

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

APRIL CIRCULAR 2019

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'

CLUB HOLIDAY TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE, 3rd – 7th APRIL 2019

For those going on the Club Holiday, please note that the **first pick up point will be Altrincham Interchange and last will be opposite M&S in Sale**. Pick up time, seat no. and any other relevant information will be on your holiday ticket which will be posted to you, together with an Alfa luggage label and itinerary, approx. 2 weeks before travel. **All luggage must have the Alfa label attached to it (not necessary for rucksacks).**

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

Area	GREAT HILL/RYAL FOLD	Leave 9.15	9.5 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £5.00
Leader(s)	Rose Monteath, 286 2719				
Park Cars	Crookfield Road Car Park, GR SD665191, 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 Solomon's Temple, Roddlesworth Reservoirs & Ryal Fold, up onto Darwen Moor & back to the cars.				

SUNDAY 7th APRIL

Area	GRAIGFECHAN, NEAR RUTHIN	Leave 8.30	9/12 Miles	Category 3/2	Transport £8.00
Leader(s)	Pauline Glover, 928 0644 (Mob 07742 613309)				
Park Cars	"The Three Pigeons" Pub Car Park, Graigfechan, LL15 2EU, GR SJ147545. M56 to A494 towards Ruthin. Pass through Llanbedr then turn left on B5429 signed to Graigfechan & Pentrecelyn. "The Three Pigeons" is on the right on the road through Craigfechan. Please park at the far end of the car park.				
Details	A scenic, varied "figure of 8" walk including a Nature Reserve and Butterfly Conservation area. The first part of the walk is c 9 miles cat.3, returning to the cars. There is then the option of a further, more demanding 3 mile loop on the opposite side of the road up to the mast.				

Area	CULCHETH	Leave 9.45	5 Miles	Category 4	Transport £2.60
Leader(s)	Brian Warburton, 928 7087				
Park Cars	Culcheth Linear Park Car Park, GR SJ649949. From Warburton Toll Bridge (toll 12p each way), turn right onto Manchester Road (A57). After approx. ½mile, turn left at traffic lights onto Glazebrook Lane (B5212) and follow through to Culcheth. At junction with Warrington Road (A574), turn left into village, then right into Common Lane (B5207) and left into Wigshaw Lane. Car Park is on right. Watch out for hand-painted sign on right to car park.				
Details	Leaving the Linear Park, we arrive at Croft via (mainly) fields and carry on to Kenyon before completing the walk back to the cars along the Culcheth Linear Park, which was formerly the Wigan to Glazebrook Railway Line.				

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL

Area	DOVESTONE RIDGE	Leave 9.15	10 Miles	Category 2/3	Transport £4.60
Leader(s)	John Capel, 980 2496 (Mob 07866 764187)				
Park Cars	Dovestone Reservoir P&D Car Park (£1.30), toilets, ice cream van. GR SE013036, Postcode OL3 7NE (nearest). Leave M60 at J23, take A635 through Ashton. After Greenfield Village, turn right down Bank Lane, car park is at road end in one mile.				
Details	From the CP, the walk will be along Bradbury's Lane to the old mill cottages, then up on to the Oldham Way, through a wooded area and then up the metalled road under the Dish Stone to the quarry below Chew Reservoir (2nd highest in Britain at 488m). The walk then follows the 450m contour along the edge, across Charnel Clough, passed the ruined Bramley's Cottage and on to the Fox Stone. The Ashway Cross (memorial to James Platt MP) above the Ashway Gap (RSPB site of peregrines) follows, then the Raven Stones along Dovestone Edge. Return down the steep Birchen				

Clough (can be difficult walking!) to Greenfield Brook and back along the flat leisurely paths alongside the Greenfield, Yeoman Hey and Dovestone Reservoirs, returning to the car park across the 38m high dam embankment. Right on the edge of the Peak District, on a good day there are plenty of spectacular views, as the walk progresses, of the various gritstone crags and edges. Have a look at the great drone video for the walk area: –

<http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/routeslinkswalks/dovestone-reservoir-walking-route>

Area HATTON **Leave 9.45** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4/3** **Transport £3.60**
Leader(s) Mike Jones and Janet Blinkhorn, 941 1634 (Mob 07596 845748)
Park Cars Walton Hall Gardens Car Park, GR SJ600852, Postcode WA4 6SN, P+D, please share cost. M56 to J11 then A56 towards Warrington and follow signs for Walton Hall. Alternatives are A56 through Lymm or M56 to J11 and then via Stretton and Hatton.
Details Walton Lea, the canal to Moore, field paths to Hatton and return via Belfield Farm, golf course and Hillfoot Farm.

