

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

APRIL 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'

60th Anniversary Celebrations Programme

Tickets are now available for both 60th Anniversary social events from Derrick Hamer, 969 3821, or Judy Bailey, 928 1156; £5 for Memorabilia Party on Sat 3rd Sept. and £25 for the Dinner on Fri 23rd Sept. Cheques should be made payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Note: the venues for both events have level access.

Amendments to 'Guidelines For Members Taking Part In Club Walks'

Please note the following amendments to 'Guidelines For Members Taking Part In Club Walks'.

- i) Page 5, at end of 2nd paragraph, replace ".....before the start." with ".....before the start and a list of names taken."
- ii) Page 6, at end of 'After the Walk' section, replace ".....names of any visitors" with ".....names of all participants."

The amended version will appear shortly on the website in the Documentation section of the Members' area.

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

Area	WEST OF RIPPONDEN	Leave 8.30	11 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £7.20
Leader(s)	Nigel Gartside 969 2407 (Mob 07553540282)				
Park Cars	Baitings Reservoir, free, no toilets. GR SE011190. M62 to J21, follow B6225 past Hollingworth Lake then right at railway arches, signed A58 Halifax, and car park is on right approx 3 miles after White House pub.				
Details	Yorkshire Water permissive paths to Ryburn and Lighthazles, then Calderdale Way up to Crow Hill trig point [1,250 ft], then Water Stalls road to Great Manshead Hill and over to Manshead Edge trig point [1,350 feet] and back to cars.				
Area	KETTLESHULME & TAXAL EDGE	Leave 9.00	8 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.00
Leader(s)	Colin Turner, 973 7770 (Mob 07495829417)				
Park Cars	Whaley Bridge, GR 012816, sharp left off the main road opposite the station. Follow the road round to the free public car park, alternatively park on the main road.				
Details	From Whaley Bridge we climb to Stoneheads then on to Whaley Moor before descending to Kettlethulme and on to Taxal Edge before returning to the cars.				
Area	LITTLE BOLLINGTON/MILLINGTON	Leave 9.45	5¼ Miles	Category 4	Transport £1.00
Leader(s)	Brian Warburton 928 7087				
Park Cars	GR 717865. Take A56 to Bowdon Roundabout, turn right on A56 to Lymm. Pass the Olde No.3 and just on bend at Agden Brow take sharp fork right on to Warrington Roed. In less than 10yds on right there is a dead end to a farm. Park along here close to grass verge.				
Details	From Little Bollington and via a short stretch of the Bridgewater canal, we follow paths, fields and quiet lanes to Sean Hawkin's Meadow, Agden Brook and Booth bank Children's Activity Farm, returning to the start by way of Agden Brow.				

WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL

Area CLOUD & RUSHTON SPENCER **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) Colin and Hazel Baldwin, 980 5409 (Mob 07733270371)
Park Cars Timbersbrook CP. GR 895628. Take A523 south from Macclesfield and turn right on A54 towards Congleton. In 3.0 miles at a right hand bend, turn left into Middle Lane. In 0.5 miles, after crossing railway, bear right then turn right at T junction. Car park is on left in 0.5 miles.
Details A steady ascent to the summit of Bosley Cloud. Then by the Staffordshire Way and an old railway track to Rushton Spencer and a short steep climb to St Lawrence Church. Then by Woodhouse Green, Bridestone burial chamber and Gosberry Hole Lane to back to the cars.

SUNDAY 10th APRIL

Area GOYT VALLEY & CATS TOR **Leave 8.30** **12 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.40**
Leader(s) Steve & Pauline Glover 928 0644 (Mob 07717506408)
Meeting Since this is the day of the Manchester Marathon, it will not be possible to meet at Altrincham Station. For details of the revised meeting point, contact leaders.
Park Cars Errwood Hall car park, GR SK012748. M60 east to A6, onto A5004. Buxton road. After 6 miles turn sharp right into Goyt's Lane to Errwood Reservoir, then turn left. Car park is about a mile on the right and free. Ignore that nearest the reservoir dam road junction. Nearest postcode SK17 6GJ is the Errwood Sailing Club a kilometre away. Note: the road to the South of the car park is one way (South only) so there's no direct access from the A537.
Details Past Errwood Hall towards Cat & Fiddle to Shining Tor, Cats Tor, Windgather Edge, Taxal and back down Goyt Valley to car park.

