

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 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'

DEDICATION OF SIGNPOST TO MARGARET LEDGER - SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER At Marple Golf Club, Barnsfold Road, Marple, SK6 7EL

The Dedication of a Signpost to Margaret Ledger will take place at Marple Golf Course at about 3.45pm on Sunday 24th September. All wishing to attend, both walkers and non-walkers, should meet in the car park at 3.30pm for the short walk to the Dedication site. The ceremony will be followed by tea & cakes in the Golf Club House at 4pm, at a cost of £5.00 per head, payable on the day. Anyone wishing to have tea & cakes please let John Drinkwater know by the 21st September, tel: 969 1557 or 928 1156, mobile: 077621 78935 or email: johndrinkwater20@gmail.com.

There will be a choice of three walks on the day, all starting and finishing (by 3.30pm) at the Golf Club, as detailed below in the walks entries for Sunday 24th September. For non-walkers, the car parking information is given with the walks details.

*** OCTOBER CIRCULAR ***

Since I shall be away from 9th Sept, could all walks details and other information for the October Circular please be submitted to me **by Thursday 7th September**. Many thanks. Please note that if you have an e-mail address that is **AOL or Yahoo**, DO NOT use the online submission form. Instead, please send the details direct to me at the email address at the bottom of the circulars. Apologies for the inconvenience.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Area BUXTON TO MACCLESFIELD **Leave 8.00** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Pauline Glover, 928 0644, & Beverly Harrison, 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)
Park Cars Macclesfield – CP through & behind Arighi Bianci, P & D, Postcode SK10 1LH. Walk to bus station, Postcode SK11 6JN, about 8 minutes' walk via Waters Green & Boden St. Meet at bus station to catch 9.20 bus to Buxton (Burbage) – remember to bring your bus pass.
Details A scenic, varied linear walk from Buxton back to Macclesfield, via the Cat & Fiddle, Wildboardclough, Shuttlingsloe and Langley.

Area BOWDON/DUNHAM PARK **Leave 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.50**
Leader(s) Mavis Walker, 973 5514
Park Cars Green Walk, Bowdon, GR SJ754873. Go out of Altrincham on Dunham Rd. (A56) and at St Margaret's Church on the right, turn left into St Margaret's Road. At the end of St Margaret's Road, turn right into The Firs and at the end of The Firs, turn right again into Green Walk and park at the far end of Green Walk.
Details This walk is easy and flat. We walk through fields and Golf Course to Dunham Park and walk through and, hopefully, stop in the Park for lunch, returning back through the Park to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Area COACH TRIP TO GRASSINGTON Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.
"A" walk 10.5 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders Steve & Pauline Glover
Westwards from Threshfield near Grassington to Higher Heights Holes, north across moors then N-E to Conistone, onwards to Kelber, then south to Grassington via Bare House. A stimulating walk across fine varied country.

- "B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones
Over fields to Bare House, then to Conistone Dib and village. Good views if weather is fine.
- "C" walk 5.5 Miles Cat 4/3 Leaders David & Liz White
Initially along the River Wharfe, across it (on a wobbly foot bridge!) and then towards Burnsall. Climb to the lovely little Thorpe village. Return via Linton. Some gentle climbing (200ft), rewarded with great views.

Seats still available - book with Beverly Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Rd, Altrincham, WA15 9HP with a cheque for £12 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB remembering to state where you will join the coach.
Non-walkers are welcome.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Area HAYFIELD **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774
Park Cars Sett Valley Trail car park (P&D) at Hayfield. GR SK035869.
Details A walk round Hayfield taking in Lantern Pike, Little Hayfield, Kinder Reservoir and Peep-O-Day then on to the ridge beyond Hills Farm and back to the cars via Barnsfold Farm.

Area SANDSTONE TRAIL, DELAMERE **Leave 9.30** **7.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £4.60**
Leader(s) Judy Bailey & John Drinkwater, 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)
Park Cars Gresty Waste CP, GR 540686. A56, A556, CP on left after A54 junction (0.4ml)
Details A leisurely walk taking the Sandstone Trail through forestry and over open pasture, following mostly distinct paths and a little country lane walking. This walk gives us the opportunity to pass through large apple orchards and to stop at a well-stocked farm shop for ice cream, etc. Imposing views of the Cheshire Plain and Beeston Castle can be seen, weather permitting.

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 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.
Details 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.

