

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER CIRCULAR 2018

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'

*** MILLER'S DALE & TIDESWELL WALK ON SUNDAY 26th AUGUST ***

The coordinates for the Car Park were inadvertently missing from the travel instructions in the August Circular. They are GR SK138732 and nearest Postcode SK17 8SN.

BOOKS ON MAP READING AND GPS SKILLS

The following two books have recently been purchased by the Club and are now available to borrow from the Club Map Custodian, Chris Sadler, 980 5007.

Map Reading Skills – An introduction to map reading and basic navigation
GPS for Walkers – An introduction to GPS, digital maps and geocaching

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Area	COOMBES EDGE FROM HAYFIELD	Leave 8.30	10.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.20
Leader(s)	Chris and Margaret Sadler, 980 5007 (Mob 07740 777184)				
Park Cars	The Sett Valley P&D car park in Hayfield, GR 036869.				
Details	We follow the Sett Valley Trail to Birch Vale then north to Rowarth and on to Combes Edge. We return to Hayfield generally following the Pennine Bridleway. There are two steepish climbs before lunch and later a pull up as we contour around Lantern Pike but from there it is generally downhill all the way back to the cars!				
Area	ASHLEY & BOWDON BOLLIN	Leave 9.30	5¼ Miles	Category 4	Transport £0.50
Leader(s)	Mavis Walker, 973 5514				
Park Cars	Lay-by on Ashley Mill Lane, GR 769855. Take Ashley Road (B5357) through Hale Village. Ashley Mill Lane is on right after passing over River Bollin.				
Details	From the lay-by we drop down to the Bollin and reach Bowdon Vale. A short village walk takes us to fields, leading us back to the Bollin, on to Ryecroft Farm and over the M56. We return to cars via Ashley Hall. Flat easy walk and no stiles.				

WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Area	COACH TRIP TO CHURCH STRETTON	Leaving M&S Sale at 08.00am with the usual pick-up points.			
"A" walk	11 Miles Cat 3/2 Leaders John and Monica Beardmore	From coach park cross A49 and follow lane and footpath into wood, over stream then steep climb up Caer Caradoc, with excellent views on clear day. Sharp descent and through meadows to Cardington village. Cross stream in private garden, through fields and lanes to "Ippikin Way", up Willstone Hill and descend into Hope Bowdler village to return by fields and wood to original lane and back to coach.			
"B" walk	7 Miles Cat 3 Leader Ralph Johnson	From the Square in Church Stretton, the route takes us North past Nover's Hill then left up the Batch Valley to turn right at the Batch. Past Jonathan's Rock bearing left to reach the Port Way and the Shropshire Way. Left dropping steeply down Jack Mitton Way leading to Carding Mill Valley. There is then a short climb to Rectory Wood and an easy walk back to the start. Mostly good paths, some woodland paths, field paths and open moorland. We have a steady climb of about 900 feet over a distance of 2.5 miles and one steep descent, rocky in places, and one short set of steps going down			

"C" walk 6 Miles Cat 3/4 Leaders Muriel Lowther and Dave Stonehewer

A varied walk encompassing the lower slopes of local hills and valley farmland. More details on coach.

Seats still available – contact Jenny Rydell (941 6847), 8 Bollin Square, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 3DQ with a cheque for £13 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB, remembering to state where you will join the coach.

Non-walkers may book after 27th August if seats still available.

Area	BOLLINGTON	Leave 9.30	7.5 Miles	Category 3	Transport £3.40
Leader(s)	Mary Gerrard, 980 7508, and Jill Lee, 980 3252				
Park Cars	Middlewood Way Car Park, Adlington Road, Bollington (GR SJ932781) From Wilmslow, Station Rd (passing railway station) to T junction, left on A5102, right at roundabout to pass Unicorn Pub, next right B5358, signposted Macclesfield. Right at traffic lights onto A523, signposted Macclesfield, stay on A523. At the 1st roundabout, take left and proceed to join the B5090. Turn left and follow the road into Bollington. Adlington Road is on the left just before the Dog and Partridge pub (Post Code SK10 5JX). Car Park is on the left.				
Details	Middlewood Way, canal and field paths to Swanscoe Hall and Higher Hurdsfield. Proceed under Cliff Hill to Marsh Farm and a gradual climb to Horden Farm before descending down to Kerridge-end. Return to Bollington via the lower level path under Kerridge Hill. One short steep descent and climb				

SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

Area	LITTLEBOROUGH	Leave 9.00	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.00
Leader(s)	David Bona and Brenda Bailey, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)				
Park Cars	Visitor Centre at Hollingworth Lake. Pay and Display. Also toilets and café. GR SD938153, Post Code OL15 0AZ, where leaders will meet. M60, M62, leave at Junction 21, Milnrow then follow signs to Littleborough and Hollingworth Lake on the B6225.				
Details	A lake and six reservoirs. Half way round Hollingworth Lake, up to Bib Knowl and down to the rugby pitches, past Castle Hill, up to Tunshill Lane. Down past Ogden Reservoir to the Rochdale Way (toilets). Along past Kitcliffe Reservoir, Piethorne Reservoir and a small unnamed reservoir then up to and past Rooden Reservoir to the Rochdale Way, past Norman Hill Reservoir back to Hollingworth Lake via Tunshill Lane and the Pennine Bridleway to a well-earned cup of tea/coffee and cake etc. Few stiles, mostly good paths, some mud dependent upon the weather!				

WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Area	JUMBLES	Leave 9.15	10 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £4.20
Leader(s)	John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)				
Park Cars	Jumbles Car Park, GR SD736140. Toilets/cafe, pay if meter in use. From M61 onto A666, turn right onto A676 Ramsbottom. Approx. 1m through Bradshaw at traffic lights go left onto Bradshaw Road, then left at brown sign for Jumbles Country Park.				
Details	We walk north around Jumbles, Wahyoh and Turtles Reservoirs, then climb to Fox Hill Trig Point, and turn south onto Witton Weavers Way, Cheetham Close and past Turton Golf Course back to car park. An attractive walk with no steep hills but can be boggy on moorland.				
Area	ACTON/NANTWICH	Leave 9.15	5 Miles	Category 4	Transport £6.00
Leader(s)	Colin and Joan Jeffrey, 962 5651 (Mob 07972 857468 and 0779 1373093)				
Park Cars	Free Public Car Park at Acton, near junction of Chester Road (A534) and Monks Lane GR SJ632530. A556 from Altrincham, A530 then B5074 to A51, then follow Chester Road A534 to Acton. Car park on left just after Monks Lane.				
Details	From Acton via tracks past Dorfold Hall to Marsh Lane, then field paths over Shropshire Union Canal and Railway and River Weaver to Nantwich for an extended lunch break in the Historical Elizabethan Town. Then via Shropshire Union Canal and fields back to Acton (Scene of the battle of Nantwich 1644 where the Royalists were routed by Cromwell's New Model Army).				

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

Area	CURBAR & FROGGATT EDGE	Leave 8.30	11 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £7.40
Leader(s)	John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)				
Park Cars	National Trust Car Park, off lane through Curbar, GR SK262747, free to NT members, no toilets. Follow A6/A623 through Stoney Middleton and on leaving Culver take sharp left marked Froggatt/Curbar after				

pub/hotel car park, then immediately right into Curbar village. Follow road up through village approx. 1.2m, car park on left.

Details Follow White Edge to Longshaw Estate then Padley Gorge, Boley Hill and Nether Padley. Cross river and through woods to Froggatt Edge, Curbar Edge and back to cars.

Area **KNUTSFORD & TATTON PARK** **Leave 10.30** **4.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.20**

Leader(s) Mavis Weetman, 478 6648.

Park Cars Car Park in centre of Knutsford, behind King St., adjacent to Malt St., GR 753787. A50, at Knutsford, follow signs to Station, left at lights, left into King St. Car park is on right next to children's play area.

Details A very pleasant circular walk around Tatton Park, returning via Beech Avenue to the start and tea rooms and pubs in Knutsford. Walk can be muddy at the start but no stiles.

WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Area **EAST & SOUTH OF ERRWOOD** **Leave 9.00** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**

Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)

Park Cars Errwood Reservoir free car park at the bottom of "The Street" at GR SK 013757. Approximate postcode is SK17 6GJ – use as a guide only.

Details This clockwise circuit to the east and south of Errwood Reservoir will call at Bunsal Cob, Beet Wood, The Cat & Fiddle, and Shooter's Clough Bridge. There are two climbs and some minor undulations on the walk with none of these being difficult.

Area **NETHER ALDERLEY** **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £2.40**

Leader(s) David & Liz White, 980 8605 (Mob 07443 394622)

Park Cars Nether Alderley Mill, Congleton Road, SK10 4TW. One and a half miles south of Alderley Edge on the east side of the A34. GR 844763.

Details From Nether Alderley Church across to Monk's Heath and then Birtles Hall. Gentle climb towards the Edge and then back to Nether Alderley. Lovely summer walk with good paths and very few stiles.

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Area **COACH TRIP TO HAWES** Leaving The Downs at 8am with the usual pick-up points.

"A" walk 10 Miles Cat 3/2 Leader Phil Worsley

A circular walk from Hawes including Burtesett, Countersett, and Drumaldrace (2,014'). Full details on the coach.

