

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

For those booked on this tour, please meet at 10-30am outside St Anne's Church, St Anne's Square, Manchester. This event is fully booked. For more information, if necessary, please call Heather on 01625 618782.

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### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

**Area** GREAT HILL/RYAL FOLD      **Leave 8.30**      **9.5 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** Rose Monteath, 286 2719  
**Park Cars** Crookfield Road Car Park, GR SD665191, where leader will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont. 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Free car park on left.  
**Details** Up to Great Hill, on to Solomons Temple, Roddlesworth Reservoirs & Ryal Fold, up onto Darwen Moor and back to the cars. Could be muddy but, if the weather is good, the views will compensate.

**Area** WILMSLOW      **Leave 10.15**      **4¼ Miles**      **Category 4**      **Transport £1.60**  
**Leader(s)** Derrick Hamer, 969 3821  
**Park Cars** Oppose the former Yates Garden Centre (now houses) on Moor Lane, Wilmslow, GR 825803, Postcode SK9 6GJ.  
**Details** Fields and paths round south Lindow. Some stiles. Tea after at Morley Green Garden Centre, if you wish!

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### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** CAT & FIDDLE TO MACCLESFIELD      **Leave 9.15**      **9.5 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £3.60**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742 613309)  
**Park Cars** On the Buxton Road, just before the turn to Buxton Old Road, opposite Lark Hall Rd and Forest Cottage, Postcode SK11 7EP. Meet at bus stop to catch the 10.25 bus to Buxton, no. 58. to the Cat & Fiddle. Remember to bring bus passes.  
**Details** We return to Macclesfield via Shinning Tor, Lamaload, Kerridge Hill, Swancoe Hall and the Macclesfield Canal. Mainly good tracks but some road walking. However, as some of the canal paths are closed, we avoid the worst of the mud.

**Area** PRESTWICH / RADCLIFFE      **Leave 9.30**      **6 Miles**      **Category 4**      **Transport £-**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Take 1<sup>st</sup> Bury tram after 9.30 from Altrincham and alight at Prestwich, where leader will wait for next tram and possible late comers (Free journey for Senior Pass Holders). Note: leader will board tram at Navigation Road.  
**Details** A linear walk along Prestwich Clough, Forest Park and the River Irwell, encompassing the Sculpture Trail and the abandoned Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal – one of many relics of Lancashire's industrial past. We reach Radcliffe Metrolink Station for the journey home.

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### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** BURBAGE TO MACCLESFIELD      **Leave 8.00**      **12 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £3.60**  
**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742 613309)  
**Park Cars** Park at Commercial St. Car Park, through and behind Ariaghi Bianci, Postcode SK10 1LH. Walk to bus terminus, Postcode SK11 6JN, app. 8 mins via Waters Green and Boden St. Meet at bus station to catch 9.20 am. No 58 Buxton bus to Level St., Burbage, Remember to bring bus passes. If running late follow parking advice for Wednesday's walk.  
**Details** Walk back to cars via Cat & Fiddle, Cumberland Brook, Shuttlingsloe, and Langley. Several undulations on route.

**Area** **HOLLINGWORTH LAKE & BLACKSTONE EDGE** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2**  
**Transport £5.00**  
**Leader(s)** David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)  
**Park Cars** Visitor Centre at Hollingworth Lake (P&D, toilets). GR SD938153. Postcode OL15 0AZ (where leaders will meet). Take the M60, on to the M62 to J21, signed Milnrow. Follow the signs to Littleborough & Hollingworth Lake on the B6225.  
**Details** From the Lake, up to past Castle Hill, to Tunshill Lane. Climbing up to Windy Hill and across the M62 Footbridge on to the Pennine Way to Blackstone Edge, to the Aiggin Stone, Down the Roman Road to Lydgate and back to the start. Very few stiles and mainly good paths, Partly muddy if wet.

**Area** **LYMM** **Leave 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.60**  
**Leader(s)** Muriel Lowther, 01772 316781, and David Stonehewer, 962 6450  
**Park Cars** Pepper Street Car Park, Lymm, GR 684873, Postcode WA13 0JB.  
**Details** A gentle walk on canal tow path, a little lane walking, through fields, taking a path to Lymm Dam, we walk round the Dam to the Village and the Car Park.

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### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **HAYFIELD** **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Don Wagstaff and Jane Michael, 427 8041 (Mob 07803 666740)  
**Park Cars** Sett Valley Trail Car Park (Hayfield end), off A6015 from New Mills just before A624, SK 036869, Toilets, £4.80 parking fee. The leaders will meet here.  
**Details** From Hayfield, over Mount Famine to South Head, then Dewsnaps, Peep-O-Day and back to Hayfield. About 1800 ft of ascent in the day, including two short but steep ascents.

