

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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## MARCH 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'

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### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

**Area** ANGLEZARKE, GREAT HILL      **Leave 9.15**      **9 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £5.60**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742613309)  
**Park Cars** Anglezarke Trail Car Park, GR SD620161. M60, M61 to Junction 6 for Horwich. Through Horwich, turn right after roundabout to Rivington and Belmont. Turn right at end of road – signed to Belmont. Left at next junction, past Wilcocks Farm caravan park. Follow road to Parson Bullough Road, turn right at the grassy triangle. Drive straight ahead into Anglezarke Trail car park.  
**Details** Anglezarke Trail, White Coppice, Anglezarke Moor, steady climb up to Great Hill, Lead Mines Clough. Good paths and tracks but muddy.

**Area** ASHTON HAYES      **Leave 9.30**      **7 Miles**      **Category 3**      **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Audrey & Bruce Merrick, 312 6227 (Mob 07810233104)  
**Park Cars** Rear car park of Goshawk Public House (Opposite Mouldsworth train station). GR SJ512706. Take A556 through M6, J19, then A54. 6 miles after Sandiway traffic lights turn right on to B5393 signposted Frodsham/Ashton Hayes. Through Ashton Hayes and pub car park is on left before railway bridge.  
**Details** A fairly level walk, but can be muddy if wet. Baker Way, Woodside Farm, Home Farm, Ashton Hayes, Peel Hall.

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### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** ABOVE THE DERWENT VALLEY      **Leave 8.30**      **10 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £7.60**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** Pay and Display Car Park at Fairholmes Visitor Centre. Off the A57 at GR SK173893. Please share the cost with your driver.  
**Details** This walk will explore the ground above and to the east of the Upper Derwent Reservoir. From Derwent Dam level walking by the reservoir edge will lead us to Abbey Tip Plantation from where we will turn into open country to walk above Abbey Brook to Berristors Tor. A steady climb via Sheepfold Clough will then take us to Lost Lad and Back Tor from where we will complete the circuit by way of Green Stitches, Briery Side, Wellhead and Jubilee Cottages.

**Area** KNUTSFORD & TATTON PARK      **Leave 10.30**      **4.5 Miles**      **Category 4**      **Transport £1.20**  
**Leader(s)** Mavis Weetman, 478 6648.  
**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.  
**Note:** A556 is due to be closed this weekend, so get to Knutsford via Ashley.  
**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.

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### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** LANTERN PIKE AND THE TORRS      **Leave 9.15**      **10 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** John and Monica Beardmore, 9047448 (Mob 07391607460 / 07985983252)  
**Park Cars** On road by sign to Lantern Pike, GR SK020869. A6, A6015 for New Mills, after approx 2 miles take sharp left onto Station Road. After approx 0.25 miles park on road by sign to Lantern Pike or where space available. No toilets.  
**Details** Initial climb to Lantern Pike trig point, then west and south past Aspinshaw Hall, follow lanes and fields to Broadhurst Wood and Back Lane, then south to Hague Bar, over Millenium Way to The Torrs and Sett Valley Trail to cars. Nearly all climbs before lunch, mostly tracks and fields with short sections of lanes. Stiles and mud as usual with good views on nice days.

**Area** **MOBBERLEY** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Liz White (assisted by David), 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)  
**Park Cars** On grass verge opposite Mobberley Church. GR SJ790802. Take the Ashley road through Hale and follow it. After going under railway bridge keep on this road until you come to the Church on right (just before Church Inn).  
**Details** A new local walk devised by Liz. Field paths, country lanes, in lovely Cheshire countryside. Out towards Pedley Brook and Glevhouse Farm returning via Broad Oak Farm.

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#### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **GREAT HILL TO DARWEN TOWER** **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Rose Monteath, 286 2719.  
**Park Cars** Crookfield Road Car Park, GR SD665191, where leader will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont. 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Free Car Park on left.  
**Details** Up to Great Hill, on to Solomon's Temple, Abbey Village, Roddleswell Reservoir, Ryal Fold, up to Darwen Tower & back to cars. There is an area before Great Hill which can be very boggy. Good views if the weather is good!!