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Area DOVE HOLES & COMBS EDGE **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391607460)
Park Cars Dove Holes Station car park, Station Road. GR SK074781, Postcode SK17 8DH. From A6 at Dove Holes traffic lights, turn right. Station approx. 200yds on left. Free CP, no toilets.
Details Lanes and fields to Combs Moss, climb to Fort Naze, follow Combs Edge to White Hall Centre and return by farm tracks, fields and lane to station. Few stiles, some bogs on the Edge.

Area DISLEY **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.20**
Leader(s) Derek Hamer 969 3821
Park Cars Long stay public car park accessed via road which runs between Rams Head car park and the A6 (Buxton Road West) at the traffic lights in Disley. If the car park is full, park on the local roads and assemble to start the walk on the forecourt of the Rams Head. GR. SJ974846
Details Leave Disley for Strines and Brookbottom. Continue towards canal and back to Disley.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Area COACH TRIP TO CONWY **Leaving M&S, Sale at 8am with the usual pick-up points.**
 "A" walk 10 Miles Cat 2/3 Leader John Brownhill
 From Llanfairfechan to Conwy. Most of the climbing will be done at the start of the walk when we head South East up Afon Llanfairfechan and Afon Ddu to reach Foel Lwd. We then head North East, eventually joining the North Wales Path, which takes over the top of the Sychnant Pass and Conwy Mountain and down to Conwy for refreshments.
 "B" walk 8 Miles Cat 3/2 Leader Keith Leslie
 A linear walk on the beautiful North Wales Path between Llanfairfechan and Conwy. The route climbs steadily from Llanfairfechan to reach the North Wales Path, then follows good 'drove' roads on

the plateau with great all-round views, before a long steady descent to Conwy. There are no very steep ascents or descents or rough walking. The 3/2 walk category is given by a combination of mileage and height gained.

"C" walk 4+ Miles Cat 4 Leader Margaret Fowden

A leisurely linear walk, starting at West Shore, Llandudno, where there will be the opportunity for pre-walk refreshments in the café, following the coastal path alongside the river estuary to Conwy. Excellent views if the weather allows. There will be the opportunity to extend the walk on the Conwy side of the river round Bodlondeb Woods, after reaching Conwy Quay, for those who wish.

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Non-walkers are welcome.

Area DIGGLE AND MARSDEN **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Chris and Margaret Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740777184)
Park Cars Tame Valley car park in Sam Road, Diggle. GR SE006069, Post Code OL3 5PU. Take J23 Ashton-under-Lyne from M60 and follow the A635 then the A670 to Mossley. Then travelling north through Diggle, Sam Road is 200m past The Hanging Gate pub, which is on the left. Turn right into Sam Road and the car park is about 250m on the right.
Details This walk explores both entrances to and the moors above the Standedge tunnels. Starting from the Diggle portal of the tunnels, we go north and climb up onto the moors and on to the Pennine Way before turning east and following the Station to Station trail down to the northern portal of the tunnels in Marsden. We then walk through Marsden and onto the Standedge Trail, up onto the moors before dropping back down to Diggle.

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Area BEESTON HILLS **Leave 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.60**
Leader(s) Phil & Sue Brownhill, 01925 754749 (Mob 07721189338)
Park Cars Cheshire Workshops, Burwardsley, where leaders will meet. Free parking at bottom of the car park. GR SJ521565. A49 from Chester road to Whitchurch. Turn right onto Dean Bank, up to Beeston and right on to Tattenhall Lane, following round the Castle, and on to the Burwardsley road junction. Turn left here and then left at the post office/shop junction in Burwardsley, following signs up to the Workshop and Candle Factory. Toilets at the start and tea and cakes at the finish.
Details A pleasant autumnal walk around the Beeston Hills taking in Harthill, Brown Knowl, Maiden Castle, Bickerton Hill, Raw Head, Bulkeley Hill and the Peckforton Hills. This area never disappoints.

