

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

### JANUARY CIRCULAR 2017

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'

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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. (Cheques made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club.) Friends welcome.

### CLUB WEEKEND – FINAL REMINDER

Those going on the Club Weekend are reminded that **final payment** should be made to **John Drinkwater by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.**

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - REMINDER

A reminder that the **Annual Subscription of £8 (+£7 if you require the circular to be posted to you)** is **now due** and should be paid to the Treasurer, **Terry Clarke, 12 Elm Ridge Drive, Hale Barns, WA15 0JE.** Cheques should be made out to **Altrincham Rambling Club.** Any queries contact Terry on 980 4283.

### WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

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

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### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

**Area** SOUTH AND EAST OF DISLEY **Leave 8.45** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.60**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** Disley Station Approach at GR SJ972845. Please share any costs with your driver.  
**Details** The first walk of 2017 will be an anti-clockwise circuit to the south & east of Disley which will initially visit Parkgate before picking up the North Cheshire Way to walk south to West Parkgate and Keeper's Cottage. We will then turn east and climb up to Dale Top and cross The Gritstone Trail to descend to Cornfield Farm and New House Farm. The circuit is completed by way of The Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll and Bollinhurst Bridge.

**Area** DUNHAM **Leave 10.15** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £-**  
**Leader(s)** Ian & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob. 07713030118)  
**Park Cars** Meet outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road, NOT at the station. GR SJ760878.  
**Details** A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Café - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then on to Little Bollington and across the fields to Agden Bridge, along the Canal into Dunham Park and back to the cars by way of Dunham and the Golf Course.

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### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** THE CLOUD, RUSHTON SPENCER **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** John & Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)  
**Park Cars** Free Staffordshire Way Car Park, behind Knott Inn, Station Lane, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625, Postcode SK11 0QU.

**Details** From disused railway track climb to Church, fields and lanes to foot of The Cloud, then descend towards Timbersbrook and return to start of climb. Follow Staffordshire Way to cross A523 and along conduit and Dane River, climb to Hollinhal/Heaton then down to cross road opposite Station Lane. Some awkward stiles, muddy patches, super views on a clear day.

**Area** LYME PARK AND MIDDLEWOOD **Leave 9.30** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)  
**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Visitor Centre GR 944834. From crossroads in the centre of Poynton, take Park Lane. In about ¾ mile this becomes Coppice Road, and in a further ¾ mile, turn left into Shrigley Road North. The car park is then about 300 yards on right opposite Anson Road. Park in the upper CP adjacent to the canal.

**Details** Macclesfield Canal, then enter Lyme Park at Green Farm, and leave at Elmerhurst Cottage, Ryles Wood, Macclesfield Canal, Middle Wood, Prince's Wood, Poynton Coppice and return along Middlewood Way.

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### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** BOLLINGTON AND LYME PARK **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Mike Gregory, 01625 614211  
**Park Cars** Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781 (where leader will meet).  
**Details** Middlewood Way – Macclesfield Canal – West Parkgate – Lyme Park – Bowstonegate – Sponds Hill – Harrop Fold Farm – Oakenbank Lane – Bollington.

**Area** GAWSWORTH **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Heather Wykes, 01625 618782  
**Park Cars** On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and Church GR. SJ 886692, where leader will meet.  
**Details** An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm, along the Macclesfield Canal to North Rode, then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles

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### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** SHAW & CROMPTON **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Brushes Clough Old Quarry, free, no toilets. GR SD95100. M60 then M62, exit J21 to follow A640 Milnrow. At traffic light controlled roundabout go right and under motorway for 1.5 miles [A663 Shaw] then turn left into Buckstone Road and after 0.7 of a mile left into Brushes Clough entry road, being wary of very high speed humps and very low gullies!  
**Details** Using a mix of Rochdale Way, Oldham Way and the Crompton Circuit we visit Ogden, Piethorne and Rooden reservoirs before heading towards Grains Bar over Crompton Moor then via Brushes Clough Reservoir back to cars. Usual Pennines mud if subsequent to rain!

**Area** LYMM **Leave 10.00** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.00**  
**Leader(s)** Edward and Zoe Spark, 07765027605  
**Park Cars** Travel from Altrincham on A56 to Lymm roundabout. take the Lymm Road, A56 and travel 1.8 miles then turn right into Warrington Lane. Continue straight down Warrington Lane until you come to the Barn Owl Pub (Postcode WA13 0SW). Park on the lane outside the pub, where leaders will meet for the start of the walk.  
**Details** Walk includes Spud Wood, Lymm Dam, Wishing Bridge, Lymm Village, Slitting Brook, Canal Bank. There is a little road walking, some steps, but no stiles.

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## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** NORTH EAST OF LITTLEBOROUGH **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Layby opposite Blackstone Edge Reservoir, GR SD975180. M62 to J21, left onto A640 then B6225 to Hollingworth Lake and round to T junction at railway arches. Turn right on A58 Halifax road and layby is on right hand side, 500 yards past White House pub.  
**Details** To Green Withens Reservoir via Yorkshire Water permissive path, then Pennine Way towards Blackstone Edge and over Clegg Moor to Pennine Bridleway. Head north on Rochdale Way, then Roman Road and back to cars alongside Broad Head Drain.

