

## ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

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

### DECEMBER CIRCULAR 2022

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

**Insurance.** It is a condition of the Club's insurers that Hazard Appraisals for all Club organised walks are to be completed by all Leaders in conjunction with their walk reconnoitres prior to every walk. In addition, a list of the walk participants should be compiled and 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 5, November 2021) document, which 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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### *Season's Greetings to all Members and Prospective New Members*

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**Subscription Renewal.** The Club Subscription is now due and should be paid by **31st December**. **The subscription remains at £10 per person, plus £10 if you have the circular posted to you.** For those who receive a paper circular, a copy of the renewal form is enclosed. For those who download the circular, a copy is available in the "Members Area/Documentation" section of the Club website.

For those who pay by Direct Debit, you need do nothing, but will shortly be advised of the amount and date of the transfer. For those who pay by Standing Order, would you **please ensure** the amount is set at £10 per person before the payment date. **For those paying by Direct Debit or Standing Order, there is no need to complete a Renewal Form unless there is a change to any of your contact details, i.e. address, phone number, mobile number or e-mail address.**

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**Website Password Change.** Please be advised that the password required to access the Members Area of the Club website **will change on February 1st, 2023**. The username, which is useradrc, 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 username and the new password will be printed on your Membership Card, which will be forwarded to you following renewal. To avoid being denied access to the Members Area of the website please do not use the new password before February 1st.

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#### **SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, Around Hayfield, 9.5 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)**

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

**Leader(s)** Peter & Susan Darby. Tel: 0161 980 3908 Mob: 07837 345297

**Park Cars** Sett Valley Trail P & D Car Park (£4.80), Station Road Hayfield, just off the A624 at GR SK 036869. Nearest Postcode SK22 2ES. Toilets available.

**Details** An undulating walk up, over, down and round hills around Hayfield on mostly good paths and tracks, woods, a little on moorland and farmland. Two good steady climbs. Great views all day – weather permitting!! Total ascent 660m. Route: Ridge Top, Peep O' Day, under Mount Famine, Kinder Reservoir, Middle Moor, Little Hayfield, Blackshaw Farm, over or around Lantern Pike, Birch Vale. Bookings: [pandsjd@ntlworld.com](mailto:pandsjd@ntlworld.com)

#### **SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, Turton Bottoms, 7 Miles, Category 3, Transport 20 Miles (£5.00)**

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

**Leader(s)** Brenda Bailey & David Bona. Tel: 07549 630227 or 07933 221332

**Park Cars** Car Park signed Jumbles Country Park on the right. GR SD729141. OS MAP 287. Nearest Postcode BL7 9AJ (**where leaders will meet**). Take the M60 towards Yorkshire to Junction 15 to the M61. Keep right following signs to the A666 Bolton. After approximately 3.7 Miles turn right at the Retail Park traffic lights onto A673. Then turn left onto A676. Look for the sign on the left B6472 Bromley Cross (& Last Drop Village) and at the Traffic Lights (The Rokka Restaurant is on the right) turn left into Turton Road. After going under a Railway Bridge turn immediately right into Chapletown Road the B6391. After Haydock Lane on the left you will see a sign on the right West Pennine Moors followed by the Car Park sign Jumbles Country Park. Turn right into the Car Park.

**Details** We go down to Jumbles Reservoir and along the Rotary Way to and up Turton Bottoms to Wayoh Reservoir. Then up to and along The Witton Weavers Way past Turton & Entwistle Reservoir. Then up to Torra Barn via Turton Golf Club and back down to the parked cars. Mainly good paths. Few Stiles. Bookings: [davidabona@hotmail.com](mailto:davidabona@hotmail.com)

**SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, Little Leigh, 5.5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 17 Miles (£4.25)**

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

**Leader(s)** Brian and David Warburton. Tel: 0161 928 7087

**Park Cars** Lay-by on the A533 (Runcorn Road) at Little Leigh (**where leaders will meet**). GR 623759. Take M56 to J10 and turn left on to A49. At junction with A533 (at lights) turn left. Lay-by is on left of A533 after approx. 1.25 miles. **Do not** use Lay-by opposite the specified one as this is for lorries only and has limited time stays. There is extra parking in the village of Little Leigh.

**Details** From Little Leigh we follow the Trent & Mersey canal to Salterford Tunnel. We drop down to the River Weaver and return to the cars Through Barnton village.