**Area** **LINDOW & AIRPORT RUNWAYS** **Leave 9.30** **7 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 Mob 0773 3270371)  
**Park Cars** Racecourse Road, Lindow Common (opposite Boddington Arms) GR 834814. Take A538 towards Wilmslow through the airport tunnels, and in 1¼ miles turn right by Boddington Arms. CP on left.  
**Details** By woods, field paths and tracks, through the Bollin Tunnel to Runways One and Two. Then alongside part of Runway Two, and by field paths and Rossmere back to the cars.

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### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **NEW MILLS** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Mike Gregory, 01625 614211 (Mob 07967 151905)  
**Park Cars** Torr Top St. Car Park, New Mills (no charge on Sundays), GR SK 000854, nearest postcode SK22 4BS (where leader will meet). Approaching New Mills on A6015 at traffic lights turn left onto Union Rd., B6101. At the roundabout take 2nd exit onto Market St and immediately right onto Rock St and turn left onto Torr Top St.  
**Details** From the New Mills Heritage Centre, we descend to the Millennium Walkway and follow the Goyt Way to Disley. We continue on the Gritstone Trail, passing Lyme Hall, followed by a long ascent to Dissop Head, then cross Whaley Moor before descending to Furness Vale. The return to New Mills is via the Peak Forest Canal and the Goyt Way.

**Area** **DARWEN MOOR & JUBILEE TOWER** **Leave 9.00** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.60**  
**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)  
**Park Cars** Roddlesworth Information Centre off Tockholes Road, where there are toilets. GR SD665215. Nearest Postcode BB3 0PA (where Leaders will meet). Take the M60. At Junction 15 take the M61 and keep right to stay on the M61 following the signs for the A666. Keep going on the A666 and then take the A675 Belmont Road. In approximately 6 miles turn right on to Crookfield Road and continue on to Tockholes Road, In approximately 1.5 miles turn right into the Car Parking Area in front of the Information Centre.  
**Details** Down through Tockholes Plantation to Hollinshead Hall. Then the Witton Weavers Way on to Darwen Moor and the Jubilee Tower. Down to Sunnyhurst Wood, past Earnsdale Reservoir and back up through the Wood to the cars. Very few stiles and mainly good paths.

**Area** **NEWCHURCH COMMON** **Leave 9.30** **5½ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £3.60**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton, 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Whitegate Way Car Park, GR 615680. Leave A556 at Daleford Lane, Sandiway. Continue to crossroads (1¾miles). Turn right into Clay Lane, cross old railway bridge and turn sharp left into car park at disused Whitegate Station.  
**Details** A pleasant walk in the heart of Cheshire's old industrial salt area.

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### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **BOLLINGTON** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.20**  
**Leader(s)** John Capel, 980 2496 (Mob 07866 764187)  
**Park Cars** Adlington Road Car Park, Bollington (free + toilets), GR 931781, Postcode SK10 5JT. Leave A523 at Adlington, turn left onto Brookledge Lane, after just over 1 mile, turn right into Sugar Lane, that becomes Adlington Road and after 1.25 miles, the Car Park is on the right opposite Bollington Recreation Ground.  
**Details** From the car park, the walk will be through the Recreational Ground and onto Palmerston St, then roads onto Sowcar (168m) and the Gritstone Trail. Fields and paths around Andrews Knob, onto Bakestonedale Moor and over Sponds Hill (410m) on the Gritstone, to Charles Head. Return via Harrop Fold Farm and onto Billinge Hill and back to the cars. There are plenty of ups and downs, styles and, no doubt, mud, but good views all day, if it's not raining.

**Area** **CARRINGTON MOSS** **Leave 10.00** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**  
**Leader(s)** Dave and Judith Burns, 962 7927 (Mob 07740 593045)  
**Park Cars** We have permission to park a few cars in the Bridge Pub car park on Dane Road Sale M33 7QH and street parking is available. Tram option to Dane Road station, turn left out of station to Bridge Pub car park. Leaders will meet the group in the Bridge Pub car park at 10.30.  
**Details** This is a easy urban circular walk, with options to shorten the route and return to Altrincham (or the cars by tram). It follows roads to the river Mersey, passes over the Moss close to Manchester United's training ground and reaches the Pelican Pub via parks. At this point people can opt to go to Timperley metro station or continue on to the canal. Returning to the cars past Brooklands metro station. (Remember your pass)..

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### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

**Area** **SOUTH EAST OF ERRWOOD** **Leave 8.30** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** Ruth Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)  
**Park Cars** Errwood Reservoir free car park at the bottom of "The Street" at GR SK 013757. Approximate postcode is SK17 6GJ – use as a guide only.  
**Details** This clockwise circuit to the south and east of Errwood Reservoir will call at Bunsal Cob, Beet Wood, Derbyshire Bridge, Goyt's Clough, Shooter's Clough and Shooter's Clough Bridge. There are three climbs and some minor undulations on the walk, and overall the 9.5 miles there will be 1,850 feet of ascent.

