

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

AUGUST CIRCULAR 2010

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 21ST JULY - COACH TRIP TO HAWES

There are still places available on the coach. Non-walkers welcome. Book with Ian Stenhouse (962 8446)

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO BUCKDEN

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

'A' walk 9 ½ miles, Cat.2/3 Leaders: John and Edna Brownhill

We start the walk in Buckden and climb steadily up to Buckden Pike, which is a great vantage point. The top of Wharfedale is a most beautiful area and the river at Yockenthwaite is picturesque. A really worthwhile walk, with nothing too exhausting.

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

A delightful walk at the head of Wharfedale, providing long views down the valley from the Scars between Cray and Yockenthwaite, and the opportunity to visit Hubberholme church.

'C' walk 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leaders: Erica and Dave Clarke

A very pleasant walk along Wharfedale. Keeping to the riverside for much of the way we can appreciate the varied scenery en route. Well recommended.

At the time of writing there are still seats on the coach. Please book with Margaret Ledger on 980 8340.

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST - WHALLEY

Leave 0830 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leaders Tony Davies 969 5962, Beverly Harrison 928 1093, Pauline Glover 928 0644,
mob.on day 07708432105

Park cars GR 741 361. OS 287 M60 to J18 then the M66 to the end. Take A56 heading for Clitheroe. At cross with A671 turn left for Whalley. After 3.6 miles (at traffic lights) turn right into car park.

From the car park we climb to Wiswell then Sabden and onto Dean farm. Next New Hall via Padiham Heights, Black Hill, Shady Walks and High House Farm. Onto Read Hall, Cock Bridge, Nab Hill, Whalley Abbey and through the town back to the cars

WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST TOCKHOLE WOODS AND DARWEN MOOR

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 or 0774 0777184

Park Cars In car park about 2.5 miles north of Belmont (Bolton). Turn right off the A675 (signposted Tockholes). The car park is on the left about 400m after this turnoff. Explorer Map 287. SD665191.

We walk past Holinshead Hall and through the rather pretty Tockholes Woods. Then past the Earnshaw Reservoir and up onto Darwen Moor and visit the Darwen Tower. Finally we walk across the Moor generally following the Witton Weavers Way. There is quite a stiff pull up onto the Moor and to the Darwen Tower (this is the Grade 2 section of the walk) but we will take the lunch stop immediately after this climb at the Tower so time can be taken over the climb and we can have a rest at the top.

**- LADYBOWER / CUT-THROAT BRIDGE / WHINSTONE LEE TOR/
DERWENT EDGE**

Leave 9.00 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £6 Leader: Anne Brooker 973 2179.

Park cars Ladybower Inn CP.(free) Route - M60, M67 to Glossop and A57 Snake Pass to Ladybower Reservoir. Continue straight on over viaduct approx 1 ½ miles. Ladybower Inn on left – NB car park on RIGHT

From Ladybower Inn in direction of Cut-throat Bridge, then gentle ascent on moorland bridleway to Whinstone Lee Tor with superb views for coffee stop. Short ascent on to Derwent Edge, along part of edge for lunch, then diagonal descent to Ladybower Reservoir, followed by lakeside and woodland paths back to the inn.

NB: This is a repeat of my walk in April - a very scenic walk, and this time the heather should be in bloom.

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST - RIPPONDEN

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £5.10

Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521

Park Cars : Public CP in centre of Ripponden behind shops on Royd Lane GR SE048199. This is just off, left, the A58 (easily missed turning) just after the A672 joins. To get there use M62 to junction 22 and follow A672

The start is a valley walk to Booth Wood Reservoir. Then cross the ridge to Ryburn and Baitings reservoir. This is followed by an ascent of Great Manshead hill with return to the cars along the Calderdale way. Rtn to Cars 16.00

LLANGOLLEN

Leave 8.45 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6

Leader Ken Roe 980 4186 and Phil Grundy 973 8854

Park cars Lantysilio car park. GR 199 435. From A483 take A539 to Llangollen. Straight on for approx. 1 mile then sharp left sign marked Rhewl B5103. CP is ¼ mile on left just past turning for Corwen.

A leisurely ramble in the beautiful Dee Valley.

WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST NORTH WALES

Leave 9.00 11 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £6

Leader : Edwin Barron & Laurie Culledge 980 4216 & 941 1133

Park Cars Loggerheads Country Park (pay & display car park) where the leaders will meet. On A494 between Mold & Ruthin Grid Reference: SJ 198 626 Return to Cars 16.45 hrs. approximately

From Loggerheads through Clwyd Forest, up Moel Fammau to the Jubilee Tower & along Offa's Dyke Path to Moel Arthur. Return through fields to Cilcain Village & Leete path to Loggerheads. Good climbs rewarded by excellent views.