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**WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, Marple & Christmas Lunch, 8 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 16 Miles (£4.00)**

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

**Leader(s)** Alan Key. Tel: 0161 233 0483 Mob: 07761 624521

**Park Cars** Park at Brabyns Park car park at Marple Bridge GR SJ964894.

**Details** Canal to Strines, then cross valley and climb up to Brook Bottom and Mellor Moor before descending to Mellor Church and Marple Bridge. Bookings: [alankey0455@gmail.com](mailto:alankey0455@gmail.com)

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**WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, Worsley Woods, 6 Miles, Category 4, Transport 14 Miles (£3.50)**

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

**Leader(s)** Brian & David Warburton. Tel: 0161 928 7087

**Park Cars** Dukes drive coach and car park (free), Monton Green, Eccles GR764996. Postcode M30 8AY (**where leaders will meet**). Take M60 and leave at junction 11 (Peel Green, Eccles). Follow the A57 (Liverpool Road) to New Lane (on left of A57). At its junction with Worsley Road, it becomes the B5211. Immediately after going under M62 turn right into Parrin Lane (B5229). Continue for approximately 3/4 mile, 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.

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**\*THURSDAY\* 8th DECEMBER, Christmas Lunch at The Vinery. Please see the item in “Other News”**

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**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER, Castleton & The Lights, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 28 Miles (£7.00)**

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

**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley. Tel: 0161 777 6013 Mob: 07971 514369

**Park Cars** The P&D car park on the A6187, Buxton Road, in Castleton (**where leader will meet**). GR SK149829. Postcode S33 8WH. £6 for all day **when last checked**. Toilets available.

**Details** This clockwise circuit based on Castleton will call at the Blue John Cavern, Hollins Cross, Lose Hill, Fullwood Stile Farm, Aston, and Brough. The walk will be completed by returning through the streets of Castleton under the Christmas Lights as dusk falls. There are two moderate climbs and one or two of the usual countryside undulations, all of which will be in the morning. The afternoon will provide easier walking at low level. Bookings: [philworsley25@gmail.com](mailto:philworsley25@gmail.com)

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**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER, There is no organised Club shorter walk today.**

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**\*MONDAY\* 12th DECEMBER, Blaze Farm Christmas Walk and Lunch. Please see the item in “Other News”**

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**WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER, Macclesfield Forest, 10 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 19 Miles (£4.75)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 9:30

**Leader(s)** David Bishop. Tel: 0161 980 2081 Mob: 07796 426641

**Park Cars** Free parking by Ridgeway Reservoir, just past the Leather Smithy on Clarke Lane (SK110NE) GR 956714 (**where leader will meet**). Further parking at Trentabank Reservoir, 400m along road where there are toilets, but not always open. The walk will start from Ridgeway Reservoir.

**Details** The walk climbs up through Macclesfield Forest to Chapel-in-the Forest and follows the edge of the forest before **climbing Shutlingsloe**, 'the Matterhorn of Cheshire'. It then descends into Wildboardclough and returns to Ridgeway Reservoir via Oakencrough, Hanging Gate and part of the Gritstone Trail. Mainly on good paths and tracks but there is a steep and fairly rugged ascent and descent off Shutlingsloe. Some muddy sections. Bookings: [davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com](mailto:davidalexbishop2014@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER, Dunham Park, 5.5 Miles, Category 4, Transport 1.5 Miles (£0.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** Celia Betney & Jenny Rydell. Tel: 0161 928 9110  
**Park Cars** Please Meet at 10.30 at St Mary's Church Bowdon (**where leaders will meet**). There is adequate parking adjacent to the Church.  
**Details** A comfortable seasonal 'fun' walk with extras. Secret Santa £1 maximum. **All are welcome.**

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**SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER, Bottom Of The Oven, 9.25 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 22 Miles (£5.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 8:45, Walk Start Time 9:45  
**Leader(s)** Phil Worsley. Tel: 0161 777 6013 Mob: 07971 514369  
**Park Cars** The Stanley Arms. GR SJ 980723. Postcode SK11 0AR. Please use the "top" car park only. Should you require further information please contact the leader.  
**Details** This anti-clockwise circuit will call at Chapel House Farm, Ridgeway Reservoir, Oakenclough, The Cragg Inn, and The Vicarage. On completion of the walk and for those that have pre-booked, Christmas lunch will be taken in The Stanley Arms at the reservation time of 3.00p.m. Please note that the lunch element of this day is fully booked, and that those who wish to walk that have not booked lunch will need to make their transport arrangements accordingly.  
Bookings for the walk: [philworsley25@gmail.com](mailto:philworsley25@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER, There is no organised Club shorter walk today.**

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**WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER, There is no organised Club longer walk today.**

**WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER, Tatton Park, 7 Miles, Category 4, Transport 6 Miles (£1.50)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:45, Walk Start Time 10:15  
**Leader(s)** Judith Wainwright. Tel: 0161 928 8453 Mob: 07970 742311  
**Park Cars** Park cars on Mereheath Lane near the Knutsford entrance to Tatton Park at GR SJ 750793.  
**Details** Do join me for our annual tramp round the edge of Tatton Park and then back through Knutsford. **All are welcome.**

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**SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER. There are no organised Club walks today – *Happy Christmas!***

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**WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER, Marple, 9 Miles, Category 3/2, Transport 16 Miles (£4.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet 9:15, Walk Start Time 10:15  
**Leader(s)** Alan Key. Tel: 0161 233 0483 Mob: 07761 624521  
**Park Cars** Park at Brabyns Park Car park at Marple Bridge GR SJ964894  
**Details** A walk up Werneth Low via Etherow country park and returning via the canal.  
Bookings: [alankey0455@gmail.com](mailto:alankey0455@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER, Ashley Heath, 6.25 Miles, Category 4, Transport 4 Miles (£1.00)**

**Times** Altrincham Meet N/A, Walk Start Time 10:30  
**Leader(s)** Frank Dockry. Tel: 07599 557690  
**Park Cars** Roadside parking at South Road and South Down Road at Ashley Heath, GR SJ770 858 (**where leader will meet**).  
**Details** We walk south through Tatton land, past Ashley Hall. Over the M56, on south past the cricket club, farmland. Now 0.6 mile road walking, Single file please, the road is bendy with little room for walkers. We leave the road, go past Arden House and stop for a snack in a woods. Through fields, along lanes back over the M56 footbridge, then over the Bollin, and then back to the cars.  
**Note.** When we cross the M56 on the footbridge going north there is a new exit from the M56, what looks like new roadworks on Rycroft Farm. Am I the only one that does not know what's going on?

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## OTHER NEWS

**Leaders Wanted.** Please assist your Club by offering to lead a walk and note that **help is available** in all aspects of this. All walk offers should be made to the appropriate Walks Organiser as follows:

For Sunday Longer (A) and Intermediate (B) walks Phil Worsley. Tel: 0161 777 6013

For Sunday Shorter (C) Walks Heather Wykes. Tel: 01625 618782

For Wednesday Longer (A) and Intermediate (B) walks Jill Weir. Tel: 0161 283 1003

For Wednesday Shorter (C) walks Les Stockton. Tel: 980 1600

**Monday, 12th December. Blaze Farm, Wildboarclough. A short walk followed by Christmas lunch at 1:00 p.m.** Cost £21. Leader Heather. Tel: 01625 618782 or e-mail [nannywykes@gmail.com](mailto:nannywykes@gmail.com) for bookings. We have been going to the farm for more than 20 years and the meal remains the very best Christmas lunch. Meet at 11:00 a.m. on the lay-by before the Crag Inn, Wildboarclough. Postcode SK11 0BD. Optional flat wander available. Payment is now due please.

**Thursday 8th December. Christmas Lunch at The Vinery, Bruntwood Park, Cheadle.** Book lunch by 2nd December with cheque for £12 per person made payable to Louis Granelli and menu choice of Turkey, Beef, Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne and Christmas Pudding, Pavlova or Ice Cream. Meal time 12.00 for 12.30. To book please contact Jean Hibbert, 41 Dale Grove, Timperley, WA15 6JY Tel: 0161 718 0590 (Mob: 07941298547) or Alma Rice. 11 Fairbourne Drive, Timperley, WA15 6AT Tel: 0161 962 2377.

**Directions** - Park Cars at Bruntwood Park Car Park, Cheadle Hulme, P&D 70p an hour or £2 all day. GRSJ859871, Postcode SK8 1HX. To car park, turn onto Schools Hill at roundabout junction A34 and Wilmslow Rd. (signposted to Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme). Then first right off Schools Hill into Bruntwood Park and up to the car park.

**Save The Date.** Tuesday 14th February 2023. Valentines Day short early walk, quiz and brunch at 11am at Styal Golf Club. Cost £10.00 per head. Pay on the day. Bookings to Heather at [nannywykes@gmail.com](mailto:nannywykes@gmail.com)

**2023 Club Walking Holiday.** A reminder to those going on the Club Walking Holiday to Porthcawl next April that the **final payment** must be made to **Beryl Hunwick by 1st January 2023**, along with a completed Emergency Information form.

**2023 Coach Trips.** The 2023 coach trip programme is currently being compiled by the Coach Trip Committee and details will be made available on the Club website and in the next available circular when finalised.

**Phyllis Stuffins.** Phyllis and Claire Stuffins would like to thank Members for their kind messages following the death of Eric and to Heather Wykes for the lovely tribute at his funeral.

**New Members.** We issue a warm welcome to the following new Members – Brynn Hodgson and Steven Taylor.