Area REDDISH VALE Leave 9.30 7.5 Miles Category 4/3 Transport £3.60

Leader(s) Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)

Park Cars Reddish Vale Visitor Centre. Free Car Park & Toilets. GR SJ904934. M60, at J27 take left hand lane for A626, then at island take right for B6167. In Reddish, right at traffic lights at brown sign for Reddish Vale, Animal Farm and Riding School, continue straight to Visitor Centre at bottom of hill.

Details This is a woodland and riverside walk which includes stretches of the Trans-Pennine Trail, Tameside Trail and Peak Forest Canal. It could be muddy in places!

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

Area WINCLE & DANEBRIDGE Leave 8.30 10 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £4.60

Leader(s) John & Monica Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07391607460/07985983252)

Park Cars On road below Ship Inn, Wincle. GR SJ962652. Postcode SK11 0QE.

Details West via fields and lanes to Mareknolwes, turn north to climb tracks to Wincle Minn and Croker Hill, on to Fox Hill and The Hanging Gate, then through High Lee Hazels and Allmeadows to cars. Many stiles, and fields may be muddy after heavy rain.

Area BOWDON & DUNHAM PARK Leave 10.00 6½ Miles Category 4 Transport £0.50

Leader(s) Mavis Walker, 973 5514

Park Cars Green Walk, Bowdon. Drive thro' Altrincham towards Dunham Park on A56. At top of rise, opposite to the St Margarets Church, turn left into St Margarets Road. Drive down St Maragets Rd to the junction, turn right into The Firs. At the end of the road, turn right again into Green Walk. Drive to the very end of Green Walk (a cul-de-sac) and park at the side of the road.

Details The walk is easy and flat, across the golf course, through the park, along the canal and through fields. We shall have lunch at Dunham Park and a toilet stop.

WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST

Area MANIFOLD VALLEY Leave 8.30 11 Miles Category 3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader(s) Steve & Pauline Glover 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)

Park Cars In Wetton Village near Ye Olde Royal Oak pub: follow signs to right to "Wetton car park" with free parking and WCs on right-hand side of road (GR SK109555 postcode DE6 2AF)

Details A varied circular walk around the Manifold Valley from Wetton to Weags Bridge, Throwley Hall, Rushley, Ilam Park, Castern and back to Wetton; includes fine views, Thors Cave, a ruined hall, a National Trust hall in parkland, and a nature reserve.

Area CONGLETON EDGE FROM TIMBERSBROOK Leave 9.15 7½ Miles Category 3/2 Transport £4.80

Leader(s) Colin & Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)

Park Cars Timbersbrook CP. GR 895628. Take A523 south from Macclesfield and turn right on A54 towards Congleton. In 3.0 miles at a right hand bend, turn sharp left into Middle Lane (Brown sign to Picnic

Site). In 0.5 miles, after crossing railway, bear right then turn right at T junction. Car park is on left in 0.5 miles.

Details Follow Gritstone Trail and Congleton Edge to Nick I' th' Hill. (Steep climb on a narrow muddy path to Congleton Edge). Then by Higher Whitemoor Farm and a short steepish climb before lunch. Then a longer gentle climb to Biddulph Park and Common.

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

Area **ALSTONEFIELD** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.60**
Leader(s) Sue Skelton and Tess Gregory, 01625 614211
Park Cars Alstonefield village CP. Next to public convenience, GR. SK 131557, where leaders will meet.
Details Stanshope, Castern Hall, Rushley Bridge, Slade House, Calton. Return via Manifold Way, Thor's Cave, Grindon and Wetton.

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.

Area **ADLINGTON** **Leave 9.45** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**
Leader(s) Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park Cars Park in lay-by on A523 near Legh Arms pub, GR 912806
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.

WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST

Area **DIGGLE & SADDLEWORTH MOOR** **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) John & Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)
Park Cars Tame Valley car park, Sam Road, Diggle. GR SE007079, Postcode OL3 5PU. community toilets (no charge) on walk by Diggle Hotel, 5min from car park. M60 J23, follow A670, approx 6 miles take Huddersfield Rd on right, after 0.8m opposite Diggle Band Club turn right into Sam Road, follow to Tame Valley car park on right.
Details Tracks through fields to Running Hill Head and Wickers Farm, climb to Slades Pits and cross moorland via Broadstone Hill TP, Running Hill disused pits and Slough Clough Moss to join old Pennine Way. Follow to Black Moss Reservoir and track over Standedge Tunnels, return to cars past Diggle Hotel. Not many stiles, but will be muddy across moorland.