**Area** **HIGHER POYNTON** **Leave 9.15** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Ralph Johnson, 748 2517 (Mob 07434 848247 on the day)  
**Park Cars** Nelson Pit Car Park, P&D £3.00, GR SJ944833, nearest Postcode SK12 1TH, where leader will meet. Follow the M60 (towards Stockport) to J3 and onto the A34. Leave the A34 at the 3rd roundabout, A555 signposted Poynton and Bramhall. (New Airport Link Road). Take the first exit and at the top of the slipway turn right. Soon, at the roundabout, turn left onto the A5149 to Poynton. When you arrive at the new road layout by the Church, negotiate the roundabouts to basically go straight ahead into Park Lane. Then 0.7 Miles beyond this junction bear left into Middlewood Rd. Travel approximately 1/4 mile. Turn right into Anson Rd. Cross the junction at the end of Anson Rd into the car park on left.  
**Details** The walk avoids all the usual locations from Nelson Pit car park. i.e. Lyme Park, the canal and the Middlewood Way. Mainly on good tracks and field paths. Most of the climbing is done from the start, not too steep but still a bit of a pull. Once at the top it is downhill or level with only the odd undulation.

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### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** **THE JUMBLES** **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)  
**Park Cars** The Jumbles Car Park, GR SD736140. Toilets/Cafe, pay meter if in use. M60, A666, turn right onto A676. Approx. 1m through Bradshaw turn left at traffic lights onto Bradshaw Road, then left at brown sign for Jumbles Country Park.  
**Details** Past Turton Golf Course and Cheetham Close, climb onto Witton Weavers Way and up to Fox Hill trig point, across moor and down to Turtles, Wayhoh and Jumbles Reservoirs to cars. An attractive walk with few climbs in the afternoon, not many stiles but boggy on moorland in wet weather.

**Area** **REDDISH VALE** **Leave 10.00** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.40**  
**Leader(s)** David and Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443 394622)  
**Park Cars** Reddish Vale Visitors Centre, GR 904934. M60 East - leave at J27. Left onto A626. At roundabout, take B6167 towards Reddish. In about 1 mile, turn right at traffic lights (where Centre is signposted).

**Details** Initially following the Reddish Vale Trail towards Brinnington, we then skirt the Bredbury Industrial Estate towards Arden Hall. Then across Arden Bridge to follow the Tame Valley Way. Lunch by the river Tame, we then follow the river to pass the site of Hulme Pit and return over a board walk below Holt Wood.

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### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Area** JUMBLES COUNTRY PARK      **Leave 9.00**      **10 Miles**      **Category 3/2**      **Transport £4.20**

**Leader(s)** David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)

**Park Cars** Jumbles Country Park Car Park, GR SD736140, Nearest Postcode BL2 4JP. OS Map 287. Take the M60 to Junction 15 to the M61. Keep to the right following signs to the A666 Bolton. After approx 3,7 miles turn right at the Retail Park traffic lights onto the A673. Then turn left onto the A676 and then left at traffic lights still on the A676, Bradshaw Road, until you turn left at the Jumbles Country Park sign and into the car park, where leaders will meet.

**Details** From the car park up to Turton Golf Course and then up to the Trig Point on Cheetham Close. Then down to and around Turton & Entwistle Reservoir. Up to the Strawbury Duck past Entwistle Station, down to and along Wayoh Reservoir, through Turton Bottoms back to Jumbles Reservoir and the car park. Mainly good paths. Few stiles. There could be some mud dependent upon the prevailing weather.

**Area** WILMSLOW & ALDERLEY EDGE      **Leave 10.00**      **6 Miles**      **Category 4**      **Transport £2.00**

**Leader(s)** Sandra McFadyen, 01625 528027 (Mob 07790 606689)

**Park Cars** Roadside by Stags Head Pub (closed), GR SJ811770, Postcode SK9 7UD. A628 to Wilmslow, turn right just after the fire station (Hawthorn Street) to roundabout. Take third exit (Knutsford Road), straight on until mini roundabout. Turn right on to Mobberley Road and straight on until sign for Wilmslow Golf Club and David Lewis Centre. Turn left into Warford Lane and pass Golf Club on the left, until sign for David Lewis Centre. Turn right into Mill Lane and park by the derelict Stags Head Pub as close together as possible.

**Details** We go over Alderley Golf Course, entered by Merryman's Lane kissing gate, and then by field paths to some interesting houses including Grogram House built in 1560! Then through a Garden Centre growing tomatoes. Then along the road till we see St Phillips and St James Church Spires and we will briefly visit Chorley Old Hall. Lunch in a field followed by paths through fields, with sheep and possibly with a few horses. Return through the golf course by different fields and paths back to the cars.

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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 direct to Phil.

#### Wednesdays

For all offers of walks please contact John Capel, 980 2496, 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

The Club sends congratulations and best wishes to Alma and Barry Rice who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Alma was a founder member of the Club and Barry joined shortly after and is an Honorary Member.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY

A free tour of the Amazon Warehouse at Ringway at 10am. Limited numbers. Please book with Heather, 01625 618782.

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