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL

Area WERNETH LOW **Leave 9.30** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £2.80**
Leader(s) Alan Key, 941 4359 (Mob 07761624521)
Park Cars Lower Higham Visitor Centre (in Werneth Low Country Park), Higham Lane, Hyde, SK14 5LR. GR SJ960936. Take the A560 from Stockport, after 2 miles the A560 makes a right turn, follow this for 0.8 mile and turn right onto Spring Ave, which leads onto Higham Lane and the visitor centre is just on left.
Details Top end of Etherow Country Park, Chisworth and Broadbottom

Area DIDSBURY TO JACKSON'S BOAT **Leave 9.30** **6¾ Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £-**
Leader(s) Celia Betney, 928 2772, & Jenny Rydell, 941 6847 (Mob 077891055)
Park Cars Meet at Altrincham Train Station at 9.30. We will catch the tram to Didsbury Village via Cornbrook. We will wait at Didsbury Village tram stop until **next** tram arrives. **Remember to bring your travel passes.**
Details An easy walk along the banks of the River Mersey via Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens to Jackson's Boat Yard from where we will return home via Sale Water Park tram stop and Cornbrook. No stiles. Could be muddy in places. An open public walk; not many spots for a comfort stop, so limit the coffee!

SUNDAY 17th APRIL

Area WIDDOP & HAMELDON MOOR **Leave 8.30** **11.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Rose Monteath, 286 2719, & Nigel Gartside, 969 2407 (Mob 07896913175)
Park Cars Widdop Reservoir car park. GR SD938328 where leaders will meet. M62 J21 to Littleborough then A6033 to Todmorden, right on A646 Halifax Road & after 4 miles bear left up hill signed Heptonstall & Slack. After a couple of miles bear right signed Widdop & Colne and car park is a couple of miles down narrow lanes on left.
Details Using the Burnley Way & Pennine Bridleway from Widdop, we go over Extwistle Moor, Hameldon Moor to Hurstwood then back over Black Moor to Gorple reservoir and back to the cars.

Area **BOLLINGTON** **Leave 8.45** **8.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £3.00**
Leader(s) Alan Gerrard, 980 7508 (Mob 07801652426)
Park Cars Middlewood Way CP, Adlington Road, Bollington, GR SJ931781.
Details Berristall Hall, Harrop Fold Farm, Blue Boar Farm, Return via Common Barn, Ginclough and Savio House.

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

Area **DOVE HOLES & COMBS MOSS** **Leave 9.15** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) John & Monica Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07990079292)
Park Cars On station CP, Station Road, Dove Holes. GR SK074781, Postcode SK17 8DH. Free CP, no toilets. Turn right at traffic lights on A6 in Dove Holes onto narrow road, bear left before bridge onto Station Road and CP.
Details Follow lanes and fields to foot of Combs Moss, climb track to Combs Edge and old fort, then along edge and descend to old Roman Road and White Hall Leisure Centre. Return on field and farm tracks to Rye Flatt Farm, climb to Bank Hall Farm and rejoin lane and fields to car park.

Area **GRADBACH, THREE SHIRE HEADS & WILDBOARCLOUGH** **Leave 9.30** **6.5 Miles**
Category 3 (slight 2) **Transport £5.80**
Leader(s) Keith Wykes, 01625 618164
Park Cars Roaches Car Park, GR SJ999662 where leader will meet (for a 1030sh start), From Macclesfield take A523 Leek Road, left turn at traffic lights down Byron's Lane through Sutton until it joins A54, Turn left at Rose & Crown P.H., acute right turn following lane to Midgeleygate, where turn very sharply right by Manor Farm. Car park is a short way on right.
Details River Dane, Manor Farm, Three Shire Heads, skirt Cut-thorn Hill to A54 and Crag Hall, Wildboarclough, returning to cars past the Church, Old Post Office and below Heild End, Burntcliff Top Farms and Gradbach disused Youth Hostel. Three Shire Heads is ruggedly impressive as are Shutlingsloe views.