SUNDAY 14th APRIL

Area HATHERSAGE **Leave 9.00** **10 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) John Brownhill, 980 1774 (Mob 07969 308096)
Park Cars Park on the right just before Hathersage Station Car Park, GR SK233811, Postcode S32 1DP. Take the A6187 to Hathersage, Turn right on to B6001, then left after 1/4 mile to the station.
Details Take B6001 to join Derwent River path going south-east. Cross the railway to reach Upper Padley. Then head north on wooded paths to reach Lawrencefield Quarry, Burbage Bridge and Upper Burbage Bridge. From here we head north-west over Stanage Edge, then drop down to Dennis Knoll and via field paths and lanes back to Hathersage.

Area NORTHENDEN **Leave 10.00** **6.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £0.80**
Leader(s) Dave and Judith Burns, 962 7927 (Mob 07783 317481)
Park Cars Roadside parking in the lay-byes on the left of Palatine Road (B5167) by Costa Coffee, or in side roads. Meet leaders at 10.30 at the Esso Petrol station, Postcode M22 4FW.
Details We walk in a figure of 8. Starting with a short walk through Withington Golf Course to Didsbury shops and Didsbury Park. Going past East Didsbury Metro station, we join the Transpennine Trail and go along the River Mersey river bank back to Northenden.

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL

Area HURDLOW & CROWDICOTE **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.20**
Leader(s) John & Jill Jagger, 980 6364 (Mob 07444 813545, 07850 580966)
Park Cars Hurdlow Peak District P&D Car Park, £4-75, GR SK128659, Postcode SK17 9QJ. 6.5 miles south of Buxton on A515 towards Ashbourne, pass through hamlet of Pomeroy and after 1.5miles at a signpost for Hurdlow turn right into the lane (opposite to B5055 for Monyash). Hurdlow car park is in 0.25 miles on LHS before hump-back bridge (called Sparklow on OS map).
Details A walk in rolling limestone countryside with a mixture of good tracks and open farmland. We follow the High Peak Trail along the course of the old Cromford and High Peak Railway, then leave to pass beneath the prominent peak of High Wheeldon, before meeting with the infant River Dove near Crowdicote. We follow the Dove Valley as far as the dramatic earthworks of Pilsbury Castle before heading cross country to re-join the route of the old railway. Lots of white stone walls and surprisingly dry underfoot.

Area WORSLEY WOODS **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.00**
Leader(s) Brian Warburton, 928 7087
Park Cars Dukes Drive Coach & Car Park (free), Monton Green, Eccles. GR 764996. Take M60. Leave at J11 (Peel Green, Eccles). Follow A57 (Liverpool Rd.) to New Lane (on left of A57). At its junction with Worsley Rd, it becomes B5211. Immediately after going under M62, turn right in to Parrin Lane (B5229). Continue for approx. ¾mile and car park is on left, just after canal basin.
Details A figure of eight walk, mainly the Bridgewater Canal and Worsley Woods, taking in some fine architecture – most of which belonged to the Earl of Ellesmere and his heirs.

FRIDAY 19th APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

Area CHATSWORTH **Leave 9.15** **8/6 Miles** **Category 3** **Transport £8.00**
Leader(s) Ian & Josie Stenhouse, 926 8446 (Mob 07462 332713)
Park Cars The large main car park at the entrance to Chatsworth House, GR SK261703. Parking fee to be shared. Please note we will meet by the horse in the Stables courtyard, where toilets are available, and aim to start the walk by 11am.
Details The traditional Good Friday Walk at Chatsworth. We shall make our way to Calton Lees along the River Derwent, then up to Calton Lees Houses From there we cross Calton Pastures to the outskirts

of Bakewell and return to the cars, via Ballcross Farm and the interesting Estate village of Edensor, hopefully in time for tea and scones! This walk has some magnificent views of Chatsworth and the Park as well as the surrounding countryside. A shorter version (6miles) will be available by going from Calton Lees Houses directly to Edinsor and back to Chatsworth.

