

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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NOVEMBER 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'

AGM

The AGM will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns, on Thursday 9th November, starting at 7.30pm. Further details are given in the entry for that date below.

WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Area **MACCLESFIELD AREA** **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**
Leader(s) David Bona and Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Parking opposite the Cat and Fiddle, GR SK001719, Post Code SK11 0BE (where leaders will meet). Take A537 Buxton Road up from Macclesfield to the Cat and Fiddle.
Details Leave Cat and Fiddle and head towards Shining Tor and then down towards Goyts Clough. Head on to Berry Clough climbing steadily to the A54, Across Axe Edge Moor and then good paths flanking Cheeks Hill and Orchard Common, uphill through Orchard Farm. on to Reeve-Edge Quarries, then a short steep climb out of the valley and across the A54 and follow signed path back to the Cat and Fiddle. Very few stiles. Mainly good paths

Area **ANDERTON COUNTRY PARK** **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Jenny Rydell, 941 6847 (Mob 07789191055) & June Watling, 962 2002 (Mob 07890296333)
Park Cars Anderton Boat Lift Old Rd off New Rd, Anderton, GR SJ648754 Post code CW96FW. Car parking £3 all day. Meet in the car park.
Details The Saltscape Trail. A lovely nature walk, we follow the Dragonfly Trail via the River Weaver and canal to Lion Salt works, where we will stop for lunch. On to The Orchid Trail via Neumanns Flash, we follow the path back via the River Weaver. Although we shan't see dragonflies in November, there is still plenty to see in this former industrial landscape. (Look out for the old pipes that carried brine). Good paths, no stiles .

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Area **ABOVE BACUP** **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Ian Stenhouse, 926 8446
Park Cars Car park at Trough Gate GR SD885214. The small car park is on the A671, just before the junction with the A6066 coming from Whitworth. If full, park on road close by.
Details From cars, climb up to Rossendale Way which is followed to A681. Then across Todmorden Moor via Higher Woodfield Farm and Hazel Greave to Gorpley Clough. From Gorpley Reservoir across Inchfield Pasture and Burnt Hills to Trough Edge End and back down to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Area **POYNTON** **Leave 9.30** **7½ Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)
Park Cars Jacksons Brick Works GR 947844. From the centre of Poynton take Park Lane. In about ¼ mile fork left into Middlewood Road. In a further mile turn right into Poolhouse Road which leads into the car park.
Details Middlewood Way, New House Farm, Norbury Hollow, Poynton Park, Princes Incline , Macclesfield Canal.

THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

The **AGM** will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns, on Thursday 9th November, starting at 7.30pm. The present officials are all willing to continue. Any other nominations for any of the positions, including one of the Ordinary Committee Members, (duly proposed and seconded) must be given to the General Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting.

There are also two non-committee positions to be filled. One is for a member of the Coach Trip Sub-Committee – contact Beryl Hunwick (928 3644) for further details if interested. The second is for an assistant to the Sunday Walks Organiser to obtain the shorter walks - contact Phil Worsley (777 6013) for further details if interested.

The minutes of last year's AGM are in the Other General Documents area of the Documentation section of the Member's area of the website.

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Area	LAMALOAD	Leave 8.30	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.00
Leader(s)	Sue Skelton, 01625 263409 (Mob 07770566336)				
Park Cars	Lamaload Reservoir Car Park. GR SJ975753, where leader will meet.				
Details	Common Barn Farm, Waggonshaw Brow, Jenkin Chapel, Kettlethulme, Taxal Edge, Howlersknowl and Thursbitch. A walk with many stiles but hopefully some great views.				

WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Area	RIVINGTON	Leave 9.15	8.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.00
Leader(s)	Pete Eastham, 969 2338 (Mob 07982831848)				
Park Cars	Rivington Hall and Hall Barn Car Park, GR SD63316, Postcode BL6 7SB. Leave M61 at junction 6 and take A6027 towards Horwich. Continue towards Horwich on the A673 turning right towards Rivington on Lever Park Avenue. Car park is signed as Rivington Hall and Hall Barn.				
Details	Through Rivington Terraced Gardens to the Pike, short walk along Rivington Road to Anglezarke Moor, around Lead Miners' Clough back along the reservoirs.				

Area	REDESMERE	Leave 9.45	6 Miles	Category 4	Transport £3.00
Leader(s)	David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)				
Park Cars	Take A34 South from Alderley Edge. Straight on at Monks Heath traffic lights. In about 2 miles, turn left into Redesmere Lane and park at far end of marked car parking spaces overlooking Redesmere, GR SJ849713.				
Details	From Siddington Church, we cross fields to Northwood Farm. Then follow good paths to Henshaw Hall Farm. Across Fanshawe Brook and back via Henbury Moss. A lovely flat walk with very few stiles.				