BOLLINGTON AND LAMALOAD

Leave 9.15 8.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.40

Leaders Elizabeth Downie, Jean Lewis & Roy Merritt 904 9775 (0780 1054 139 on the day)

Park Cars : Middlewood Way Car Park, Bollington. OL24 GR:931 780 B5090 through Bollington.

First left after going under viaduct into Adlington Road. Car park on left, overflow on right.

Along side of Kerridge Hill to Tower Hill. Then Hordern Farm, Valeroyal, by Lamaload Reservoir to Ginchlough and High Cliff. Along Gritstone Trail and back through Bollington. A nice walk with a couple of steep inclines.

PARKGATE (WIRRAL)

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £6

Leaders Brian and Shirley Warburton 928 7087

Park cars The Old Baths CP (Boathouse Lane, Parkgate). GR 274 789. Take M56 and leave at Hoylake exit (A540). Follow A540 to the Hinderton Arms PH (B5134). Turn left here and follow Parkgate signs through Neston to "The Parade" at Parkgate. At the far end of "The Parade" is Thre Boathouse Inn. Pass in front of the pub just as Boathouse Lane bends to the right. The CP is 200 yards ahead of the pub.

Coastal path with River Dee on left and Heswall Golf Course on right, to Gayton Well and Backwood Hall Farm. We continue along quiet lanes, the Wirral Way and coastal marshes (dry) to the 16th century old stone quay and back to Parkgate.

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST - WHITE PEAK

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.3 Transport TBA Leader:Judith Wainwright 928 8453 07970 742311

Park Cars : Hulme End car park [P&D] SK102593

Lower Hurst Farm, Wolfscote Dale, Gypsy Bank, Alstonefield, Dale Farm, Grange Farm, Larkstone Lane, Wetton, Ecton Hill

**- WHITE EDGE, LONGSHAW ESTATE, GROUSE INN
FROGGATT EDGE**

Leave 9.00 8½ miles Cat.3 Transport £6 Leader Anne Brooker 973 2179.

Park cars Curbar Edge car park (P&D) (meeting point) or roadside parking ¼ mile before car park.

Route - A6 to Chapel-en-le-Frith, A623 to Stoney Middleton. At Calver crossroads (Eyre Arms) turn left on to A625, then 1st right (Froggatt). Drive over the river then 1st right to Curbar (sharp turn). Follow road through Curbar village to T-junction. Turn left. Follow winding road uphill (approx.1½ miles) to car park on left.

After a short climb at the start, this is an easy and invigorating walk along the gritstone edges of NE Derbyshire, with stunning views. From car park – short climb (approx.20 mins), 2-mile walk along White Edge, then gradual descent to Longshaw estate, passing behind Longshaw House and Visitor Centre. We follow the estate drive for approx 1¼ miles, before coming to the road at the Grouse Inn (drinks stop!!) We then follow field paths returning along Froggatt Edge, with unusual rock formations and super view – nothing difficult !

- **LOWER WHITLEY**

Leave 9.30 5½ miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40 Leaders: Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087
Park cars: Lower Whitley is just off the A49 and 2 miles south of J10 off the M56 (GR.614789). Take Street Lane (on left of A49) into Lower Whitley (signposted to Chetwode Arms). Pass pub on right and St.Luke's church on left and park where Street Lane becomes a dead end.(before returning to A49). Keep driveways clear.

From the vicarage, we cross several fields and meadowland to Deslay Heath Farm, followed by a stretch of quiet lanes to the outskirts of Higher Whitley and back to Lower Whitley

WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST - THE ROACHES AND HEN CLOUD

Leave 9.00 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80
Leader Phil Worsley : 777 6013
Park Cars Pay and Display car park (cost to be shared) at Tittesworth Reservoir, off the A53 Buxton Road at GR SJ 993602 Please park adjacent to the toilets

Commencing from the car park at Tittesworth Reservoir this anti-clockwise circuit in Staffordshire will initially travel generally north via Benthead and Windygates before climbing to cross Hen Cloud and The Roaches. Descending now to Bearstone Rock and Lud's Church we will then turn to walk above High Forest to complete the circuit by way of Clough Head, Roche Grange, Newsett Farm, and Meerbrook.

- **ACTON BRIDGE**

Leave 10.00 4 miles Cat.4 Transport £2
Leader Anne Brooker 973 2179
Park cars M56 to Jct.10. Take 2nd turn left off A49 (Whitchurch), continue straight on (approx. 5 miles) crossing traffic lights half way. Just before the bridge, turn left. Park at roadside between La Vista Bella and The Leigh Arms.

Leisurely walk along the River Weaver to Dutton Locks (coffee stop). Then bridleway across to the canal. Back along the towpath, with stop at teashop/farm shop just before end of walk. A flat, pretty walk at a slow pace.

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST - COACH TRIP TO HARROGATE AND RIPLEY

The coach will leave The Downs, Altrincham at 8.45 am (NB) with the usual picking up places. Harrogate is known as the "Jewel of the North" and has beautiful parks and imposing places to visit. We will have time to explore, and have lunch before continuing on to the quaint village of Ripley, with its Castle, ancient church and cobblestone lanes. It is well worth a visit.

