

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

## JANUARY CIRCULAR 2020

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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### CLUB HOLIDAY – FINAL REMINDER

Those going on the Club Holiday are reminded that **final payment** should be made to **Beryl Hunwick by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.**

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### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - REMINDER

A reminder that the **Annual Subscription of £8 (+£7.50 if you require the circular to be posted to you)** is now **due** and should be paid to the Treasurer, **Terry Clarke, 12 Elm Ridge Drive, Hale Barns, WA15 0JE**. Cheques should be made out to **Altrincham Rambling Club**. Any queries contact Terry on 980 4283.

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### WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the **password** required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will change on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. The **username** 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 new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal.

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### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>DUNHAM</b>	<b>Leave 10.00</b>	<b>6.5 Miles</b>	<b>Category 4/3</b>	<b>Transport £-</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Ian & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob. 07462 332713)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Meet outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road (A56), NOT at the station. GR SJ760878.				
<b>Details</b>	A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Stables Café - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then on to Little Bollington and along the Canal to Agden Bridge, across the fields back into Dunham Park and back to the cars by way of Dunham and the Golf Course.				

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### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>STALYBRIDGE &amp; HARSTHEAD PIKE</b>	<b>Leave 8.30</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £4.40</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Car park on Huddersfield Road (B6175), near Stalybridge – nearest postcode SK15 2QA, GR SJ969985. This is about 200 yards from the junction with A6018, Stalybridge to Mottram road.				
<b>Details</b>	Starting with a climb up to Knott Hill Nature Reserve, on to Hartshead Pike, then follow the Tameside Trail above Upper Mosley to Quick. Descend to the Tame Valley and return along the canal.				

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### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>TEGGS NOSE &amp; WHITE NANCY</b>	<b>Leave 9.00</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £4.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	John Capel, 9802496 (Mob 07866 764187)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Teggs Nose Country Park P&D Car Park (CP £3), toilets, cafe. GR SJ 950733, Postcode SK11 0AP. Leave Macclesfield on A535 and after about 1 mile turn right onto the Buxton Old Road. The car park is about 1.25 miles on the right.				
<b>Details</b>	From the car park, the walk is along the Gritstone Trail, around the 'Nose' (380m) and down the steep steps, through Teggsnose Wood to Teggsnose and Bottom Reservoirs, on to Clarke Lane, leaving the Gritstone and into Macclesfield Forest. Tracks, fields follow, picking up the Gritstone				

again after Hordern Farm, on to Rainow, Waulkmill Farm and White Nancy (280m). The return is along the Saddle of Kerridge, over Kerridge Hill and picking up the Gritstone again, back to the cars via tracks and fields. Good views (Cheshire Plain, Shutlingsloe) all day, that should ensure a very pleasant New Year walk.

**Area** **WILMSLOW** **Leave 10.00** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443 394922)  
**Park Cars** Small car park near Lindow Common on Racecourse Road, which is off the A538 (into Wilmslow from Altrincham), near Boddingtons pub. GR SJ 834 814.  
**Details** A local pleasant flat walk with only 3 stiles (although one is a bit awkward!). Mainly good paths and bridle ways taking in Lindow Moss and overlooking Ross Mere for the lunch stop.

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#### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** **ANGLEZARKE & GREAT HILL** **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Steve & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07717 506408)  
**Park Cars** Anglezarke Reservoir Car Park GR SD 620161 Postcode PR6 9DQ. Take M61 to J6, A6 towards Chorley, right onto Grimeford Lane, New Road, right onto Nickleton Brow, Knowsley Lane, at grassy triangle turn left onto Moor Road. After c 50 yds drive straight into Anglezarke Reservoir Car Park. NB: NOT Anglezarke Car Park.  
**Details** Anglezarke Trail, White Coppice, Anglezarke Moor up to Great Hill, Spitlers Edge, Hempshaws, Lead Mines Clough. Despite the preceding "Great" and "Edge", a safe steady walk with good paths, tracks and views – weather permitting – and probably mud.

