

**ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**

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

**APRIL CIRCULAR 2007**

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station .
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken 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. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property..

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL - WEST PENNINE MOORS**

Leave 8.45 11 / 8½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75 Leaders: Ian & Josie Stenhouse 926 8446; Mobile 07891 254528 (on day of walk). Park cars: Crookfield Road car park. GR. SD 664191. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont, 1½ miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right - signed Trockholes. Car park 100m on left. No toilets.

Over Great Hill and White Coppice, then Wheelton Plantation, Solomon's Temple and Ryal Fold. Then up to Jubilee Tower and over Darwen Moor back to cars.

Since this is the only walk today because of the Club Weekend, an alternative route from Ryal Fold back to the cars via Slipper Lowe (totalling 8½ miles) will be available to those who may not want to walk the full 11 miles.

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL - CLUB WEEKEND TO BARMOUTH**

Return home..

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - WERNETH LOW**

Leave 9.15 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2. Transport: TBA Leader: Jack Garstang 980 6349. Park cars: Brabyns Park, Marple Bridge. A626. GR.964 895.

Romney, Spring Wood farm, Back o'th Hill, Edmund farm, Idle Hill, Low End, Beacom Houses, Martin Clough, Compstall. Long slow climb up Idle Hill. Many stiles. Return to cars: 4.00 approx

**- RAMSBOTTOM TO BURY**

5 miles Cat.4. Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 and Giulio Poletti 962 7548.

Because of the demand last year we are repeating this walk again this year and owing to the Metro disruption we have brought it forward.

We propose to start by getting the Metro to Bury on the first available tram after 9.30 (don't forget your passes). On arrival in Bury walk through the bus station to the Memorial Square where the leaders will meet at 10.45. From there we will walk to the East Lancs Railway where we hope to catch a steam train scheduled for 11.45 to Ramsbottom.

Cost of train £2.00 single. This is an estimate, we will try to obtain a group discount if there are sufficient walkers and we get agreement on the day.

A walk from Ramsbottom following the Irwell Valley Sculpture Trail back to Bury.

**GOOD FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - CHATSWORTH**

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £5. Leaders: Mary Gerrard 980 7508 & Jill Lee 980 3252 Park cars: Calton Lees Car park on B6012 in Chatsworth Park. GR.259 685.

Up past Beeley Hill Top and across moorland to Hob Hurst's House and on through open country to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood and Chatsworth House (afternoon tea stop), then along the river to car park.

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - WINDGATHER / JENKIN CHAPEL**

Leave 8.45 11.5 miles Cat.2/3. Transport TBA Leader: Brian Billington 485 4119.

Park cars: From Whaley Bridge, take A5004 towards Buxton. Park cars on right hand side of road in layby. GR SK008 798.

Park Wood, Madscar farm, Hoo Moor, Pym Chair, Saddle Cote, Blackbrook, Charles Head, Carr Clough, Taxal Edge, Windgather Rocks, Midshires Way.



**- OVER ALDERLEY**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £1.40 Leader: Roy Clarke 928 9694.

Park cars: Alderley Edge Wizard National Trust car park £2 to be shared, but free to National Trust members with stickers.

From the car park to Shawcross and to Long Highlees Wood to Whirley Farm, then along the road and paths to Fenton Town farm, Hunters Pool, Danehill and car park.

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**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - GAWSWORTH COMMON & CROKER HILL**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.00 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409.

Park cars: Layby on Leek Old Road at Sutton Reservoir. GR.922 702. Take A523 south out of Macclesfield and turn left a Fools Nook pub (1 ½ miles after Macclesfield Town football ground). Layby is then ½ mile on right. If you can car-share, this will save space at the parking spot as parking is limited.

A steady climb to the radio mast on Croker Hill (about 1 hour). Descend to Bosley Reservoir and return along the Macclesfield canal to Sutton Reservoir. Some sections uneven underfoot. Good views of Cheshire hills and plain.

**- ADLINGTON**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.95 Leader: Derek Hamer 969 3821.

Park cars: Car park at Legh Arms on A523. GR.912 806. (please park at far end of car park).

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. Field paths to Styperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, then back to cars via Wych Wood again.

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE**

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am, with the usual pick-up points.

