

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

FEBRUARY 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'

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – FINAL REMINDER

This is the final reminder to those people who have not yet renewed their **Annual Subscription of £8 (+£7.50 if you require the circular to be posted to you)**, that it 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. If you have not renewed by the end of the month, you will not be able to access the website or have your circulars delivered. If you are not intending to renew, it would be helpful if you let either the Treasurer or Membership Secretary, Josie Stenhouse (on 926 8446), know.

WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the **password** required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will change on January 31st, 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 is printed on your Membership Card, which will have been forwarded to you following renewal.

WEDNESDAY WALKS ORGANISER

After doing the job for six years, Alan Key has decided to step down as Wednesday Walks Organiser. Many thanks to Alan for doing what can be a thankless task for so long. John Capel has agreed to take on the job as of now. He will still be assisted by David White for the shorter walks. John's email address is john@capels.net and Tel No. 980 2496 and he would appreciate any offers to lead walks on Wednesdays. Remember if there are no leaders, there will be no walks.

*** DINGLEY DELL & ROMAN LAKES WALK ON WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY ***

Owing to a family commitment, Keith Leslie will be unable to lead the above walk. However, Les Stockton has agreed to take over as leader, so the walk will take place as advertised.

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

Area	WINCLE MINN & CROKER HILL	Leave 8.30	10.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.80
Leader(s)	John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460 / 07423 671513)				
Park Cars	On road below Ship Inn, GR SJ962652 Postcode SK11 0QE				
Details	All Meadows, Hazel and High Lee, up to The Hanging Gate, by Foxbank Farm and Croker Hill, then descend to cross A54 to join Gritstone Trail to Hawkslee, Nettlebeds and return to cars. The walk comprises woods, fields and tracks with good views, many stiles and may be muddy at this time of the year.				

Area	SWETTENHAM	Leave 10.00	5.5 Miles	Category 4	Transport £4.20
Leader(s)	Joan Fitzgerald, 01625 585223				
Park Cars	Car Park behind the Church in Swettenham Village, GR 801672, where leader will meet. From Altrincham take A538 to Wilmslow and on to the A34 by-pass towards Congleton. Keep on A34 through Monk's Heath traffic lights, past Capesthorpe Hall up to junction with B5392. Turn right here (Salters Lane) towards Holmes Chapel. Follow Salters Lane through towards Lower Withington. Just after the sign for Lower Withington, come to a Y junction (brown signs for Clonter Opera & Red Lion), follow the sign left for Swettenham, 2miles. Go left past the Red Lion at the next junction. Follow road round to another Y junction. Keep right here for Swettenham. Keep straight on this road until a Triangle junction. Bear left here signpost Swettenham Village 1mile. Plenty of brown signs for Swettenham, make sure to follow Village signs NOT Swettenham Heath signs. Park in Car Park behind the church.				
Details	An easy walk around Swettenham Village with a little road walking and one or two stiles.				

WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Area **BUXWORTH, WHALEY BRIDGE, NEW MILLS** **Leave 9.00** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)
Park Cars Buxworth Canal Basin. Postcode SK23 7BB. GR SK023822. Along the A6, past New Mills and Furness Vale, then as you pass under the railway bridge turn sharp left on to the B6062. After just over a mile turn right signposted to the Canal Basin.
Details From Buxworth over the hill to Whaley Bridge then along by Todbrook Reservoir, where you can see the aftermath of the near dam failure. Towards the end of the reservoir, we head north over the hill to arrive at Furness Vale. We then follow the Canal to Newtown and down to join the River Goyt which is followed over the Millennium Bridge back to Furness Vale. Here we again join the Canal and head back in the other direction to the cars.

Area **HIGH LEGH** **Leave 9.45** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**
Leader(s) David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443 394622)
Park Cars High Legh Garden Centre car park, GR 7000836, Postcode WA16 0QW. Please park on the far right towards the exit (under the trees).
Details Field paths and quiet country lanes, mainly flat. From the Garden Centre, we cross fields and the M6 to arrive at the outskirts of the Arley Estate. Traversing the estate, we return again along field paths and quiet lanes. Ideal winter walking but possibly damp underfoot in some places!

