

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

APRIL 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

Transport Costs

Following the recent significant increase in the price of fuel The Committee has decided that the Transport costs should be increased to reflect this.

The last time the Transport Costs were increased was in June 2004 and the price of fuel has risen by 50% since this date.

The Rate is changed from 15p/mile to 20p/mile with the maximum being raised to £8. The minimum cost of 50p remains the same. The new rates come into effect on Sunday 3 April 2011.

The Transport cost on all of the walks already submitted for April has been changed in the Circular to reflect the new rates.

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL - HOWDEN MOSS CIRCULAR

Leave 8.45 13 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA

Leaders Brian Billington and Alan Gerrard 485 4119/ 07880588392

Park cars Ladybower Reservoir car park (P&D). Travel A57 Glossop towards Sheffield. At the reservoir turn left before crossing bridge and follow to car park. GR:- SK 173894. Where leader will meet.

Travel north, via Hancock Wood, Nether Hey, Howden Edge, Marjory Hill, Round Hill. Cartledge Stones Edge, Derwent Edge and High House. Return to cars: approx. 4.30 pm.

MONDAY 4TH APRIL - CLUB TRIP TO FORTWILLIAM

The Coach will be departing from outside M & S Sale at 8.30 on Monday 4th April with all the usual pick-up points. Please be at your requested pick-up point in plenty of time, as we are unable to wait for latecomers. There will be food and comfort stops en-route but do bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

On Wednesday 6 April Elsie will take a group by Train on the famous line to Mallaig. Return fare about £8.20 on-line with rail card. £12.50 on the day My contact number on day of departure only is 07922014165.

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL - GOYT VALLEY RIDGES

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.80

Leader Angela Hilton 928 2095 mob 07973 193012:

Park Cars Pym Chair car park (no charge) on the left of a minor road 3km south from the B5470 in Kettlethulme. Grid Ref SJ994768

A walk along the ridges above the Goyt valley via Shining Tor, Cat and Fiddle, Derbyshire Bridge and Burbage Edge.

- ASHLEY & BOWDON BOLLIN

Leave 0945 5 ¼ miles Cat.4 Transport 50p

Leaders Brian & Shirley Warburton 928 7087

Park cars Layby on Ashley Mill Lane (GR.769 859). Take Ashley Rd (B5357), through Hale Village Ashley Mill Lane is on right of Ashley Road, after passing over the River Bollin.

From the layby we drop down to the Bollin and reach Bowdon Vale. A short village walk takes us to the Priory and fields leading us back to the Bollin, on to Rycroft farm and over the M56. We return to cars via Ashley Hall.

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL - PENDLE AND THE RIBBLE VALLEY

Leave 8.30 13 miles Cat.2/3 Transport £8

Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 980 5007 or 0774 0777184

Park Cars In the car park in Barley Village. It is signposted with the 'Brown' signs as 'Barley Picnic Site'. Explorer Map OL21 SD823403.

The day starts with a climb – from the Barley village to Pendle House and then up to the trig point on the summit of Pendle Hill. Then we drop down into the Ribble Valley and on to Downham. We walk SW past Worsaw Hill to Mearley Hall. Then the long pull up over Pendleton Moor, Spence Moor and drop down Ogden Clough and back past the reservoir to the cars.

- **JUMBLES – WAYOH RESERVOIR**

Leave 9.45 6 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £4.25

Leaders Jean Lewis 928 8870 & Roy Merritt 941 7469

Park Cars Jumbles Country Park GR 976 139 P&D £1.30

M60, M61, A666. Turn right at 1st set of t/lights onto A676 (signed Blackburn) for approx 2 miles. Go left at A56 (signed B/burn). In 1 mile look for Jumbles Car Park sign.

A varied and pleasant walk with only a few gentle inclines and steps. Turton Towers, Clough House, Spring Bank, around Wayoh Reservoir and back through Turton Bottoms to the Jumbles.

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL - FOLOW AND CRESSBROOK DALE

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: £7.00

Leaders Veronica Dunkley :928 4629 – mob.on day 07780 914773

Park Cars Monsal Head Car Park GR186 715 (where leader will meet) (share P&D) or in road opposite.

Through Little Longstone, followed by a steady climb to Longstone Moor, by field paths to Foolow and Wardlow Mires, then south along Cressbrook Dale. At Cressbrook, we cross the river, then back to cars along the Monsal Trail Repeat of walk on 31 March 2010, cancelled because of weather.

- **DEVISDALE & DUNHAM**

Leave 10.15 6 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p

Leaders Angela and Norman Simcock 962 1627

Park cars Devisdale Road, opposite St.Margarets church, Altrincham. GR 769 898.

