

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

DECEMBER 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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that if they wish to receive the January circular, they should pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer, Roger Parker, before 12th December.

Rates are: Single £5. Family £8.

**** ADDITIONAL WALKS FOR NOVEMBER****

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - SHUTTINGSLOE CIRCULAR

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leaders: Mike Morley and Jack Garstang
Park cars: Macclesfield Forest Rangers CP. GR.961 711. South from Macclesfield on A523.
Turn left at traffic lights for Sutton and left again for Langley. Follow road passed reservoirs for car park on right.

A steady climb from Macclesfield Forest onto moor skirting Shuttingsloe down to Wildboardclough. A contour walk on Piggford Moor to Greenway Bridge, Oakenclough House, Hanging Gate PH and Gritstone Trail back to Macclesfield Forest.

- STYAL

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3. Transport £1.30 Leaders: Viv Addie and Pam Baxandall
Park cars: National Trust car park, Quarry Bank Mill, off Styal Road (where leaders will meet). GR.837 831.

Through Styal village along paths and quiet roads to from the bridleway skirting the second runway. Return through the woods to the Mill. Two long flights of steps in the woods.

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER - PEAK DISTRICT (DOVESTONES)

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.90. Leader: Judith Wainwright .
Park cars: Bin Green Car Park off A635 at Dovestone reservoir weirs. GR.SE 018 045.
M67 – Stalybridge – A635 through Mossley and Greenfield.

Across Dovestone Weirs, Oldham Way, Stack Head Brow, Chew, Dovestone Rocks.

- CHEST HOLLOW

Leave 9.00 6¾ miles Cat.3 (see note)** Transport £3.30 Leader: Keith Leslie .
Park cars: Clough House car park GR **988 699** From Macclesfield take the Cat & Fiddle road (A537) for 3 ¾ miles and turn **right** at crossroads signed Wildboardclough. Turn **right** just before the Stanley Arms Pub and from this turning follow the road for 1 ¾ miles to the car park (on left)

A short walk to be taken at an easy pace through hilly country following the concessionary track through Chest Hollow. The route offers wonderful views on a clear day. A steady ascent takes us around the flanks of Shuttingsloe (some may wish to go via the top - we'll meet up on the far side) A long but easy ascent through Chest Hollow brings us to The Cat & Fiddle for the final 1 ½ miles down Danethorn Hollow** and the attractive Cumberland Brook.

** Danethorn Hollow has a very rough, but short, section. This is a repeat of the successful walk in May 2006 and may be taken in the reverse direction on the day. Return to cars: 2.45 pm

- LYMM AREA

Leave 9.30 5 ½ miles Cat.4. Transport 90p Leaders: Brian and Shirley Warburton
Park cars: Behind the church (St.Mary's) in Crouchley Lane (GR. SJ 684 867). Off A56 (Before The Dam, travelling from Altrincham).

Woodland, fields, and "The Dam". all making for a pleasant walk around Lymm (approx 12 stiles).

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - A CIRCUIT OF LYME PARK

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £2.55 Leaders: Mary Gerrard and Jill Lee.

Park Cars: On the verge on Wood Lane West in Wood Lanes Village GR SJ936817. From the Adlington traffic lights on the A523 Stockport to Macclesfield Road, proceed towards Poynton and take the first right into Street Lane. Keep left and right into Wood Lanes Village.

By Lockgate Farm, Keeps Cottage, Bow Stones, Bollinhurst Reservoir to Red Lane Lodge. Field paths to Green farm and canal footpath back to start. One long climb and 15 plus stiles.

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

At ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, HALE BARNS from 7.30 pm prompt to 11 pm. Hosted by Doreen and Ivan Aldridge. Father Christmas in attendance. Please bring a small unisex gift value £1 to £1.50 suitably wrapped.

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER - KNOWL HILL & TWO VALLEYS

Leave 08.30 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £3.45 Leaders: Alan Gerrard and Brian Billington .

Park Cars : Gallows Hill, Jericho- GR SD828123. M66 to Jct2.Left off the motorway and immediately right B6221.At first lights turn right B6219.At the T junction turn right onto the B6222. In just under a mile turn left after the Prestige Garage into Castle Hill Road. Turn right 0.4 miles ahead and park behind the church.

