

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

**JANUARY CIRCULAR 2011**

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

**31st DECEMBER 2010 - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

At All Saints Church Hall, Hale Barns 8 pm.(prompt) to begin with a Beetle Drive. Supper will follow. .  
Please bring a sherry glass and knife, fork and spoon. Tickets are available from Derrick Hamer 969 3821 or Mike Kenyon 928 6752 at £8.50.

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**FEBRUARY 2011 CIRCULAR.** *Due to holiday arrangements I would be grateful if leaders would let me have their walks for the February circular no later than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Thanks. Anne*

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**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY - BOLLINGTON / LYME PARK**

Leave 8.45 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.70  
Leader Mike Gregory : 01625 614211  
Park Cars Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781 (where leader will meet).

Middlewood Way - Macclesfield Canal - West Parkgate - Lyme Park - Bowstonegate - Sponds Hill – Harrop Fold Farm - Oakenbank Lane - Bollington.

- **GAWSWORTH**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00  
Leader: Heather Wykes 01625 618782  
Park cars: On the road near the Harrington Arms Inn, past Gawsworth Hall and church GR.886 692  
Where leader will meet.

An easy walk, Gawsworth via Mount farm, Brereton farm and Cowbrook farm, along the Macclesfield canal to North Rode then back to Gawsworth. Several stiles If the weather is bad you may wish to ring the leader on the day of the walk.

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**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - DELAMERE FOREST**

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat. 3 Transport £3.60  
Leaders Colin & Hazel Baldwin : 980 5409 (Mobile 07733270371  
Park cars Barnsbridge Gates Car Park. GR 542716. Follow A556 to Oakmere/Delamere. Turn right onto B5152. Turn left at Hatchmere (1 mile beyond Delamere Station) into Ashton Road.  
Car park is then 0.9 miles on left.

A walk mainly on tracks in Delamere Forest, visiting Eddisbury Lodge, Pale Heights (views over seven counties in good weather), Hart Hill, Hatchmere and Blakemere Moss. This is our third walk on the first Wednesday in January. 2009 was the "ice" walk, 2010 was cancelled for snow, what in 2011??

- **ETHEROW VALLEY**

Leave 9.30 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.40  
Leaders: David & Liz White 980 8605:  
Park Cars Etherow Country Park, Compstall (off B6104)  
Assemble outside the cafe near the main car park. GR 965 909 P & D £3.00 for all day

Starting through the Country Park. Then gentle climbing to Beacon Houses via Morton Clough. Through Back Wood to Botham's Hall and then across the river Etherow to climb out to Woodseats. Finally through the hamlet of Ermocroft and the Country Park. A couple of climbs rewarded with fine views(weather permitting!)

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - SCOUT MOOR**

Leave 0845 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713 030118 on day)

Park Cars : Healey Dell Nature Reserve car park at Broadley Wood Mill. GR SD879164. From J20 on M62 take A671(M)/A664 to Rochdale, right onto A58 (Halifax). After about 2 miles, left onto A671 (Burnley). After about 1½ miles (just after leaving Rochdale and entering Rossendale), road bends right, then take 1<sup>st</sup> left into Station Road (Broadley). Bear left to car park.

Via Broadley Fold, Lower Bagden, Bagden Quarry and Meadows to Top of Leach. Then across Scout Moor to Rossendale Way and back by Paradise, Knowle Hill, the Naden Reservoirs and Knacks Lane.

- **PEOVER**

Leave 9.45 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.95

Leaders: Joyce Hausaman & Mike Kenyon 928 6752.