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Area	SHAW & CROMPTON	Leave 9.00	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.60
Leader(s)	Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)				
Park Cars	Brushes Clough Quarry, free, no toilets, SD 951100. M60 then M62, J21, to follow A640, Milnrow. At traffic light controlled roundabout, go right under motorway for 1.5 miles [A663 Shaw], then turn left into Buckstone Road [B6197] and after 0.7 of a mile turn left into Brushes Clough entry road, being aware of very high speed humps and very low drainage gullies.				
Details	Using the Rochdale Way, Oldham Way and the Crompton circuit to visit Ogden, Piethorne & Rooden reservoirs, then over Crompton Moor to Grains Bar and a final ascent up to Crompton trig point at 1,300 feet. Will be rough underfoot after heavy rain.				

Area	NORTHWICH	Leave 9.30	6 Miles	Category 4	Transport £3.20
Leader(s)	Brian Warburton, 928 7087				
Park Cars	Picnic Area/Café on left of A556, just after the blue Hartford Bridge over the River Weaver, GR 643715.				
Details	A pleasant walk alongside the River Weaver to Northwich and returning to Hartford via the opposite bank and meadows.				

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Area	ABOVE THE GOYT	Leave 9.00	9 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.40
Leader(s)	Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)				
Park Cars	Errwood Reservoir free car park at the bottom of "The Street" at GR SK 013757.				

Details This clockwise circuit above the Goyt will call at Goyt's Lane, Beet Wood, Shay Lodge, Derbyshire Bridge, the Cat & Fiddle and Shooter's Clough Bridge. The walk is a mix of well-defined paths, tracks and tarmac and has two moderate climbs and some minor undulations, and of course good scenery – weather permitting.

Area **SALE & CHORLTON WATER PARKS** **Leave 10.00** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.80**

Leader(s) Norman and Frances Felton, 748 3493

Park Cars The walk will start from the Atlas car park on the A56, Chester Road, in Stretford, which is opposite the Arndale Centre, GR SJ 785916. There are major road works in the area and parking could be difficult. You could try Newton St, nearby, but the easiest way would be to come by tram from Altrincham.

Details This will be a leisurely walk along the river Mersey and around Chorlton and Sale water parks. There are no stiles. It is a short walk because of the time of the year. Anyone wanting to lengthen the walk can continue along the canal to Altrincham, which would add 3 miles, or just go as far as Dane Road or Sale.

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Area **CASTLETON AND THE LIGHTS** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.60**

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

Park Cars The P&D car park on the A6187, Buxton Road, in Castleton, GR SK149829. Post Code S33 8WH. Please share this cost with your driver.

Details This clockwise circuit based on Castleton will call at the Blue John Cavern, Hollins Cross, Lose Hill, Fullwood Stile Farm, Aston, and Brough. The walk will be completed by returning through the streets of Castleton under the Christmas Lights as dusk falls. There are two moderate climbs and one or two of the usual minor undulations, all of which will be in the morning. The afternoon will provide easier walking at low level. On completion of the walk the leader will be taking refreshments in the village and all are welcome.

Area **RUDYARD LAKE** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.80**

Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782.

Park Cars Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer. GR 938624. Take the Macclesfield to Leek road, A532, and turn right in Rushton Spencer.

Details Easy walk around the lake, café en route.

WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Area **RAMSBOTTOM TO PEEL TOWER** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**

Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)

Park Cars Nuttall Park car park, Ramsbottom, GR SE795163, 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 Starting with a climb up to Peel tower from Nuttall park, then along to Pilgrim Cross. Return via the Irwell Valley.

Area **LITTLE LEIGH** **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.40**

Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087.

Park Cars Lay-by on Runcorn Road (A533) at Little Leigh, GR 623759. Take M56 (get on at Bowdon roundabout) to J10. Take A49 to junction with A533 at lights. Lay-by is on left on A533 approx. 1¼ miles after lights.

Details From Little Leigh Village, we reach the Trent & Mersey Canal and follow the tow-path to the Salterford Tunnel. From here we drop down to the River Weaver, then retrace our steps via field paths to the tunnel and back to the cars through Barnton Village

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays: December 3rd, "B" and "C", 17th "B", 24th, "C". All offers of walks **for these dates and beyond** - 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 December and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We should like to welcome Brian Peacock and Alec Morrow as new members.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Lancastrian Theatre Organ Society Behind the Scenes Tour (fully booked). Please meet for a 1pm start at the museum on Alexander Rd, Peel Green, Eccles, M30 7HJ. Cost £3.50, drinks available. Members will be contacted by Heather.

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

A short walk and then lunch at the Vinery. Book lunch (£11 per person, cheques payable to The Vinery) and menu choice of Beef, Turkey or Lasagne and Christmas Pudding, Pavlova or Ice Cream, with Barry Rice, 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, WA15 6AT, by 30th November. Barry will take bookings and menu choices over the phone, 962 2377.

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

Blaze Farm walk and Christmas lunch is now fully booked.

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Ceilidh at Timperley Village Club, 8pm. Tickets, £8, now available from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821. Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Supper, games, dancing and entertainment! Open to friends.



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