**Area** MARBURY **Leave 9.45** **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 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** POYNTON AND LYME PARK **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £2.80**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, and Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)  
**Park Cars** Car park in South Park Drive, Poynton, GR SJ934843. From Poynton roundabout (the free-for-all), take A523, London Road N. towards Hazel Grove. Take the third road on the right, South Park Drive and follow it to a car park on the left.  
**Details** The route joins the Macclesfield canal, climbs to Lyme Park via Haresteads farm and leaves by West Parkgate. towards Green Farm. Return to cars following the Middlewood Way and Poynton Coppice.

**Area** LITTLE BUDWORTH/OULTON PARK **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.60**  
**Leader(s)** Dave Stonehewer, 962 6450, and Muriel Lowther, 01772 316781  
**Park Cars** Parking on Coach Road, GR SJ590654. A556 to Sandiway. Turn left onto A49 at Shell Garage. Follow signs for Oulton Park. After crossing A54, turn left into Coach Road. Parking on left at far end.  
**Details** White Hall Road, Beech Road, Budworth Pool and Village

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## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

**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 (Postcode 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.

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## WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** BICKERTON, LARKTON AND BULKELEY HILLS **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2**  
**Transport £6.40**  
**Leader(s)** Phil and Sue Brownhill, 01925 754749 (Mob 07721189338)  
**Park Cars** The Bickerton Poacher, on A534, Wrexham road, Bulkeley, GR SJ523545. Free parking on west side of Pub, Outdoor toilets available. Postcode SY14 8BE. Take A556, Chester road, and then left onto A49, Whitchurch road. After Tarporley bypass, right still on A49 and then right onto A534 to Wrexham. There are short cuts through Eaton and Beeston.  
**Details** A circuit of the Beeston Hills. Bickerton Hill, Larkton Hill, Broxton, Harthill, Raw Head, Burwardsley, Bulkely Hill and back down to the Bickerton Poacher. A few high stiles, some steady climbs but rewarded by great views across the Cheshire Planes and beyond.

**Area** WORSLEY WOODS **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Dukes Drive Coach & Car Park (free), Monton Green, Eccles. GR 764996. Take M60. Leave at J11 (Peel Green, Eccles). Follow A57 (Liverpool Rd.) to New Lane (on left of A57). At its junction with

**Details** Worsley Rd, it becomes B5211. Immediately after going under M62, turn right in to Parrin Lane (B5229). Continue for approx. ¾mile and car park is on left, just after canal basin.  
A figure eight walk, mainly the Bridgewater Canal and Worsley Woods, taking in some fine architecture – most of which belonged to the Earl of Ellesmere and his heirs.

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### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** CROKER HILL REVISITED **Leave** 8.30 **10.5 Miles** **Category** 3/2 **Transport** £4.00  
**Leader(s)** Brian Billington and Alan Gerrard, 485 4119  
**Park Cars** Through Macclesfield on A523. Turn left signed 'Sutton and Langley'. Continue on road towards Langley and Macclesfield Forest. Park on Clarke Lane within the designated parking lane alongside of Bottoms Reservoir. (Where leader will meet). GR. SJ 946715.  
**Details** Bottoms Reservoir, Meg Lane, Lower House, Higher Pethills Farm, Croker Hill, Rough Hey, Oakgrove, Hanging Gate Farm, Fox Bank Farm, Ridge Hill Farm, Langley and back to cars.

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### LEADERS WANTED

#### Sundays

February 5th, "B" & "C", 12th, "B", 19th, "B" & "C", 26th, "B". 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 February and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

**Why not make a New Year's Resolution to lead at least one walk this year.**

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome Neil Runciman, Ray Prud'homme and Keith Butterworth as recent new members.

Mavis Howe would like to thank members for their kind thoughts, cards and donations to the Salvation Army in memory of Arthur who passed away recently.

Sally Ferrans wishes to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes sent to her after her minor op last month.

The Club sends best wishes to Peter Rayburn following his recent operation. Peter is now at home recovering and resting. We hope to see you out walking again before too long, Peter.

Margaret Ledger has moved from Wythenshawe Hospital and is now receiving palliative care at Woodend Nursing Home, Bradgate Road, Altrincham, WA14 4QU, Tel: 0161 929 5127. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Margaret and her family.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

Roaring Twenties Night at Trafford College, at 6-30. More details in next circular.

#### COACH TRIPS.

The programme for 2017 has been finalised.

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Ambleside	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Burnsall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Grasmere	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Horton-in-Ribblesdale
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Bala	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Malham
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Grassington	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Conwy

Further details will be published nearer the time. No bookings taken at this time.

The Social Coach Trip will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Birmingham.

✧ *We wish everyone Season's Greetings* ✧

*and a Happy and Healthy New Walking Year.*

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