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY

Area **ASHWORTH MOOR, ROCHDALE** **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)
Park Cars Parking area in front of Ashworth Moor Reservoir on Edenfield Road, GR SD8311589 (OS MAP OL21), nearest Postcode OL12 7TY, where the Leaders will meet. Take the M60 to J18 and then the M66 to J1 and then the A56 signed to Ramsbottom. Then turn right on the A56 onto Walmersley Road and then follow the A56 for approximately 2.8 miles to the roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto Rochdale Road the A680. After passing the Owd Betts Pub, pull onto the parking area in front of Ashworth Moor Reservoir.
Details Up Ashworth Moor, Cheesden Fold, Turf Moor, the Rossendale Way, Cowpe Reservoir, down to Hamer Hill and then to the Naden Reservoirs. A climb up to Knowl Moor and the trig point on Knowl Hill and then back down to Ashworth Moor Reservoir and the parked cars.

Area **GAWSWORTH** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and Church, GR. SJ 886692, where leader will meet.
Details An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount Farm, Brereton Farm and Cowbrook Farm, along the Macclesfield Canal to North Rode, then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Area **TEGGS NOSE & MACCLESFIELD CANAL** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.40**
Leader(s) Beverly Harrison, 928 1093.
Park Cars Car Park off Rainow Road, B5470, GR: 932746, Postcode SK 10 2PF. After Macclesfield Canal, pass the 3 Crowns on the Rainow Road, then turn second left towards the children's playground.
Details Along the canal path at Hurdsfield, towards Langley, over the golf course, up to Teggs Nose for lunch and facilities then pass Walker Barn, Kerridge End and Swancoe Hall, back along the canal over probably boggy fields.

Area **LYMM** **Leave 10.00** **5.5 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. After 1.8 miles, passed the Olde No.3 Pub and just on bend at Agden Brow, take sharp fork right on to Warrington Lane. In less than 10 yards on the right there is a dead end to a farm. Park along here, close to grass verge, where leaders will meet for the start of the walk. GR 717865.
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.

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY

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.

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Area **TURTON MOOR** **Leave 8.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) Susan and Peter Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07967 335481)
Park Cars Crookfield Road Car Park, Belmont, approx 2km past Belmont Reservoir on the right. GR SD665191. Directions: M60/M61/A666/ Left on A675 towards Belmont.
Details Witton Weavers Way, Top o' th' Brow, Cadshaw, Turton & Entwistle Reservoir, Turton Heights, Dimple, Longworth Moor, Catherine Edge and back to Crookfield Road. Varied walk, mostly on good tracks but also some moorland. Undulating but no serious climbs, just 414 m of ascent. Possible puddles and mud!

Area **HAZEL GROVE/HAPPY VALLEY** **Leave 10.00** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Beryl Hunwick, 928 3644, and Frank Dockry.
Park Cars Small car park at the corner of Poynton Lake, GR SJ923E847. Turn left at Poynton town centre, taking the A523 towards Hazel Grove. Immediately after Poynton Lake turn right into Anglesey Drive where there is a small car park on the right. If full, it should be possible to park on Anglesey Drive.
Details Lovely walk by Ladybrook, through farmland and woods, with only one short climb and some lane walking. There are a few stiles (one tricky) and it can be muddy in places. In two places the walk will take us very close to the new link between the A6 and Manchester Airport and our route may vary at one point depending on whether a new footpath has been completed.

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Area **EAST OF DANEBRIDGE** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)
Park Cars Roadside just below The Ship Inn at Wincle, GR SJ962652, Post Code SK11 0QE.
Details Generally to the east of Danebridge the walk will initially travel via Hanging Stone and above Back Forest before descending to reach Goldstitch House. The route eventually turns north-west and then west to continue to Cloughead and Gradbach before the circuit is completed by way of Back Forest Farm and the Dane Valley Way. One short, sharp climb and a little upland walking but overall there is nothing too difficult.

Area **DUNHAM CIRCULAR WALK VIA TRANSPENNINE WAY AND BRIDGEWATER CANAL**
Leave 9.45 **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.60**
Leader(s) Colin and Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651 (Mob 07972 857468 & 07791 373093)
Park Cars Dunham Massey National Trust Car Park (parking charge if not NT members, remember to bring your cards) gather outside Visitor Centre.
Details From the Visitor Centre, through the Park, past Bollington Mill, field paths to Dunham Woodhouses then to the Trans Pennine Way to Seamons Moss Bridge where we join the Bridgewater Canal, returning to Dunham Massey by way of Dunham Town.