SUNDAY 21st APRIL

Area **EYAM** **Leave 8.30** **11 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.80**
Leader(s) Mike Gregory, 01625 614211
Park Cars Eyam free car park, opposite the museum on Hawkhill Rd., GR SK216767 (where leader will meet).
Details A fairly strenuous morning of moorland walking, followed by a moderate afternoon of woodland and riverside paths, finishing with a gradual climb up to Eyam. The route includes Sir William Hill, Stoke Ford, Abney Moor, Offerton, Leadmill Bridge, Grindleford and Froggatt.

Area **HOLME & MARSDEN CLOUGH** **Leave 9.15** **8 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £6.60**
Leader(s) Brenda Bailey & David Bona, 900 9177 (Mob 07933 221332)
Park Cars Yorkshire Water Car Park & lane opposite Ramsden Reservoir, GR SE115055 (OS Map OL1), nearest Postcode HD9 2QW, where leaders will meet. Take the M67 and then the A628 and turn left at Woodhead on to the A6024, through Holme and at Holmbridge turn right following the signs up to Ramsden Reservoir.
Details Leave Ramsden Reservoir, up to and through Holme Woods and then up to the Cliff Road track and then down and along the Issues Road Track and join the Kirklees Way on to Nether Lane at Marden Clough. Then follow the Kirklees Way to Digley Reservoir, Meal Hill, into Holme (where there are toilets) and back to the cars. Very few stiles, good paths and not much mud.

Area **APPLETON THORNE** **Leave 9.45** **6 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £2.20**
Leader(s) Jeanne Gregory, 980 8439, & Lesley Short, 980 1041
Park Cars Go along the Chester Road (A56) to Lymm Roundabout, turning right towards Lymm and Agden Brow. At the traffic lights, by the Jolly Thresher Pub, turn left. Go straight along passed the church in the triangle, then turn right onto A50, towards the Bears Paw Pub. Slow down on approaching as the road we need to take is on the left, Swineyard Lane. After 3miles (after crossing two motorways), turn left onto A5356, signposted Stretton and Appleton Thorn. Go passed the Thorn Inn and St Cross Church and park in the lay-by on right, GR SJ637838.
Details From Appleton Thorn over fields, then follow Lumb Brook. Through woods to Grappenhall (lunch), then back to Appleton Thorn by canal and fields. After the walk everyone is welcome at the church in the triangle for refreshments tea and cakes - not to be missed as we can recommend. Yummy!

WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL

Area **DIGGLE & SADDLEWORTH MOOR** **Leave 9.15** **9 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £4.80**
Leader(s) John Beardmore, 904 7448 (Mob 07391 607460)
Park Cars Tame Valley Car Park on Sam Road, Diggle, GR SE007079, Postcode OL3 5PU. Toilets at Diggle Hotel (200m on walk). From M60 J23, follow A670, in approx. 6m take Huddersfield Road on right, after 0.8m turn right onto Sam Road, car park on right.
Details Track past Diggle Hotel to old Pennine Way, Stanedge Tunnels to Black Moss Reservoir, Slough Clough Moss to Running Hill disused pits and Broadstone Hill Trig Point, down past Slade Pits to Wickers Farm and Running Hill Head to cars.

Area **LYMM/THELWALL** **Leave 9.45** **5.5 Miles** **Category 4** **Transport £1.60**
Leader(s) Jeanne Gregory, 980 8439, & Lesley Short, 980 1041
Park Cars Take A56 to Lymm. After passing Lymm Dam, take the first turning right into Brookfield Road. Go over the mini roundabout and bear left into Whitbarrow Road, towards the Lymm Hotel, where you turn right into the Rangers Car Park. If full, you can park in Statham Avenue opposite the Lymm Hotel. GR SJ675874.
Details We walk along the Transpennine Way to Latchford Locks and the Manchester Ship Canal (coffee stop). We walk alongside the Ship Canal towards Ferry Road where we stop for lunch. A lovely view across the canal. We then continue back through Thelwall and onto the Bridgewater Canal, returning towards Lymm on the towpath.