**Area** **ARLEY** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Cinder/grass verge at junction of Sack Lane and Cann Lane near Arley, next to Litley Farm, GR 692807. Pass front entrance to High Legh Garden Centre, off A50, on Halliwell Brow and follow through to Whitley Lane, which crosses over M6 and becomes Cann Lane. Car park is approx. ¼ mile after crossing M6 on right hand side.  
**Details** This circular walk takes in Arley Green, Back Lane (where we pay our respects to Herbert Thistlewaite, a founder member and past chairman), passing Arley Hall and Park and back to the cars via pleasant and quiet lanes and fields.

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#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** **OGDEN & ROODEN RESERVOIRS** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07423 671513)  
**Park Cars** Free car park/toilets at Ogden Reservoir or on road, GR.SD953123, Postcode OL16 3TF. Leave M62 J21, follow signs for A640 to Shaw, approx. 0.6m go left on A640, 0.8m left onto Ogden Road (sign for The Bulls Head), then Private Road, car park on left by reservoir.  
**Details** Climb to Higher Ogden, track to Edge Gate, Cherry Clough Hotel, fields to Rough Hey Cottage and Rooden Reservoir, down to Piethorne Reservoir then climb to Rochdale Way, Nicholas Pike and Tunshill Lane and fields down to cars at Ogden. Will not include Windy Hill, could be muddy in places otherwise good varied walk.

**Area** **ASTBURY** **9.45 Leave** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.80**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Astbury Mere Country Park, GR SJ847626. Suggested route via Wilmslow towards Alderley Edge, then take A34 through Monks Heath and continue through Marton, Lower Heath and the outskirts of Congleton, passing Tesco on the right. After traffic lights climb hill to roundabout where A34 bears right and then left to become Newcastle Road. Shortly (on left) is a brown sign to Astbury Country Park, where a small housing estate leads into the car park.  
**Details** We walk halfway round the Mere (to the Sailing Club). Then a series of paths takes us to the Macclesfield Canal (part of the Cheshire Ring) which we follow for approx. one mile, before returning to Astbury Mere through Astbury Village, with its impressive church and quaint cottages.

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#### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** **PYM'S CHAIR & SHINING TOR** **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)  
**Park Cars** At Fernilee Reservoir, GR SK015777, OS MAP OL24, nearest Postcode SK23 7HB. Go to Whaley Bridge and through the Traffic Lights along the A5004, past the railway station and follow the road past Fernilee and the Shady Oak Pub and then make a right turn, where there is a red Speed Ramp sign (which is after approximately 2.3 miles after passing the railway station) down to the Fernilee Reservoir. Park by the wall at the side of Fernilee Reservoir, where the Leaders will meet.

**Details** From the Reservoir up to Taxal Edge, Windgather Rocks, Pym's Chair and Shining Tor. Then back down to Errwood Reservoir, through the woods next to Fernilee Reservoir and back to the parked cars.

**Area** **MARTON** **Leave 10.45** **4.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** Mavis Wheatman, 478 6648.

**Park Cars** Park cars at Marton Church, GR SJ850680. Take the A34 from Alderley Edge to Monks Heath continue towards Congleton. Church is on left just after Davenport Arms pub on right.

**Details** Lovely easy walk across fields and paths near the Capesthorpe Estate. Tea Shop at the end.

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### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

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

**Leader(s)** Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)

**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) to the car park.

**Details** A walk along the Irwell Valley Way to Burrs Country Park, then across to Birtle and on to Deeply Vale, before returning to Ramsbottom.

**Area** **ABBOTS MOSS & MARTON** **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** Derrick Hamer, 969 3821

**Park Cars** The Plough Pub Car Park, Whitegate, GR 624684, Postcode CW8 2BP. Take Chester Road, A556. After Sandiway Lodge, turn left towards Whitegate ((Daleford Lane). Continue ahead, crossing Clay Lane/Cinder Hill. Take next left into Beauty Bank and The Plough Car Park.

**Details** A figure of 8 walk to Nova Scotia, Marton and Whitegate. The Plough is a nice place to eat as well.

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### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** **OGDEN VALLEY/HOLLINGWORTH LAKE** **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**

**Leader(s)** Ian Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07462 332713)

**Park Cars** Car Park at Ogden Reservoir GR SD 953123. Leave M62 at J21, right onto A640 (Shaw). At Newhey, turn left with A640. After about 1 mile (on sharp left-hand bend) turn left at sign for 'Bulls Head'. Straight ahead to car park on left at Ogden Reservoir.

