

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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APRIL 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'

*** CORONAVIRUS SITUATION ***

A full program of walks for April is published below. However, if any changes or cancellations have to be made to walks because of the rapidly changing Coronavirus situation, these will be published in the News section of the website or can be obtained by contacting the appropriate leader.

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

Area STAYLYBRIDGE **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Car Park on Huddersfield Road (B6175) near Stalybridge, Postcode SK15 2QA, GR 969985. This is located about 200m from the junction with the A6018, Stalybridge to Mottram road.
Details Starting with a climb up to Higher Swineshaw Reservoir, then down via Carrbrook to the Huddersfield Narrow Canal near Mosley. Return to the cars via the Canal.

Area BOLLINGTON / KERRIDGE **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars Car Park on Palmerston Street, Bollington, GR 935779. From A523 (Poynton to Macclesfield road), take the B5090 or B5091 into Bollington, continue through to pass under the arches for the Middlewood Way. At Palmerston St. watch out for the Spinners Arms on right, car park is opposite, where leader will meet.
Details Bollington to Ingersley Vale, gradual climb up Kerridge Hill, downhill to Swanscoe Farm, over fields and back via canal.

SUNDAY 5th APRIL

Area WESSENDEN HEAD & MELTHAM MOOR **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553 540282)
Park Cars Wessenden Head roadside parking GR SE077073. M60 to J23, through Ashton u Lyne to pick up A635 signed Mossley and Holmfirth. Parking 5.5. miles after passing marked entrance to Dovestone Reservoir and just after unclassified road bearing off left.
Details Binn Moor and Holme Moor to Deer Hill Reservoir then along Brow Grains conduit, Meltham Way and Kirklees Way back to cars.

Area DUNHAM **Leave 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**
Leader(s) Edward and Zoe Spark, 07765 027605.
Park Cars Travel on A 56 from Altrincham. Pass St Margaret's Church on the right and take the 3rd turning on the right onto Bradgate Road. Take care it's a nasty turning. There is a huge sign for Dunham Forest Golf Club on the corner. Park cars immediately on the left.
Details An easy walk across the golf course, through woods and along the canal bank. Meander through Dunham Park where we shall have lunch and then back across the golf course to the cars.

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

Area WHALEY BRIDGE & ECCLES PIKE **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) John & Jill Jagger, 980 6364 (Mobs 07444 813545, 07850 580966)
Park Cars Tesco Car Park Whaley Bridge, GR SK014822, Postcode SK23 7PB. By arrangement made with Tesco, please park at far end away from store. Toilets available inside to LHS of entrance. Leave

A6 after Furness Vale at roundabout onto A5004 towards Whaley Bridge. Tesco entrance (unsigned) is first road on left 300 yards after roundabout.

Details

We follow the Peak Forest Canal to the historic canal complex and village of Buxworth before ascent to Eccles Pike. Descent to Tunstead Milton near Combs Reservoir then contouring round Ladder Hill via Tunstead Farm and Wythen Lach. We descend to Overhill Farm, through Fernilee hamlet, cross the River Goyt, pass Taxal Church and finally the repair works at Toddbrook Reservoir to reach Whaley Bridge.

Area **TARPORLEY** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.60**

Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087

Park Cars Free car park behind Rising Sun Public House, High St., Tarporley, GR 554626, Postcode CW6 0DX. Follow A49, then local Tarporley sign at Portal Golf & Country Club into town centre, The Rising Sun PH is on right hand side of High St.

Details Field paths and quiet lanes via Birch Heath, Pudding Lane, Shropshire Union Canal, Sandstone Trail and back to Tarporley.

FRIDAY 10th APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

Area **CHATSWORTH** **Leave 9.15** **8/6 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £8.00**

Leader(s) Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07462 332713) and Judy Bailey, 928 1156

Park Cars The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House, GR SK261703. Parking fee to be shared. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard, where toilets are available, and aim to start the walk by 11am.

Details The traditional Good Friday Walk at Chatsworth. We shall make our way to Calton Lees along the River Derwent, then up to Calton Lees Houses From there we cross Calton Pastures to the outskirts of Bakewell and return to the cars, via Ballcross Farm and the interesting Estate village of Edensor, hopefully in time for tea and scones! This walk has some magnificent views of Chatsworth and the Park as well as the surrounding countryside with one steep descent and ascent. A shorter version (6miles) will be available by going from the Calton Pastures directly to Edinsor and back to Chatsworth.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

Area **CHINLEY** **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**

Leader(s) Judith Wainwright, 928 8453 (Mob 07970 742311)

Park Cars In Chinley. At the war memorial turn left and park at side of railway line, GR SK041827, Postcode SK23 6BR

Details Cracken Edge, Hills Farm, Foxholes Clough, Peep-o-Day, Mount Famine, South Head, Shireoaks, Dewsnaps, Alders Farm.

Area **NORTHENDEN** **Leave 10.00** **7 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.00**

Leader(s) Judith and Dave Burns, 962 7927 (Mob 07740 593045)

Park Cars Roadside parking in the side roads off Palatine Road, Northenden, near the petrol station at the far end of the Northenden shops. Meet the leaders at 10.30 at the side of the Esso petrol station, Postcode M22 4FW.

Details We start by following the River Mersey then cutting through Withington Golf Course to Didsbury. We pass through Didsbury Park, pass East Didsbury Metro station and join the Transpennine Trail before returning to the River Mersey and walking back to Northenden.

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL

Area **MAM TOR / PEAK FOREST** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.20**

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

Park Cars Mam Tor National Trust Car Park on A625 at Mam Nick, GR SJ123832.