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Area **BOSLEY CLOUD** **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460 / 07423 671513)
Park Cars Staffordshire Way Car Park, behind The Knott Inn, Station Road, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625, Postcode SK11 0QU.
Details Cross A523, then up to Heaton and Hollinhal Farms and Danebridge, along conduit track to cross back over A523 and climb to The Cloud with excellent views, descend through woodland to Timbersbrook, to lane and over fields to church and down to disused railway and cars. No severe climbs but some awkward stiles and muddy across fields in poor weather.

Area **ARLEY** **Leave 10.00** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**
Leader(s) Phil and Pam Grundy, 973 8854 (Mob 07952 564884)
Park Cars Walkers' car park on Arley Road just before the crossroads at the Hall. GR SJ671809. Post Code CW9 6NA. Take A566 go past M6 roundabout then turn right on to B5391. Alternatively, A56 towards Lymm then left on to B5159. The Hall is well sign posted.
Details A walk south from the Hall on the North Cheshire Way, skirting Arley Park and through Budworth Heath, then touching Great Budworth and returning by Moss End and fields to Arley Green and the car park.

TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

ISLE OF MAN TALK: ALTRINCHAM LIBRARY 7.00 - 9.00 PM.

We will be at the library after hours so people will have to be let in. - **do not arrive late!**

- please arrive from 6.30 pm. onward for a prompt 7.00 pm start
- here are no toilet facilities at the venue but the facilities at the Market Hall will be open
- please bring a flask and a nibble if you think you will need refreshment during this period
- there are a few tickets still available (£3) from Beverley Harrison, 928 1093, or Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651.

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Area THE MARSDEN VARIANT **Leave 9.15** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)
Park Cars The National Trust Marsden Moor Estate Office Car Park, GR SE048118 (OS MAP 21), nearest Postcode HD7 6DH, where the Leaders will meet. Take the M60 North which changes to the M62 and come off at J21 at Milnrow, then take the A640 to Denshaw (through Newhey) to Delph. At Delph take the A62 (signed to Huddersfield) to Marsden. At Marsden turn left and go down Towngate then turn left into and up Station Road. Turn right opposite the Railway Pub onto the cobbles and then right again into the Marsden Moor Estate Office Car Park.
Details Out of Marsden following the Standedge Trail, across the A62 to Standedge and then along to Little Moss. Back down Willykay Clough and along the Canal and back to the parked cars. Good paths and very few stiles.

Area APPLETON THORN / GRAPPENHALL / STOCKTON HEATH **Leave 9.45** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4**
Transport £2.20
Leader(s) Jan Williams, 971 0507 (Mob 07913 441664)
Park Cars Lay-by on the B5356 just south of Appleton Thorn, GR SJ637837. A56 through Lymm, left on to B5158 Cherry Lane after Lymm Dam or M56 exit J9. Follow the A50, Cliff Lane, then right on to the B5356, Grappenhall Lane. Continue through Appleton Thorn Village and the lay-by is on the right, round the bend just passed the church and village hall. Alternative route via M56 exit junction 10 on to the A49, London Road, then right on to the B5356, Stretton Road, approaching Appleton Thorn from the other direction so the lay-by will be on your left before the village.
Details A fairly level walk across fields, along a canal towpath and up a wooded valley. No stiles!

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

Walk leaders required for dates in April and beyond - A, B and C walks. 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 March and beyond. Contact John Capel, 980 2496, for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

FUTURE EVENTS

Coach trip program for 2020

Sun 7th June	Coniston	Wed 20th May	Sedbergh
Sun 5th July	Betws-y-Coed	Wed 24th June	Pateley Bridge
Sun 9th August	Llandudno/Bodnant Gardens (Social trip)	Wed 22nd July	Stiperstones (Shropshire)
Sun 6th September	Porthmadog	Wed 16th September	Skipton

The cost will again be £15 per trip.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Honorary Member Roger Parker who is now back home following a short stay in hospital.

Sadly, we have to report the recent deaths of two former members, Mike Kenyon and Harry Betts. We send our condolences to their families and friends. Mike's funeral will take place at Altrincham Crematorium at 10:30 a.m. on January 21st and Harry's will take place at Altrincham Crematorium at 1:30 p.m. on January 31st.

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