**Details** From Ogden Reservoir to Hollingworth Lake via Tunshill Farm, then by Syke and Higher Booth to Tunshill Lane, round Town Hill and Piethorne Reservoir, up to Rooden Reservoir, back across fields to Higher and Lower Ogden and down to the cars. A varied, undulating walk which may be wet in places!

**Area** **STYLE & MORLEY GREEN** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.60**

**Leader(s)** Les and Chris Stockton, 980 1600 (Mob 07815 293161)

**Park Cars** At the main car park in Style Country Park (free parking for all), where the leaders will meet at 10am, GR SJ835832, Postcode SK9 4LA.

**Details** A leisurely circular walk starting and finishing at Quarry Bank car park. We will follow the River Bollin before turning off towards Morley Green, then along the side of the airport back to the car park.

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### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**Area** **ROUND & OVER HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR** **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**

**Leader(s)** John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)

**Park Cars** At the end of Green Lane, Hollingworth, GR SK005967, Postcode SK14 8JW. Park on the roadside just as Green Lane becomes Meadowbank. Do not go past Meadowbank Farm.

**Details** Follow the Tameside Trail from Meadowbank Farm to Join the Pennine Bridleway. Over Swineshaw Reservoir Dam and then NW towards to Slatepit Moor where we turn south to eventually cross the dam at Walkerwood Reservoir. We continue south and then west steeply up to Wild Bank Hill. Here we will, hopefully, get great views over the Cheshire Plain and Manchester. Then it is back to the cars via Hollingworthall Moor, Hall Farm and Ladslow Green.

**Area** **DINGLEY DELL & ROMAN LAKES** **Leave 10.00** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**

**Leader(s)** Keith Leslie, 976 3230

**Park Cars** Brabyns Brow Car Park, Postcode SK6 5DT. M60 (Stockport) to J27 (just past the viaduct and Redrock) Take the middle lane on the slip road to follow 'Marple A626' around roundabout leaving between Volvo and DFS. At top of the hill (traffic lights) turn left onto A626 for Marple. In Marple turn

## Details

left at traffic lights (Co-op Filling Station to right). Pass the railway station to turn left, just before Midland Pub and traffic lights, down very minor access road leading to Brabyns Brow Car Park.

The entire walk is on good, occasionally stony, footpaths. There are no stiles. There is one ascent of about 200ft up Linnet Clough with a steady gradient but no very steep sections and one very short ascent soon after the start. The remaining paths are fairly flat or downhill. Our route is past Oldknow's Mill site, up Linnet Clough, across the golf course, the Roman Lakes for lunch (hot drinks/snacks for sale and toilets), Dingley Dell and its tame animals then along the attractive Riverside Walk path which follows the River Goyt all the way back to Marple Bridge.

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## LEADERS WANTED

### SUNDAYS

For all offers of walks please contact Phil Worsley Tel 777 6013. Would Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

### WEDNESDAYS

Several dates in February 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.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome recent new members, Jackie Hudson, Ela and Andy Linton and David Bishop.

We regret to announce the recent sudden death of long-time member, Mary Clarke, and send condolences to her family and friends.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 – VALENTINE'S WALK & BREAKFAST

In order to allow plenty of time for breakfast, we will be leaving Bramley Farm (WA14 5JQ) at 8.30 prompt. The walk will be just over 3 miles around Stamford Brook and Carrington Moss, aiming to be back for breakfast at approx 10am. For those not walking but still looking forward to a nice breakfast meet us in Bramley Farm at 10am. To give us an idea of numbers could you please register your interest by phoning Les or Chris Stockton on 07815293161 or 0161 980 1600.

### TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 – ISLE OF MAN TALK

A meeting has been arranged at **Altrincham Library** on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm to have a preliminary look at the walks, etc. for the Isle of Man and a speaker has been invited to give a talk on "**The History and Archaeology of the Isle of Man**". There will be a charge of £3 per person to cover costs (cash only please) and tickets are now available to ALL members who would be interested in the talk from Beverley Harrison, 928 1093, and Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651.

### TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 – MANCHESTER UNDERGROUND TOUR

Join a 2hr Manchester Underground Tour with a Blue Badge Guide on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.30 from St Anne's Church. Cost £12. Limited places. Book with Heather on 01625 618782.



★ *We wish everyone Season's Greetings* ★  
*and a Happy and Healthy New Walking Year.*

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