Birtle, Cheesden Valley to Ashworth Moor Reservoir. Knowl Hill, Norden and return along the beautiful Nadden Valley and field paths to start. This walk can be very muddy after rain and involves several river crossings. Spare socks advised just in case. We thank Derek Dawson and Bernard Butterworth for inspiring this A walk and Jill Lee for her local knowledge when pioneering.

- CHRISTMAS WALK AND LUNCH AT WILDBOARCLOUGH

Leave at 11.00 am (11.45 am from Brookside). 2 miles Cat.3. Transport £3.00. Leader: Heather Wykes.

Park cars: Wildboarclough can be accessed from the A537 Macclesfield to Buxton road OR from the A54 which is off the A523(T) Macclesfield to Leek road. There are two roadside laybys for parking near to 'Brookside' (was a café, now closed).GR.980 681 (where leader will meet).

We leave lay-bys at 'Brookside' Wildboarclough, on to Lower and Higher Nabb farms and past the 'Crag Inn', then back to the cars.

Bring your own wine / drink for the meal. 'Blaze farm' is off the A54, a short distance from Allgreave GR.975 675. Approx.2.00 pm for Christmas lunch. This event is fully booked and has a waiting list

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Leave 9.15 8½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5 Leader: Beverly Harrison .

Park cars: : Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre. £2 for 4+hours

Leave M62 at Jnt. 21. Take A640 towards Littleborough and Milnrow. Follow brown signs for Hollingworth Lake. Turn right onto B6225 to Littleborough. At Lake follow road until it leaves the lake and continue along lake passed the "Wine Press" restaurant on Rakewood road. Turn left almost immediately into the Visitors Centre. (GR 940 1525)

Long gradual climb from Hollingworth Lake under M62 to reach the Pennine way near Saddleworth Moor. Bridge over M62 to Blackstone Edge and down the Roman pathment to Lydgate.

- MICKER BROOK / LADYBROOK VALLEY WALK AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Leave 9.20 4 miles Cat.4 Transport 90p + CP fee to share. Leaders Betty Hollinshead and Joan Smyllie . Park cars: Bruntwood Park CP, Cheadle Hulme. GR.859 971. To car park, turn on to Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Road, (signpost to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme), then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to car park where leaders will meet.

Cross Bruntwood Lane by stream and golf course alongside Micker and Ladybrook. Short stop (BRING COFFEE). Across fields (could be muddy) and short stretches on roads to lunch at Vinery Café. Bruntwood Park. A few places left. Book lunch with leaders by December 3rd.

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER – GOYT VALLEY

Leave 8.30 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3. Leader: Judith Rees
Park cars: Street car park in Goyt Valley. GR.014 757.

Circular walk around the Goyt Valley, Foxlow Edge, Pym Chair, Shining Tor, Stake Side, Wild Moor and Burnsall Cob.

- CASTLETON

Leave 9.30 8 miles Cat.3. Transport £5.+ CP Leaders: Dean and Elsie Edwards
Park cars: Castleton town centre car park (from where we leave at 11.00 am).

From the car park we make our way to Hollins Cross, following the ridge path to the south we pass below Lose Hill summit before descending towards Hope. On the outskirts of Hope we cross the Edale road before making our way past Hope cemetery and down to Hope station and across the main road to Brough. From here we follow field and river bank back to Castleton for the Christmas lights. Return to cars: 4.30 pm

- LOWER PEOVER

Leave 10.00 5 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.95 Leader: Mike Kenyon
Park cars: Knutsford A50 (towards Holmes Chapel), 1¾ mile turn right onto B5081 (Middlewich Rd) to Lower Peover. 1¼ miles Smithy Green, turn left into Broome Lane (after Lower Peover sign), 300yds bear left into Free Green Lane, 200 yds right into Foxcroft Lane. 200yds (just past Peover House) 1st right into unmarked cobbled road. Park cars on left before tennis court at 150 yds. GR. 747 741.

Freegreen farm, Sandy Lane farm, Whipping Stocks, near Peover Hall (can divert if wet for lunch), Hillcrest farm, Foxcovert, Peover Eye, Lower Peover church.
This is NOT a repeat of the walk in September

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER - NO LEADERS FOR WALKS TODAY

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER - LONGDENDALE

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2. Transport £3.75. Leader: Phil Worsley
Park cars: Torside Visitor Centre Car Park on the B6105. GR. 0668 983 (P&D to be shared).

