

## DECEMBER 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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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Club Subscriptions are now due and should be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> December. **The subscription remains at £8 per person, plus £7 if you have the circular posted to you.** For those who receive a paper circular, a copy of the renewal form will be attached. For those who download the circular, a copy is available in the Documents Section of the Members' Area of the Website. For those who pay by Direct Debit, you need do nothing but will shortly be advised of the amount and date of the transfer. For those who pay by Standing Order, would you please ensure the amount is set at £8 per person before payment date. For those paying by Direct Debit or Standing Order, there is no need to complete a Renewal Form unless there is a change to any of your contact details, i.e. address, phone number, mobile number or e-mail address.

### CLUB TOUR

A reminder to those going on the Club Tour to Tenby next April that **final payment** must be made to John Drinkwater by **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018**, along with a completed Emergency Information form.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

With your new Membership Card, you will also receive an Emergency Contact Form. It is recommended that you fill it in, including relevant medical details (drug allergies, etc.), and carry it in the top of your rucksack for use in the (hopefully) unlikely event of a serious injury while on a Club walk.

### WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the password required to access the Members Area of the Club Website will change on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**. The **username**, which is **useradrc** will remain unchanged. After this date, you will only be able to view items in the Members Area of the website if you have renewed your annual subscription and have the new password. Details of the username and the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

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### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Area</b>	<b>BOLLINGTON &amp; LYME PARK</b>	<b>Leave 8.30</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £3.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Tess Gregory, 01625 614211				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781 (where leader will meet).				
<b>Details</b>	Middlewood Way – Macclesfield Canal – West Parkgate – Lyme Park – Bowstonegate – Sponds Hill – Harrop Fold Farm – Oakenbank Lane – Bollington.				

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### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Area</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS AT HOLLINGWORTH LAKE</b>	<b>Leave 9.15</b>	<b>8 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £6.40</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Ian & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07462332713)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Hollingworth Lake, GR SD938153. M62 to J21. Follow signs to Milnrow and then brown signs to Hollingworth Lake. At the corner where road leaves the lake is a white building on the right, the 'Winepress' (Postcode OL15 0AZ). If you are booked for the Christmas meal, park in the small car park to the left of the Winepress if you can. Otherwise park in the Visitors Centre further round the lake past the Winepress. P&D £2.20.				
<b>Details</b>	The walk will start round Hollingworth Lake and then on to Turnough and across the motorway to Tunshill Farm and Ogden Reservoir. We then cross Tunshill Lane and the motorway to Syke and back to the Winepress in time for Christmas Lunch.				

**Note:** Tony Davies is planning a much shorter walk (5miles) prior to the lunch. If you are interested in this, please contact Tony on 969 5962 for details.

**Area**           **AROUND FOXTWIST GREEN**    **Leave 9.45**       **5 Miles**       **Category 4**       **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)**    David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443394622)  
**Park Cars**    Whitegate Station Car Park, GR 615680. Take A556 towards Chester. Left at traffic lights in Sandiway (signed Whitegate/Winsford). In about 1.7 miles turn right into Clay Lane. Car Park is on left just over bridge.  
**Details**       A short but pleasantly varied walk with very few stiles. Taking in the Whitegate Way, Marton Sands, Beauty Bank, Sherrats Rough and Newchurch Common.

**Area**           **BRUNTWOOD PARK, CHEADLE**   **Leave 10.30**    **2 Miles**       **Category 4**       **Transport £1.00**  
**Leader(s)**    Barry Rice, 962 2377  
**Park Cars**    Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme, P&D, GR SJ859871, Satnav SK11 0AR. To car park, turn onto Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd (signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to Car Park.  
**Details**       A short walk round the grounds and then lunch at the Vinery. The walk will start at 11.15. Non-walkers meet at 12.00. 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 30<sup>th</sup> November.

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### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area**           **BOTTOM OF THE OVEN & CHRISTMAS LUNCH**   **Leave 8.45**       **9 Miles**       **Category 3/2**  
**Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)**    Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars**    The Stanley Arms at GR SJ 980723. Satnav SK11 0AR. Please use the 'top' car park only. Contact the leader for further information if required.  
**Details**       This anti-clockwise circuit will visit Chapel House Farm, Ridgeway Reservoir, Oakenclough, The Cragg Inn, and The Vicarage. On completion of the walk, and for those who have pre-booked, Christmas Lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.30 pm. Please note that the Christmas Lunch element is now fully booked and that those who wish to walk but have NOT BOOKED lunch will need to make their transport arrangements accordingly.

**Area**           **ASHLEY & BOWDON BOLLIN**    **Leave 9.45**       **5¼ Miles**    **Category 4**       **Transport £0.50**  
**Leader(s)**    Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars**    Lay-by on Ashley Mill Lane, GR 769855. Take Ashley Road (B5357) through Hale Village. Ashley Mill Lane is on right after passing over River Bollin.  
**Details**       From the lay-by we drop down to the Bollin and reach Bowdon Vale. A short village walk takes us to fields, leading us back to the Bollin, on to Ryecroft Farm and over the M56. We return to cars via Ashley Hall.

