

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

APRIL CIRCULAR 2009

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

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL - LONGDENDALE

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport: £3.45 Leader: Jill Chandler 973 7188.

Park cars: Manor Park car park, Old Glossop. GR.039 943. Through Glossop on A57 to mini-roundabout. Turn immediately left with Park signboard into car park.

Upper Swineshaw Reservoir, Bottoms Reservoir, Valehouse Farm, returning along Trans-Pennine Way to Padfield.

SUNDAY 5th APRIL - BELOW PENDLE & STANSFIELD TOWER

Leave 8.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6. Leaders: Chris & Margaret Sadler 980 5007 or

0774 0777184

Park Cars : In Car Park in Barley Village. The car park is signposted and is on the right as you enter the village. Explorer Map OL21 SD823 403

A country walk around Barley - heather, fields, woods, tracks and a little bit of road. From Barley to Under Pendle, Pendle Side, Firber House, Water Meetings, Noggarth Cottage, Boothmans Wood, and back to cars.

- PEOVER

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.95 Leaders: Joyce Hausaman & Mike Kenyon 928 6752.

Park cars: Knutsford A50 (towards Holmes Chapel). 1¼ miles turn right into B5081 (Middlewich Road) to Lower Peover. 1¼ mls Smithy Green, turn left into Broome Lane (after Lower Peover sign) , 300 yds left into Free Green Lane, 200 yds right into Foxcovert Lane, 200 yds 1st right (just past Peover House) into unmarked cobbled road. Park cars on left before tennis court 150 yards GR.747 741.

Lower Peover, Hillcrest farm, Peover Hall, Great Wood, Boots Green, Drovers Arms, Peover Eye, Lower Peover.

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL - ANGLEZARKE, LANCS.

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat. 3/2 Transport £4.20 Leaders: Beverly Harrison, Pauline Glover, and Tony Davies 928 1093, 928 0644.

Park Cars : Anglezarke car park (Pay & Display) Grid ref: 622162

From Rivington, turn right at village green (signed to Belmont). At next junction turn left. Pass Wilcocks farm caravan park, follow road to next junction and turn right at grassy triangle at Parson Bullough Road. After c 50 yds, drive straight into Anglezarke car park (P&D)

Skirts around Anglezarke and Yarrow, two in a chain of local reservoirs. Through woodland to White Coppice cricket ground. Climb to Anglezarke Moor and summit of Great Hill. Down to Lead Mines Clough and Yarrow reservoir. Return to cars around 16.00

- NORTHWICH

Leave 9.30 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.10 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087.

Park cars: Town centre CP at rear of Northwich Memorial Hall (A559). GR.660 739. Take L/H turning before Memorial Hall and opposite the 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.

GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL - CHATSWORTH

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £6. Leaders: Mary Gerrard 980 7508 & Jill Lee 980 3252
Park cars: Carlton Lees Car Park (P&D to be shared) on the B6012 in Chatsworth Park. GR.259 685

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

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL - GOYT VALLEY

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.75. Leader: Tess Gregory 01625 614211.
Park cars: Derbyshire Bridge car park, just off the A537 at GR.SK018 716 (where leader will meet).

Burbage, Beet Wood, Errwood Reservoir, Fernilee Reservoir, Shooter's Clough, Stake Side, Goyt's Moss.

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL - BLACK BROOK AND THREE SHIRES HEAD

Leave 9.00 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.90 Leaders: Colin & Hazel Baldwin 980 5409
Park cars: Gradbach Car Park. GR.999662. Take A523 south from Macclesfield. Turn left onto A54. At hairpin bend at Allgreave, (Rose & Crown PH) turn back very sharp right. In about 2 miles just after crossing River Dane and Staffordshire boundary, turn back extremely sharp right, (signpost to Scout Camp). Car park is 300 yards on right.

Gradbach House, Black Brook, Goldsitch House, Gib Tor, Flash Bottom, Three Shires Head. An energetic walk with rough and uneven paths which can be very boggy.

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO BURNSALL

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.00 am with the usual picking up places.

'A' walk 9½ miles Cat.3 - Leader: Alan Edwards

A fascinating walk from Linton Falls, through Grassington and up to Kelber Gate on the moors before dropping to the old mining area at Yarnbury. Over the old spoil heaps and on to Hebden before finishing with a walk, by the lovely River Warfe, into Burnsall.

'B' walk 7¾ miles Cat.3 - Leader: Margaret Ledger

From Burnsall, we climb steadily, onto Appletreewick Pastures and then into the "ravines" near Trollers Gill. From Skyreholme we cross pastures to Howgill and, for even greater contrast, follow the beautiful riverside path back to Burnsall.

'C' walk 6 miles Cat.3/4 - Leaders: Erica & Dave Clarke

A lovely, classic walk starting near Burnsall and visiting Thorpe and Linton on the way to Linton Falls, a highlight on the route. The return to Burnsall is by the river, on a path with many contrasts. A lovely walk, highly recommended.

The coach is full, and there is a waiting list, but 'phone Margaret on 980 8340 nearer the time in case of cancellations.

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL - CLWYDIAN HILLS

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6 Leader: Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713 030118 on day
Park Cars Car Park west of Cilcain (not shown on OS maps). From Mold take unclassified road to Gwernaffield-y-Waun and Pantymwyn. Continue to Cilcain. Go straight through village and take 1st left after delimit signs. Car parking bays are about 400m on right. The exact position can be found on a map on the village web-site (<http://cilcaintoday.delfryndesign.co.uk/page37a.html>). Public Toilets in Cilcain. GR SJ170652

Clwydian Way to Moel Famau, Offa's Dyke Path to Moel Arthur, round Moel Evan and back to cars across fields. Great views if good weather but several high stiles (catering for giants?)

