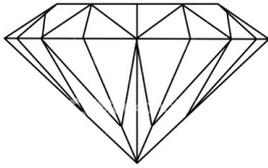
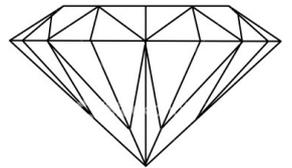


ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY 1956 - 2016



The picture above was taken by Eric Stuffins on Kinder Scout on Sunday 25th January 1959.

Included in the photograph are Russell Marsh, founder of the Club (kneeling at the front), Margaret Fowden, who is leading the "C" walk on the Betws-y-Coed Coach Trip (standing 3rd from right) and Alan Wetters (standing 4th from right).

SEPTEMBER 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'

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

MEMORABILIA PARTY - Larkhill Centre, Timperley, doors open 6-9pm. Buffet, live music and display of memorabilia. Meet old and new friends at the first of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations. £5 ticket to include refreshments, tea/coffee, sparkling wine and celebration cake. Tickets still available from Judy Bailey 928 1156 or Derrick Hamer 969 3821. **Please bring your ticket on night.**

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Area	COLNE VALLEY	Leave 8.30	12 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £7.00
Leader(s)	Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)				
Park Cars	Standedge Visitors car park, Marsden, HD7 6DH, GR SE047118. Follow M60 to jnt. 22, A 62 through Oldham to Marsden. At Marsden follow brown signs to Standedge Visitors car park, which is a right turn over cobble stones just before the station and beyond NT Offices.				
Details	The path follows the Colne Valley circular route over initially over moorlands then fields and dwellings to Wilberlee and Crimble Clough. Then down to Slaithwaite and along the Huddersfield canal to Lingards Wood. before a final climb to the moors to the south of Marsden. In the case of bad weather, we will walk into Marsden along the canal. This is a varied walk with great views from the hills and attractive cafes along the canal at Slaithwaite.				
Area	WEST OF RIPPONDEN	Leave 9.00	9.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £7.00
Leader(s)	Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)				
Park Cars	Baitings Reservoir, free, no toilets. GR SE011190. M62 J21, B6225 past Hollingworth Lake then right at railway arches signed A58 Halifax and car park is on right approx. 3 miles past White House pub.				
Details	Yorkshire Water permissive path to Ryburn Reservoir then Calderdale Way to Lighthazles and Waterstalls Road then on up to Great Mansehead Hill and Mansehead End trig point (1,350 feet) and back to cars.				

***Dedication Walk – Benefactors' Bench, Vernon Hill & Pauline Smith.**

Area	LYMM DAM	Leave 10.30	5/6 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport £1.40
Leader(s)	Elsie & Dean Edwards, 962 3301 (Mob 07922014165)				
Park Cars	Lymm Library, Brookfield Road, Lymm – GR SJ680875. Free on Sundays.				
Details	At 11.00 we leave the car park and make our way along the Canal, TPT, Slitten Gorge & The Dingle to arrive at the Club Benefactors Bench, GR SJ681867, for about 1230. The walk continues around the Dam out to the Bongs and back to Lymm. The walk will be adjusted in length according to the needs of the day.				

WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Area	COACH TRIP TO BETWS-Y-COED	Leaving M&S, Sale, at 8am with the usual pick-up points.			
"A" walk	10 Miles Cat 3/2	Leader	John Brownhill		
	From the A5/A4086 road junction near Capel Curig, we start with the biggest climb of the day (500 feet) on the footpath going generally North over to the Crafnant Valley where we traverse the North West shore of Llyn Crafnant . From the north east end of the lake we follow footpaths round the end of the hill to the north end of Llyn Geirionydd, then with a climb of 400 feet round the South end of Pen y Drum to Llyn Glangors. From here we follow forestry roads and paths down to Betws-y-Coed, passing the disused Hafna mine and Llyn y Parc on the way. The walk is on good paths and trails				

with no scrambling. Given good weather it should be an interesting day with a good variety of country and scenery.

"B" walk 8 Miles Cat 3 Leader Frank Dockry
Steep, steady climb at the beginning to Capel Gamon and another short climb to Mynydd Garthmyn with good views across Snowdonia, but otherwise fairly flat walk on minor roads, field paths and through woods. No difficult stiles. Full details on the coach.

"C" walk 5.5 Miles Cat 4/3 Leaders Margaret Fowden
Starting from Betws, over a suspension footbridge, along lanes and tracks to the Fairy Glen for lunch (Please have 50p for admission box). Afterwards a gentle uphill track walk to the café near Penmacho. Return is reversed, omitting Fairy Glen and suspension Bridge.

Seats still available - contact Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634), 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Rd, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9RQ, enclosing a cheque for £11 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB, remembering to state where you will join the coach.

** NB Timperley car park limited to 3 hours max on weekdays - allow time to find alternative parking

Area RAMSBOTTOM **Leave 9.15** **8 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.