**'A' walk - 8 ½ miles Cat.2 - Leaders: John and June Watling**

A testing walk on the Scandale Horseshoe. From Ambleside we aim for the good climb up to Low Pike and on, up the ridge towards Dove Crag, an ascent of over 2,000 ft. From the Scandale Pass we drop down to the stream and follow it down the valley. An excellent and invigorating leg-stretch.

**'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3 - Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick**

A lovely walk around the lower slopes of Loughrigg Fell, one of the most attractive in the Lakes. We cross the shoulder by Ivy Crag to Loughrigg Tarn and, on, by Red Bank and the Terrace to Rydal before a little lane walking into Ambleside..

**'C' walk - 5 ½ miles Cat.4. Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton**

A well-worthwhile walk, with superb views, through Rydal Park to the Hall and on, below Nab Scar to White Moss. Here we cross the river before taking the Rydal path to finish along the lane to Ambleside

The coach is full with a waiting list.

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - BAMFORD & STANAGE EDGE**

Leave 8.30 10 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5. Leader: Colin Turner 973 7770

Park cars: Free public car park at Heatherdene overlooking Ladybower Reservoir. GR.202 858 on A6013 (where leader will meet).

Bamford, Green's House, Dennis Knoll, Stanage Edge, Moscar Lodge, Cutthroat Bridge, Whinstone Lee Tor. Return to cars: 4 pm approx.

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**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - LANTERN PIKE / ROWARTH**

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3/2. Transport TBA Leader: Jack Garstang 980 6349.

Park cars: Layby on right opposite Plainsteads farm. Through Charlesworth veering right, then right at Monks Road. GR.024 910.

Plainsteads farm, Blackshaw farm, Lantern Pike (optional), Bank Head, Rowarth, then long pull up to Coombs Edge. Muddy in places. Return to cars: 4.00 pm (approx).



- SALFORD QUAYS

Leave 10.30 3 ½ to 4 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.20. Leaders: Pam Floyd 962 5311 and Sylvia Fantom 969 1180. Park cars: Salford Quays – first hour free then a charge (free if you shop in the outlet and get your receipt stamped) or use the Metro free.

For Metro users – (Don't forget your passes). Leave Altrincham by Metro at approximately 10.30 remembering to change at Combrook for the Eccles tram. Alight at Harbour City. Walk across the Detroit Bridge (red bridge) towards the Lowry Centre where the leaders will meet to start the walk at 12 noon at the latest.

A walk round the basins, quays and canals at Salford Quays and an opportunity to visit the Lowry Centre, Imperial War Museum – be prepared to climb 160 steps if the lift is out of action (optional). Lots of cafes in the Centre and in the Outlet. (boots and seats not necessary).

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SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL - LLANGOLLEN

Leave 8.30 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £5 Leaders: Ken Roe 980 4186 & Alan Gerrard 980 7508. Park cars: Llantysilio car park. GR.199 435. Take A539 to Llangollen, one mile past the town sharp left signed Rhewl B5103.CP is ¼ mile on left. Just past turning for Corwen.

Climb Coed Hyrddyn to Vale Crucis, Clwydian Way to Offas Dyke path, Castell Dinas Bran to canal path back to Llantysillio. Superb views from Coedhyrddyn and castle. Route may be slightly altered according to conditions. Return to cars: 4.00 pm approx.

- NETHER ALDERLEY / EAGLE LODGE

Leave 9.45 6/7 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.50. Leader: Alan Thorpe 976 3225. Park cars: Central CP Alderley Edge, behind Barclays Bank. Turn at West Street off A34. (free on Sundays). Toilets ?? Return to cars: 4.15.

Explore the paths south and west of the Edge. Some awkward stiles, can be wet on flat. This walk is on the route of the proposed Alderley Edge by-pass so in 18 months the area could be spoilt by heavy plant and earthworks. So Go For It !!

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WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - WEST WIRRAL (THURSTASTON)

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3. Transport £5. Leader: Pam Baxandall 973 6652. Park cars: From the end of M56 (Chester) L onto A5117, R at roundabout onto A540. - Thurstaston Common CP on A540 through Heswall, turn right just after Cottage Loaf Pub GR. 245 846.

A heathland, woodland and coastal walk. Across Thurstaston Common into Royden Park, through Stapledon Wood onto Caldy Hill. Continue along Wirral Way to Caldy Park Centre, returning to cars via the Dungeon. Muddy in places. Good views over the Dee Estuary. Three sets of steps.

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SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - TINTWISTLE

Leave 0845 13.6 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.25 Leader: Phil Worsley 777 6013. Park cars: Torside Visitor Centre car park on B6105 at GR.068 983.

Tintwistle Quarry, Arrifield, Ormes Moor, Chew Reservoir, Laddow Moss, The Hollins.

- SWYNNERTON

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.4. Transport £5. Leader: Pam Baxandall 973 6652. Park cars: Hanchurch picnic site (upper car park). GR.840 399. From M6 jct. 15, follow A519 south for 1½ miles, then take minor road, on the right to Stableford. CP on left after 1½ miles.

An easy walk along mostly bridleways and footpaths. An area in Staffordshire with three magnificent Victorian waterworks and views towards Wales, the Peak District hills and Shropshire (weather permitting). Can be muddy in places.

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**LEADERS WANTED**

SUNDAYS: 'A' walks for: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks)

WEDNESDAYS: MAY 'A' walks on 2<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 'B' & 'C' walks on 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
**SOS: We are getting very short of leaders for 'B' and 'C' walks. Brian would be very pleased to hear from you if you could lead a walk - all dates available.**  
Contact Brian Warburton 928 7087



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY - COACH TRIP TO PATELEY BRIDGE**

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles - Cat.3 - Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones

'B' walk - 7 miles - Cat.3 - Leader: Margaret Ledger

'C' walk - 6 miles - Cat.4 - Leader: Edna Adderley

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340) 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

### **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY - COACH TRIP TO BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE**

'A' walk 8 miles - Cat.3 - Leader Yvonne Houfe

'B' walk 7 miles - Cat.3 - Leaders: Martin & Sandra Ostick

We do not yet have a leader for a 'C' walk, but leaflets giving details of walks will be available on the coach for those who would like to do a short walk.

Would leaders please send details of their walks to Anne Macaulay by 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Book with Sylvia Fantom (969 1180) 3 Hamlet Drive, Sale M33 5PY with a cheque for £8 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

### **MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 AN ENTERTAINING EVENING AT THE STABLES RESTAURANT**

A Tutored Tasting of 6 wines accompanied by a 3-course meal of traditional English Cuisine and all home-cooked by The Stables Restaurant, Barrington Road/Manchester Road, Altrincham.

Hosted by Colin Jeffrey. 7 for 7.30 pm £17.00 per person excluding gratuities.

Check for availability of tickets with Doreen Aldridge tel 973 4370

Numbers strictly limited to 36 persons

(Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club).

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2007 - BOWLING FOR RAMBLERS**

A fun night out for all levels of bowlers with supper included.

This year we will be at Timperley Village Bowling Club.

Time 5 pm. Price £5.50p (This covers Bowling, Supper & Prizes)

Do get the bowls out again and join us. To reserve a place, please telephone Doreen Aldridge. 973 4370.

## **MEMORIAL SIGNPOSTS**

### **THE STAN DAVIES MEMORIAL SIGNPOST**

A site for this has now been found at Alvanley near Delamere GR. SJ5256 7328 where the Delamere Way and the Eddisbury Way cross. The P&NFS are to provide the signpost (it has already been ordered) and erect it at our expense. It is expected to be ready for dedication towards the end of May.

### **SIGNPOST RE-DEDICATION ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT NETHER ALDERLEY**

56 members attended the re-dedication of the memorial signpost to four past members - Harold Corby, Alf Robinson, Les Platt and Alan Swan. 44 members went on the walk led by Keith Wykes. We wish to thank the organisers of this event which went very well and fortunately the weather was kind to us.

## **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

Our thanks to Joy Darlington for all the work she put in on the Membership Survey, also to those who took the trouble to fill it in. The survey brought to light some interesting points, i.e the meeting place on Wednesdays. We know Altrincham Station Car Park is not ideal as it gets very congested and walkers hoping for lifts often get left behind as drivers do not like to park there. If you have a suggestion for a meeting place for Wednesday walks which is accessible to the Metro please send it to Anne Macaulay, 13 Townfield Gardens, Altrincham, WA14 4DT so that we can discuss it at the next committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

We send our congratulations to Joyce and Richard Crotty who celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. Joyce and Richard wish to thank all those who sent cards and messages of congratulations.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

7.30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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