SUNDAY 28th APRIL

Area **MARGERY HILL FROM FAIRHOLMES** **Leave 8.30** **10.5 Miles** **Category 3/2** **Transport £7.60**
Leader(s) Phil Worsley, 777 6013 (Mob 07971 514369)
Park Cars P&D Car Park at Fairholmes Visitor Centre, off the A57, GR SK173893, Postcode S33 0AQ. Please share cost with your driver.
Details The outward leg of the walk will travel via the reservoir edge track before moving into open country to continue via Nether Hay and Howden Edge to reach Margery Hill at 1,791 feet. The return route

utilises the path below the edge to pass Wilfrey Neild and Upper Hey before entering the confines of Howden Clough to eventually emerge back on the reservoir edge path which is then used to return to Fairholmes. The walk has the one sustained climb to reach Howden Edge, some countryside undulations and, weather permitting, some fine scenery.

Area	ARLEY ROUND	Leave 9.45	6.5 Miles	Category 4	Transport £2.40
Leader(s)	Phil and Pam Grundy, 973 8854 (Mob 07952 564884)				
Park Cars	Walkers Car Park on Arley Road just before crossroads at the Hall. GR SJ671809. Postcode CW9 6NA. A56 onto M56, leave at J9 taking A50 to Lymm. At second roundabout take B5356 and stay right onto Grappenhall Lane (B5356), then turn right onto Arley Road. Alternatively, A56 towards Lymm then left onto B5159. In both cases follow brown road signs to Arley Hall.				
Details	A walk south from the Hall on the North Cheshire Way, skirting Arley Park, through Budworth Heath and east towards Pickmere, returning by Aston Park through fields to Arley Green and the car park.				

LEADERS WANTED

Sundays

May 19th "C" walk up to 6.5 miles. All offers of walks for this date and beyond (A, B and C), please contact Phil Worsley, 777 6013. Would Sunday 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. Leaders please forward names of all members and guests on your walks to Phil Worsley.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome recent new member, Paul Walters.

Barry Rice is now home from hospital after his stroke. Hopefully, Barry will be out and about before too long.

We send congratulations and best wishes to Mary Clarke who has just celebrated her 91st birthday.

Keith Wykes would like to thank everyone who sent him cards and best wishes on his recent 70th Birthday.

Jim Mallin, at 96 years of age, will soon be moving to Sandbach to be closer to his family.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 12th MAY – MYSTERY COACH TRIP

This trip is now open for bookings. We understand there will be the choice of four walks. Contact Jenny Rydell (941 6847), 8 Bollin Square, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 3DQ to book. The cost is £15. Cheques should be made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please remember to state where you will join the coach.

WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE – SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT

The venue has had to be changed to **The Church Green, Higher Lane, Lymm WA13 0AP.**

The event will include 2 flat walks (B and C), followed by pre-meal drinks, meal (3 pm) and ending with a quiz.

B Walk – 7 mile walk, around Lymm Dam, through sections of the Lymm Heritage Trail, west along the Transpennine Trail, then back along the Bridgewater Canal. Meet at St Mary's Church, Lymm car park; walk starts at 11.00, local car parking, share cars. Leaders John Capel & Jill Jagger.

C Walk – 4 mile flat walk (some steps), around Lymm Dam, through sections of the Lymm Heritage Trail, east along the Bridgewater Canal, and back via Lymm Hall. Meet at St Mary's Church, Lymm car park, walk starts at 12.00, local car parking, share cars. Leaders Jane Milne and Lesley Short.

The plan is for both walking groups to be back at The Church Green around 2pm and if you are attending but not walking, we recommend you aim to meet at this time.

A pre-order food Order Form and menu, to be sent back to the organisers, will be available on the club's web-site from 1st April, and this will include a request for information on walking group and transportation.

If you wish to come to the event and would like a copy of the Order Form and menu posting to you, please contact either Jill Jagger (0161 980 6364), or John Capel (0161 980 2496).

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