

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

DECEMBER CIRCULAR 2020

1. It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed by the leader to the relevant walks organiser.
2. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
3. 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'
4. Dogs (on a lead at all times) may only be taken on a walk with prior permission of the leader.



WE'RE GOING AGAIN (HOPEFULLY!)



It is hoped that when the current lockdown ends on 2nd December, we will be able to offer the following program of walks, in accordance with our published Open-up Guidance, and the Government's advice (including any Greater Manchester lockdown situation) regarding Organised Outdoor Events. A copy of the Open-up Guidance is available on the Website either through the News or Documentation sections.

However, please keep looking at the website and your emails for further information and advice.

There are a few differences to the way walks must be conducted and to the information provided in the Circular:

1. There will be **NO meet up** at Altrincham Railway Station.
2. The **start time** given in the circular is **the time the leader(s) will start the walk**. Please try and be at the start at least **15 minutes beforehand**.
3. Try not to share transport. When it is necessary to do so, face masks should be worn, and passengers should not sit facing each other.
4. It is recommended that you have with you **your membership card, a face mask, gloves and hand sanitiser and that you do not share food, drink or walking equipment with others**.
5. The transport distance from Altrincham is provided for estimating journey time to the start of a walk.
6. There will be a **limit of 30 people**, including leader(s), on any walk. Individual leaders may set a lower limit at their discretion or the walk may be split in two with separate leaders starting 30 mins apart.
7. **Participation in a walk must be booked with the leader by 6pm on the day prior to the walk** and will be on a "first come, first served" basis.
8. Please let the leader know if you are subsequently unable to participate in a walk.
9. Should the walk require to be cancelled, possibly due to a late local virus 'flare-up', the walk leader will attempt to contact all walkers, possibly the night before, so please watch your emails and text messages.

Enjoy your walking and make sure you observe Social Distancing.

CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The motion for the change to the Constitution put forward in the October circular was carried by an overwhelming majority with 124 votes for and 4 against. The Constitution is amended by the addition of Clause 12 as follows:
If during a period of Force Majeure, or other exceptional circumstances, over which the committee have no control, when an AGM or EGM cannot be held, the committee shall assume such authority as is required to manage the club on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, LIST OF OFFICIALS & SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Since it will not be possible to hold the AGM in the foreseeable future, an audited copy of the accounts for 2019/2020 are attached to this circular and a list of Club Officials. Copies are also available on the Documentation section of the website.

As a result of the current financial situation, **the 2020/2021 subscription is being increased to £10.**

Also attached to this circular is a copy of the subscription renewal form. Please note that if you paid for your circular to be posted last year, you need only pay a reduced rate this year as outlined on the renewal form, to allow for the months when the circular was not published

WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the password required to access the Members Area of the Club Website will change on 31st January 2021. 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. Please do not use the new password before February 1st.

THE VINERY CHRISTMAS MEAL

After all these years, because of the virus, Alma Rice and Jean Hibbert have decided not to organise the Christmas Meal at The Vinery, Bruntwood Park, Cheadle, which was due to take place on Wed 9th Dec. Hopefully, if things improve next year, we may be able to organise a meal in Spring or Summer.

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

No organised walks today

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Area HEALEY DELL & WATERGROVE **Start 9.15** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 28mls**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 233 0483 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Car park at the end of Station Road (or on the road itself), Broadley, Whitworth. GR SD879165, Postcode OL12 6BG. This is located just off the A671, north of Rochdale. Please note that there is also a Station Road in Whitworth.
Details Starting with a crossing of the ridge to Watergrove Reservoir Dam, then along the Pennine Bridleway to above Summit before climbing up onto the hills. Return via Crook Hill, Rough Hill and Brown Wardle Hill before dropping down to Whitworth.

Area FLETCHER MOSS, DIDSBURY **Start 10.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 6mls**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087
Park Cars Mill Lane Car Park, (site of the old Camperlands building - now defunct), Northenden, GR 833903. From Altrincham take the A560 and pass Wythenshawe Park on the left. Turn left onto Princess Parkway and leave at the Palatine Road exit by turning right and pass through Northenden town centre. Mill Lane is on the right of Palatine Road and just before the M60 motorway bridge.
Details From "The Weir" we turn right along the towpath to Simons Bridge, skirting Withington Golf Course and joining Fletcher Moss Park, to reach the Botanical Gardens where we will have lunch. We return (mainly) on the opposite bank of the River Mersey.

