

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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JULY 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'

*** HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE COACH TRIP ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE ***

Some seats still available. **Non-walkers will be welcome and there will be the opportunity for them to spend the day in Settle.** Contact Beryl Hunwick (928 3644), 43 Broomfield Lane, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9AS with a cheque for £12 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB, remembering to say where you will join the coach.

2018 CLUB HOLIDAY

This will be to Tenby, staying at the Clarence House Hotel, from Thursday 12th April to Monday 16th April 2018, arranged through Alfa Tours. The application form and insurance waiver form are attached to the hard-copy version of the circular and are available to download on the Club Website for those who download the circular. For those wanting to go, the form(s) should be returned to John Drinkwater by 12th August 2017.

SUNDAY 2nd JULY

Area BRADFORD & LATHKILL DALES **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Park Cars in the parking area in Chapel Street in the village of Monyash, GR SK149666, Post Code DE45 1JJ.
Details We follow the Limestone Way from Monyash to Bradford Dale. Then along Bradford Dale and the full length of Lathkill Dale and back to Monyash.. There is a tricky descent into and a steep climb out as we cross Cales Dale and the last section of Lathkill Dale is always in shade and is slippery underfoot. Apart from that nothing difficult. The rather rare flower 'Jacobs Ladder' will almost certainly be in flower in Lathkill Dale.

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY

Area CROWDEN **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)
Park Cars Crowden car park off A628, no charge, toilet block available, GR SK 072 993. M60 exit 24, right onto M67 to end then straight across roundabout (A57) and straight across three sets of lights to pick up A628 and Crowden is just over five miles on your left.
Details Following Pennine Way to Soldiers Lump on Black Hill (1,900 ft) then returning to cars via Tooleyshaw Moss / Moor and Hey Moss. Could be difficult underfoot subsequent to rainfall on the moorland / peaty sections.

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.

SUNDAY 9th JULY

Area	PYM CHAIR CIRCULAR	Leave 8.30	11 Miles	Category 2/3	Transport £4.80
Leader(s)	Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)				
Park Cars	The free public car park at Pym Chair, 2 miles south of Kettlethulme at GR SJ 995768				
Details	This circuit above the reservoirs of the Goyt will, wherever possible, track the higher ground and will call at Cats Tor, Shining Tor, Goytsclough Quarry, Bunsal Cob, Wythen Lache, Fernilee, Overton Hall Farm and Windgather Rocks. There are a number of "undulations" and some rough ground on today's walk but there are also some fine views.				
Area	ASHTON HAYES	Leave 9.30	6 Miles	Category 4/3	Transport £5.20
Leader(s)	Dave Stonehewer, 962 6450, & Muriel Lowther, 017720316781				
Park Cars	Goshawk Pub Car Park, top right hand side, opposite Mouldsworth Train Station, GR 512706. A556, through M6 J19, then A54. 6 miles after Sandiway traffic lights, turn right onto B5393, signed Frodsham/Ashton Hayes. Through Ashton Hayes and pub is on left opposite Mouldsworth Station.				
Details	Mouldsworth, Baker Way, Woodside Farm, Home Farm, Ashton Hayes, Peel Hall and back to cars.				

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY

Area	COACH TRIP TO BALA	Leaving M&S, Sale at 8am with the usual pick-up points.			
"A" walk	10 Miles Cat 3/2 eq Leader Nigel Gartside	From Bala Coach Park to Lake Railway then steady ascent to Bryniau Golau, then Glyn Gower and up into the plantation at Caer Hafotty. Still ascending up to the highest point at Craig-y-Allor at 1,550 ft then steady descent via Cefn-ddwygraig back to coach.			
"B" walk	7 Miles Cat 3 Leader Keith Leslie	A linear walk from Llanuwchllyn Station (at the far end of Bala Lake) to Bala passing Llechweddystrad, Glyn Gower/Afon Glyn, Bryniau Goleu, and Ffridd Fach-ddeilog. Full details on the coach..			
"C" walk	5½ Miles Cat 4/3 Leader Heather Wykes	A relaxed walk around Bala via fields and paths. We pass the Cywain Centre, and stroll down Lovers Walk.			

Seats still available - book with Beryl Hunwick (928 3644), 43 Broomfield Lane, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9AS with a cheque for £12 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB remembering to state where you will join the coach.