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### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area**           **WHALEY BRIDGE**                   **Leave 9.00**       **8.5 Miles**    **Category 2/3**    **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)**    John Brownhill, 980 1774  
**Park Cars**    Bugsworth Canal Basin Car Park. GR SK023 821, Post code SK23 7EW. From Stockport on the A6 through Furness Vale, then very sharp left just under the railway bridge on to the B6062. After about one mile turn sharp right following the sign to the canal basin.  
**Details**       This is a figure of eight walk, first up to Eccles Pike and back to the cars (three miles and 600 ft) and then up to Cracken Edge and Chinley Churn (5.5 miles and 760ft). Both loops will be done in a clockwise direction. Both parts of the walk give good views.

**Area**           **DUNHAM PARK & LYMM CANAL**   **Leave 10.00**    **6 Miles**       **Category 4**       **Transport £-**  
**Leader(s)**    Celia Betney, 928 2772, & Jenny Rydell, 941 6847 (Mob 07789191055)  
**Park Cars**    Meet at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon at 10am, NOT at the Station. Plenty of parking close by.  
**Details**       Come! Yes, do come and join in the fun on this linear pre-Christmas walk. A comfortable walk through Dunham Park (coffee and comfort stop here). Our walk continues through the Park to the Canal. Eventually we arrive at Lymm Village. On route, Christmas Carols will be encouraged. Perhaps a 'Secret Santa' would enhance the mood? (we suggest £1 max. item from a pound shop – could be fun?) We are confident that all Ramblers will return home fulfilled and content in true

Christmas Spirit! REMEMBER BUS PASS FOR RETURN JOURNEY – Bus No. 5, every ½ hr, returns to Altrincham. Alight at Church Brow to collect cars.

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### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area** SOUTH & EAST OF DISLEY      **Leave 8.30**      **10.5 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £3.60**  
**Leader(s)** Rose Monteath, 286 2719  
**Park Cars** Disley Station Approach, GR SJ972845, where leader will meet. There should be adequate free parking as it is a Sunday.  
**Details** Today's anti-clockwise walk to the south & east of Disley will initially visit Parkgate before picking up the North Cheshire Way to walk south to West Parkgate & Keeper's Cottage. We then turn east & climb up to Dale Top & cross the Gritstone Trail to descend to Cornfield Farm & New House Farm. The circuit is completed by way of The Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll & Bollinghurst Bridge.

**Area** BLAZE FARM WALK & LUNCH      **Leave 10.45**      **3 Miles**      **Category 3**      **Transport £4.50**  
**Leader(s)** Heather Wykes 01625 618782  
**Park Cars** Meet at 12 noon at layby by Brookside Café (now closed), GR 980 681  
**Details** Christmas Lunch (£15, pay on the day) is at 2 pm after a short walk via Nabb Farm and Crag Inn. Lunch now fully booked.

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### WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area** TATTON PARK      **Leave 9.45**      **7 Miles**      **Category 4**      **Transport £1.20**  
**Leader(s)** Judith Wainwright 928 8453 (Mob 07970742311)  
**Park Cars** Park cars on Mereheath Lane near the Knutsford entrance to Tatton Park. SJ750793  
**Details** Our annual Christmas walk round the edge of Tatton Park and back through Knutsford.

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### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area** HAYFIELD – BOWDEN BRIDGE      **Leave 8.45**      **8.5 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £4.60**  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)  
**Park Cars** Bowden Bridge pay and display car park on Kinder Road, Hayfield at GR SK 048869. Please share the cost with your driver.  
**Details** From the car park at Bowden Bridge the walk will travel via Stones House and climb steadily above Coldwell Clough before contouring under Mount Famine and South Head. Continuing now south-east and then south the route will descend to Shireoaks and The Over Fold before turning north to return by way of Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadow, Far Phoside and Stubbs Farm. All the usual stuff on this pre-Christmas jaunt.

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### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**Area** MARPLE TO WERNERTH LOW      **Leave 9.15**      **10 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)  
**Park Cars** Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge, just off the A626, Brabyns Brow, left on Rollins Lane, just past Maple Station. Postcode SK6 7DA.  
**Details** Canal to Romily Then an ascent of Wernert Low with the return via Etherow Country Park

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### LEADERS WANTED

#### Sundays

January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. "B" walks between 6.5 and 8.5 miles. "C" walks up to 6.5 miles. 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 January and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks. Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on your walks to Phil Worsley.

## AGM

The main outcomes at the recent AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November were that the Club made a small surplus on the year, that the subscription remains at £8, that the present officials were re-elected, and that Certificates of Honorary Membership were presented to Brian Warburton and (in absentia) Robert Fysh.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome new members, John Capel and Harold Wright, to the Club.

Mary and Roy Clarke would like to send Xmas wishes to all their many friends in the Club with warm regards. Mary and Roy are now in a care home after Roy's period in hospital, and, regrettably, he is quite poorly. We send them both our best wishes.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER

Dr Douglas Hope is going to give a talk on the life of the Rev Thomas Arthur Leonard, the founder of the Co-operative Holidays Association and the Holiday Fellowship, at 2.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in St Werburgh's Church, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. The cost will be £2, payable on the door. Tea and biscuits will be served. Cars should park in St Werburgh's Road, outside the parish hall. (Postcode M21 0TJ) For any further information, contact John Booth on 0161 439 5464.

### SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Ceilidh at Timperley Village Club, 8pm to midnight. A hot supper will be served by our resident chef Zoe, live performance by a local band, plus entertainment from your hosts!! Tickets, £8, now available from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821. Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Friends most welcome.



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