

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

JANUARY 2013 CIRCULAR

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
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

****SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER - RUSHTON TO WINCLE****

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.20

Leader: Frank Dockry 973 6617

Park Cars : Gritstone Trail CP by Knott Inn Rushton Spencer GR 935 624 on right off the A523 Macclesfield-Leek road soon after crossing the River Dane.

Over the rolling hills to the west of Wincle and through the woods of the Dane valley. The route is over fields, field paths and tracks and there is a steep uphill and downhill and a flight of steps. If a wet period there may be a muddy section . Return to cars: 3 pm

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Timperley Village Club, Stockport Road, Timperley. 8.00 pm to midnight.

Please bring knife, fork, spoon and sherry glass. Join in the final celebrations of 2012 by donning your diamonds, jewels and dinner suit for this glamorous, sparkly occasion. (Dressing up optional)

Hotpot and apple-pie supper. Tickets £8.50 from Derrick Hamer 969 3821.

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY - THE DUNHAMS

Leave 0945 7 miles Cat.4 Transport 20p

Leaders Ian and Josie Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713030118 on day):

Park Cars: Outside the Garden of Remembrance opposite St Margaret's Church on Dunham Road. GR SJ760878.

A gentle walk not too far from home to welcome in the New Year. We shall make our way via the Devisdale and the Golf Course to Dunham Park where we will have a 20 - 30 minute stop at the Café and Shop - bring your own coffee or have one there. Then on to Little Bollington and across the fields to the Transpennine Trail via Dunham Woodhouse and back to the cars by way of Dunham Town and the Golf Course.

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY - DANEBRIDGE CIRCULAR

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40

Leader John Beardmore 904 7448

Park Cars: Roadside parking below Ship Inn, Wincle at GR SJ 962 652.

This clockwise circuit in the White Peak will initially travel west via Wincle Grange and Mareknowles beyond which the route turns north along Wincle Minn and Croker Hill to reach Fox Bank. Heading now east and then generally south we complete the circuit by way of Lowerhouse, The Hanging Gate, High Lee, Hazels and Allmeadows.

- GAWSWORTH

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00

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

WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY - SUMMIT GORGE

Leave 09.15 8 ½ miles Cat.3 Transport £4.80

Leader Jill Chandler 973 7188

Park cars Hollingworth Lake Country Park Visitors' Centre (P&D). GR 939 153. M62 Junction 21. A640 to Milnrow. Right onto B6225 with brown Hollingworth Country Park signs. Visitors Centre just past Wine Press pub at head of lake.

To Littleborough and Summit, then on packhorse trails above the valley to Walsden on mostly good surfaces. Return along towpath of the scenic Rochdale Canal.

GAWSWORTH

Leave 9.15 6 ½ miles Cat.4 Transport £4.00

Leaders Bernard Butterworth 978 2652 and Derek Dawson 748 1250

Park cars Gawsworth church. GR 888696 (where leaders will meet). Take A34 out of Alderley Edge. In 1.3 miles from the entrance of Capesthorpe Hall turn left B5392 S/p Macclesfield (Gawsworth Hall). In approx 2 miles at Lower Pexhill turn right into Dark Lane S/p Gawsworth. Go straight across A536 then Warren Park just beyond Gawsworth Church near Peak and Northern Footpath sign.

A pleasant walk via North Rode, Bosley Top Lock, Macclesfield Canal, Oak Grove, Gawsworth Hall, one short gentle climb.

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY - RUDYARD

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00

Leaders: Alan Gerrard & Brian Billington 980 7508 & 485 4119:

Park Cars: Staffordshire Way CP behind the Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer GR SJ 935625

Rushton Hall, Birchtree Farm, Horton, along Horton Brook and onwards to Lyme House. Climb over Longsdon Edge to join the Staffordshire Way. Return along the west side of Rudyard Lake. This walk is very muddy with some heavy going in parts.

- LYMM

Leave 10.00 7 miles Cat 4 Transport 80p

Leaders Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones 941 1634 mobile(on day only) 07840 671087:

Park Cars: Off A56 at Agden. Turn R after Ye Olde Number 3 into Warrington Lane then immediately R to park in no through road. GR SJ718865

A walk to Lymm via Oughtrington using field paths and footpaths, returning via canal towpath and/or Trans-Pennine Trail.

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY - WEST OF BOLLINGTON

Leave 08.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.40

Leader Alan Gerrard 980 7508

Park Cars: Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington GR SJ931781

Berristall Hall, Further Harrop Farm, Charles Head to Summer Close. Return via Common Barn Farm, Ginchlough and under White Nancy. This walk is a variant of a recent Sunday walk. It is very muddy in parts.

- WILMSLOW / MORLEY

Leave 09.30 7½ miles Cat.4 Transport £1.50

Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422

Park cars Twinnies Bridge. GR 840 823 Styal Road (B5166)

Towards Wilmslow, pass Styal Prison. Car park on right at bottom of Worm Hill.

The walk takes us by river Dean, to Linney Bridge, over Styal golf course, alongside runway, over field paths towards Lindow Common. Return to cars through The Dell.

- KINGSLEY & NORLEY

Leave 09,30 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £4.60

Leader Brian Waburton 928 7087

Park cars GR 556 723. Take A556 and turn right at B5152 (Station Rd. Delamere). CP is on right (opposite the Carrier Inn) approx. ¾ mile beyond Delamere Railway Station. P&D to be shared.

An easy walk with one gradual climb, passing through the villages of Norley and Kingsley, before returning to Hatchmere picnic park.

SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY - AROUND HASLINGDEN GRANE

Leave 08.30 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leaders Susan & Peter Darby: 9803908 or on day 07967335481

Park Cars: Clough Head Information Centre Grid reference 752232

M60 Junction 18 then M66 to the end then A56. Continue on A56 to T junction, then turn left on to Grane Road B6232 (A6177) towards Darwin. Car park on right after approx 2 miles

From Clough Head to Pickup Bank, Haslingden Grane, Causeway Height, Rossendale Way, Great House, Holden Wood and Ogden Reservoirs then returning to cars. A walk on farmland, tracks and moorland on mainly good paths, mud guaranteed, sadly fine weather not. Return to Cars: In daylight

- **DUNHAM PARK FROM ATLANTIC STREET**

Leave 10.15 6 miles Cat.4 Transport 50p

Leaders Roy Merritt 941 7469 & Jean Lewis 928 8870

Park Cars: The Trans Pennine Trail Car Park at the end of Atlantic Street Broadheath.

An easy walk along the Trans Pennine Trail to Dunham Woodhouses and field paths with lunch stop in Dunham Park. Back through the golf course and along the canal.

WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY - FRODSHAM AND ALVANLEY

Leave 9.15 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.40

Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409: Mobile - 0773 327 0371

Park Cars: Castle Park CP, Frodsham. GR 513773. Drive through Frodsham on A56 towards Helsby, and turn left into car park immediately after passing under railway bridge.

Walk beneath Woodhouse Hill, and follow Longster Trail to Alvanley. Pick up Sandstone Trail by Alvanley Cliff and follow it to Mersey View and Frodsham. A 20 yard stretch of rock scrambling along here followed by a long steep flight of steps out of Dunsdale Hollow.

- **ARLEY & GREAT BUDWORTH**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40

Leader Janet Williams 07913441664

Park Cars: Small walkers' car park at Arley Hall. SJ671809

A556 Chester Road to M6 roundabout then right onto B5391 Pickmere Lane at the Windmill pub, or A56 towards Lymm then left onto the B5159 High Legh Road following the signs for Arley Hall. The Walkers' car park is past the main car park to the T junction and turn left.

A fairly level walk over farmland and through one of Cheshire's loveliest villages. Can be muddy in wet weather. Lunch in Great Budworth church for a small donation - worth it to be warm and dry - no soggy sarnies on this walk!

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY - MACCLESFIELD FOREST

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport: TBA

Leader Harry Hewlett 962 4869 / 07950689777

Park Cars: Carpark by Teggsnose Reservoir Langley GR 945717

CP/Gritstone Trail/ Trentabank/ Shutlingsloe (flank) / Crag Inn / Lower Nabbs Farm/ Piggford Moor / Shutlingsloe / Buxtors Hill / Forrest Chapel / Hardingland / Bridle Path / CP.

- **TIMPERLEY**

Leave 10.15 5 miles Cat.4

Park cars By request I'm revisiting walk of February last year. Please note. As this walk is on Sunday the meeting point and start of walk is Lark Hill car park in centre of Timperley Village

Travel light. Leave rucksacs at home for this gentle walk exploring local footpaths. (Includes coffee /tea stop at Altrincham Garden Centre.

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY - HAYFIELD

Leave 09.00 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £4.20

Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013

Park Cars: The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield. Just off the A624 at GR SK 036869. Cost to be shared.

This walk, generally to the East and South of Hayfield, will initially follow the course of the River Kinder to Booth and Farlands. Turning here south-east and then south we climb steadily to pass under Kinderlow End and South Head to reach Beet Farm, beyond where we turn west and then north to complete the circuit via Dewsnaps, Monk's Meadows, Far Phoside and Meadows Farm.

- LYME PARK

Leave 09.00 8 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.00

Leader Elsie Edwards 0161 962 3301

Park Cars: Main Car Park Lyme Park GR 963 824

From Main Car Park we make our way to the East Gate re-entering the Park at the Main Lodge Gate. We then walk to the Macclesfield Canal and follow the canal to the West Gate where we re-enter the Park and return to cars. Return to Cars: 3.30pm

- LYMM CIRCULAR

Leave 10.30 5 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.50

Leader Barry Rice 962 2377 and Giulio Poletti 962 7648

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.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

Contact Phil Worsley 777 6013 ('A' walks), Derrick Hamer on 969 3821 ('B' walks).
'C' walks - Anne Macaulay 941 2976.

WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY - 6th 'B', 13th 'C', 20th 'B', 27th 'C'.

Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

HORSE INCIDENT ON NOVEMBER 14TH WALK

During the Walk that was led by Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn on 14 November the walkers were crossing a field on a Public Footpath when they were attacked by a horse. Four of the walkers were bitten and one was knocked to the ground. Subsequently East Cheshire Council was contacted and a report was given to them with a request that they take appropriate action.

The Network Enforcement Officer of the Council has since confirmed that he has telephoned and also visited the Farm and explained the legal situation to the Farmer, that he cannot keep a dangerous animal in a field with a Public Footpath. The Farmer confirmed that he understood the requirement and would comply. A Club representative has subsequently visited the field and can confirm that the horse is now kept in a separate field. It is hoped that all of the walkers on that particular Ramble have recovered from the ordeal.

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - HOEDOWN - With Fred.

Timperley Village Hall - Stockport Road, Timperley. Coffee and Cake served.

Tickets from Derrick Hamer 969 3821

THANKS TO LEADERS

John Drinkwater thanks all leaders who led in 2012 and hopes for continued support next year. Hopefully some new leaders. Make a New Years resolution - lead or help to lead a walk.

Phil Worsley also wishes to thank Sunday leaders. Anne Macaulay would like to thank all Sunday 'C' walk leaders.

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