Area **WHITE EDGE, CURBAR EDGE, FROGGAT EDGE** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3**
Transport £7.80
Leader(s) **Anne Brooker, 973 2179**
Park Cars National Trust Car Park on A625 just before Grouse Inn (on left). GR SK256777. A6 to Chapel-in-le-Frith, then follow A623 to Stoney Middleton. At Calver crossroads (traffic lights) turn left, then 1st right, marked Froggatt, on to A625. Follow this winding road for a couple of miles. Car park is on left (concealed entrance) just before Grouse Inn. (P&D, free to NT members)
Details A gradual, gentle climb on to White Edge (superb moorland views and the heather should be in bloom), short, steepish descent to Curbar Car Park, then back along Curbar Edge and Froggatt Edge. 2 stiles, nothing difficult, slow pace!

Area **TARPORLEY** **Leave 9.15** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Colin and Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651
Park Cars Tarporley Community Centre, 113A High Street, CW6 0AY GR SJ 555623. A556 to Sandiway, left onto A49 to junction with A51 (roundabout), go first left on roundabout (Rode Street) to centre of Tarporley (High Street). The Community Centre is on the left just past The Avenue.
Details From Tarporley Church we go by field footpaths towards Birch Heath continuing to Pudding Lane then the Sandstone Trail to Wharton Lock on the Shropshire Union Canal, then to Bates Bridge Mill and footpaths to Sandstone Trail, over the A49 back to High Street and the Community Centre.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

Area **NORDEN ROCHDALE** **Leave 9.00** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)

Park Cars Lay-by on Edenfield Road, Norden. GR SD831158, nearest postcode OL12 7TY (where leaders will meet). Take M60 to J18, leave onto M66 Bury/Burnley. M66 J1 A56 exit to Ramsbottom. Turn right onto A56 Walmersley Road follow A566 and continue onto Bury Road. At roundabout take 2nd exit onto Rochdale Road, A680. Lay-by will be on left in front of Ashworth Reservoir

Details Ashworth Moor, Cheesden Fold up to Turf Moor. Rossendale Way. Cowpe Reservoir, down Hamer Hill then to the Naden Reservoirs. Climb up to Knowl Moor, ascend Knowl Hill to trig point and back down to Ashworth Reservoir, where the walk started.

WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST

Area **TOCKHOLE WOODS & DARWEN TOWER** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**

Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)

Park Cars The car park is about 2.5 miles north of Belmont (Bolton). Turn right off the A675 (signposted Tockholes). The car park is on the left about 400m after this turn off. GR SD665191.

Details We walk past Holinshead Hall and through the rather pretty Tockhole Woods. Then past Earnshaw Reservoir and on up onto the Darwen Moors and visit the Darwen Tower. Finally we walk across the Moor generally following the Witton Weavers Way. There is a stiff pull up to the Darwen Tower but we will take the lunch stop at the Tower immediately after the climb so time can be taken over the climb and we can rest at the top.

Area **DUNHAM MASSEY** **Leave 9.45** **7 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £0.80**

Leader(s) Tony Davies, 969 5962 (Mob 07708432105)

Park Cars National Trust Car Park, Dunham. GR 734875 (WA14 4SJ) P&D £6.00 all day, NT Members free. (One member in each car!)

Details Exit the park to Little Bollington. Across field paths to Dunham Woodhouse. Lane and fields to the Trans Pennine Trail. Return to cars via Bridgewater canal.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: September 25th, "B". All offers of walks - 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 October and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY 30th AUGUST

Southern Cemetery Tour. at 10-15 am, cost £5 on day. Come and see where the famous are buried!! and other interesting tales by a blue badge guide. Book with Heather 01625 618782.

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO BETWS-Y-COED

Leaders A walk - John Brownhill
B walk - Frank Dockery and Beryl Hunwick
C walk - Margaret Fowden

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) , 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Rd, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £11 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB remembering to state where you will join the coach. Please support this last coach trip of the season.

* Will leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of walks by August 11th.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Pam and Phil Grundy celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 6th August. We send them our congratulations and best wishes.

Marilyn Sivers wishes to thank everyone for the cards and get well wishes following breaking her elbow after slipping on a muddy path in Hale Village. It is on the mend but will be a slow job, so she advises everyone to take care when you come across a muddy pavement when walking.

John Drinkwater is recovering in hospital following a recent back operation. We send him our best wishes and hope to see him out and about again before too long.

A drink container and holder were left on the coach after the Ilkley trip. They can be reclaimed by contacting Beverly Harrison on 928 1093.

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