Through Devisdale to Dunham Park via the golf course, back along canal to Dunham Town, through golf course to Denzell Gardens, and back to cars

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL - COACH TRIP TO KIRKBY STEPHEN

The coach will leave The Downs at 8.00 am with the usual pick-up places.

'A' walk - There has been no response from anybody to lead the 10-mile 'A' walk

'B' walk 8 miles Cat.3 Leader: Ron Armsden

This walk, starting in Kirkby Stephen, keeps close to the river, passing the strange potholes at Stenkrith, to reach Wharton Hall and "the birthplace of King Arthur's father" - Pendragon Castle. The return is through Nateby. A delightful walk, full of interest.

'C' walk 6½ miles Cat.4 Leaders: Dave and Erica Clarke

From the Market Place we cross Frank's Bridge and follow the Ladthwaite Beck to reach Lockthwaite. Soon after Mires Close Bridge we reach the ancient buildings of Wharton Hall before returning to Kirkby Stephen on riverside paths. A "worthwhile" shorter walk in a lovely area.

There are quite a few seats left on the coach. You'd be welcome to join us, just for a day out exploring the town. Please 'phone Margaret on 980 8340.

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL - BAKER WAY – CHESTER TO DELAMERE

Leave 9.20 13 miles Cat.3 £4.40 + rail fare

Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211

Park Cars: Delamere Station car park, GR SJ556703 (where leader will meet)

The Baker Way links the heart of Chester with Delamere Forest Park. The walk was devised by members of the Mid Cheshire Footpaths Society and commemorates the life and work of Jack Baker, a one-time footpaths officer for Cheshire County Council. The route follows a mix of canal towpaths, forest tracks, quiet roads, green lanes and public footpaths. There are public toilets at Delamere and Chester and 2 cafés at Delamere serving refreshments until 5 pm. A leaflet describing the route can be found on the internet at <http://www.ecosert.org.uk/leaflets/Bakerway.pdf>.

We will meet at Delamere station at 10:05 and take the 10:27 train to Chester arriving at 10:46. The standard single fare is £4.50 but 2 people can buy a Northern Duo return ticket for £7.90. The single fare for senior railcard holders is £2.95. When pioneered the walk was begun at 11:00 and completed by 16:15. It is feasible to leave cars at Altrincham and take the 9:47 train to Chester, calling at Delamere and after completing the walk return to Altrincham on the 17:23 train from Delamere.

WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL - GRANE VALLEY AND MUSBURY HEIGHT

Leave 09.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8
 Leaders Tony Davies 969 5962, Beverly Harrison 928 1093, Pauline Glover 928 0644.
 Mob. 7708432105.

Park cars Clough Head CP (with toilets). GR SD 752 232. M60 to J18 and onto M66 and then A56 to junction with B6232 (A6177). Head west for about 2 miles to car park on right.

From the car park a short climb to Rossendale Way going west then south and around Haslingden Grane. Musbury Heights, Hog Lowe Pike, Causeway End, Rushy Leach, Tenements Farm and Leys End. Up to Windy Harbour Farm and return to car park on the Rossendale Way.

- **UPPER GOYT AND HIGHER BUXTON**

Leave 09.30 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.20 Leader: Keith Leslie 976 3230
 Park Cars : Grin Low Car Park Grid Ref 049 720 Take A537 (Cat & Fiddle road) to T junction with A53. Turn right onto A53 and, following Brown Signs, turn left after 100 metres on A53, then left into country park, forking right to car park (£1 in honesty box - toilets)
 A walk on mostly good paths in the lovely countryside above Buxton and the Goyt Valley. We visit Soloman's Temple, pass through extensive areas of mature woodland, cross Cavendish Golf Course and return by Wild Moor and the Dane Valley Way Return to Cars : 3.30 p.m

GOOD FRIDAY 22ND APRIL - CHATSWORTH

Leave 9.00 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8
 Leaders : Mary Gerrard 980 7508 & Jill Lee 980 3252:
 Park Cars The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House GR261703. Parking £2 to be shared. We will meet in the Courtyard of Chatsworth House where toilets are available.

Along the river to Carlton Lees. Up past Beeley Hill Top and across moorland to Hobb Hurst's House, then continue to above Robin Hood. Return via Stand Wood to Chatsworth House.

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL - PENISTONE, SILKSTONE AND DODWORTH

Leave 9.00 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.20
 Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521
 Park cars Car park in Penistone (GR SE248033) on Shrewsbury Road, B6462, next to the cinema, (S36 6DY). Follow Woodhead road then signs to Penistone the A628. The car park is between the town centre and the railway station.

