

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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OCTOBER 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'

AGM

The AGM will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns, on Thursday 10th November, starting at 7.30pm. The following officials are not seeking re-election: Chairman, Treasurer and Coach Trip Organiser. Nominations for these and any other position (duly proposed and seconded) must be given to the General Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition to the Constitution & Rules must be given to the General Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the meeting. The minutes of last year's AGM are in the Documentation section of the Member's area of the website.

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER

Area TACKLERS TRAIL – DARWEN **Leave 8.45** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Peter & Susan Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)
Park Cars On Earnsdale Road, off the A666, 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 A varied walk which for the most part follows the Tacklers' Trail section of the Witton Weavers' Way. Undulating with a couple of short, steepish climbs, it is mainly woodland walking in the morning and across moorland in the afternoon. The route will include Roddlesworth Reservoirs, Hollinshead Hall, Top o' th' Brow and Darwen Tower.

Area WALSDEN/GORPLEY **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)
Park Cars On Scott St., Walsden, GR SD933216. Take A6033 from Littleborough to Walsden. Scott St. is on left just after Riggs Garden Centre. Park on side of road outside cricket ground.

Details Ramsden Wood, Law Hey Farm, Stones Wood, Gorpley Clough, Trough Edge End, Coolam, Brown Road Farm and back to the cars. A varied walk including moorland!

Area CLOWBRIDGE RESERVOIR/SINGING RINGING TREE **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3**
Transport £6.40
Leader(s) Dave Stonehewer, 962 6450, & Muriel Lowther, 01771 316781
Park Cars Clowbridge Reservoir (P&D) GR SD823280. M60, M66, A56 to Rawtenstall, then A682, signed Burnley. After approx. 4 miles, after passing through Crawshaw Booth and Goodshawm at Beijing Restaurant on left, turn right to car park.

Details Clowbridge Reservoir, Crown Point, Singing Ringing Tree, Crompton Cross, return to cars via Reservoir.

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER

Area CHEESDEN VALLEY **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Jack Garstang & Derek Binns, 980 6349
Park Cars On right just past the Pack Horse Inn (post code, BL9 7TU) on Elbut lane, which is off B6222, i.e. Bury to Rochdale Rd, via Jericho and Fairfield Hospital. GR 835125.

Details Lanes, tracks and roads with one short steep down section. Up a valley which was a hive of activity in Victorian times.

Area MARPLE LOCKS **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars Brabbyns car park. GR SJ963894. A626, past Marple Station, take left into car park near bottom of hill.

Details Route is via Chadkirk Chapel, after coffee at Hyde Bank Farm, towards Middle Wood Way and return by canal paths.

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER

Area **OGDEN AND WINDY HILL** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**

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

Park Cars Free Car Park or on lane by Ogden Reservoir GR SD953123, Postcode OL16 3TF. Free toilets. Leave M62 at J21, follow signs through three roundabouts on A640 to Shaw, approx 0.6m take left A640 Huddersfield, after 0.8m turn left onto Ogden Road (sign for The Bulls Head), follow onto Private Road, CP on left by reservoir.

Details From Ogden reservoir climb to Tunshill Lane, left onto Pennine Way, from brook up to Rochdale Way and Windy Hill and return to Rochdale Way (variations on ascent and descent). From ruins through wood to Piethorne Dam and climb to Rooden reservoir, through farm and fields to Clough Hotel and join track to Higher Ogden and descend to cars.

Area **CHARLES HEAD WITH A DIFFERENCE** **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) Alan Gerrard, 980 7508, & Brian Billington, 485 4119 (Mob 07801652426 on the day)

Park Cars Take the road from Adlington through Pott Shrigley towards Bollington. Turn left 0.2 miles from Pott Shrigley into Spuley Lane (ignore the road closed signs) and park 0.4 miles further on near the site of the old "The Cheshire Hunt Inn". GR SJ 945782.

Details Beristall Hall and Further Harrop Farm to Charles Head. Continue to Summer Close and Crabtree Farm eventually climbing up to Waggoners Brow and onwards via Ginchlough to Rainowlow. Steady climb up to Blaze Hill returning to the cars through Oakenbank.

Area **DISLEY** **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) Derek Hamer 969 3821

Park Cars Long stay public car park accessed via road which runs between Rams Head car park and the A6 (Buxton Road West) at the traffic lights in Disley. If the car park is full, park on the local roads and assemble to start the walk on the forecourt of the Rams Head. GR. SJ974846

Details Leave Disley for Strines and Brookbottom. Continue towards canal and back to Disley.

WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER

Area **EDALE** **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**

Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 0780914366)

Park Cars On road from Barber Booth to Upper Booth, just past railway bridge. GR. SK 108848

Details Up Jacobs Ladder to Swines Back, Crowden Tower, Grindslow Knoll, Ringing Rodger, Edale and then back to the cars over the fields.

Area **LYME PARK** **Leave 9.30** **5.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644

Park Cars Main car park, Lyme Park, GR SJ963822. Enter Lyme Park by main entrance off A6 just before Disley. 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.

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. There are several stiles. The climbs will be taken slowly so we can admire the views.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER

Area **NORTH EAST OF MYTHOLMROYD** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**

Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, 969 2407, & Rose Monteath, 286 2719.

Park Cars GR SE036278 in Jerusalem, free parking, no toilets. M62 J21 past Hollingworth Lake, then A58 past White House pub. Next left B6138 to Mytholmroyd to T junction at bottom (approx 5 miles). Turn right onto A646 then after 100 yards left onto Midgley Road where you ascend to bear right at junction. Follow lane for a mile or so, then left into Duke Street (just before bus shelter), go left with road then quickly bear left into Jerusalem Lane & Car Park is 300 yards on right.

Details This walk is a 3/2 in equal measure. Using Calderdale Way and its associated link paths to Cold Edge Dams, Rocking Stone, onto Warley Moor and descent to Lowe Hamlet. Steepish ascent up to Midgley Moor and trig point at High Brown Knoll, 1450ft, to contour above Chiserley & Midgley back to cars. Could be boggy on parts of Warley Moor after rain.

Area **DERWENT EDGE** **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.40**
Leader(s) Phil & Sue Brownhill, 01925 754749 (Mob 07721189338)
Park Cars Lay-by above Cutthroat Bridge on A57. GR SK215874. Take A57 Snake Pass from Glossop and carry on above Ladybower Reservoir towards Sheffield. After passing over Cutthroat Bridge look for entrance on right into large lay-by opposite Bus Stop signs.
Details Clockwise circuit on path through the Nature Reserve near Ladybower Wood down to Ashopton. Along the east side of Ladybower Reservoir to Wellhead and then start the gradual climb to Sake Holes. We then join the Derwent Edge Path to Lost Lad, Back Tor, Dovestones Tor, Salt Cellar, White Tor, Wheel Stones and down to Winston Lee Tor. The path then heads east to the start at Cutthroat Bridge.

WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER

Area **POYNTON** **Leave 9.30** **10 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Poynton Lake, GR SJ924848. Take A6 to Hazel Grove, turn right on to A523 to Poynton. Turn into Anglesey Drive and there is a small car park on the east side of Poynton Lake (not the car park on South Park Drive) where the leaders will meet.
Details Up to the Macclesfield Canal and along the canal. Turn left across Hawk Green golf course. Cross the golf course across Crown Edge Way to Middlewood Way. Along Middlewood Way and turn left before Middlewood Way Station. Cross the railway line and turn left on the road, walk along the road and turn left over the bridge down to the river. Then along the river and over the fields back to Poynton Lake. This is quite an easy mostly on the flat walk.

Area **TAMESIDE** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) David & Liz White 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)
Park Cars Stalybridge Country Park, Hartley St. (or Grove Rd. on opposite side of Huddersfield Rd if full). GR 978993. Take M60 and leave at Junction 24 for M67 towards Sheffield. Continue to the end and then straight on. At traffic lights, turn left towards Stalybridge on to A6018. Continue downhill and at traffic lights take B6174 (Huddersfield Road). Country Park on right after tight bend.
Details Steady but gentle climbing for the first part passing Lower Swineshaw Reservoir. The climb gets a little rough underfoot as does the descent but lovely views! Down to the Huddersfield canal where the going is much easier and back via the golf course. Note:- You may like to bring a torch to aid progress through the Scouthead tunnel!

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Area **MONYASH** **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Mike Gregory, 01625 614211.
Park Cars Monyash car park, opposite Chapel on Chapel Street, GR. SK 149667 (where leader will meet).
Details Limestone uplands and villages mainly above 1000ft providing superb views. Monyash – Flagg – Chelmorton – Taddington – Sheldon – Monyash.

