

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

## FEBRUARY CIRCULAR 2016

1. All walks meet at Altrincham Station car park at rear of station. When submitting a walk indicate the transport mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. The decision to cancel or change a walk is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) will only be taken on a walk 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. It is a condition of our insurance that the names of all walk participants be recorded. The list should then be passed to the relevant 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 document 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & WEBSITE PASSWORD CHANGE

Please be advised that the **password** required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will change on January 31st, 2016**. The **username** will remain unchanged. After this date you will only be able to view items in the Members Area of the website **if you have renewed your annual subscription and have the new password**. Details of the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal. **Anyone who has not renewed their membership by that time will no longer be sent the Monthly Walks Circular or be able to access it through the Website.**

### INCIDENT TRAINING COURSE

This will take place on Tuesday March 17th 2016 at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton. The cost will be £12 per person and the maximum number that they can take is 14. This is a fabulous course - those who went on it last year found it interesting, enjoyable and instructive. If you are interested in attending this year, please contact Judith Wainwright, on 928 8453.

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### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>WIRRAL COAST</b>	<b>Leave 9.30</b>	<b>9 Miles</b>	<b>Category 4</b>	<b>Transport £8.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Beverly Harrison & Pauline Glover 928 1093 (Mob 07742613309)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Take M56/M53 towards Birkenhead/Ellesmere Port. At J2, follow B roads to Hoylake/West Kirby. In West Kirby, turn left at the bend to the right down Dee Lane past Morrison's to the South Parade. Park along this road and meet at the public toilets at the junction with Dee Lane. GR SJ210868, Postcode CH48 0QG.				
<b>Details</b>	This is a flat linear coastal walk. We take the train from West Kirby to New Brighton and walk back. Please remember your rail card if you have one. We should see a variety of sea birds.				

<b>Area</b>	<b>MARPLE LOCKS</b>	<b>Leave 9.45</b>	<b>6¼ Miles</b>	<b>Category 4/3</b>	<b>Transport £3.20</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Heather Wykes, 01625 618782				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Brabbyns car park. GR SJ963894. A626, past Marple station, take left into car park near bottom of hill.				
<b>Details</b>	Route is via Chadkirk Chapel, after coffee at Hyde Bank Farm, towards Middle Wood Way and return by canal paths.				

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### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>JUMBLES &amp; CHEETHAM CLOSE</b>	<b>Leave 8.45</b>	<b>10 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £4.20</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Ruth Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	The Jumbles car park (P&D) on the east side of Jumbles Reservoir, GR SD736140. Cost to be shared.				
<b>Details</b>	This walk will visit the three large reservoirs to the north of Bolton, the Cheetham Close Stone Circle and the village of Turton Bottoms. Travelling clockwise and utilising some sections of the Witton Weavers Way, the route will also call at Horrobin Fold, Three Lowes, Fox Hill Plantation, and New House Farm.				

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### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- Area** NORTH EAST OF LITTLEBOROUGH **Leave 9.15** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**  
**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)  
**Park Cars** Free Car Park just below White House pub where leader will meet. GR SD969180. M62 J21 to Littleborough via Hollingworth Lake then right at railway viaduct following A58 Halifax and pub is at top of hill on left hand side.
- Details** Rochdale Way & Pennine Bridleway to Lydgate, Whittaker & Syke then up and over Clegg Moor [ conditions permitting ] via Rakewood to Blackstone Edge and back to cars.
- Area** HIGH LEGH **Leave 9.45** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.40**  
**Leader(s)** Liz White (assisted by David) 980 8605 (Mob 07716961974)  
**Park Cars** High Legh Garden Centre car park. GR 700836. Please park on far right towards exit. Parking by permission on condition we pre-book coffee/tea etc. for after the walk!  
**Details** Lovely "new" walk devised by Liz. Starting from High Legh and across fields and M6 towards the Arley Estate. Quiet country lanes and field paths make this ideal winter walking territory.
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### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- Area** ECCLES PIKE & COMBES **Leave 8.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Colin Turner 973 7770  
**Park Cars** Whaley Bridge car park, GR 012815. Turn sharp left opposite the station and follow the road round to the free car park.  
**Details** Via Buxworth to Eccles Pike then on to Combes village. Climb to Thorney Lee and Wythen Lache before descending into the Goyte Valley and Taxal, then back to the cars
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### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

- Area** OGDEN, PIETHORNE AND WINDY HILL **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**  
**Leader(s)** John Beardmore 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)  
**Park Cars** Free car park or on lane by Ogden Reservoir GR SD953123, PC OL16 3TF. Free toilets. Leave M62 at jct 21, through three roundabouts follow signs for A6193/A640, approx. 0.6m turn left on A640 onto Huddersfield Road, after 0.8m turn left onto Ogden Road (sign for Bulls Head), left onto Private Road, CP on left by reservoir.  
**Details** Climb through Higher Ogden, White Hall Farm and Edge Gate to Rooden Reservoir then descend to Piethorne Dam, pass waterfall onto Rochdale Way and follow to Windy Hill. Return round Turf Hill to join Tunshill Lane the down across field and steps to Ogden Reservoir. Not many stiles, could be muddy on tracks.
- Area** HASSALL GREEN/WHEELOCK **Leave 9.30** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.40**  
**Leader(s)** Brian Warburton 928 7087  
**Park Cars** Salt Line Car Park, GR 776583. Take M6 south to L17 and turn right onto A534. After approx. 1 mile, turn left onto A583. After approx. 2 miles, turn right at The New Inn into New Inn Lane, following signs to Hassall Green. On reaching the village, pass The Romping Donkey Pub and pink church (on left of canal bridge). Go under M6 and car park is on the right, signposted Salt Line Car Park.  
**Details** We walk the Trent and Mersey canal from Hassall Green to Wheelock and return on field pathe via Sandbach Mill, Cold Moss Heath and Tall Chimneys to our starting point.
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### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