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

*President's Walk and Meal

Area ASHLEY **Leave 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.50**
Leader(s) Barry Rice, 962 2377, & Giulio Poletti, 962 7648
Park Cars South Road, Hale. GR SJ771859.
Details This walk is a repeat of the very first club walk on Saturday 13th October 1956. The details were as follows: "The first club ramble was a local one round Hale Barns and Ashley from the Bleeding Wolf at 2.30pm. The leader was Russel Marsh, founder president, and approximately two dozen people turned up. During the afternoon a list of names was taken of people wishing to go to Hope for a weekend in February 1957."
Bring drink and biscuits for a short stop during the walk. The walk will be followed by a meal at the Hare & Hounds, Wood Lane, Timperley. Members may just come for the meal if they wish.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

All three walks today will meet up by the main car park in Lyme Park at 3.30 for cake and a toast to 60 years. Non-walkers will be very welcome to attend at this time. Further details from Heather on 01625 618782. The entry charge for Lyme Park is £7, but is free for National Trust members, so try to ensure that each car has a National Trust card in it (note Keith Wykes' card can allow two cars in!).

Area LYME PARK **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) John and Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391607460)
Park Cars Nelson Pit car park, GR SJ945834. From Poynton through roundabout onto Park lane, follow left fork onto Middlewood Road, turn right onto Anson lane at sign "Anson Engine Museum", cross lane at Boars Head, car park on left, toilets on lower car park.
Details Over Macclesfield canal to Green Farm and into Park at West Lodge, then through disused quarry (including undulations!) to Knightslow Wood and climb to Bow Stones. Cross Gritstone Trail to Holme Farm, then climb to Cornfield Farm and follow cart track on hillside to former High Peak Hotel. Cross road and into Park at East Gate, follow track through field (may be boggy) to Lantern Pike and on to Lyme Hall. After anniversary drink and cake at 3.30, return to cars via Green Farm.

*Dedication Walk – Marjorie Wood Signpost

Area LYME PARK **Leave 9.00** **7¼ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Keith Wykes, 01625 618164 & Jean Hibbert (Mob 07941298547 on day)
Park Cars Main car park, Lyme Park, GR SJ963822, Postcode for entrance to park, on A6 just before Disley, SK12 2NR.
Details The walk will start at 10.00 promptly from the small kiosk and picnic tables at the edge of the main CP: Platt Wood Farm, Elmerhurst Cottage, Founder Member Miss Marjorie Wood's Sign Post, GR SJ980832, (Keith's Godmother) for lunch, Black Rocks, Moorside, Dissop Head, Lantern Wood,

Calves Croft, to finish in the CP by 3.30 for the cake and toast. Note this walk may be shortened dependent upon timings, the party of the day, and weather.

Area LYME PARK **Leave 9.30** **5.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick,
Park Cars Main car park, Lyme Park, GR SJ963822. Enter Lyme Park by main entrance off A6 just before Disley.
Details We will leave the park and take a gentle climb to join the Gritstone Trail through Knightslow Wood, across moorland and on to the Bow Stones. After which we follow the lane to Cock Knoll Farm and then across fields to Bollinhurst Bridge, passing the Millennium Wood, Bollinhurst Reservoir and Cockhead Farm, re-entering the park at North Lodge, where we follow the drive for a short distance before taking the footpath up to the Cage and back down to the car park in time for the cake and toast at 3.30. There are several stiles. The climbs will be taken slowly so we can admire the views.

WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

*Dedication Walk – George Rochford Signposts

Area JENKIN CHAPEL **Leave 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars Car Park at Errwood Reservoir Dam, GR SK013756, nearest Postcode SK17 6GJ. Adlington, Pott Shrigley, Kettleshulme. On reaching Kettleshulme, sharp right onto Side End Road, up to Pym Chair, left down to Errwood Reservoir. Car park is on right at bottom of hill before crossing dam.
Details Errwood Hall, Pym Chair, Jenkin Chapel and the George Rochford Signposts, Fivelane Ends, over Taxal Edge, Crowhill, Fenilee Reservoir and back to the cars

*Dedication Walk – Harold Corby, Alf Robinson, Les Platt & Alan Swann Signpost

Area NETHER ALDERLEY **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £2.40**
Leader(s) David and Liz White, 980 8605
Park Cars Nether Alderley Mill, Congleton Road, SK10 4TW. One and a half miles south of Alderley Edge on the east side of the A34. GR 844763.
Details From Nether Alderley Church and the dedication signpost across to Monk's Heath and then Birtles Hall. Gentle climb towards the Edge and then back to Nether Alderley. Lovely anniversary walk with good paths and very few stiles.

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

***Dedication Walks – Russel Marsh (Founder) Bench.** Participants in all today's walks will meet at the Founder's Bench on the Sett Valley Trail (GR SK026870), between Hayfield and Birch Vale at 10.30 for a short ceremony before commencing/continuing their walks.