Area **DOVESTONE RESERVOIR** **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars RSPB Car Park at Dovestones Reservoir, GR SE014033, post code OL3 7NE (where leaders will meet). Please note the car park is £1.30 for the day and there are toilets. M60 to Ashton under Lyne, then take the A635 out of Ashton to Greenfield and on to Dovestones Reservoir
Details Along Bradbury Lane to the Oldham Way and the Thameside Trail. Climb to Buckton Castle, past Buckton Vale Quarry and over Buckton Moor. Alphin Pike Cairn along to Chew Reservoir. Down Chew Road and Oldham Way back to car park (note this walk is quite challenging in parts).

Area **FORMBY (Red Squirrel Reserve)** **Leave 9.15** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087
Park Cars St. Lukes Church Rd, Formby, GR 282067. Join M56 at Bowdon. Leave at J9 and join M6 north. Leave at J33 and turn left onto East Lancs Rd (A580). After approx. 10 miles, join M57 at J5 and leave at junction beyond J7 (signed Thornton) and take A565 to Formby. Take Raven Meols Rd on left (thatched cottage on corner), carry on over railway crossing and after approx. ½mile, the road turns right into St. Lukes Church Rd (Church is on the left). Park as near as possible to church.
Details A flat walk to the Red Squirrel Reserve (Yes – they are back!), returning via the beach.

WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

Area **PENDLE HILL** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 2/3** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093

Park Cars Barley Car Park, Barley Lane, P&D £1. GR SD823403. Nearest post code BB12 9JX (the teashop on The Bullion at a right angle to Barley Lane). My route is M65 to J13, A682 to first left after leaving Blacko, then through Roughlee to Barley. The car park is on the right before the T junction.

Details Steep ascent to Pendle Beacon, down Boar Clough to Ogden Reservoirs, up to Stag Top Moor and Black Moss Reservoirs. We can take our time ascending Pendle Hill so don't be daunted by the 2/3. There will be witchy stories but as the Parkin makers may not make the walk, it might be shop bought - apologies!

Area DELAMERE **Leave 9.45** **5¾ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) Jean Hibbert, 718 0590, & Keith Wykes, 01625 618164 (Mob 07941298547)
Park Cars Barns Bridge Gates Free Car Park or on adjacent road parking laybys, GR SJ542716. Take A556 to Oakmere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (Cross Roads) into Ashton Road. CP 0.9 miles on the left.

Details Forestry paths and Sandstone Trail to Black Lake continuing through Delamere Forest to rejoin the Sandstone Trail. A steady, easy climb takes us to Pale Heights, a magnificent viewpoint across surrounding Counties. We then walk down to the Visitor Centre (toilets) and return to the cars through the forest.

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

Area TODMORDEN: THE THREE VALLEYS **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**
Leader(s) Suzanne Caulfield, 928 4838
Park Cars Car Park 3, Todmorden Sports Centre. GR 256922. From roundabout in centre of Todmorden, take A646 Burnley Road for about 3/4 mile past Centre Vale Park on left. After the furthest park lodge there is a bus stop followed by a school sign. Turn next left into Ewood Lane. Car park is the furthest one, about 200 yards on the left.

Details A circular walk around the Todmorden Moors, crossing each of the three valleys. Three climbs. Todmorden Edge, Dobroyd, Salford, Lumbutts, Cross Stone, Devil's Rock, Whirlaw. Good views, weather permitting.

Area KNUTSFORD & TATTON PARK **Leave 10.30** **4.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**
Leader(s) Mavis Weetman, 478 6648, & Mavis Walker, 973 5514.
Park Cars Car Park in centre of Knutsford, behind King St., adjacent to Malt St. GR 753787. A50, at Knutsford, follow signs to Station, left at lights, left into King St. Car park is on right next to children's play area.

Details A very pleasant circular walk around Tatton Park, returning via Beech Avenue to the start and tea rooms and pubs in Knutsford. Walk can be muddy at the start but no stiles.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

November 6th, "B", "C", 13th, "B", "C", 20th, "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 November and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Trafford College (Aspire). In view of the fact that many members did not actually see all the photographs at the recent Memorabilia Party, it has been decided to have lunch at the college and display everything again, including the Morecombe Bay dvd. Cost, including coffee, is £12-45, pay on day. Time 12 for 12-15, viewing after the meal. Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

4 1/2 ml walk & lunch at The Hanging Gate, Coombes (with entertainment). Cost £14-50, pay on day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

Blaze Farm walk & Christmas lunch. Cost £15, pay on day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Party, Timperley Village Club. A Royal Celebration. Tickets available shortly, £8. Friends welcome.

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