This is a non-walking trip – a social get-together where everyone, members or not, are welcome. Please book with Margaret Ledger at 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns WA15 0BS (980 8340) with a cheque for £9 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. It will be a lovely day out.

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST - THE KENTMERE ROUND – SOUTH LAKES

Leave 8.00 12.5 miles Cat.2 Transport TBA
Leaders Alan Gerrard and Brian Billington 061 980 7508 Mobile 07801652426 on the day
Park Cars Take the M6 North and the A591 towards Windermere. Turn right, signposted, into Staveley Village and follow the signs for Kentmere. The road is narrow towards the end and parking is very restricted in Kentmere. Please meet up in Altrincham in order that we can minimise the number of cars. Park near the village church (G/R OL7 465042) Upon occasions a temporary field car park is available as you enter the village, which should be used if open. If you intend to go direct please call Alan for more information.

This is a magnificent and moderately strenuous classic Lakeland walk. There is lots of information upon the internet. The route takes us to the top of the Gaburn Pass before heading North over Yoke, Ill Bell, Mardale Ill Bell, Harter Fell and return over Kentmere Pike. We will stop at Maggs Howe in the Green Quarter for tea and scones before a short downhill walk back to the cars. This is a high level walk and if the weather is very poor then a local alternative will be offered. Please check the website scrolling notice for info on any changes

WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST - SOUTH OF WOODHEAD RESERVOIR

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.35
Leader John Brownhill 980 1774
Park Cars : Park cars near entrance to Woodhead Tunnel.
Drive over Woodhead Bridge and 3/4 miles after passing the large layby on the left, turn sharp right down the side road to the car park.

Up Near Black Clough, across the moor to Bleaklow Stones, continue East to Grinah Stones and then north to Barrow Stones. From Barrow Stones head North West to pick up the top of Far Black Clough which is then followed down to the cars. Return to cars: 4.00 pm

- NORTH OF WHITCHURCH

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £6 Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617.
Park cars. Opposite the Blue Bell Inn. GR SJ 532 454. Go south on the A49.(road turns right at the Red Fox PH) A couple of miles after you see the impressive stone casellated wall and gate on the right.Turn right at the sign "Bickley Church, No Mans Heath, Malpas". Follow road until T-junction with A41 turn left onto the A41 after 1.6 miles turn right at the (2nd) sign "Bell O'the Hill." the Blue Bell Inn is a couple of 100 yds down

Field Paths, canal, numerous stiles, not flat.

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST - ALSTONEFIELD

Leave 8.45 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6
Leader Tess Gregory and Sue Skelton : 01625 614211
Park Cars Alstonefield village CP. Next to public convenience. GR.SK 131 557 (where leaders will meet).
Stanshope, Castern Hall, Rushley Bridge, Slade House, Calton. Return via Manifold Way, Grindon and Wetton.

- SANDSTONE TRAIL, DELAMERE

Leave 9.30 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £3.45 -
Leader John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey : 969 1557 (mob on day 07762178935)
Park Cars Gresty Waste CP GR 540686. A56, A556 then on the left after the A54 junction (0.4mile)

Taking the Sandstone Trail through forestry and over open pasture, following mostly distinct paths and a little country lane walking. Imposing views of the Cheshire flatlands and Beeston Castle can be seen from this route.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
Joe Jones 973 2019 ('C' walks for all dates needed).

WEDNESDAYS 'A' 'B' and 'C' walks Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO STIPERSTONES

'A' walk - 9 ½ miles Cat.2/3 Leaders: Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigg
'B' walk - 7 miles Cat.3 Leaders: Heather Wykes and Derrick Hamer
'C' walk - 6 miles Cat.3/4 Leader: Beryl Hunwick

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'

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON

'A' walk - Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones 9 miles Cat.3
'B' walk - Chris Sadler - Details in September circular
'C' walk - Keith Wykes and Anna Bainbrigg 5 miles Cat.3/4

Book with Janet Blinkhorn, (941 1634), 2, Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Cheshire, WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £9 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please state where you will be getting on the coach. Leaders for Church Stretton, please send details of your walk to Anne Macaulay by 10th August please.

Leaders needed for 'B' and 'C' walks at Chirk on Wednesday 20th October. Please contact Janet.

HARDCASTLE CRAGS – 23RD JUNE

Tony Davis and Beverly Harrison would like to apologize to any member who was unable to get to the start of their walk on 23rd June owing to the unforeseen road works and consequent complicated diversion to Hardcastle Crags.

SOCIAL ORGANISING GROUP

We are sorry to say that after this season Colin Jeffrey will not be continuing as social organiser. It is proposed to set up a Social Organising Group to plan and organise future Club social events.

If you would be interested in being involved, please contact Colin on 962 5651 as soon as possible.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th September at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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