

DECEMBER 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'

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Club Subscriptions are now due and should be paid by 12th December. Following the decision at the AGM, **the subscription is now £8 per person**. For those who receive a paper circular, a copy of the renewal form will be attached. For those who download the circular, a copy is available in the Documents Section of the Members' Area of the Website. For those who pay by Direct Debit, you need do nothing but will shortly be advised of the amount and date of the transfer. For those who pay by Standing Order, would you please ensure the amount is increased to £8 per person before payment date. For those paying by Direct Debit or Standing Order, there is no need to complete a Renewal Form unless there is a change to any of your contact details, i.e. address, phone number, mobile number or e-mail address.

CLUB TOUR

A reminder to those going on the Club Tour to Torquay next April that **final payment** must be made to John Drinkwater by **1st January 2017**, along with a completed Emergency Information form.

WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the password required to access the Members Area of the Club Website will change on **31st January 2017**. The **username**, which is **useradrc** 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 username and the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER

Area	TURTON AND ENTWISTLE RES TO PICKUP BANK AND HODDLESDEN	Leave 8.30	11 Miles		
	Category 3	Transport £5.00			
Leader(s)	Brian Billington and Alan Gerrard, 485 4119 (Mob 07880588392)				
Park Cars	Turton and Entwistle Reservoir. GR SD722172. (Where leader will meet). A666 to Bolton. Turn right A673 then left onto A676 (Burnley) At Bradshaw bear left onto B6472, Turton Road. Immediately after railway bridge turn right onto B6391. When the road bears right towards Edgeworth, GO STRAIGHT AHEAD through Chapeltown. Continue through a sharp Z-bend over a railway bridge, then take the first road to the right, leading to the car park.				
Details	From the Reservoir dam, Entwistle, Naze End, Broadhead, Pastures, Lark Hill Farm, Pickup Bank, Hoddlesden, Cuckoldmans, Grimehills, Edge Fold and return to cars.				
Area	HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR	Leave 9.00	8 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	An undulating walk taking in Shaw Moor, Wild Bank Hill, Hollingworthall Moor, round Lees Hill, Arnfield, Devil's Bridge, Middle Bank, Hall Farm and Moorside Farm.				
Area	LYMM AREA	Leave 9.45	5¼ Miles	Category 4	Transport £1.20
Leader(s)	Brian Warburton, 9287087				
Park Cars	Behind St Mary's Church, Crouchley Lane, Lymm, GR 684867. Off A56 before the Dam, travelling from Altrincham.				

Details Varied circular walk, north and south of Lymm Village via the canal, Mersey Valley Trail, the Dam and the Bongs.

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

Area CHRISTMAS AT HOLLINGWORTH LAKE **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.40**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, and Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 0774 261 3309)
Park Cars Hollingworth Lake, GR SD938153. M62 to J21. Follow signs to Milnrow and then brown signs to Hollingworth Lake. At the corner where road leaves the lake is a white building on the right, the Winepress' (Postcode OL15 0AZ). If you are booked for the Christmas meal, park in the small car park to the left of the Winepress if you can. Otherwise park in the Visitors Centre further round the lake past the Winepress. P&D £2.20.

Details The walk will start from the road outside the visitors centre. We walk besides the lake to slowly climb around the side of Castle Hill up to Windy Hill. We follow the Pennine Way over the M62 to Blackstone Edge, Descending to Lydgate and crossing the golf course back to the Visitors centre. There is mud in parts but hopefully, a great view from the trig point.
Note: Tony Davies and Elizabeth Downie are planning a much shorter walk (5miles) prior to the lunch. If you are interested in this, please contact Tony on 969 5962 for details.

Area HANGING GATE, COMBS **Leave 9.00** **4 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Keith Leslie, 976 3230
Park Cars Hanging Gate CP at Coombes (round back please) GR 801401. Take A6 through Whaley Bridge continuing on towards Chapel en le Frith. Pub is on right after Coombes sign.

Details An easy lovely walk to Coombes station and back over the golf course. Meal £14-50, including entertainment, at around 12-30pm. Pay and choose on day. Bookings essential with Heather Wykes on 01625 618782. There are still a few places left!

Area BRUNTWOOD PARK, CHEADLE **Leave 10.30** **2 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.00**
Leader(s) Giulio Poletti, 962 7648, and Barry Rice, 962 2377
Park Cars Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme, P&D, GR SJ859871, Satnav SK11 0AR. To car park, turn onto Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd (signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to Car Park.

Details A short walk round the grounds and then lunch at the Vinery. Book lunch (£11 per person, cheques payable to The Vinery) and menu choice of Beef, Turkey or Lasagne and Christmas Pudding, Pavlova or Ice Cream, with Barry Rice, 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, WA15 6AT, by 30th November.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

Area BOTTOM OF THE OVEN & CHRISTMAS LUNCH **Leave 8.45** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2**
Transport £4.40
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The Stanley Arms at GR SJ 980723. Satnav SK11 0AR. Please use the 'top' car park only. Contact the leader for further information if required.

Details This anti-clockwise circuit will visit Chapel House Farm, Ridgigate Reservoir, Oakenclough, The Cragg Inn, and The Vicarage. On completion of the walk, and for those who have pre-booked, Christmas Lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.30 pm. Please note that the Christmas Lunch element is now fully booked.