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL - HOPE / LADYBOWER

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.10 Leaders: Tony Davies, Beverly Harrison and Pauline Glover 969 5962, 928 1093 & 928 0644.

Park cars: Hope CP GR.SK 171 834. P&D £5.00 shared. From Chapel-en-le-Frith to Castleton. A6187 to Hope car park.

From Hope, pass under railway to Fullwood farm, then Roman road to Hope Cross. Down through woods to Ladybower reservoir. Along the shore to the dam, Yorkshire Bridge, Ryecroft and Hallum Barn. Return to cars: 3.45.

- WILMSLOW

Leave 9.45 6 ½ miles cat.4 Transport: £1.65 Leader: Alan Thorpe 976 3225.

Park cars: Twinnies Bridge (Bollin Valley) car park situated off Styal Road, Wilmslow. GR 838 824.

Along river through Carrs, then through Wilmslow Park, Dean Row. Return along "Bollin Way" footpath. Some road walking to enable circuitous route. Some stiles to be negotiated.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL - HASLINGDEN GRANE / ACCRINGTON MOOR

Leave 08.45 12/13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.50 Leader: Harry Hewlett 962 4869/07950 689777

Park cars: Clough Head car park, B6232 Grane Road. GR.751231 (Explorer 287, or earlier version 19)

Rossendale Way, Nab Hill, Higher Warmwithens, Bumper Hall, Hoyle Bottom, Bedlam, Accrington Moor, High Cockham, Rossendale Way, Hutch Bank, Holden Wood reservoir, Musbury Heights, Rothwell Fold to car park.

- WEST WIRRAL (THURSTASTON)

Leave 9.15 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £6.00 Leader: Pam Baxandall 973 6652

Park cars: Thurstaston Common CP on A540 through Heswall, turn right just after Cottage Loaf Pub GR SJ 245 846. M56 (Chester) to near the end, follow new extension SP A540 to roundabout, turn right and follow Hoylake Road for approx. 11 miles to car park.

A heathland, woodland and coastal walk across Thurstaston Common into Royden Park, through Stapledon wood onto Caldy Hill. Continue along the Wirral Way to Country Park Inf. Centre, returning to cars via the Dungeon. Three sets of steps, 1 ¾ mile walk along the beach. Good views of the Dee Estuary.

WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL - LONGNOR / HARTINGTON

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00 Leader: Veronica Dunkley 928 4629

Park cars Market Square, Longor Centre, GR.088 649. If no room, park by church.

By Beggars Bridge to Crowdecote and along the Dove Valley to Pilsbury Castle, then a steady climb before descending to Hartington. We then climb to Sheen, down to Brund and back along the Manifold Valley. Many stiles and could be muddy.

- MERSEY ESTUARY

Leave 9.30 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £5.10 Leader: Ken Preston 973 0616.

Park cars: Hale Village, roadside parking as near to church as possible. (where leader will meet). GR. SJ466 825. Take M62 towards Liverpool, leave at junc.7 onto A557 to Widnes. Take A562 towards Speke and look out for signs to Hale village.

An easy walk across fields and along the river Mersey estuary, returning through the village with its beautiful thatched cottages.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

'A' walks on 24th May & 7th 14th & 28th June.

'C' walks for all Sundays onwards

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).

Joe Jones 973 2019 ('C' walks).

WEDNESDAYS

May - 'A' - 27th 'B' - 6th 13th 20th, 'C' - 13th 20th 27th Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO POOLEY BRIDGE

'A' walk - 10 miles Cat.3/2 - Leaders: Dean & Elsie Edwards

'B' walk - 7 ½ miles Cat.3 - Leader: Margaret Ledger

'C' walk - 5 ½ miles Cat.3/4 - Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340) 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire. WA15 0BS with a cheque for £9 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB' No bookings before 20th March.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday 13th June 2009 - Bowling for Ramblers.

Back by popular request. To be held at Timperley Village Bowling Club.

Time 1.30pm registration, for bowling at 2pm. Price £6.50p including bowling and Pie & Pea supper.

Limited amount of non bowlers at Price £4.50p. Do dust off your bowls and join us.

Tickets from Doreen Aldridge tel. 0161 973 4370.

Doreen and Ivan would like to make it known that due to family commitments, they will not be standing for re election to the committee as Social Secretaries in October. They will be arranging and running all social events up to the A.G.M.

If you are interested in taking on this position, please contact Doreen who will be pleased to give information as to what is involved. 0161 973 4370

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Marion Seymour thanks all the friends on the walk on March 4th for their encouragement and concern, with especial thanks to Alan and Mary Gerrard who walked me through my "Touching the Void" experience. The leg is broken so it will be some time before I am out again but I can read the circular and imagine !!

We send Marion our best wishes for a good recovery and hope she will be walking again in the summer.

Angie Southern wishes to thank people for their good wishes after her recent op.

We wish Angie a good recovery and hope she will be walking again before too long.

Long standing members who remember Eric Fleming might like to know that he is now in Brookside Hospital, Sinderland Road, Broadheath should you wish to visit him.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please note that Joan Holmes' telephone number is 0161 962 4780. Please alter your Membership Card accordingly.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th May at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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