

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

FEBRUARY 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'

* ADDITIONAL WALK – SUNDAY 29th JANUARY *

Area	OLLERTON	Leave 10.45	4½ Miles	Category 4	Transport £2.00
Leader(s)	Mavis Weetman 478 6648				
Park Cars	On Marthall Lane , just off A537, Chelford Rd, in Ollerton. GR 77767.				
Details	An amble from the Dun Cow over fields and paths to Booths Hall, then woods back to cars.				

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 is printed on your Membership Card, which will have been forwarded to you following renewal.

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY

Area	HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR	Leave 9.30	9 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 Edge Lane, Mottram Old Hall, Hobson Moor, Hall Farm, Middle Bank, round Lees Hill, the Swineshaw Reservoirs, Walkerwood Reservoir and Shaw Moor.				

Area	HIGH LEGH	Leave 9.45	6.5 Miles	Category 4	Transport £1.40
Leader(s)	Liz White (assisted by David), 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)				
Park Cars	High Legh Garden Centre car park. GR 700836. Please park on the far right towards the exit (under the trees).				
Details	Field paths and quiet country lanes, mainly flat. From the Garden Centre, we cross fields and the M6 to arrive at the outskirts of the Arley Estate. Traversing the estate to return along field paths and quiet lanes. Ideal winter walking, but possibly damp underfoot in some places!				

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Area	ADLINGTON AND LYME PARK	Leave 8.45	10.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £3.20
Leader(s)	Judith Wainwright, 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)				
Park Cars	Near Foulane Ends, GR SJ936817, Postcode SK10 4PB. At Adlington traffic light turn left on to A523 towards Poynton and then first right on to Street Lane. Keep left on to Skellorn Green Lane and then keep right on to Wood Lane West. Park on verge opposite houses – just before Foulane Ends.				
Details	Lockgate Farm; Bakestonedale Moor; Bowstones; Bollinghurst Bridge; Elmhurst Cottage; Green Farm; Macclesfield Canal. Not a difficult walk, no steep hills but plenty of undulations! It will be muddy in places.				

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Area	TEGG'S NOSE AND SHUTTINGSLOE	Leave 9.15	10.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £3.60
Leader(s)	Phil & Sue Brownhill, 01925 754749 (Mob 07721189338)				

Park Cars Tegg's Nose Country Park GR SJ 950733. Leave Macclesfield on A535 & after about 1 mile turn right onto Buxton Old Road. The car park is about 1.25 miles on the right – Pay and Display.
Details The walk follows the Gritstone Trail as far as the Hanging Gate Pub and then over Oakenclough to Lower Nabbs Farm. North up to Shutlingsloe, Chapel House and back through the top of Macclesfield Forest to the start. Fine walk on a good day.

Area **WILLINGTON CORNER/KELSALL** **Leave 9.30** **6½ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087.
Park Cars Kings Gate car park, Waste Lane, GR 535678. Take A556 (it becomes A54(T) near Delamere. Filter left on to Waste Lane at traffic lights, signed Kelsall (Farmers Arms is on corner). Kings gate car park is approx. ¾ mile up Waste Lane, on the left.
Details A short forest walk and 2 fields takes us to Summertrees. Mostly down-hill and flat in the morning and early afternoon to Duddon Common. A gradual but easy climb back to the cars via Willington Corner and Castle Hill – avoiding Cardiac Hill, Gasping Glen and Heavy-Breathing Brae! (The last three are not on the map – so maybe I imagined them?)

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Area **EAST OF WILDBOARCLOUGH** **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **equal** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The free public car park at Clough House, just north of Wildboarclough at GR SJ987698
Details This winter walk generally to the east of Wildboarclough will visit Heild End Farm, Gradbach, Manor Farm, Sniddles, Green Gutter Head, Spring Head, Danebower Quarries, and Cumberland Cottage. No major climbs but a few of the usual undulations and of course, winter conditions.

Area **LYME & BAKESTONEDALE** **Leave 8.45** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Colin Turner, 973 7770 (Mob 07495829417)
Park Cars Wood Lane Village. GR 936817. From Poynton double roundabout, take the A523 towards Macclesfield. In 1 mile (after crossing the railway), at the white house, turn left into Street Lane, follow this road and, at the T junction, turn left then straight on to park on the verge opposite the bungalows in the village.
Details Cross the canal to walk to Lockgate Farm, Harrop Brow, Birchencliff to Bakestonedale Moor. on to Further Harrop Farm, Sponds Hill and Redacre Hall Farm, then Mitchell Fold to join the canal back to the cars.

Area **LYMM** **Leave 9.45** **5+ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644, & Edna Adderley, 980 7753
Park Cars Lymm Dam car park, GR SJ683867 Follow signs to Lymm from the Lymm roundabout (A56/M56 junction – watch the new road layout at the roadworks) and park in the car park for Lymm Dam, turn left into Crouchley Lane just before the church and the car park is on the right.
Details This is an easy Sunday walk, around the Dam, through the Dingle to the village before joining a section of the Trans Pennine Way and taking the canal path walking towards the village (where the walk can be cut short) and continuing along the canal path to Lloyd Bridge where we will cross the canal and walk through fields and woods, re-entering the village at Pepper Street, returning to the cars via the Dingle. Cafes in Lymm for refreshments. There are no stiles, good paths and it should not be too muddy.

WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Area **RAMSBOTTOM TO SCOUT MOOR** **Leave 9.15** **10 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 (Postcode 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 A walk up Scout Moor and Whittle Hill via the Cheesden Valley.

Area **WINCLE** **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**
Leader(s) Derek Binns, 973 4266, & Jack Garstang, 980 6349
Park Cars In Wincle/Danebridge, on left hand side after Ship Inn. GR 652964. A523 out of Macclesfield, turn left to Sutton and eventually right at Fourways Hotel.
Details Along Dane Valley Way, up to Whitelee and onto the Gritstone Trail. Ahead to Nettlebeds, Wood Cottage and on to Wild Boar Inn. Follow track to Hazels Farm and down to A54. Across to Allmeadows and Bartomley Farm.

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY

- Area** OSWALDTWISTLE MOOR AND HASLINGDEN GRANE **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2**
Transport £6.00
- Leader(s)** Peter and Susan Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07837345297)
- Park Cars** Clough Head Visitor Centre, GR SD 751231. M60 Junction 18, to the end M66, continuing on to A56. Left where road splits and then Left at T Junction along Grane Road towards Darwen (B6232). After approx 2.5 miles the Clough Head Visitor Centre is on your right. Toilets and Café available.
- Details** Undulating, but no major climbs. Varied terrain along lanes and tracks, farmland and moorland. Boggy in places! Route: Jamestone Quarry, Green Howarth, Higher Warmwithens, Pickup Bank, Haslingden Grane, Calf Hey Reservoir.
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- Area** LOWER WHITLEY **Leave 9.30** **5½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.60**
- Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087.
- Park Cars** Lower Whitley, GR 614789. Lower Whitley is just off A49, 2 miles south of J10 of M56. Take Street Lane (on left of A49) into Lower Whitley (signed to Chetwode Arms). Pass pub on right and St Luke's Church on left. Park where Street Lane becomes a dead end. Please keep driveways to houses clear.
- Details** From the vicarage we traverse several fields and meadowland to Deslay Heath Farm, followed by a stretch of quiet lanes and fields to Higher Whitley and back to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

- Area** HAYFIELD **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**
- Leader(s)** Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
- Park Cars** The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield. Just off the A624 at GR SK036869. Please share the cost with your driver.
- Details** This walk, generally to the East and South of Hayfield, will initially follow the course of the River Kinder to Booth and Farlands. Turning here south-east and then south we climb steadily to pass under Kinderlow End and South Head to reach Beet Farm, beyond where we turn west and then north to complete the circuit via Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadows, Far Phoside and Meadows Farm.
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- Area** STRINES **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.00**
- Leader(s)** Jack Gartang, 980 6349
- Park Cars** Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge. Grid Ref 964 895. M60 east- off at Junction 27 — take A626 to Marple. Just before town, veer left at Texaco garage traffic lights, to Marple Bridge. Turn left just before white cottage on left.
- Details** Canals to Goyt Mill, field paths to Ridge End, down to Strines Station (lunch). Back along Goyt Way. Some stiles, one muddy patch, industrial archaeology optional.

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

- Area** CRAGG VALE & MYTHOLMROYD **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
- Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)
- Park Cars** Withens Clough Reservoir, free, no toilets GR SD986233. M62 J21, past Hollingworth Lake then right at railway arches signed A58 Halifax. Just past White House pub go left, following B6138, Mytholmroyd, then several hundred yards after the sign welcoming you to Cragg Vale turn very sharp left signed St Johns Church and Hinchcliffe Arms pub, follow rough lane up to the car park.
- Details** Calderdale link path towards Mytholmroyd then east to Hall Bank and Nab End quarries, Calderdale Way via Crow Hill and Waterstalls then Washford Bridge and Higher House Moor back to cars.
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- Area** DUNHAM MASSEY **Leave 10.00** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.80**
- Leader(s)** Jean Hibbert 718 0590 (Mob 07941298547)
- Park Cars** Dunham Massey car park, GR SJ732876, Postcode WA14 4SJ approx. From Station Approach, L. onto Oakfield Rd., becoming Stockport Rd; L. onto Woodlands Rd/A560 then L. onto Church St., A56; follow Dunham Massey N.T. Signs (Brown & White) turning R. at Traffic Lights onto Charcoal Rd., B5160, continuing to Dunham Massey C.P. entrance on left. Meet at NW top end of C.P. Please bring NT cards to share at ALTRINCHAM (otherwise C.P. Fee to share, £6; FREE to N.T. Cardholders; N.B. Keith is an Admit Two Cardholder!).
- Details** A figure of eight walk, firstly to Agden Bridge, returning to Dunham Park Picnic Area for lunch, toilets etc; we then walk through parkland and fields to Dunham Town returning along the canal (if we remain as quiet as we can and are downwind we may see the deer!) .

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: March 5th, "B" & "C", 12th, "B", 19th, "B", 26th, "B" & "C". All offers of walk - 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 March and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 20th APRIL 2017

Roaring Twenties Night at Trafford College Aspires Restaurant. Meal and light entertainment, dress optional, £20, choose menu & pay on day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

COACH TRIPS.

Please note there was an error in the listing for the June Coach Trips in the last circular. While the dates and destinations were correct, the actual days got transposed. The correct listing is given below.

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

Further details will be published nearer the time. No bookings taken at this time. The Social Coach Trip will be on Sunday 23rd July to Birmingham.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Heather Kay as a new member.

June Watling would like to send her thanks for all the cards, donations and kind thoughts in memory of John.