Park cars: Knutsford A50 (towards Holmes Chapel). 1¾ 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

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**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - CROMPTON MOOR**

Leave 09.15 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60

Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713 030118 on day):

Park Cars Brushes Clough car park, Crompton Fold GR SD951101. From J21 on M62 take A663 to Shaw. After ~1.5 miles, left on B6197 to Delph. After ~0.5 miles, left to Brushes Clough car park (If there is snow, those going direct to start should contact leader for possible alternative start point):

Gradual climb to Slences then down to Ogden Reservoir. Through Lower and Higher Ogden, by Rooden Reservoir to Cherry Clough and then Denshaw and the Thame Valley. Climb out through Old Thame to Crompton Moor. Make our way to Brushes Clough Reservoir and back to the cars. May be wet in places!

- **LYMM CIRCULAR**

Leave 10.30 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.20

Leader Barry Rice 962 2377

Park cars At Lymm Community Centre off A56 Crouchley Lane.

Lymm Dam circular to the 'Bongs' then to Oughtrington Lane and back to the cars. In the case of inclement weather the walk will be shortened.

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**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - GLOSSOP**

Leave 8.45 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.70

Leader Alan Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars Take the M67 / A57 to Glossop. Proceed through the town on High Street (A57) and turn left at the Commercial Inn into Manor Park Road. On entering Old Glossop turn right into Shepley Street and park on the roadside at the far end (GR SK046948). Please don't park in or block the bus terminus turning area

Climb up Doctors Gate to join the Pennine Way and proceed to Mill Hill. Return via Harry Hut and Gnat Hole.

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**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - COMBS RESERVOIR AND AROUND ECCLES PIKE**

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.50

Leaders Roy Merritt, Jean Lewis & Elizabeth Downie 941 7469 and 07881730802 on day

Park Cars : GR 034 798 At Horwich End crossroads take B5470. 1.6 miles from the t/lights, at a 40 mph/bend sign on the left, turn sharp right down a narrow lane with a partly obscured Combs Reservoir sign. Car park on right 250 yds down lane.

A pleasant walk with good views. Some steep sections and mud. Combs Reservoir, Hilltop, Roosdyche, Buxworth, around Eccles Pike, Cockyard and back through Combs Village.

- **DUDDON / OSCROFT**

Leave 0930 5½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.05  
Leaders Brian and Shirley Warburton 928 7087  
Park cars Layby on left of A51, just past O'Kell's Garden Centre) after passing the "Headless Woman" PH in Clotton (GR. 505 652). Route: Take A49 (Tarpoley road) from Sandiway crossroads (just after Blakemere Craft Centre) and turn right at Tarpoley by-pass, on to A51 and through Clotton to Duddon. (Duddon is equi-distance between Tarpoley and Tarvin).

We take the Eddisbury Way to Duddon Mill and Westwood Grange. Continuing on the Eddisbury Way and field paths, we arrive at the village of Oscroft, returning to cars via a golf course and repeating a stretch of the Eddisbury Way.

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**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY - ROSSENDALE (COWPE)**

Leave 08.45 10 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £4.35  
Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521  
Park Cars Car park in Waterfoot on Cowpe Road just off the A681 Rawtenstall to Bacup road (SD834218). Use M66, A56, A682 to Rawtenstall, then follow signs to Bacup (A681). Waterfoot is about 2 miles along this road, and Cowpe road is on the right at the 2nd mini roundabout.

Starting with a section of the Irwell valley way followed by climb onto Brandwood moor and Cowpe moss. It will then follow the Rosendale way to Cowpe Low before descending back to the Irwell valley

- **AGDEN**

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 75p  
Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn 941 1634  
Park cars off A56. Turn right (Warrington Lane). After Ye Olde No.3 and immediately right to park in 'No through road' (GR. 717 865).

Canal towpath to Oughtington, then field paths and lanes to Broomedge, Deansgreen and Agden. An easy walk for the winter.

- **REDESMERE**

Leave 9.45 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.25  
Leaders Joe and Connie Jones 973 2019  
Park cars Large layby at southern end of Redesmere. SJ 849 713. Take A34 and bypass Alderley Edge. Straight across traffic lights at Monksheath. Turn left onto Redesmere Lane

Via fields and roads to Siddington, then short walk alongside A34 to tracks and fields to Capesthorne Estate. Then through village back to cars.