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Area WINDY HILL **Start 10.00** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 30mls**
Leader(s) Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07553 540282)
Park Cars Near Windy Hill transmitter mast. M62 J22. Turn right under motorway and car park is 400 yards on right at top of rise. GR SD983142.
Details Pennine Way to White Hill trig point and Haigh Gutter then via Readycon Dean, Rooden, Piethorne, Kitcliffe and Ogden Reservoirs to Tunshill Lane then round Binns Pasture to cars. November in the Pennines usually finds us walking on muddy paths and wet ground !

Area CARRINGTON MOSS **Start 10.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 6mls**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)
Park Cars Roadside parking opposite or close to the electricity substation on Isherwood Road, Carrington. GR SJ747921. Postcode M31 4BH.
Details A leisurely and flat walk on Carrington Moss, which will be taken at the normal "C" walk pace and which will also contain as many stops en-route as are required. The route is on good paths and tracks throughout, and will pass the "Flare Stack", Birchmoss Covert, Swiss Cottage Farm, and Ash Farm. Please book with Phil by telephone or e-mail at philworsley25@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

Area JUMBLES CIRCULAR **Start 9.30** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 21mls**
Leader(s) Peter and Susan Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07837 345297)
Park Cars Jumbles Country Park, Bradshaw Road, BL2 4JS. Toilets and Cafe if open, pay and display if meters in use. From M60, M61, A666 then turn right onto A676. Approx 1m through Bradshaw turn

Park Cars Street park in Bowdon Vale, at the junction of Vicarage Lane and Bollin Avenue, where it meets Priory Road (Please be considerate when parking).
Details Down Priory Road, into the woods and on to and across the River Bollin. From here we head for Dunham Estate, traversing the M56, across the A56 and then follow the river to Bollington Mill and into the NT estate for a sandwich lunch. We then return through the estate, across Dunham golf course and back via St Mary Church, Bowdon to the cars.

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER

Area NORTH OF DOVESTONE RESERVOIR **Start 9.45** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 24mls**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)
Park Cars The pay and display car park at Dovestone Reservoir (£4, toilets) at GR SE013036. The nearest postcode is OL3 7NE.
Details The walk begins by skirting the eastern edge of Dovestone Reservoir before climbing via the Oldham Way to reach the War Memorial at Pots and Pans. The route then continues north to pass Shaw Rocks, Slades Rocks and Running Hill Head to arrive at Holly Grove. From here the walk turns south to visit Pobjreen, Rye Top and Boarhurst before returning to the cars via Bradbury Lane. Good views – weather permitting.

WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER

Area MARPLE & WERNETH LOW **Start 9.45** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport 18mls**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 233 0483 (Mob 07761 624521)
Park Cars Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge, GR SJ963895, Postcode SK6 7DA. Located just off the A626, Brabyns Brow, with a left onto Rollins Lane.
Details Canal to Romily, then an ascent of Werneth Low to the War Memorial and return via Etherow Country Park.

Area MARPLE **Start 11.00** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport 13mls**
Leader(s) Keith Leslie, 976 3230
Park Cars Middlewood Way Parking Slots near Rose Hill Station, Marple, GR SJ950888. From Altrincham take M60 to Stockport. Leave at first Junction after passing under viaduct taking middle lane of slip road. Follow A626 to Marple. Turn right just before Rose Hill Station (Pub on corner) Parking slots about 200 yards on left.
Details Middlewood Way, Cown Edge Way across golf course to Canal. Leave Canal for Lomber Hey and Windlehurst Hall. Across fields to Middlewood Way and cars.

LEADERS WANTED

Anyone offering to lead a walk should contact the appropriate Walks Organiser as follows:

For Sunday Long Walks	Phil Worsley, Tel 777 6013
For Sunday Short Walks	Heather Wykes, Tel 01625 618782
For Wednesday Long Walks	John Capel, Tel 980 2496
For Wednesday Short Walks	Les Stockton, Tel 980 1600

Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on your walks to Phil Worsley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

John Drinkwater has now received his Honorary Member certificate and has sent the following message.

“Dear Committee and Members,

Thank you all so very much for the Honorary Member Certificate. I was delighted to receive the plaque from all of you, I will treasure it greatly.

I have very fond memories of our happy times together over the years. We’ve had many wonderful trips, outings and walks together. You have all been such good company and I value your friendship.

When these strange Covid times are over it would be lovely to see you all again and thank you all personally for everything.

Look after each other.

See you all soon,

John”.