**Area** **NORTH OF DELAMERE** **Leave 9.45** **7 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £4.80**  
**Leader(s)** Phil and Pam Grundy, 973 8854 (Mob 07952564884)  
**Park Cars** Barns Bridge Gate car park, GR 542716, or on road nearby. A556 Chester road and at Delamere turn right onto B5152, then turn left at Hatchmere onto minor road to the car park. **Note:** A556 is due to be closed this weekend between Lymm Roundabout and the M6 junction. The best route will be through Ashley and Knutsford.  
**Details** A walk north along the Sandstone Trail through Manley Common by Alvanley Cliff and Riley Bank joining the Delamere Way for the return.

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#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **LITTLEBOROUGH** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553 540282)  
**Park Cars** Watergrove Reservoir, Wardle, GR SD911176. M62 J21, turn right off A58 Littleborough to Rochdale road at lights signed Wardle, and go up Birch road, through village and up old cobbled lane to parking area.  
**Details** Via Rough Hill to Ramsden Clough old reservoir, then heading east to return via Long Causeway and Crook Moor back to cars.

**Area** **TORSIDE RESERVOIR** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Tony Davies, 969 5962 (Mob 07708432105)  
**Park Cars** Crowden car park (free) on A628, GR SK072993. M60 to J24. On to M67 and then A628 for 6.5 miles. Turn left on to minor road. Left again into car park.  
**Details** We go over to the South side of Torside Reservoir. West along the Trans-Pennine Trail. Over the Rhodewood Dam. Return to cars on path overlooking reservoirs.

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#### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **WYE DALE** **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Mike Gregory, 01625 614211.  
**Park Cars** Peak National Park car park (P&D charge), Wye Dale, on A6 opposite Topley Pike Quarry, GR SK104725 (where leader will meet).  
**Details** Wye Dale, Wormhill, Monsal Trail to Litton Mill, Taddington, Chelmorton, Horseshoe Dale, Deep Dale.

**Area** **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** **HARE HILL** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £2.00**  
**Leader(s)** Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644, & Edna Adderley, 980 7753  
**Park Cars** Alderley Edge main car park, next to the cafe. GR SJ860776. Pay and display, free to National Trust members. Route via Hale Road A538 to Wilmslow, turn right after fire station onto Hawthorn Street,

at roundabout follow signs to Alderley Edge (second exit) onto Alderley Road, second exit at A34 roundabout onto Wilmslow Road, through Alderley Edge village and turn left onto B5087 Macclesfield Road, continue up the hill following National Trust signs to Alderley Edge, main CP is on the left just beyond The Wizard.

**Details**

This walk takes us across farmland to Hare Hill and back to the Edge via Daniel Hill and Waterfall Wood. From the Edge, we head across Macclesfield Road and take a loop through Windmill Wood before heading back, via the Armada Beacon, to the car park. There is very little road walking, a few stiles but it can be extremely muddy in places, even waterlogged and if the weather has been very wet we might have to do an alternative walk. A decision will be taken nearer the date.

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**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH**

**Area** **DERBYSHIRE BRIDGE** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**

**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)

**Park Cars** Derbyshire Bridge car park. Just off the A537 at GR SK018715. Please share any cost with your driver.

**Details**

This circuit in the countryside to the south of Derbyshire Bridge will initially travel to Dane Head, Axe Edge End, Oxenstitch and Flash. Turning now to head west and then north we will complete the walk via Wicken Walls, Three Shire Heads, and The Cat & Fiddle.

**Area** **ASTBURY MERE & CONGLETON** **Leave 9.30** **7½ Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)

**Park Cars** Astbury Mere Country Park. GR 846627. Take A34 south from Congleton. Turn left 100yards after island junction with A54 & A534 into Sandy Lane (signpost to Astbury Mere Country Park). Sandy Lane leads into car park. Voluntary 50p or £1 donation to park cars.

**Details**

Short steep climb via steps from car park. Lamberts Lane, Macclesfield Canal, Biddulph Valley Way. Field paths to Castle Farm and Fairfields. Macclesfield Canal again, and tracks back to Astbury Mere and the cars.