Area	CRACKEN EDGE	Leave 9.15	7.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.00
Leader(s)	Veronica Dunkley, 928 4629, & Jack Garstang, 980 6349				
Park Cars	Sett Valley Trail CP, Hayfield, P&D £4-40, GR 036868. A6 south, left to New Mills (A6015), on towards Hayfield, turn left at blue parking sign.				
Details	Up fairly steeply by Phoside to Peep-o-Day and on to Cracken Edge. Around Cracken Edge and back down to Sett Valley Trail. A few stiles, one difficult, but should not be muddy.				

SUNDAY 16th JULY

Area	SPONDS HILL, KETTLESHULME & CHARLES HEAD	Leave 8.45	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £3.20
Leader(s)	Alan Gerrard, 9807508, and Brian Billington				
Park Cars	Take the road from Adlington through Pott Shrigley towards Bollington. Turn left 0.2 miles from Pott Shrigley into Spuley Lane (ignore any road closed signs) and park 0.4 miles further on near the site of the old "The Cheshire Hunt Inn". GR SJ 945782.				
Details	Further Harrop Farm, Sponds Hill and descend to Handley Fole Farm. Proceed via field paths to Kettlethulme and onwards to Summer Close. Steep climb to pick up the "new" path along the edge to the top of Charles Head – magnificent views weather permitting. Return by one of several routes above Harrop Brook depending upon weather conditions. There will be no significant change in the overall distance. Again we have tried to build in some new paths into this walk.				
Area	MALPAS	Leave 9.30	5¾ Miles	Category 4	Transport £7.40
Leader(s)	Brian Warburton, 928 7087				
Park Cars	Free Car Park, High St., Malpas (nearly opposite Old Fire Station – now a café of the same name, GR 487473. Take A556 to Oakmere, then A49 (bypassing Tarporley) to Red Fox Public house. Turn right here and continue through Beeston to A534 (Wrexham Road) on right. Pass Bickerton Poacher and reach A41 at Broxton. Turn left here onto A41, and continue to Hampton Heath. Turn right at roundabout onto B5069 (signed Malpas). Pass Bishop Herber High School on right and on reaching T-junction in town centre (Old Fire station is facing), turn left and car park is a few yards on the left.				

Details Our walk provides panoramic views of the Clwdian Range as we leave the town and cross pleasant fields and lanes to Chorlton Old Hall, Overton Scar, The Marches Way and Bishop Bennet Way.

WEDNESDAY 19th JULY

Area DERWENT VALLEY **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.00**

Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093

Park Cars Heatherdene car park, above Ladybower reservoir, P&D £2.50, GR SK202 858. Either take the A57, Snake Pass, from Glossop and turn right onto A6013 towards Bamford. The car park is on the left. Or take the Winnats Pass and turn left at Bamford towards Ladybower, and then the car park is on the right shortly before the first bridge.

Details There is one climb up Win Hill, avoiding the steepest ascent. Then the ridge walk to Hope Cross and a descent to return along the Ashop Valley. Good views on a clear day.

Area BRERETON HEATH (BEAR FESTIVAL) **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.80**

Leader(s) Sheila Waite and Eileen Bate, 928 3647 (Mob 07427863373)

Park Cars Brereton Heath Nature Reserve, GR SJ794655' Postcode CW12 4SU. Take A50 from Knutsford to Holmes Chapel, straight over double roundabout, left at traffic lights on to A54. (OR M6 to J18 then A54) After about 2 miles turn right (Davenport Lane) and Car Park (P&D £2.60, free toilets) is 1/4 mile on left.

Details From Brereton Heath to Brereton Village (where we will see garden displays with a "Bear" theme) via Smethwick Hall Farm, Moorhead Farm and Moorhead Lane. We continue through a castellated gatehouse with Brereton Hall hidden in trees near the church. A level walk over fields and tracks, some quiet road walking. A few stiles.

SUNDAY 23rd JULY

SOCIAL COACH TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM Leaving M&S Sale at 08.30 am with the usual pick-up points.

Come along and enjoy a day in England's 2nd city - lots to see and do. Non-members welcome.

