

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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## APRIL 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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### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

**Area** HEN CLOUD AND THE ROACHES **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.40**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The Pay and Display car park (cost to be shared with your driver) at Tittesworth Reservoir, off the A53 Buxton Road at GR SJ 993602. Please park adjacent to the toilets.  
**Details** From Tittesworth Reservoir this anti-clockwise circuit will initially travel generally north via Benthead and Windygates before climbing to cross Hen Cloud and The Roaches. Descending now to Bearstone Rock and Lud's Church the route then continues to Hanging Stone before turning to travel above High Forest. The circuit is completed by way of Clough Head, Roche Grange, Newsett Farm, Rose Cottage and Meerbrook.

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### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** MOEL FAMAU **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Jerry & Bernie Warner 962 5709 (Mob 07740996290)  
**Park Cars** Loggerheads Country Park, GR SJ 198626. Take M56 merging into A494. Exit J33B still on A494 towards Mold and Ruthin. At Loggerheads village take right turn almost opposite the "We Three Loggerheads Inn". Parking P&D to be shared, but with toilets. (Leader will meet at start point.)  
**Details** Starts with a gentle stretch up the wooded Alyn Valley passed Devil's Gorge to the village of Cilcain. We then drop down before a long steady climb to the summit of Moel Famau. The last section is quite steep. Great views from the top on a fine day. The descent is through the Clwyd Forest.

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### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** WESSENDEN HEAD & MELTHAM MOOR **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Wessenden Head, roadside parking, GR SE 077073. M60 to J23, then through Ashton-u-Lyne to pick up A635 signed Mossley & Holmfirth. Parking 5.5 miles after passing marked entrance to Dovestone Reservoir and just after unclassified road bearing off left.  
**Details** Using the Kirklees Way, Meltham Way and Brow Grains catchwater drain to Deer Hill Reservoir and shooting range then Holme Moor and Binn Moor high level track back to cars.

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### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** MILLER'S DALE **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**  
**Leader(s)** John & Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391607460/07985983252)  
**Park Cars** Miller's Dale old station car park, P&D £4.50, to be shared, GR SK138733, (Postcode SK17 9TH), toilets. A6 to Dove Holes, turn left at traffic lights signed to Peak Dale. Past lime works at T junction turn left over bridge then right, follow signs to Wormhill, Miller's Dale. Car park (pay) on right before rail underpass.  
**Details** From start along Limestone Way, Slancote Lane to Tideswell, follow Tideswell Dale south to Miller's Dale, Priestcliffe Reserve, Horse Stead, north by Lydgate Farm to cars. Mostly established tracks, some stiles, limestone paths slippery if wet. Two lengthy climbs, steep descents.

**Area** AIRPORT AND MOBBERLEY **Leave 9.45** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.80**  
**Leader(s)** David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)  
**Park Cars** Take A538 through Halebarns towards Wilmslow. Under M56 and through traffic lights. In about 300 yds, turn left into Sunbank Lane. Left at The Romper pub and then park on Wilmslow Old Road (now a cul-de-sac) GR 808847.  
**Details** Pleasant little walk with (hopefully) no ice or muddy fields! We skirt the end of the runway then head out towards Mobberley returning across the Bollin River and Sunbank Wood. Two short gentle slopes - nothing strenuous!

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#### FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

**Area** CHATSWORTH **Leave 9.15** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Judy Bailey, 928 1156, & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (with help? from Ian) (Mob 07713030118)  
**Park Cars** The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House, GR SK261703. Parking £3 to be shared. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard where toilets are available and aim to start the walk by 11 am.  
**Details** The traditional Good Friday Chatsworth walk. We shall start with a short, fairly steep climb up to Stand Wood and the Hunting Tower, then along Dobb Edge to Robin Hood. From there we go past Nelson's Monument and the Wellington Monument to Baslow and back into the Park to return to the cars, hopefully in time for tea and scones!

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#### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

**Area** LADYBOWER & WOODLANDS VALLEY **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.20**  
**Leader(s)** Ruth Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** The pay and display car park at Heatherdene, on the A6013 at GR SK 202858. Please share this cost with your driver  
**Details** This clockwise circuit in the countryside around Ladybower Reservoir will visit Yorkshire Bridge, Hallum Barn, Fullwood Stile Farm, Townhead Bridge, Bagshaw Bridge, Haggtor Coppice and Crookhill Farm.

**Area** LINDOW COMMON, MORLEY & STYAL **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Keith Wykes, 01625 618164  
**Park Cars** Lindow Common Car Park, Racecourse Road, Wilmslow, Postcode: SK9 5LW, GR SJ834814 (adjacent to Boddington Arms); if full a 2<sup>nd</sup> car park may be found further along Racecourse Road. A538, Altrincham to Wilmslow road, after the Airport Runway Tunnels and Waters building, turn right at Boddington Arms into Racecourse Road. Car park is immediately on left  
**Details** The walk will start with a **dedication of the signpost plaque to Elaine Hall**, sponsored by her family, at approx.. 10.15. Elaine was a Wilmslow lass and this area was well known to her – indeed she led many Club walks over Lindow Common/Moss. The signpost is close to the car park at the NW corner of the Common (GR SJ833813) and for the non/less ambulant and wheelchair users the signpost (and the Dedication Ceremony) can easily be viewed from a tarmacked footpath (at that point, however, there is a wheelchair-inaccessible kissing gate). Then this attractive walk is through woods, traverses the heathland and scrub of the Common before passing Lindow Moss (an ancient peat bog where in 1983 the prehistoric remains of Lindow Pete were found); we continue via Morley Green (early lunch?) to Quarry Bank Mill and Styal (R.Bollin in this area) before returning to the cars.  
**Note:** This walk and a Re-dedication is scheduled to be repeated as a Wednesday walk on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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#### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** GREAT HILL/RYAL FOLD **Leave 9.15** **9.5 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 the A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Free car park on left.  
**Details** Up to Great Hill, on to Solomon's Temple, Roddlesworth Reservoirs & Ryal Fold, up onto Darwen Moor and back to the cars.