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**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Area** **LAMALOAD, MACCLESFIELD FOREST & SHINING TOR** **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2**  
**Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** Steve & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)

**Park Cars** Lamaload Reservoir Car Park GR SJ977753. From Macclesfield, take the A537 Buxton Road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left onto a minor road, signposted Saltersford & The Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537 and is free.

**Details**

Lower Ballgreave Farm, Valeroyal, Walker Barn, Ashreetop, Macclesfield Forest, Chapel House, Buxtors Hill, below Shutlingsloe, Clough House, Cumberland Brook up to Cat & Fiddle Inn, on to Shining Tor and back to Lamaload.

**Area** **EDENFIELD** **Leave 9.00** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**

**Leader(s)** Ian Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07713030118)

**Park Cars** On roadside by Recreation Ground in Edenfield GR SD799192. Leave M66 at J1 and take A56 north to Edenfield. At roundabout in Edenfield go straight ahead onto B6527 and IMMEDIATELY turn left into Exchange St. Park on right beside Recreation Ground.

**Details**

From Edenfield drop into the Irwell Valley to Strongstry and Stubbins, then up to Holcombe Moor. Back down to Lumb and Irwell Vale via Pleasant View Farm and then up the other side of the Irwell Valley past Hollins Lane Farm, along Gin Croft Lane, on to Deardon Clough and back to the cars. A varied walk, largely on good tracks but may be muddy in places!

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**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Area** **LAMALOAD, TODDS BROOK** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** Steve & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)

**Park Cars** Lamaload Reservoir Car Park GR SJ977753. From Macclesfield, take the A537 Buxton Road. After approximately 3.5 miles turn left onto a minor road, signposted Saltersford & The Goyt Valley. The car park is on the left 1.2 miles from the A537 and is free.

**Details**

A mainly high level circular walk to Thursbitch and Green Stack, Turnstead Knoll and Charles Head farms, then Summer Close and Waggonshaw Brow, back to cars by 4.00pm.

**Area** **SIDDINGTON & CAPESTHORNE** **Leave 9.00** **8 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**

**Leader(s)** Elizabeth Downie, 904 9775, & Jean Lewis (Mob 07397976197)

**Park Cars** Redesmere Lane, GR SJ848712. A34 via Alderley Edge bypass. Pass signs to Capesthorpe Hall and Siddington Village Hall. Turn left into Redesmere Lane and park facing the lake.

**Details**

Short uphill near the start then flat thereafter. A good number of stiles. An attractive varied walk via Hills Green Farm, Henshaw Hall Farm, Marton Gate Farm, Siddington Heath, Siddington, Capesthorpe Lakes and back alongside of Redesmere. Expect some mud!

**Area** NEWCHURCH COMMON **Leave 9.30** **5½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Whitegate Way Car Park GR 615680. Leave Chester Rd (A556) at Daleford Lane, Sandiway (left at traffic lights). Continue to crossroads (1¾miles), take right hand road (Clay Lane). Continue along Clay Lane, cross over old railway bridge and sharp left into car park.  
**Details** A pleasant walk in the heart of Cheshire's old industrial salt area.

### LEADERS WANTED

**Sundays:** April 2nd, "B" & "C", 9th, "B" & "C", 16th, "B" & "C", 23rd, "B", 30th, "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 April and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sadly, we have to record the recent death of Margaret Ledger. Margaret was an Honorary Member and had contributed greatly to the success of the Club over many years, leading walks, organizing Coach Trips and social events. Margaret's funeral was held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb and attended by many club members. We send our condolences and sympathy to Margaret's family and friends.

Sally Ferrans, our oldest member, has now been released from hospital following her bout of bronchitis and would like to thank all the members who sent cards and good wishes during her stay. Sally is still weak and it will take time for her to recover. Get well soon, Sally.

The Club sends best wishes to Susie Sutton-Pratt following her recent fall (while walking a dog!) which resulted in a fractured tibia. Susie is at present in a cast and will obviously be missing from the walks for a time.

