

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

NOVEMBER 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 4TH NOVEMBER - A CIRCUIT OF RUABON & EGLWYSEG MOUNTAINS
NEAR WREXHAM**

Leave 8.30 am 10 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5. Leaders: Alan Gerrard and Brian Billington

Park Cars : On the minor road at the West end of Pant-glas Reservoir O/S SJ263472. Travel via the M56, A55 and A483 towards Wrexham. Leave at Junction 3 with the A5152 and turn left into the Little Chef car park where leaders will meet at 9:30am. We will all then proceed to the car parking place which involves using some minor roads. If you intend to travel direct please inform Alan or Brian.(Mobile on the day 07801652426).

This walk involves crossing moorland on little used tracks over new access land. Pant-glas reservoir to Worlds End. Pick up Offa's Dyke Path and walk under the towering limestone cliffs to Rock Farm before climbing up onto Ruabon Mountain plateau. Proceed to Frozen Clock and forest tracks back to the cars.

- WARBURTON

Leave 10.00 6 ¼ miles Cat.4. (6 stiles). Transport £2. Leader: Alan Thorpe .

Park cars: Trans Pennine Trail CP off Statham Ave, Statham, Lymm. (behind Old Lymm Hotel (now MacDonalds) – No toilets. Suggested route: A56 trunk road, pass Lymm Dam, rt. Brookfield Road, left Whitbarrow Road, left behind hotel. GR 679 877.

Via Trans Pennine Trail then Reddish Lane, thence via tracks (some rough) past Boarded Barn farm to Old St.Werburghs church, Warburton. Road walk along Paddock Lane to new St.Werburghs church. Field paths to Carr Green. Return via Trans Pennine Trail for 2 ¼ miles to cars.

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - ARLEY

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.25 Leaders: Joan Howarth and Dorothy Stelfox Park cars: Walkers carpark on edge of Arley Village. GR.670 909 where leaders will meet. Please note that parking is not permitted in Arley Hall car park.

A walk through a peaceful agricultural landscape which can be muddy in places and includes a number of stiles. There are some short sections of road walking. -

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - AUTUMN SQUARE DANCE & HOEDOWN

7.30pm to 11pm at The Larkhill Centre, Timperley. Caller Fred Lloyd.

Tickets £6.50p (supper included) from Connie Jones Barry Rice Doreen Aldridge
Please bring your ticket – see note at end of circular.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - APPLETON THORN

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £2.10 Leaders: Jeanne Gregory and Lesley Short . Park cars: A50 towards Warrington. first left after Bears Paw – Swineyard Lane. After 3 miles turn left B5356 SP Stretton Appleton Thorn. Turn right between church and Thorn Inn – Lum Brook Road, car park – playing fields on right after houses.

From Appleton Thorn over fields then follow stream (Lum Brook). Through woods to Grappenhall (lunch), then back to Appleton Thorn by canal and fields.

WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - HASLINGDEN GRANE

Leave 9.15 7¾ miles Cat.3/2 Leaders: Bernard Butterworth and Derek Dawson
Park cars: Clough Head Quarry Information Centre. GR.751 231. M60, M66 to end, continue on A56 to slip road signed B6232 Haslingden & Darwen. Bottom of slip road, turn left, continue for approx. 2 miles, CP on right (where leaders will meet). (Note Explorer map 287 gives the B6232 as A6177.

Round Calf Hey Reservoir passing Ogden and Hold Wood reservoir, Eastern end of Musbury Heights. Helmshore – Hutch Bank, Rossendale Way. Deep Clough

- POYNTON

Leave 10.15 3½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2. Leaders: Betty Hollinshead and Joan Smyllie
Park cars: Brookside Garden Centre, London Rd, Poynton A523. GR. 924 849.

Short easy walk from Garden Centre, Towers Road, through fields of (originally 3 farms trail via small wood, track and “incline” . Return via Poynton Pool. A few stiles and muddy in parts. Time to look (and buy?) at Garden Centre and have an afternoon cup of tea.

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - WILDBOARCLOUGH

Leave 8.30 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.45 Leader: Alan Macdonald
Park cars: Tegg’s Nose Country Park car park. GR.951 733. (where leader will meet).

Gritstone Trail, Bottoms Reservoir, Hanging Gate pub, Greenway Bridge, Shutlingsloe, Forest Chapel, Hacked Way Lane.

- APPLETON / DARESURY

Leave 9.30 7½ miles Cat.3. Transport £2.40. Leaders: Audrey & Walter Corrie
Park cars: By cemetery at top of Windmill Lane – Higher Walton. (Distance 16 miles). Suggested short journey by car leaving from Altrincham to Lymm on A56. Turn left at traffic lights (by Jolly Thresher) to High Legh. At bottom turn right. After passing Bear’s Paw turn L. After approx 3½ mls turn left to Stretton. At traffic lights turn right. At next traffic lights turn left up Quarry Lane. Bear right at Windmill Lane to cemetery at top where cars can park. GR.610 850 (where leaders will meet).

A pleasant winter walk along part of the Timberland Trail via paths, meadows, lake and woods returning by the Bridgewater canal. Return to cars: 3.00 pm.

- NORTHWICH

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.10 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton
Park cars Town centre CP at rear of Northwich Memorial Hall on A559. (GR.660 739). Take left turning before Memorial Hall and opposite police station.