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**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - SOUTH OF BOWDEN BRIDGE**

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.45  
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013  
Park Cars Bowden Bridge pay and display car park on Kinder Road Hayfield at GR SK 048869  
Cost to be shared.

Commencing from the car park at Bowden Bridge we will walk via STONES HOUSE and climb steadily above Coldwell Clough before contouring under Mount Famine and South Head (optional ascent). Continuing now south east and then south we will descend steadily to Shireoaks and Breckhead. Turning now north we will return at a lower level by way of Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadows, Far Phoside and Stubbs Farm.

- **ANDERTON / MARSTON**

Leave 9.30 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.55  
Leaders Derek Dawson 748 1250 and Bernard Butterworth 973 2652  
Park cars Anderton Boat Lift. GR 648 753 £3. (where leaders will meet). M56 to jct.10, then A559 Northwich Road. At Gibb Hill turn right to Comberbach. The boat lift CP is just under 2 miles from the turn.

From Anderton through fields to Budworth Mere then Higher Marston, on to Lion Salt Works, back to the cars along the Trent and Mersey canal.

## **SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - MARPLE**

Leave 9.00 10 miles Cat.3 Transport TBA

Leaders Brenda and Claire Bailey 07505146962

Park Cars A626 Stockport to Glossop Road car park off service road SJ959885. From Stockport past Rosehill Station. At Texaco Gge take right fork into oneway street Church Lane, up hill straight over mini roundabout, turn into service road with parking sign then into car park

Marple, Mellor Church. Brookbottom back to Marple short walk along canal. up to Mellor Church, Brookbottom Village and Strines Print works then back along Macclesfield Canal for a short distance back to cars Return to Cars approx 3.30pm

## **- ALDERLEY EDGE**

Leave 10.00 5 miles Cat.3/4 Transport £1.65

Leaders David & Liz White 980 8605

Park Cars Take A34 South from Wilmslow into Alderley Edge village. At the end of the shops, take immediate left into Chapel Lane (signposted Mottram St. Andrew/Prestbury). Continue past the church and then park on the left hand roadside overlooking Alderley Sports Centre cricket ground. GR 847 783

Pleasant short walk with a little climbing! Taking in "The Edge" via Wizards Well. Through woodland to Findlow Farm and through the old mining area to Clock House Farm. Back via White Barn Farm Improved paths and lovely views.

## **LEADERS WANTED**

### **SUNDAYS**

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks). And Anne Macaulay 'C' walks – 'C' walks needed for all dates February onwards.

### **WEDNESDAYS**

February - 2nd 'B' & 'C' walk, 9th 'B' & 'C' walk, 16th 'C' walk, 23rd 'C' walk  
Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

A big thank you to all the leaders, old and new, for their efforts during the year. Why not make a New Year's resolution to lead a walk? **WITHOUT LEADERS WE DO NOT HAVE WALKS** - John

**MONIQUE LEE** would like to thank all the kind and thoughtful walkers on Wednesday 17 November who helped her when her waterproof proved not to be waterproof.

We send **HILDA McALROY** our very best wishes as we hear that Hilda has been in hospital recently but is now on the road to recovery. Hope to see you walking with us sometime Hilda.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY HOEDOWN - SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Larkhill, Timperley at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start. Caller Jean Seymour. Break for tea and biscuits. Tickets £5 from Mike Kenyon 928 5762 and Derek Hamer 969 3821. Tickets not available until 10<sup>th</sup> January

## **CO-OPTED COMMITTEE MEMBER**

At the last Committee Meeting it was concluded that the C Walkers are under represented and so it was agreed that a Member from this section of the Club would be co-opted onto the Committee. Barry Rice was invited to take up this position and he has accepted the post. Barry will pull together the views and opinions of the C Walkers for discussion at the Committee Meetings.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

7.30 pm on Tuesday 4th January at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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