Enjoy a pre-Christmas walk in the Dark Peak calling at Valehouse farm, Tintwistle, Lad's Leap, Crowden and the Trans Pennine Trail. Mince pies on the Leader for all attendees !

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER - COOMBS

Leave 9.15 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.15 Leader: Keith Leslie
Park cars: From Stockport follow the A6 through Disley and New Town; soon after passing under a bridge a roundabout is reached at the start of a dual carriageway. Turn **right** here for Whalley Bridge. At the far end of the town turn **left** at the traffic lights onto the **B5470**. **1.6** miles from these traffic lights turn **right** (opposite a new stone house) into a very narrow road marked 'unsuitable for coaches'. The car park is a short distance on the right beneath the wall of Coombs Reservoir Dam

This is a lovely walk around the Coombs Basin with really good views down below of the reservoir, and above us Coombs Edge and in the distance, Kinder. Our route gains height on mostly easy gradients. There is one steep descent (zigzag down here perhaps!) and the usual badly maintained stiles of this area. Most of the route is on grass or good tracks but some mud can be expected at this time of year. Return to cars: 2.45 pm

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

At ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, HALE BARNES. Hosts – Doreen, Giulio, Heather & Co.
Start 7.30 pm. Hotpot supper served at 8 pm prompt. Please bring a sherry glass. Come along and join in the fun and let in the New Year with friends. Tickets: £8.50 from Doreen Aldridge

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS: 'A' walks - All dates for March 2008 onwards*
'C' walks - All dates for 2008

*Mike Gregory wishes to thank all those who responded to the appeal for 'A' leaders.

Note to 'C' walkers: If you are a Sunday 'C' walker and you are looking for a New Year's resolution, why not resolve to lead a walk ? You never know, you might enjoy it, and you could make so many people happy over the next twelve months. Remember, if you want the walks you have to have the leaders.

Contact: Mike Gregory 'A' walks, Derrick Hamer 'B' walks, Joe Jones 'C' walks

WEDNESDAYS January: 2nd All walks - ('A', 'B', & 'C') 9th All walks - ('A', 'B', & 'C')
16th All walks - ('A', 'B', & 'C') 23rd 'A' & 'B' walks
30th 'A' & 'B' walks

START THE NEW YEAR BY LEADING A WALK - PLEEEZ !!

Contact Brian Warburton

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th February 2008. Valentine Hoedown at the Larkhill Centre, Timperley. Details in next circular

Re ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM on 23rd October IAN STENHOUSE was elected Chairman, JUDY BAILEY as Membership Secretary and JOAN HOLMES as a Vice-president, we also welcome Joe Jones as a committee member. Thanks were expressed to our retiring Chairman Dean Edwards and to Roy Clarke who has been Membership Secretary for over 20 years.

Dean would like to thank the Committee and Club Members for the lovely comprehensive travel book which was presented to him at the AGM to mark his retirement as Chairman.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

WALTER CORRIE

We sadly report the sudden death of WALTER CORRIE on Sunday 3rd November and send our sincere condolences to Audrey and family. Walter will be missed very much in the Club as he and Audrey led many walks and were to have led a local walk on Sunday 18th November. Walter's funeral was held on Friday 9th November at Altrincham Crematorium and attended by about 40 club members.

We send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following members who have been in hospital recently :UNA McDERMOTT, JOY DARLINGTON GAYE RUDD, REG FERRANS, DAVE ATTWELL AND BRIAN HUGHES All thank members for the cards and good wishes sent to them
We hope to see you all walking with us again soon.

JUNE & STUART NAYLOR wish to thank members for the cards and good wishes for their Golden Wedding Anniversary

CLUB WEEKEND 4th 5th 6th APRIL 2008

The final invoices will be sent out during November for payment by 1st January.

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY FOR MEMBERS TAKING PART IN CLUB WALKS

A copy of this document can be found on the Club Website. All members should be familiar with its contents. Any members requiring a copy should send a C5 size stamped addressed envelope (letter rate) plus £1 (cost of printing) to : Dean Edwards,

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th January at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

*A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS*

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