Area HAYFIELD & CHINLEY **Leave 9.00** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**
Leader(s) Judith Wainwright, 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)
Park Cars Sett Valley car park (P&D) in Hayfield. This is just off the A6015 at SK036869. This later start is because we need to be at the Russell Marsh Bench on the Sett Valley Trail at 10.30.
Details After the ceremony at the Founder's Bench on the Sett Valley Trail; Moorland House; Hills Farm; Chinley; Tramway; Chapel Milton; Overfold; Vorposten & back to Hayfield via Peep O'Day & Phoside Farm. There is a good climb in the morning up on to the moor & another in the afternoon with plenty of easy walking in between. Good views on a nice day.

Area SETT VALLEY/HAYFIELD **Leave 9.00** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £4.20**
Leader(s) Martin & Sandra Ostick, 01625 532645 (Mob 07500587474)
Park Cars **Either** Sett Valley (P&D) car park, Hayfield GR SK036869, **or** on minor road in Birch Vale (which is on A6015 between New Mills and Hayfield) at GR SK022869, near industrial buildings and close to the Sett Valley Café (which is open on Sundays). From New Mills, take acute left turn opposite pub in Birch Vale and drop down into the valley. (This is closer to the Founder's Bench and saves £4.40 parking charge in Hayfield). Meet at Founder's Bench, on Sett Valley Trail, GR SK 026870.
Details After the ceremony, follow the Sett Valley Trail to Hayfield, then via Phoside Farm, Foxholes Clough, New Allotments, passing Chinley Churn, Over Hill Road (track), Moor Lodge, Primrose Cottage, Gibb Hey, Sett Valley Trail to cars.

Area SETT VALLEY **Leave 9.00** **5½/2 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.20**
Leader(s) Derrick Hamer, 969 3821 / Muriel Lowther
Park Cars Sett Valley car park (P&D) in Hayfield. Cost to be shared. This is just off the A6015 at SK036869.

Details After a short ceremony at the Founder's Bench, we first head for a coffee shop and then you can choose which walk you wish to continue on, with either leader. Derrick will be leading the 5½ mile walk and Muriel will lead a short walk of about 2 miles.

WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Area CAT AND FIDDLE **Leave 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Parking opposite the Cat and Fiddle, GR SK001719 (where leaders will meet). Take A537 Buxton Road up from Macclesfield up to the Cat and Fiddle
Details Leave Cat and Fiddle and head towards Shining Tor and then down towards Goyts Clough. Head on to Berry Clough climbing steadily to the A54. Across Axe Edge Moor and then good paths flanking Cheeks Hill and Orchard Common, uphill through Orchard Farm, on to Reeve-edge Quarries, a short steep climb out of the valley and across the A54 and follow signed path back to the Cat and Fiddle.

*Dedication Walk – Stan Davies Signpost

Area DELAMERE FOREST **Leave 9.15** **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 mainly in Delamere Forest on good tracks, some quiet road walking, and not many stiles, visiting the Stan Davies memorial signpost. One steady climb from Linmere Visitor Centre to the summit of Pale Heights (about ½ mile). Otherwise no significant ascents.

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATION DINNER at Altrincham Football Club, Moss Lane, Altrincham. Car park at rear. 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £25, to include 3 course meal, glass of wine or soft drink, tea or coffee, are available from Judy Bailey 928 1156 or Derrick Hamer 969 3821, until 1st September. **Jacket & tie for men, please.**

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Area NOE STOOL & PYM CHAIR **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2eq** **Transport £5.80**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The Pay and Display car park in Edale, GR SK124853. Please share the cost with your driver.
Details This clockwise circuit will call at Barber Booth, the Chapel Gate Track, Roych Clough, Noe Stool, Pym Chair and Grindslow Knoll. From the knoll the southern edge of the Kinder Plateau is then left and the descent is made to reach Edale via Grindsbrook Booth. One good climb, one steepish descent, a few "undulations" and some rough ground underfoot. The rewards however are plentiful with fine peakland scenery throughout – weather permitting.

Area DELPH AND BISHOP PARK **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Colin Turner, 973 7770 (Mob 07582448095)
Park Cars Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre free long stay CP. in Uppermill, GR SD999054. If entering Uppermill from Greenfield/South, just beyond the Museum and Information Centre at the Hare and Hounds pub turn right into Smithy Lane then forward into Station Road then follow the long stay CP signs on the right to the car park.
Details We follow the canal back to Greenfield station then climb to skirt Moorgate Quarry and Springfield Farm continuing North to skirt High Moor Quarry to Shiloh. We then climb to the monument in Bishop Park before descending to Linfitts and Delph, rejoining the canal back to the cars.

*Dedication Walk – Harold & Trixie Willcock and Eddie Foden Signposts

Area AGDEN BROW/DUNHAM **Leave 9.45** **7.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.80**
Leader(s) Keith Leslie, 976 3230
Park Cars On truncated section of the A56 Altrincham – Lymm road just past the Old Number 3 pub (now closed). GR SJ718865. Follow A56 from Altrincham, pass the Old Number 3, take the first lane on the right then immediately right again into the truncated section.