Details Up to Mam Tor, down to Hollins Cross, down to Castleton, up Cave Dale, follow the Limestone Way and field paths to Old Dam, then back to cars via Eldon Hole.

Area **POYNTON** **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.60**

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

Park Cars Free car park on South Park Drive which is on the East side of London Road (A523) near the centre of Poynton. There may be a little mud. GR SJ 923840 Postcode SK12 1BR.

Details Walk around Poynton Lake. Tracks through old coal mining area. Field paths past Barlow House Farm, short section of Macclesfield Canal, Ladybrook Valley, and New House Farm. Good views.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Area FERNILEE AND COMBS **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Peter and Susan Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07837 345297)
Park Cars Errwood Reservoir Free Car Park (near the Dam) on The Street. Car park is at the bottom of the Hill on right. GR SK013757. Postcode for the Reservoir is SK17 6GJ (approximate).
Details The walk travels north and east from Errwood Reservoir, including Fernilee, Taxal, Combs, White Hall, Burnsall Cob. An undulating walk along quiet country lanes, tracks and fields with several climbs but nothing too steep.

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL

Area MARPLE & MELLOR **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)
Park Cars On the Trinity Street Car Park in Marple. GR SJ959885, nearest Postcode SK6 7AR (where the Leaders will meet). Take the M60 to Stockport and come off at Junction 27 and take the A626 to Marple. At the Texaco Garage turn right on to Church Street (one way) and go over the mini roundabout and then turn left on to Trinity Street and in to the Car Park. Pay & Display (low cost).
Details Up to the Canal, then to Linnet Clough, Mellor Church, Brookbottom, Strines and, eventually, back to the Canal and along to the Car Park.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

Area GLOSSOP TO BLEAKLOW **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Manor Park Car Park, Corn Street, Glossop. This is off the A57 just past the town centre, GR SK039943, Postcode SK13 8QF.
Details Starting with a steady climb up to Bleaklow via Cock Hill. We will then follow the Pennine Way south and return via the Doctors Gate Path.

Area PENNINGTON FLASH & LIGHTSHAW MEADOWS **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4**
Transport £3.20
Leader(s) John & Sue Peel, 07876 753877
Park Cars Pennington Flash Main Car Park (P&D £1.20 per day), GR SJ644989, Postcode WN7 3PA, where leaders will meet. Travel through Dunham Massey and over the Warburton Toll Bridge. Turn right onto A57. Left at lights onto Glazebrook Lane, B5212. Right at mini roundabout onto A574 (past Bents). Left at the roundabout onto East Lancs Road, A580. Right at the lights onto A579. Left at the lights, where you will find the entrance opposite Robin Hood PH. Follow the road through to the main car park.
Details On leaving the car park, we will follow a trail up to the Leeds Liverpool Canal towpath. This is the start of a pleasant flat walk along bridle ways, woodland and field paths and Lightshaw Meadows Nature Reserve before returning to the car park via Pennington Flash.

WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL

Area BUXTON TO WHALEY BRIDGE **Leave 9.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.80**
Leader(s) Jane Milne, 928 0981, Beverly Harrison, 928 1093, & Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742 613309)
Park Cars As close to Whaley Bridge Station as possible, Postcode SK23 7LT. Canal Warf Car Park is at GR SKO12815 but fills quickly. Please meet on the platform with a single ticket to Buxton £6.10 or £4.05 with rail card. We will be catching the 10.06 am. train to Buxton.
Details This is a repeat of last year's walk when we walked through bluebells. The route is through Buxton Gardens, Cavendish Golf Course, Wild Moor, Fernilee Reservoir and Taxal back to Whaley Bridge mainly on good tracks. A wide variety of different panoramas. Only 2 short climbs. If the weather is good we could have a late lunch on the beach.

Area WHITEGATE **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £4.00**
Leader(s) Les and Chris Stockton, 07815 293161
Park Cars Plough Pub Car Park, Whitegate, Postcode CW8 2 BP, where the leaders will meet. Follow Chester Road, A556, towards Sandiway. After Sandiway Lodge, opposite Redefine wine merchants, turn left at the traffic lights into Daleford Lane towards Whitegate. Follow this road for approx 1.5 miles, then turn left into Beauty Bank and the pub is about 200m on your left.
Details A pleasant walk along tracks and through fields with very few stiles, taking in the Whitegate Way, River Weaver to Vale Royal Locks before returning via Whitegate Village to the Plough Inn where walkers are welcome for a drink. Mostly firm surfaces with some elevated but not difficult sections. Depending on the weather some parts may be muddy.

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.

Please note there are no local walks planned for Coach Trip days. If you wish a local walk, you must be prepared to lead it. Offers of such walks should be made to the appropriate Walks Organiser – Phil Worsley for Sundays or John Capel for Wednesdays.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The Club regrets to announce the recent death of Honorary Member, Robert Fysh. We send our condolences to his family and friends. Details of the funeral arrangements will be published on the website when they are known.

Graham Walsh would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and good wishes. He is now at home after a spell in hospital and recovering slowly.

John Drinkwater is in Wythenshawe Hospital but is making a rapid recovery and hopes to be home soon.

Happy Birthday to Frank Dockery who celebrated his 80th birthday at the end of February and to Phil Grundy who celebrates his 80th at the end of March.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY – COACH TRIP TO SEDBERGH

Leaders:- Jill and John Jagger, Brenda Bailey and David Bona, David and Liz White
Book with Jenny Rydell (941 6847), 8 Bollin Square, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 3DQ with a cheque for £15 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will join the coach.

*Will leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walks by 11th April.