**Area** DARESBURY & MOORE NATURE RESERVE **Leave 9.30** **7.5 Miles** **Category 3/4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Jan Williams, 971 0507 (Mob 07913441664)

**Park Cars** Car park at All Saints Church, Daresbury (the Lewis Carroll centre), GR SJ580828. M56 towards Warrington/Chester. Exit at J11, take 4th exit at the roundabout on to the A56 towards Daresbury then right in to Keckwick Lane (B5356). The car park is opposite the Ring o' Bells pub and is free.

**Details** From the church the walk drops to the Bridgewater Canal. From here field paths and lanes lead through the village of Moore, passing the Red Lion and going north to cross the Manchester Ship Canal. On the far side is an extensive nature reserve with well-constructed paths, one being along the course of a disused canal. We then cross meadows that are now community open spaces before the Bridgewater Canal is reached again. A short (BUT QUITE STRENUOUS!!) climb over a hill capped by Daresbury Firs brings us back to the car park. The walk is fairly flat, good underfoot and has no stiles.

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### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

**Area** **HARTINGTON** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Tess Gregory, 01625 614211.  
**Park Cars** Hartington Village car park, Mill Lane, B5054 (P&D charge), GR SK127603 (where leader will meet). Alternative free parking may be found in the market square or nearby roadside.

**Details** A clockwise route starting from Hartington passing through five valleys, National Nature Reserves, a famous pack horse bridge and the haunt of the Compleat Angler. Points of interest include Biggin Dale, Dove Dale, Mill Dale, Stanshope, Alstonefield, Narrowdale and Beresford Dale.

**Area** **DANEBRIDGE/TURNERS POOL** **Leave 8.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Billington, 485 4119, & Alan Gerrard, (Mob 07880588392)  
**Park Cars** Wincle. GR SJ963652. Park cars at the roadside after passing the "SHIP INN" in Wincle and before the River Dane bridge. (Where the leader will meet). Through Macclesfield, Sutton Lane Ends on unclassified roads but signed to Wincle.

**Details** Walk south alongside the River Dane and onto Gun End. Then Turners Pool, Clough Head, track above Back Forest, Hanging Stone and return.

**Area** **FRODSHAM** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087.  
**Park Cars** Castle Park CP, GR 513773. Travel via M56, leave at J12. Follow signs to Frodsham (A56) into town centre. At far end of town centre, A56 bends left, passing under railway bridge. Car park is on left, immediately after bridge.

**Details** Leaving Castle Park, we make our way to the hamlet of Bradley and on to Fivecrosses before reaching Beacon Hill and Overton Hill (Both easier climbs from this approach!). Our final stretch is downhill back to the cars.

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### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** **NORTH OF STANDING STONE** **Leave 9.00** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** Standing Stone car park – which is above Trentabank – on Charity Lane at GR SJ977714. The nearest post code is SK11 0BE (not definitive – please use only as a guide).

**Details** This anti-clockwise undulating circuit to the north of Standing Stone will initially travel via Clough Brook and Chest Hollow to reach the A537. Continuing via Stake Farm the route will visit Shining Tor before descending to Lamaload Reservoir from where it continues west to Snipe House and Berristal Road. Turning south and then south east the circuit is completed via Gulshaw Hollow, Walker Barn, Ashreetop, and Macclesfield Forest.

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### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Area** **YOULGRAVE & LONG DALE** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**  
**Leader(s)** Margaret and Chris Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)  
**Park Cars** Park in the car park which is on the left as you enter the village of Youlgrave from the west. GR SK205640. There is a £2 honesty box charge to park and a toilet.

**Details** Starting from the village of Youlgrave we drop down to the River Bradford which we follow to Middleton. Then along Whitfield Lane and across fields to the west end of Long Dale. We walk the full length of Long Dale and then across to the village of Elton before joining the Limestone Trail and we generally follow this, passing Robin Hood's Stride, back to the cars. There are a few undulations and inclines on today's walk but no significant climbs.

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## LEADERS WANTED

### Sundays

May 7th, "B" & "C", 14th, "B" & "C", 28th, "B" & "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 May 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. Only a few places left!

### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

Leaders:- Steve and Pauline Glover, Frank Dockry, Brian Warburton

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY - COACH TRIP TO BURNSALL

Leaders:- John and Monica Beardmore, Keith Wykes and Jean Hibbert, Dean and Elsie Edwards

For bookings for these trips contact Beverly Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9HP with a cheque for £12 (per trip) payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

Please remember to state which trip and where you will join the coach.

If booking for both trips please send a separate cheque for each.

\* Will all leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walks by April 11th.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Sue Rowland as a new member.

Sadly, we understand that May McIndoe, a former member, has died recently. Many of our members will remember with affection May and her late husband, Bill, who led many walks for the club. Our sympathy goes to friends and family.



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