"B" walk 7 Miles Cat 3 Leaders Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn

Take Pennine Way, then over river to Sedbusk. Onwards to Simonstone, Hardraw Force, Bluebell Hill and Appersett to return to Hawes.

"C" walk 6½ Miles Cat 3 Leader Beryl Hunwick

(Opportunity to cut the walk short if weather is bad or anyone does not want to do the last mile or so). Mainly good paths, a bit uneven near Aysgill Force, and inclined to be muddy. There may be some boggy patches towards the end of the walk. Mainly walking through fields and meadows, gently undulating terrain, good views all round, a few ladder stiles but generally slit stiles of varying widths.

This is a very pleasant walk and we should be back in good time to enjoy the many cafes in Hawes.

Seats still available – contact Beryl Hunwick (928 3644), 43 Broomfield Lane, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9AS with a cheque for £13 payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB, remembering to state where you will join the coach.

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Area **FERNILEE & COMBS** **Leave 8.45** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.40**

Leader(s) Susan & Peter Darby, 980 3908 (Mob 07967 335481)

Park Cars Errwood Reservoir Car Park (near the Dam). From Whaley Bridge turn Right at Crossroads onto the B5470 to Kettlethulme, there turning left up the side road South past Windgather Rocks to T junction and turn left down Embridge Causeway and The Street. Car park is at the bottom of the hill on the Right. GR SK013757, nearest Postcode SK17 6GJ.

Details This a reprise of last autumn's 'Shostakovich' walk. We travel north and east from Errwood, including Fernilee, Taxal, Combs, White Hall, Burnsdall Cob. An undulating walk along quiet country lanes, tracks and fields with several climbs but nothing too steep.

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Area HOPE VALLEY AND WIN HILL **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.00**
Leader(s) John Capel, 980 2496 (Mob 07866 764187)
Park Cars Castleton Visitors Centre P+D Car Park (£5.20 – prices just increased!), Hope Valley, toilets, cafe. GR SK149830, Postcode S33 8WN.
Details Starting in front of the Visitors Centre, beneath Peveril Castle, through Castleton Village and then through fields following Peakshole Water and the River Noe and overlooking Hope Valley, where in AD 926 a furious battle was won by Alfred the Great's grandson (soon to be the first Saxon ruler of England), briefly passing the (underwhelming) remains of the Roman fort, Navio, into Brough. Start gentle climbing near Hope Station, then on to Aston and Edge Farm, then a steep climb up to Win Hill, where spectacular views to the north of Kinder Scout, Bleaklow, Derwent Edge and Ladybower Reservoir await. Return via Twitchill Farm, Killhill Bridge, Spring House Farm and back to the car park.

Area BOLLINGTON / KERRIDGE **Leave 9.30** **6¼ Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Heather Wykes, 01625 618782
Park Cars Car Park on Palmerston Street, Bollington, GR 935779. From A523 (Poynton to Macclesfield road), take the B5090 or B5091 into Bollington, continue through to pass under the arches for the Middlewood Way. At Palmerston St. watch out for the Spinners Arms on right, car park is opposite, where leader will meet.
Details Bollington to Ingersley Vale, gradual climb up Kerridge Hill, downhill to Swanscoe Farm, over fields and back via canal.

SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Area GREAT HILL **Leave 8.30** **9.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £5.00**
Leader(s) Rose Monteath, 286 2719
Park Cars Crookfield Road Car Park, GR SD665191 (nearest Postcode BL7 8BG), where leader will meet. A666 through Bolton, then A675 to Belmont. 1.5 miles beyond Belmont on A675 turn right – signed Tockholes. Free car park on left.
Details Up to Great Hill, on to Solomons Temple, Roddlesworth Reservoirs & Ryal Fold, up onto Darwen Moor and back to the cars.

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - "C" walks up to 6.5 miles. All offers of walks for **these dates and beyond** - please contact Phil Worsley, 777 6013. Would all Sunday Leaders please forward names of all Members and Guests on Sunday Club walks direct to Phil.

Wednesdays

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

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER – SOCIAL COACH TRIP TO BLACKPOOL AND THE ILLUMINATIONS

The coach will leave Altrincham at 1.45pm with the usual pickups and return from Blackpool at 6pm. Bring your bucket and spade for sandcastle completion (surprise prize awaits), see the famous Tower Ballroom, climb the Tower, have fish and chips!!, walk the prom, then drive through the 106-year-old illuminations. Cost £12. Book with Heather, 01625 618782, or Judy, 928 1156. Cheques payable to Altrincham Rambling Club. Remember to state where you will board bus. All those who have booked and not paid, please do so now! Members and friends welcome. See you on the prom!!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome recent new members, Karen and Brian Williams.

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