

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

FEBRUARY 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'

WALK ON SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY - TIMPERLEY

The leader for this walk is Elaine Hall - Telephone no. 962 5422

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - WESSENDEN HEAD

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00
Leaders Brenda and Claire Bailey mobile on day 07549630227 home phone 01619009177
Park Cars: Grid reference SE077075 postcode HD9 4HP
parking area just off A635 Mossley to Holmfirth Road

Lots of variety on this walk. It includes Digley and Ramsden Reservoirs, the villages of Holmbridge and Holm, woodlands and moors. All on good footpaths.

- HAZEL GROVE / HAPPY VALLEY

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.60
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422
Park cars Brookside Garden Centre on A523. GR 924 849.

Lovely walk by Ladybrook, through woodland where path takes us up some steps. The walk then follows field paths and farm tracks.

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - FRODSHAM TO HELSBY

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3 Transport £4.20
Leader Alan Key 941 4359 or 0776 162 4521
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.

Frodsham to Helsby hill and back.

- MOBBERLEY

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £1.40
Leaders Liz and Dave White 980 8605 Mobile phone(on the day):-07716 961974
Park Cars: Lay-by on B5085.

From the Bird in Hand pub in Mobberley, take the B5085(towards Wilmslow/Alderley Edge).In about 200yds there is a small lay-by with a telephone box.(Restricted parking-try and double up) GR 803793

A lovely flat winter walk but with a number of stiles and some lane walking(less mud!).Taking in Newton Hall, Paddock Hill.Yewtree Farm then back to Mobberley via Great Warford and Antrobus Hall.

SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY - SOUTH AND EAST OF DISLEY

Leave 0845 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60
Leaders Rose Monteath & Mary Collister 286 2179 969 1307
Park Cars: Disley Station Approach at SJ972845

Today's anti-clockwise walk to the south and east of Disley will initially visit Parkgate before picking up the North Cheshire Way to walk south to West Parkgate and Keepers Cottage. Turning now east we climb to Dale Top and cross The Gritstone Trail to descend to Cornfield Farm and New House Farm. The circuit is then completed by way of The Dipping Stone, Cock Knoll and Bollinhurst Bridge

**- A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR AROUND
HOLLINGWORTHALL MOOR**

Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.80
Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 (07713030118 on day)
Park Cars: Hobson Moor Rd. GR. SJ 989966. From end of M67 continue on A57. Turn left at traffic lights signed Ashton and Stalybridge (by statue of LS Lowry). At top of hill just after 30 mph sign turn sharp right into Hobson Moor Rd. Bear left, then left again and then park on verge at RHS of road opposite quarry.

The route of the walk will be decided on the day by decisions made by the participants at various junctions of the many paths in this area. All that can be said at present is that the distance will be about 8 miles, the amount of climb will be approximately the same whichever route is taken and that the area has plenty of varied and attractive scenery, so come and try something different!

WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - MARPLE

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.20
Leader Brenda Bailey 0161 900 9177 mobile on day 07549630227
Park Cars: Car park of service road grid reference SJ959885 post code SK6 7AL. A626 to Marple, past Rose Hill Station. At traffic lights by Texaco petrol station take right hand fork into one way street Church Lane keep going uphill. Service Road car park on left. pay and display. Leader will meet.

Canals around Marple, taking in Mellor Church and hamlets of Moorend and Brookbottom

- RUSHTON SPENCER

Leave 9.15 7 miles Cat.3 Transport £5.00
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.

A nice walk. Not too hilly though one short sharp climb. If its been wet there will be mud.

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - THE GREAT RIDGE, HOPE AND CASTLETON

Leave 0830 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40
Leader Phil Worsley 777 6013
Park Cars: Mam Nick NT car park on the A6187 at GR SK 123832. Pay and Display (to be shared), or free to NT members.

Commencing from the car park at Mam Nick this walk will initially travel north-east along 'The Great Ridge' to cross Mam Tor, Hollins Cross, Back Tor and Lose Hill before descending south-east to Losehill Farm, Kilhill Bridge and Aston. Turning south and then west we continue and complete the circuit via Brough, Castleton, and Winnats Head Farm.

- ASHTON HAYES

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £5.20
Leaders Dave Stonehewer 962 6450 and Muriel Lowther 01772 316781
Park cars Mouldsworth railway station. GR17 512706. - A556. Join A54. After Sandiway traffic lights about 6 miles turn right onto B5393 signed Frodsham / Ashton Hayes car park on right at railway station.

Baker Way, Woodside farm, Home Farm, Ashton Hayes, Peel Hall.

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - NORTH OF DISLEY AND NEW MILLS

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport TBA
Leader Brian Billington 485 4119
Park Cars: Ridge Quarry Car Park, Marple ridge.GR.SJ965868.
Travel A6 through High Lane towards Disley. On right hand bend go straight ahead and uphill, Carr Brow, to top of hill. Turn left Wybersley Rd and cont to Romper pub.Car park on right shortly after. OR trav A626 to Marple. At road junction traffic lights bear right onto unclassified road and follow to Marpleridge. Car Park well signed on the left after approx 1.5m. Return to Cars: Approx 4 p.m.

Onto the peak forest canal to Strines, The Banks, Broadhurst Edge, Cheetham Hill, Shiloh Rd, South to Golden Springs, and Whitle.Brook Bottom, Hague Bar, Waterside, and back onto canal towpath.