SUNDAY 24th APRIL

Area **HAYFIELD AND SHIREOAKES** **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.20**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley 777 6013 (Mob 07971514369)
Park Cars The Sett Valley Trail pay and display car park, Hayfield. Just off the A6015 at GR SK036869. Cost to be shared.
Details This anti-clockwise walk in the Dark Peak will call at Moorland House, The Naze, Breckhead, Shireoakes, Peep-O-Day and Meadows Farm. Only one climb but several undulations.

Area **MAM TOR / PEAK FOREST** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.80**
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969308096)
Park Cars National Trust car park on A625 at Mam Nick. GR SJ123832.
Details Up to Mam Tor, down to Hollins Cross, down to Castleton, up Cave Dale, follow Limestone Way and field paths to Old Dam then back to cars via Eldon Hole.

WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL

Area **HOLME & MARSDEN CLOUGH** **Leave 9.30** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.60**
Leader(s) David Bona & Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933221332)
Park Cars Yorkshire Water Car Park next to Ramsden Reservoir, GR SE115055, Postcode HD9 2QW, where leaders will meet. M67 to A628 left on to A6024 and follow signs to Ramsden Reservoir.
Details Leave reservoir up to the Cliff Road track to Issues Road then to Marsden Clough. Follow Kirklees Way to Digley Reservoir, Meal Hill into Holme and then back to the car park. Very few stiles, good paths and not much mud.

Area HASSALL GREEN/WHEELOCK **Leave 9.30** **5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £4.40**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton 928 7087
Park Cars Salt Line Car Park, GR 776583. Take M6 south to J17 and turn right onto A534. After approx. 1 mile, turn left onto A583. After approx. 2 miles, turn right at The New Inn (now closed) into New Inn Lane, following signs to Hassall Green. On reaching the village, pass The Romping Donkey Pub (also closed) and pink church (on left of canal bridge). Go under M6 and car park is on the right, signposted Salt Line Car Park.
Details A shortened version of previous walk of 17th Feb. which was cancelled due to adverse weather and conditions underfoot. In a nutshell – Trent and Mersey Canal, Sandbach Mill, Cold Moss Heath and Tall Chimneys Manor.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

May 1st, "B" & "C", 8th, "C", 15th, "C", 22nd, "B" & "C", 29th "C". All offers of walks - please contact Phil Worsley, Tel: 777 6013. Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Club walks direct to Phil.

Wednesdays

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sally Ferrans celebrated her 94th birthday in February. She wishes to thank members of the club for all the lovely cards she received from them.

We welcome back Jan Mellor as a member of the club after a few years' gap and wish her enjoyable walking.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY - COACH TRIP TO APPLEBY

Leaders:- A walk - Steve and Pauline Glover

B walk - Frank Dockry

C walk - David and Liz White

Book with Joan Jeffrey (962 5651), 16 South Meade, Timperley, WA15 6QL with a cheque for £11 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB

SUNDAY 22nd MAY - COACH TRIP TO GREAT LANGDALE

Leaders:- A walk - Ian and Josie Stenhouse

B walk - Keith Leslie

C walk - Beryl Hunwick

Book with Beverly Harrison (928 1093), 55 Hale Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9HP with a cheque for £11 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB

* Please state where you will join the coach

* All coach leaders please let Ian Stenhouse have details of your walk by April 11th

THURSDAY 12th MAY

A tour round the new AVRO Heritage Aircraft Museum, Woodford at 1.45 pm. Cost £8, payable on the day. Bookings to Heather, 01625 618782

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