Commence walk at front of Memorial Hall. A pleasant walk alongside the River Weaver to Vale Royal Locks, returning to town centre via the opposite bank..

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - DELAMERE FOREST

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.60 Leaders: Colin and Hazel Baldwin .
Park cars: Barnsbridge Gates car park. GR. 542 716. Follow A556 to Oakmere / Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere station) into Ashton Road. CP is then 0.9 miles on left.:

Sandstone Trail north to Manley Common. Eddisbury Way south to Kelsall, then by Castle Hill and Boothsdale to Summertrees, and finally return to the cars along the Sandstone Trail.

- OFFERTON - STOCKPORT

Leave 10.00 5.5 miles Cat. 3 Transport £1.20 Leaders: Barry Rice & Giulio Poletti
Park cars: Woodbank car park. Turn left off the A626 Marple road at the first major traffic lights into Turncroft Lane and then turn right into Woodbank Park car park.

A walk through the park into woodlands and then we follow the river Goyt and then back into Vernon Park and return via Offerton Cricket Club.

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - BOLLINGTON / JENKIN CHAPEL

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.25 Leader: Mike Gregory .

Park Cars : Middlewood Way car park Bollington. GR.931781. (where leader will meet).

Along the Gritstone Trail to Charles Head and on to Jenkin Chapel. The return to Bollington is via Lamaload Reservoir, Rainow and Kerridge Hill.

- POYNTON / LYME PARK

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £2.10. Leaders: Janet Blinkhorn & Mike Jones .

Park cars: Poynton Lake. GR.923 841. From Poynton centre take A523 north and then 3rd right (before Bulls Head PH). South Park Drive. Car park is on left through gap in hedge just before Lakeside Drive.

Walk from Poynton Lake to Norbury Hollow, Middlewood, High Lane and Macclesfield Canal, then via Middlecale and Platt Wood into outskirts of Lyme Park before returning via Nelson Pit and Prince's Incline. A pleasant varied walk with good views (weather permitting).

- ARLEY HALL

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4. Transport £1.80. Leaders: Connie & Joe Jones .

Park cars: About one mile along Cann Lane, GR.692 805 (where leaders will meet). Go across M6 at Mere - first right onto B5391 - ignore small turn on right on this road and take next right (? Arley Hall) Budworth Road ? Cann Lane to the second right turn off Budworth Road.

This is an easy walk with 6 or 7 stiles – most of them easy. One muddy patch near one stile but there is quite a bit of road walking - though only the road into Arley Hall Estate is busy(ish). The route basically follows the bounds of that estate. NB: This will be a leisurely walk with as many stops as people require.

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - NO LEADERS FOR WALKS TODAY

IF YOU COULD PUT IN A WALK FOR TODAY, BRIAN WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU. IT WOULD BE ADVERTISED IN THE DECEMBER CIRCULAR.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - December: 'A' walks - 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th onwards

'C' walks - All dates December onwards

NOTE:: *We are desperate for leaders for both 'A' & 'C' walks. - NO LEADERS, NO WALKS !*

Contact Mike Gregory ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer ('B' walks). Joe Jones ('C' walks).

WEDNESDAYS - December - 5th, - 'A', 'B' & 'C' walks

12th - 'A' & 'B' walks

19th - 'A' 'B' & 'C' walks

Contact Brian Warburton .

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 8th December 2007 Christmas Party

7.30pm to 11pm at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns, (Father Christmas in attendance)

Tickets £6.50p (supper included) from Connie Jones Barry Rice Doreen Aldridge

(Now is the time to start looking for a present to put into Father Christmas's sack, e.g. something that you would like to receive yourself, unisex with a value of £1 to £1.50p)

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Walk and Lunch

4 miles Cat.4 (the usual) Town and Country Walk – Mickerbrook / Ladybrook Valley. Lunch at Bruntwood Park, Cheadle Hulme (North). Book lunch (as soon as possible to get accepted) with Betty Hollinshead or Joan Smyllie .

Monday 31st December 2007 New Years Eve Party

Start 7.30pm Meal 8pm at All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns.

Tickets £8.50p (includes Hotpot & Apple Pie supper)

available from Connie Jones Barry Rice Doreen Aldridge

Doreen and Ivan would be really grateful for offers of help at all of the above events. Please telephone Doreen

NB: Due to Health & Safety Requirements we will be collecting social event tickets (which will also be used for the free raffle) at the door on the night of the event. We hope that this does not cause any inconvenience. ***PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKETS TO SOCIAL EVENTS***

NEWS OF MEMBERS

JUDY BAILEY would like to thank all who sent good wishes and Get Well cards during her recent illness. We are pleased to learn that Judy is now feeling much better and hopes to be out walking again soon.

Best Wishes for many more happy years to JUNE and STUART NAYLOR who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 5th October.

We are sorry to report the death of JOAN HANDFORD who died in Wythenshawe Hospital on 23rd September. Joan's funeral was held at St.Hugh of Lincoln, Timperley on 2nd October and attended by many Club members. We send our sincere condolences to the family.

We are also sorry to report the death of ALBERT BERRY known to many members, who died in August last.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 6th November at 7.45 pm at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.