- BRAMALL HALL – LADY BROOK

Meet Metro station Altrincham (10.00 am) Platform 1 for journey to Piccadilly Station. 10.48 train to Bramhall station (concession pass needed). Arrive Bramhall 11.10 am. 5 miles Cat.4.
Leaders: Alan Thorpe 976 1154 and Ken Roe 980 4186.

Walk via Carr Wood park to Bramall Hall. Follow Lady Brook to junction with Micker Brook then boundary path alongside golf course, then walk along estate roads to Cheadle Hulme station for return train at possibly 2.36 pm or if going difficult 3.36 pm train. Note: Edge of brook walking could be muddy - gaiters required ???

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - HOEDOWN - With Fred.
Timperley Village Hall – Stockport Road, Timperley. Coffee and Cake served.
Tickets from Derrick Hamer 969 3821 Friends welcome.

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - MELLOR AND ROWARTH
Leave 0830 12 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £3.60
Leader Colin Turner 973 7770
Park Cars: Disley station approach GR 974 846 Return to Cars: 4pm approx.

From Disley we join the Cown Edge Way to Strines, Mellor and Hollywood End then field paths to Rowarth. From Rowarth South to join the Sett Valley trail to New Mills Torrs Water side Park then across the Millenium walkway to walk beside the canal back to the cars.

- **ADLINGTON**
Leave 0945 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £2.60
Leader Derrick Hamer 969 3821
Park cars Car park at Legh Arms located on the Adlington crossroads and traffic lights on the A523 Poynton to Macclesfield Road. Please park cars at the far end of carpark. GR.912 806.

We make our way to the Macclesfield canal via Wych Wood and Harrop Green farm, continuing to the Adlington Basin via Jepson Clough. On then to Styperson Pool and Higher Doles farm, and back to the cars via Wych Wood again.

WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - LAMALOAD
Leave 0915 8 miles Cat.3** Transport £4.20
Leader Keith Leslie 976 3230
Park Cars: Lamaload reservoir car park SJ975 751
From the traffic lights at the A523 (the Silk Road) and A537 (Cat & Fiddle road) junction in Macclesfield follow the A537 for 4.3 miles to a minor cross-road. Turn left here for Saltersford and the car park is 1.3 miles on the left. It is not well signed.

A walk in the attractive area to the North and West of the reservoir mostly on good paths and firm fields (may be a few short muddy bits) The usual steady ascents with one short **steeper section. Our route takes us past Redmoor, Common Barn, Thornsett Farm and Valeroyal.

- **BETWEEN ALDERLEY EDGE AND WILMSLOW**
Leave 0945 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.20
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 mob 07790063485
Park Cars: Layby on right of Heyes Lane Alderley just after de-restriction sign on left hand bend. Heyes Lane is first left after Alderley Railway Station.
Lovely walk along Bollin Valley Way using field footpaths several stiles one tall ladder stile.

LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

March – 9th 'B' and 'C', 13th 'C', 20th 'C', 27th 'C' Contact John Drinkwater 969 1557

FUTURE EVENTS

COACH TRIPS 2013

WEDNESDAY

8th May Appleby
26th June Llangollen
24th July Kirkby Lonsdale
11th September Kinver

SUNDAY

19th May Horton in Ribblesdale
9th June Pooley Bridge
7th July Social Day Out
18th August Bolton Abbey
22ⁿ Sept. Betwys-y-Coed

If you would be prepared to lead a walk on a coach trip and have not been approached, please contact Martin Ostick 01625 532645.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Wednesday 13th March - 5 mile walk and Hot Pot lunch at Blaze Farm – Cost £6. Cheque made payable to HV Wykes at 30 Langdale Close, Macclesfield SK11 7 YS

Thursday 2ND May - Whaley Bridge Cruise and Lunch - Hotpot / Apple pie. Details in next circular.

VERNON HILL

In the March Circular the death of a member Vernon Hill was sadly reported. It subsequently transpired that in his will he made a bequest to The Club and a cheque in the sum of £6240.00 has now been received.

The question of what do we do with this money is under active consideration by the Committee and various proposals are being studied. There will some gesture, such as the erection a signpost or a seat, made to honour Vernon but any final decision will only be made with the approval of the general Club membership

CHAIRMAN

Chris Sadler has given notice that he does not wish to continue in the post of Chairman after the 2013 AGM. It is proposed that any Member of the Club who wants to take over this post will be co-opted onto the Committee to shadow the present officer to be given time to see what is entailed. If any Member wishes to volunteer for this post or wants to discuss the matter further then they should contact Chris Sadler.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE WEBSITE

It has been noted that the majority of photographs on the website are of A walks and do not therefore reflect the full range of the walks that are offered by the Club. The reason is that not many photographs are submitted by B or C walkers. If you can assist in providing suitable photographs from your walk would you contact Phil Worsley (0161 777 6013) to discuss the matter?

WEDNESDAY WALKS CO-ORDINATOR

John Drinkwater has given notice that he does not wish to continue in the post of Wednesday Walks Coordinator after the 2013 AGM. We therefore need a volunteer to take over this role. If any Member wishes to volunteer for this post or wants to discuss the matter further then they should contact John Drinkwater.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our very best wishes to Sandra Ostick who will be having a knee replacement op. on 21st January. Hope all goes well Sandra.

Heather would like to say thanks to all who helped out at the 'Glitz and Glam' New Year Party

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Emma Mitchell and Nigel Gartside who are joining our Club this month.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday 5th March at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley,