

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

### FEBRUARY CIRCULAR 2022

#### ADRC Leaders and Members should note the following matters:

**Insurance** - Hazard Appraisals for all Club organised walks are to be completed by all Leaders in conjunction with their walk reconnoitres prior to every walk, and a list of the walk participants should be sent to Phil Worsley on completion of the walk.

**Walking Conditions** - Walkers are responsible for any personal injury and/or loss during a Club walk. Other stipulations, such as with regard to guests, dogs on walks etc., are contained within the Club's "Guidelines for Members Taking Part in Club Walks" (Issue 4, Oct' 2021) document, which can be found in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website.

**Covid** - ADRC have and will continue to follow UK Government advice, wherever possible, regarding group walking. Leaders and walkers should make themselves fully aware of the Club's "Covid-19 Members Guidance May 24th, 2021" document, regarding their responsibilities prior to joining any walk. The document can be found in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website.

**All of the above are subject to change. Please continue to check the Club website and your e-mail inbox/spam for the current information and advice.**

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**Website Password Change.** Please be advised that the password required to access the Members Area of the Club Website **will be/was changed on February 1st, 2022.** Please refer to your 2021/2022 Membership Card.

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**TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY, Social Lunch. All are welcome. Please see details below in "Other News"**

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**WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, Hague Bar, 10.3 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 17 Miles (£3.40)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:45, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** John Brownhill. Tel: 980 1774 Mob: 07969308096

**Park Cars** Car Park, 100 yards south down Waterside Road, off the B6101 (Marple to New Mills) road at Hague Bar. Signposted The Torrs Riverside Park. Nearest Postcode SK22 3AT. GR SJ 986886.

**Details** From Hague Bar follow the River Goyt through New Mills to Furness Vale and then the canal to Buxworth Basin. Over the hill to Whaley Bridge then along the south side of Toddbrook Reservoir. North up the hill to the Dipping Stone then down to Furness Vale. Return to the cars via the canal and River Goyt. Maximum number 30. Bookings: [stuart@jbrownhill.force9.co.uk](mailto:stuart@jbrownhill.force9.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, Tabley/Knutsford, 7.5 Miles, Category 3/4, Transport 8.5 Miles (£1.70)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Janet Foden Tel: 07798871139

**Park Cars** Free parking on roadside at the Heath on Tabley Road, Knutsford, (road opposite Garden Road off Manchester Road. Postcode WA16 0PQ (**where leader will meet**)).

**Details** Pleasant 'dairy farm' ramble (muddy in parts) with paths from Knutsford, to bridle paths, stiles and fields through Tabley Inferior with lunch at historic Tabley House before heading towards Tabley Superior, Tabley Moss Wood, returning via Moss Farm to cars. A perfect opportunity to visit delightful tea rooms scattered throughout Knutsford afterwards. Maximum number 20. Bookings: [janetfoden@gmail.com](mailto:janetfoden@gmail.com)

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**SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY, Around Haslingden Grane, 9.5 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 30 Miles (£6.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:00, Walk Start Time 9:45

**Leader(s)** Peter & Susan Darby Tel: 980 3908 Mob: 07837345297

**Park Cars** Clough Head Visitor Centre, Grane Road (B6232). At end of M66, continue on to A56, Haslingden Bypass, then left at junction onto B6232 Grane Road. After approx 2.5 miles the Visitor Centre is on the Right. GR SD751123. Postcode BB4 4AT. Toilets and possibly Cafe available.

**Details** An undulating walk with no serious climbs, but over some occasional rough ground. Paths variable over moors, fields, through woods and a quarry. There will be mud and it can be boggy in places. From the visitor centre we join the Rossendale Way which we follow on and off during the day. Haslingden Grane, Hog Lowe Pike, Causeway End, Great House, Calf Hey Reservoir and back to Clough Head. Maximum number 25. Bookings: [pandsjd@ntlworld.com](mailto:pandsjd@ntlworld.com)

**SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY, Plumley, 6 Miles, Category 4, Transport 11 Miles (£2.20)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:45, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Beryl Hunwick Tel: 928 3644 & Frank Dockry Tel: 07599557690

**Park Cars** Park at the far corner of the car park at The Golden Pheasant Pub on Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford. Postcode WA16 9RX. GR SJ721753. Take A556 from Altrincham, over M6 Junction 19 towards Chester. Turn left at the traffic lights by The Smoker (signposted Plumley). The Golden Pheasant is on the right, immediately after Plumley station.

**Details** A pleasant walk through the Cheshire countryside, passing Holford moss, Holford Hall and alongside Royd Wood, generally good paths with a little lane walking. Some field walking, no hills but a fair number of stiles, most of which are easy. Bookings: [bhunwick@sky.com](mailto:bhunwick@sky.com) or Tel: 07950094203.

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**WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY, The Roaches, 10.5 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 30 Miles (£6.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:45, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** John Beardmore Tel: 904 7448 Mob: 07391607460

**Park Cars** Tittesworth Reservoir CP, P&D at GR SJ994605. Postcode ST13 8SW. Please park by pay meter. From Rushton Spencer (beware speed traps) take the side road to Meerbrook. Take the first left marked Heaton Farm Hotel, after approx. 1.5 miles cross road and turn right. After The Lazy Trout past the reservoir the CP is 100m on right. In the event of severe weather an alternative walk will take place. Please contact me by 6pm on the day before the walk.

**Details** Short walk to Middle Hulme then Upper Hulme and tracks up to Well Farm, along the ridge past Doxey Pool to Bearstone Rock, then descend through farms to Frith Bottom onto Staffordshire Moorlands Walk and return via Middle Hulme to cars. There are some stiles, mostly across farmland, and muddy tracks at this time of the year. Maximum number 20. Bookings: [johnb41@uwclub.net](mailto:johnb41@uwclub.net)

**WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY, Walton Ring, 7 Miles, Category 4/3, Transport 18 Miles (£3.60)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:15

**Leader(s)** Jane Milne & Judy Bailey Tel: 07578733373

**Park Cars** Walton Hall & Gardens main CP. £3 GR SJ600849 Postcode WA4 6SN (**where leaders will meet**). Take A56 from Bowdon roundabout to Lymm, Grappenhall and Lower Walton then look for signs to Walton Hall on the left.

**Details** Head east along the Bridgewater Canal, join the Delamere Way to Appleton Reservoir. Mersey Valley Trail to Chester Road then Hobb Lane, join the canal at Moore to return to Walton Hall. Canal, field and woodland paths with a few stiles and muddy in parts. Maximum number 20. Bookings: [serenawarne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:serenawarne@hotmail.co.uk)

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**SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY, West of Ripponden, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 36 Miles (£7.20)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:15

**Leader(s)** Nigel Gartside Tel: 969 2407 Mob: 07553540282

**Park Cars** Yorkshire Water car park, Boothswood Reservoir off A672 Ripponden Road (**where leader will meet**). M62 J22, bear left and CP is 3 miles down on the right. GR SE 031166 Postcode HX6 4RH (approx')

**Details** Field tracks to Rishworth Sports Ground, west to Ryburn Reservoir then an ascent to Blackwood Edge and west to Dog Hill trig point. We drop down to Green Withens Reservoir and head for the cars via Castle Dean, Oxygrains and London Pasture. 1,000 feet of ascent, will be bad underfoot subsequent to heavy rain. Maximum number 20. Bookings: [nigel.gartside@uwclub.net](mailto:nigel.gartside@uwclub.net)

**SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY, Prestbury, 6.5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 10 Miles (£2.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:45, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Derek Binns Tel: 973 4266 Mob: 07925528453 & Gill Winn Mob: 07833926792

**Park Cars** Springfields Car Park (free), Prestbury. Postcode SK10 4DW GR SJ 901772 (**where leaders will meet**). Take A538 via Wilmslow to Prestbury. At mini rbt in Prestbury Village take 1st exit, over the bridge passing Admiral Rodney pub on the left. Then left with CP sign (approx. 1/4 mile).

**Details** Pleasant walk along River Bollin, skirting Mottram Wood onto Mottram Hall. We then pass Leigh Hall making our way back over the Bollin to Prestbury. Few stiles, one very short stretch of road walking. Bookings: [derek.binns2@ntlworld.com](mailto:derek.binns2@ntlworld.com)

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**WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY, The Wirral Coast, 9 Miles, Category 4, Transport 46 Miles (£8.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:15, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Beverly Harrison Tel: 928 1093

**Park Cars** Meet at West Kirby station. The train to New Brighton is £4.85 or £3.20 with rail card. If possible buy the ticket beforehand. otherwise prepare to use the machine which only takes cards. There may be someone in the ticket office but it cannot be guaranteed. Parking is free on South Parade, Take Dee Lane to the sea front past Morrisons turn left. GR SJ210868 Postcode CH48 0QG. The public toilets are currently closed but should be available at Morrisons. Otherwise park at Dee Lane Car Park cost £5 for over 4 hrs.

**Details** Mersey Rail to New Brighton and walk back to West Kirby along the Promenade and beach. Maximum number 30+. Bookings: [beverly\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:beverly_harrison@hotmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY, Marbury Park, 6.5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 15 Miles (£3.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:15

**Leader(s)** Jenny Rydell Tel: 941 6847 Mob: 07789191055

**Park Cars** Marbury Park car park, small charge, (**where leader will meet**). Postcode CW9 6AT. M56 to J10 and then the A559 for about 3 miles. Go past Comberbach and follow the signs to Marbury Park.

**Details** A flat walk with no stiles going through two country parks. Plenty of woodlands and canal paths via the Anderton Boat Lift and Neumann's Flash. Lunch will be taken at The Lion Salt works before we return via the canal and Budworth Mere. Great for bird lovers. Maximum number 30. Bookings: [jrydell@outlook.com](mailto:jrydell@outlook.com)

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**SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY, Marple Ridge/Goyt Valley, 10.5 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 15 Miles (£3.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** David Bishop Tel: 980 2081 Mob: 07796426641

**Park Cars** Ridge Quarry Viewing Point, Hollinwood Lane. Postcode SK67ES. GR SJ964867 (**where leader will meet**). Free parking and plenty of space. A6 towards Lyme Park. Left (actually straight on) on minor road when just leaving High Lane. 500m then left on to Marple Ridge. The car park is 2km on the right.

**Details** A varied route essentially following the Goyt Valley between Marple and New Mills. From the car park's scenic view, the route descends to the Goyt Valley and to cross it to The Roman Lakes. It then climbs up through the golf course to the summit at Mellor Moor. The route then descends back to the river, to follow the Mid-Shires Way towards New Mills and over the Millennium Walkway. The return is mainly along the Peak Forest Canal. The walk is mainly along good tracks, but there are a couple of muddy/steep sections on paths. Maximum number 25. Bookings: [davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com](mailto:davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY, New Mills, 6 Miles, Category 4, Transport 18 Miles (£3.60)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:30, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Judith & David Burns Tel: 962 7927 Mob: 07740593045

**Park Cars** New Mills Leisure Centre Hyde Bank Road. Postcode SK22 4BP. Take the A555 / A6 through High Lane to Disley. Take the left hand turn onto the A6015 towards New Mills. This is Albion Road. Go past Swizzels factory and when you reach the Co-Op (on right) turn left onto Hyde Bank Road. Follow the road for half a mile to the leisure centre on your right.

**Details** This is a easy flat 6 mile walk with no stiles. We walk through Torrs Riverside Park, following the river to Gowhole Farm. There is a short road stretch before joining the Peak Forest canal. After passing New Mills Marina we leave the canal and pass through Mousley Bottom woods before crossing the Millennium Walkway and Torr Mill. Maximum number 30. Bookings: [13judithb@gmail.com](mailto:13judithb@gmail.com)

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**WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, Dane Valley/Wincle Minn, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 25 Miles (£5.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:00

**Leader(s)** David Bishop Tel: 980 2081 Mob: 07796426641

**Park Cars** Park at the 'Railway Car Park' next to the Knot Inn in Rushton Spencer (**where leader will meet**). Postcode SK11 0QU. Take the A523 south from Macclesfield. After 8 miles turn right at the Knot Inn. Parking is free.

**Details** The walk firstly follows the River Dane along the Gritstone Trail and then goes north over Wincle Minn at 384m. It then descends to Greasley Bottom and over fields to Danebridge. The return is along the Dane Valley and over to Heaton. The terrain is undulating with some short ascents and descents. Likely to be muddy in places. Maximum number 20. Bookings: [davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com](mailto:davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, Bowdon/Rostherne, 6.5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 2 Miles (£0.40)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Les & Chris Stockton. Tel: 980 1600 Mob: 07815293161

**Park Cars** Drive through Hale village towards Ashley and as you go over the railway bridge turn immediately right onto South Downs Road. Park cars on the road at the junction of South Downs Road and South Road, Hale (**where leaders will meet**). Postcode WA14 3HT.

**Details** We will walk across the Bollin valley and along the banks of the Birkin Brook towards Lymm roundabout. We pass Yarwood Heath farm where you can see 'Spooky Wood' before walking on to Fentons Farm where we will stop for lunch and the opportunity to purchase some fresh farm food. The return will be along lanes via Ashley Cricket Club. A couple of stiles and some road walking mainly along quiet country lanes with a short section along Tatton wall. Bookings: [les200@sky.com](mailto:les200@sky.com)

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**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY, West of Errwood, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 24 Miles (£4.80)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:30, Walk Start Time 9:45

**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley Tell: 777 6013 Mob: 07971514369

**Park Cars** The free public car park at Pym Chair which is on the minor road 2 miles south of Kettlethulme at GR SJ994767. Postcode SK23 7RF.

**Details** Exploring the countryside to the west of Errwood Reservoir the walk will travel via Foxlow Edge, Goytsclough Quarry, Shining Tor, Common Barn and Jenkin Chapel. There are two climbs and some of the usual countryside undulations on the walk which give a total ascent of 2,140 feet over the 10 miles. Good views – weather permitting. Maximum number 30. Bookings: [philworsley25@gmail.com](mailto:philworsley25@gmail.com)

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**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY, Grappenhall, 7 Miles, Category 3, Transport 12 Miles (£2.40)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30

**Leader(s)** Joane Wilkinson Tel.: 07779236287 & June Watling Tel: 07890296333

**Park Cars** The Rams Head Inn car park, Grappenhall. Postcode WA4 3EP (**where leaders will meet**).

**Details** A mixture of woodland, fields and paths, road walking and canal towpath. Go down the Dingle and over fields back again through woods. A pleasant walk with few stiles. Maximum number 25. Bookings: [john\\_watling@ntlworld.com](mailto:john_watling@ntlworld.com)

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Tuesday 1st February.** Everyone is welcome to join this **Social Lunch and Quiz at Styal Golf Club.**

Time - 12 for 12:30. Cost £15 per person, payable on the day. Menu:

1. Lasagne with salad and garlic bread, OR, Steak Pie with vegetables and roast potatoes.

Vegetarians can be catered for, (please mention when booking).

2. Apple pie and cream

3. Coffee/ tea

Please book with Heather and state your meal choice. E-mail [nannywykes@gmail.com](mailto:nannywykes@gmail.com)

Tel: 01625 618782. **Please note that the cut-off date for bookings is January 24th.**

**2022 Coach Trips.** Details of the planned 2022 Coach Trips are shown below. Please check your future circulars for booking details etc.

<b>Wednesday, May 18th.</b>	Sedbergh, Cumbria.
<b>Sunday June 12th.</b>	Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire.
<b>Wednesday July 20th.</b>	Coniston, The Lake District.
<b>Sunday September 11th.</b>	Betws-y-Coed, Wales.

**New Members.** We issue a warm welcome to the following recent new members – Michelle Yates.