A walk from Penistone to Silkstone and Dodworth, including part of the Penistone Boundary walk and Silkstone Heritage Trail with return along part of the Dove Valley Way.

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL - NE OF BURY

Leave 9.15 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00
 Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521
 Park Cars Clarence park Lido car park, Malvern Ave, Bury, BL9 6NW (GR SD896122). This is located just off the A56 a mile N of Bury town centre. Clarence park adjoins the A56, take the road along the N side of the park (Royal Ave) then follow it left, the car park is on the right.

A walk across to the Cheesden Brook valley then following it north via Deepley Vale to Cheesden Lumb. Return via Harden moor and the Irwell valley way.

- **FROGGATT EDGE**

Leave 09.15 7 miles Current :Cat.3/2:Category "New": 5 Transport £7.20
 Leaders Keith Wykes 01625 618164 & Anna Bainbrigge
 Park cars Curbar Gap P&D CP (£3.50 to be shared) where leaders will meet. GR263747. Leave A6 for A623 (SP Chesterfield) at Bolt Edge (just beyond Chapel-en-le-Frith) & travel some 13 miles to Calver Sough (via Wanted Inn, Sparrowpit and Stoney Middleton); at Calver Sough (A625 & Eyre Arms then BP garage) pass straight through traffic lights (still A623) for 0.4 mls. where turn L after Bridge Inn (SP Curbar, Froggatt) then R. (SP Curbar Village) into Curbar Lane (by All Saints Church) and climb through Curbar (noting red telephone box on R) into and along Bar Rd to CP (or off-road parking below).

Curbar Edge – Froggatt Edge – Grindleford Bridge – Froggatt – Calver – Curbar Gap CP. A very popular easy walk involving high terrace flat strolling (immediately from CP) with outstanding panoramic views, later descending 700ft to the Derwent Valley woodlands, sharp 1 mile road ascent at end (unavoidable).

- **WALTON**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.60.
 Leaders: Barry Rice 962 2377 & Giulio Poletti 962 7648
 Park cars: Walton Hall Car Park, P&D £2.10 to be shared. M56 Jct.11 to A56 Daresbury to Walton Arms pub, Old Chester Road and immediately right go down Walton Lea Road to the car park.

Along Bridgewater canal to Moore village, Daresbury, Appleton Reservoir and back to Walton Hall gardens via the golf course

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Mike Gregory 01625 614211 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
'C' walks needed for all dates from May onwards – Contact Anne Macaulay 941 2976

WEDNESDAYS

May 11th 'B' and 'C' walks Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 22ND MAY - COACH TRIP TO AMBLESIDE

'A' walk 8 ½ miles Cat.3/2. Leaders Martin and Sandra Ostick
'B' walk 7 miles Cat.3 Leaders Dean and Elsie Edwards
'C' walk 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leader Margaret Ledger

Book with Margaret Ledger (980 8340), 14 Tanyard Drive, Hale Barns, WA15 0BS with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY - COACH TRIP TO ARNSIDE

'A' walk 9 ½ miles Cat.3 Leaders: Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn
'B' walk 7 ½ miles Cat.3 Leader: Pam Baxandall
'C' walk 5/6 miles Cat.4 Leaders Brian and Shirley Warburton

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) 2, Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Altrincham. WA15 9RQ with a cheque for £10 made payable to 'ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB'

Note to Leaders : Please let Anne Macaulay have details of your walk by 11th April, thanks.

CLUB TRIP TO FORT WILLIAM - 4TH TO 8TH APRIL (4 nights)

There are two places available on this trip. Please ring Dean on 0161 962 3301.

THE CLUB WEBSITE – A MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER

Over the last 12 months the services provided by the club's website "hosting company" have declined to such an extent that they can no longer be relied upon to provide us with an uninterrupted website.

I am, therefore, starting to transfer the site to a new, more reliable "hosting provider". Moving a website can sometimes be a complicated process, so if during the process you cannot access the Club Website using the usual address then go to: <http://www.mysite.me.uk/ramblers>

A MESSAGE FROM HEATHER

A big thank you to all those members who helped to arrange both the New Year Party and the Valentine Hoedown. 23 helpers in all. It was very much appreciated.

FOR SALE

Leather boots, size 4 (37). Hardly worn - £20 or nearest offer. Contact Hilary Wileman 941 2492.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Doreen Aldridge would like to thank all those who sent cards and good wishes following her recent knee replacement.

Our very best wishes for a good recovery to Thelma Collins. We hope it will not be too long before you are walking with us again.

Best wishes to Robert Fysh who has reached his 80th birthday and all other members who have reached this milestone, particularly if you are still stepping out.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd May at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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