Seats still available - contact Joan Jeffrey (962 5651), 16 South Meade, Timperley, WA15 6QL with a cheque for £12 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB, remembering to say where you will join the coach.

If possible give Joan your e-mail details so she can give you details of places to visit.

Area HOLME MOSS **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.40**

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

Park Cars Digley QUARRY Reservoir car park, GR SE111073. M60 East to M67 to A57 to A628: alongside Woodhead Reservoir turn left onto A6024 to Holme. In Holme, turn left into Fieldhead Lane to Digley QUARRY Reservoir on the North of the reservoir - ignore the other Digley Reservoir car park on the South side of the reservoir. Postcode HD9 2QJ gets you to Fieldhead Lane.

Details Kirklees Way onto Pennine Way to Black Hill, Holme Moss, Wilmer Hill, around the wooded Netherley Clough area to Holme and north back to Digley Reservoir.

WEDNESDAY 26th JULY

Area WINDGATHER ROCKS **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**

Leader(s) Jack Garstang, 980 6349, & Gill Winn

Park Cars Pym Chair CP, GR 996 767. A523 to Macclesfield. left at roundabout at end Silk Road on to B5470 through Rainow turn right at Smiths Lane, not easy to see. Straight on turning left at grassy triangle, down to Jenkin Chapel. Turn right up to Pym Chair.

Details Gently up to Shining Tor, down into the valley and along to Thursbitch, undulating to Dunge Valley Gardens, Tunstead Knoll Farm and up to Taxal Edge. Back past Windgather Rocks. Stiles but should not be muddy.

Area HALE TO KNUTSFORD **Leave 10.15** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £-**

Leader(s) Jenny Rydell, 941 6847, & Celia Betney, 928 2772 (Mob 07789191055)

Park Cars Linear walk starting from Hale Village Bowling Green. (NOTE – NOT ALTRINCHAM!) Bus passes or fare required for return journey!

Details A pleasant walk via the River Bollin, Rycroft Farm, Birkin House Farm, and Rosthern, then over some rough fields to Home Farm, a stroll through Tatton Park and on to Knutsford for tea and a bit of shopping if you wish. A few stiles, nothing difficult. Return journey by bus or train, so don't forget bus passes!

SUNDAY 30th JULY

Area	HAYFIELD CIRCULAR	Leave 8.45	11 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.20
Leader(s)	Peter and Susan Darby, 980 3908, (Mob 07837345297)				
Park Cars	Sett Valley Trail P & D Car Park, Station Road, Hayfield, just off the A624 at GR SK036869. Nearest post code SK22 2ES.				
Details	Lantern Pike, Blackshaw Farm, Middle Moor, Kinder Reservoir, Mount Famine, Peep-O-Day, Birch Vale. An undulating walk up and over hills around Hayfield including two steepish climbs, on mostly good paths and tracks.				

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

August 13th, "B" & "C", 20th, "B" & "C", 27th, "B" & "C". All offers of walks for **these dates and beyond** - please contact Phil Worsley, 777 6013. Would all Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Sunday Club walks direct to Phil.

Wednesdays

Several dates in August and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359, for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO MALHAM

Leaders – Ian & Josie Stenhouse, Frank Dockry, Beryl Hunwick

Book with Beverly Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9HP with a cheque for £12 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB remembering to say where you will join the coach.

* Will leaders let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walks by July 11th.

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST

A guided blue badge tour of "Hidden Didsbury" at 2-30pm, cost £7.50, pay on day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782. We will meet at Didsbury Village tram stop.

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER

Tour of Roberts Bakery at Northwich, at 1pm. Free, but donation for their charity will be collected on day. Afternoon tea and goodie bag included (Heather thinks). Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Janet Foden and Ian Cameron as new members.

Ruth and Phil Worsley would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes sent to them on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary in May.

Joyce Hausaman wishes to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes sent after her recent knee operation.

John Beardmore is now recovering at home following his recent stay in Wythenshawe Hospital. John required four operations on his arm to remove an infection following a cat bite. We hope to see John out and about again before too long.

Brenda Bailey has finally had her hip operation after four cancellations and is now recovering at home. We hope to see Brenda out walking again in less time than it took waiting for the operation!

Sadly, Edwina Fysh died in last month. We send our sympathy and condolences to Robert and her sister and family.

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