- Area** BOLLINGTON **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**  
**Leader(s)** Tess Gregory 01625 614211  
**Park Cars** Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ 931781, where leader will meet.  
**Details** White Nancy – Vale Royal – Common Barn Farm – Saddle Cote – Harrop Fold Farm – Gritstone Trail – Savio House.
- Area** MARTON **Leave 10.45** **4.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.00**  
**Leader(s)** Mavis Wheatman - 478 6648  
**Park Cars** Park cars at Marton Church, GR SJ850680. Take the A34 from Alderley Edge to Monks Heath continue towards Congleton. Church is on left just after Davenport Arms pub on right.  
**Details** Lovely easy walk across fields and paths near the Capesthorpe Estate. Tea Shop at the end .
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## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>TEGG'S NOSE</b>	<b>Leave 9.15</b>	<b>9 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £4.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	John Drinkwater & Judy Bailey 928 1156 (Mob 07401519951)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Tegg's Nose Country Park, GR SJ950733. Leave Macclesfield on A537. After about 1ml turn right onto Buxton Old Road, CP approx 1.25ml on right. Pay & Display.				
<b>Details</b>	From Tegg's Nose sharp descent to reservoirs then a climb to Hacked Way Lane. Field paths to Gulshaw Hollow and Hordern Farm, picking up the Gritstone Trail to Rainow. Field paths to Waulkmill Farm then lane to foot of White Nancy. After climbing the steep steps up White Nancy we follow Kerridge Ridge to Bull Hill Lane where we take the Gritstone Trail back to Tegg's Nose.				
<b>Area</b>	<b>ASHTON HAYES</b>	<b>Leave 9.30</b>	<b>7 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3</b>	<b>Transport £5.00</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Audrey & Bruce Merrick 312 6227 (Mob 07810233104)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	In the rear Car Park of the Goshawk Inn opposite Mouldsworth Station. GR 512706. A556, then join A54. 6 miles after Sandway traffic lights turn right on to B5393 signposted Frodsham/Ashton Hayes. Through Ashton Hayes and Car park is on the left opposite the Mouldsworth train station.				
<b>Details</b>	A fairly level walk which can be muddy if wet. Baker Way, Woodside Farm, Home Farm, Ashton Hayes, Peel Hall.				

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## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

<b>Area</b>	<b>WEST OF RUDYARD LAKE</b>	<b>Leave 8.30</b>	<b>10.5 Miles</b>	<b>Category 3/2</b>	<b>Transport £4.80</b>
<b>Leader(s)</b>	Alan Gerrard & Brian Billington 980 7508 (Mob 07801652426 on the day)				
<b>Park Cars</b>	Staffordshire Way Car Park behind the Knott Inn, Rushton Spencer, GR SJ935625.				
<b>Details</b>	Rushton Hall, Birchtree Farm Horton to Lyme House. Return over Longsdon Edge to join the Staffordshire Way and return alongside Rudyard Lake. Depending upon the prevailing weather conditions this walk can be very muddy and heavy going at times.				

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## LEADERS WANTED

**Sundays:** March 6<sup>th</sup>, "C", 13<sup>th</sup>, "C", 20<sup>th</sup>, "C", 27<sup>th</sup>, "C". All offers of walk - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel 777 6013. Would all Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

**Wednesdays:** Several dates in March and beyond. Contact Alan Key, 941 4359 for 'A' walks or David White, 980 8605, for 'B' and 'C' walks.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY or SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Banff Film Festival at Stockport Plaza, 7.30 pm. Tickets can be bought online or go early and buy at box office next door. Extreme sports, fantastic evening, not to be missed..

### THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

"Kill or Cure" walking tour in Manchester. Cost £5, pay on the day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782. A few places still available.

### WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH

5 mile walk followed by Hotpot Lunch at Blaze Farm, £6-50, pay on day. Book with Heather, 01625 618782.

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### 60th Anniversary Celebrations Programme.

- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Memorabilia Party & Buffet at Lark Hill, Timperley, 6-9 pm. Tickets available from end April, £5.
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dedication Walk at Lymm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> President's Evening Walk with Pub Meal
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Celebration & Dedication Walks at Lyme Park, followed by a Party in the Park at 3.30.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dedication Walks at Nether Alderley & Jenkins Chapel
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Founder's Dedication Walks at Hayfield
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dedication Walk at Delamere
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Formal Dinner at Altrincham Football Club. Tickets available end April, £25.
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dedication Walk on Transpennine Way, Altrincham.
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Dedication Walk at Arley.

The dedication walks are arranged to visit all the plaques on signposts or benches commemorating past members of the club. Further information, with a list of the members and the dedication sites, is provided in the History section of the Members Area of the Website.

If anyone has any old photographs or other items of Club memorabilia that might be of interest for display at the Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, would they please contact Heather on 01625 618782.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Best wishes to Sheila Parker who is recovering at home following a cycling accident at which time she sustained a broken leg. Get well soon Sheila.

Sadly Elaine Hall has been re-admitted to The Christie for further treatment. We send our very best wishes to Elaine for a swift return home.