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Area FRODSHAM **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)
Park Cars Castle Park Car Park, GR 513773. Travel by M56, leave at J12 and follow Frodsham signs through town centre (A56). At far end of town centre, the A56 bends left and passes under a railway bridge, The car park is on the left shortly afterwards.

Details Sandstone Trail to the edge of Delemere Forest and return via the Delemere Way.

Area DUNHAM PARK & LYMM CANAL **Leave 10.00** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.00**
Leader(s) Celia Betney, 928 2772, & Jenny Rydell, 941 6847 (Mob 077891055)
Park Cars Meet at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon at 10am, NOT at the Station. Plenty of parking close by.

Details Come! Yes, do come and join in the fun on this linear pre-Christmas walk. A comfortable walk through Dunham Park (coffee and comfort stop here). Our walk continues through the Park to the Canal. Eventually we arrive at Lymm Village. On route, Christmas Carols will be encouraged. Perhaps a 'Secret Santa' would enhance the mood? (we suggest £1 max. item from a pound shop – could be fun?) We are confident that all Ramblers will return home fulfilled and content in true Christmas Spirit! REMEMBER BUS PASS FOR RETURN JOURNEY – Bus No. 5, every ½ hr, returns to Altrincham. Alight at Church Brow to collect cars.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

Area **BELOW PENDLE AND BLACKO** **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Car Park in Barley Village. Toilets! Follow M66 to the end, then A56 and A6068 towards Padiham. The car park is signed from the A6068 with The Brown signs as 'Barley Picnic Site'. GR SD823 403.
Details A country walk from Pendle – fields, woods, tracks, and a bit of quiet road. We follow the Pendle Way from Barley to Pendle House then loop down between the Black Moss Reservoirs. On to Fibre House, Water Meetings, Noggarth Cottage, Boothmans Wood, and back to the cars. There are no major climbs on the walk but there a few undulations! Up to Pendle House, from the reservoirs to Fibre House, from Water Meetings to Noggarth Cottage, and finally to Boothmans Wood.

Area **BLAZE FARM WALK & LUNCH** **Leave 10.45** **2 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.50**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes 01625 618782
Park Cars Meet at 12 noon at layby by Brookside Café (now closed), GR 980 681
Details Christmas Lunch is at 2 pm after a short walk via Nabb Farm and Crag Inn. Book with Heather on 01625 618782. Still a few places left. (£15, pay on the day).

WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER

Area **TATTON PARK** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**
Leader(s) Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)
Park Cars Park cars on Mereheath Lane near the Knutsford entrance to Tatton Park. SJ750793
Details Our annual Christmas walk round the edge of Tatton Park and back through Knutsford.

WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER

Area **MARPLE TO WERNERTH LOW** **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)
Park Cars Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge, just off the A626, Brabyns Brow, left on Rollins Lane, just past Maple Station. Postcode SK6 7DA.
Details Canal to Romily Then an ascent of Werneth Low with the return via Etherow Country Park

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

January 8th, "B" & "C", 15th, "B", 22nd, "B" & "C", 29th, "B" & "C". "B" walks on 8th, 15th and 29th should be no more than 8.5 miles. 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 January and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

AGM

The following are some of the more significant outcomes at the recent AGM on 10th November.

Officials

John Drinkwater was elected **President** and **Beverley Harrison** **Chairman**. **Zoe Spark** and **Norman Felton** were elected **Vice-Presidents**. **Terry Clarke** takes over as **Treasurer** and **Beryl Hunwick** as **Coach Trip Organiser**. **Robert Fysh** has retired from both Vice-President and Peak and Northern Footpaths Representative. The rest of the committee remains the same.

Honorary Members

Robert Fysh and **Brian Warburton** were unanimously elected **Honorary Members**. Both have made very significant contributions to the Club in different areas over many years and, we hope, will continue to do so.

Qualification for Membership

The decision was taken to reduce the number of qualifying walks from four to three. The Committee has also taken the decision to remove the distance requirement. **The requirements for Qualification for Membership are now to complete three Club Walks with no distance restrictions.**

Constitution

All the proposed amendments to the constitution (which appeared in the November Circular) were passed. A copy of the amended Constitution will appear on the Website shortly.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The Club regrets to announce the death of John Watling after a long illness. John was a member of the Club for many years and led lots of walks for the members. Our thoughts are with June and the family at this sad and difficult time. Funeral details will be posted on the website when known.

Robert Fysh has recently retired as the Peak and Northern Footpath Society footpath inspector for the Trafford Borough. In its most recent edition of "Signpost", the Peak and Northern have dedicated a full page to Robert and his excellent work over many years of service with the society. A copy of the article can be accessed through the 'News of Members' Section of the Members Area of the Website.

The Club sends its congratulations and best wishes to Edna Adderley, Edwina Fysh and Keith Leslie, all of whom celebrate their 80th birthdays during November. Happy birthday to all.

The Club regrets to announce the death of former member Arthur Howe at the age of 92. Arthur led many walks for the Club and our thoughts are with Arthur's family and friends at this sad time.

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley. 8 pm to midnight. Join in the Final Royal celebrations of this eventful year. The Queen will be present!! Wear your best outfit for this right Royal knees up. "Tea " will be served on the lawn! Tickets, £8, from ticket master, Derrick Hamer, 969 3821.



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