Area GREAT BUDWORTH/TRENT & MERSEY CANAL **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4**
Transport £2.60
Leader(s) Keith Wykes, 01625 618164, & Jean Hibbert, 718 0590 (Mob 07941298547)
Park Cars In a field, left hand side off Smithy Lane, Great Budworth, GR SJ663777, Postcode CW9 6HL, courtesy of Great Budworth Parish Council; discretionary car park fee (£1 per person suggested). A56 & A556 to M6 J.19. Stay on A556, but take outside lane and turn right immediately into Pickmere Lane (B5391). After 3 miles, turn right onto Earles Lane, signposted Great Budworth, and follow to its end at Marston Lane (A559), where turn right. After 1.2 miles, turn right into Great Budworth High Street, continue uphill to Church St. (George & Dragon Pub on left, Church on right). Continue on Church St., then slightly left into Smithy Lane at the right-hand bend, passing a Bowling Green on the left, and the Parish Hall on the right (toilets, if building is open).
Details The walk begins with a short stretch of road walking on a busy road but with fine views of Budworth Mere, before crossing mainly flat fields and descending to the canal and picnic tables at Anderton Boat Lift & Nature Reserve. Then a stretch beside the canal before returning to the cars via (if wanted) Tea Rooms at the nearby Westage Farm and a produce seller (jams, chutneys, eggs etc.) located at Church St./Smithy Lane. Nothing difficult; one stile, otherwise wide kissing gates; 280 ft. height gain.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

The three walks today are designed to allow members to attend the Dedication of the Signpost to Margaret Ledger at Marple Golf Course. Details of the Dedication Ceremony are given at the beginning of the circular.

Area MARPLE **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)
Park Cars Marple Golf Club, GR SJ954874, Postcode SK6 7EL. From M60, J27 roundabout, take 3rd exit onto A626, at traffic lights, turn left, following A626 (Hall Street/Offerton Lane/Marple Rd/Stockport Rd) to B6101 at Marple. After Shell FS on left, turn right at lights onto Hibbert Lane/Upper Hibbert Lane.

After about 1 mile, turn right onto Barnsfield Rd, over canal and Club House on right. Please park on far side of car park away from Club House. Toilets available.

Details A walk over Marple Ridge, Strines, Brook Bottom to Mellor Moor. Then return via Mellor Church, Bottoms Hall and the Canal to get back for Margaret Ledger signpost dedication.

Area **MARPLE, TORKINGTON** **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.00**

Leader(s) John and Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391607460/07985983252)

Park Cars Marple Golf Club, see above.

Details Walk across golf course to Cown Edge Way, follow through woods, over Torkington Brook, across golf course, woods and farm tracks to A6, cross over to Ladybrook VIT, then woods and fields to New House Farm, across Middlewood Way and return along Macclesfield Canal. No steep hills, but several styles, and some muddy tracks in poor weather.

Area **MARPLE** **Leave 10.30** **4.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.00**

Leader(s) Derrick Hamer 969 3821

Park Cars Marple Golf Club, see above.

Details An easy walk along the Middlewood Way and the Macclesfield Canal, finishing at the car park in time for the dedication ceremony.

WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Area **LONGSTER TRAIL: CHESTER TO HELSBY** **Leave 8.30** **13.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £5.00**

Leader(s) Pauline Glover, 928 0644, & Beverly Harrison, 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)

Park Cars Helsby Quarry car park, Alvanley Road, Helsby, GR SJ491749, Postcode WA6 9PT. M56, J14 to Helsby. If driving direct to Helsby, please be at car park by 9.20am to walk down to station to catch the 9.41 train from Helsby to Chester. Train fare £3.25 with Senior Rail Card.

Details Linear walk from Chester to Helsby ending at Helsby Fort following the Longster Trail.

Area **ETHEROW VALLEY** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.20**

Leader(s) David White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)

Park Cars Etherow Country Park, Compstall (off B6104), GR 965909, P & D £3.00 for all day (or park nearby and walk in!). Assemble outside the cafe near the main car park.

Details Through the park and out to Sandy Lane. Climbing to Woodseats, with lovely views, to stop for lunch on the banks of the river Etherow. Gentle climb out of the valley to return via Bothams Hall, Back Wood and Howards Barn. Lovely walk with some climbing (nothing too strenuous), rewarded with extensive views.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

October 1st, "C", 29th "C". All offers of walks for these dates and beyond - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

Wednesdays

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Liz White would like to thank all the ramblers who have 'phoned, sent cards / flowers and good wishes following her recent fall. She is progressing well and hoping to be out walking again in due course.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER

Tour of Roberts Bakery at Northwich, at 1pm. Now fully booked.

WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Lancastrian Theatre Organ Society Behind the Scenes Tour, 1pm, Eccles. Cost £3-50 on day. Book with Heather 01625618782. All you need to know about the mighty Wurlitzer.

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