

**SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMME
APRIL - JULY 2019**

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PLEASE NOTE: On walks DO NOT consume your own drinks in pubs or pub gardens. Times given are for the start of the walk. Please allow time for parking and putting on boots etc. A maximum of two dogs are generally allowed on walks. Please contact the leader beforehand. Dogs must be on leads along roads or near livestock and under close control at all other times. All walks are at Rambler's own risk. Neither the R.A. nor the leader can accept any responsibility for any accident or injuries which may occur during any of the group's walks or other activities.

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CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS

Welcome to our new programme of walks which takes us into the spring and summer, and contains our usual variety of walks. We look forward to seeing you on some of these group walks, even if you usually prefer to walk independently. Even though I have been a Rambler for many years I still feel a twinge of excitement when looking at a new programme and seeing which walks and activities have been included in the latest programme.

This summer we commence walking the Hadleigh to Stratford (H2S) long distance trail, a walk which was created as a legacy to the 2012 London Olympics. The 75 mile walk meanders across Essex and links the mountain biking venue in Hadleigh Country Park to the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. Please see the programme for further details. We also continue our programme of shorter walks on Tuesdays which have proved to be popular with many members.

In January the group enjoyed their post-Christmas lunch at the Five Bells in Colne Engaine and this summer we are planning a strawberry cream tea at the farm shop in Wickham St Paul, preceded by a short walk. All members are welcome to attend.

The public inquiry in the planned closure of pedestrian crossings by Network Rail finally concluded in February and the Inspector's report is expected by the end of the year, along with the results of the separate inquiries into the closure of crossings in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Thanks to all those who contributed or attended the inquiry.

The group undertook its first P3 working party in December, clearing a popular footpath in Halstead, for which we received some welcome publicity from the local press and a bag of doughnuts from a grateful local resident. There will be another working party this programme so please make a note of the date in your diary. The exact location will be announced in due course but please advise a committee member if you are aware of a footpath that is badly overgrown and requires clearing so we may consider it for one of our working parties.

Happy rambling!

Geoff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL – Finchingfield disputed path - please join us to show the footpath is walked – see programme for further information.

SATURDAY, 11 MAY, 1 JUNE, 13 JULY, 20 JULY – Legacy Walk, Hadleigh to Stratford, Sections 1-4 - see separate information listing and programme for details. Please allow time to park and get to bus park in time for 8.09 am bus.

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE – Group Footpath Clearance – place still to be decided, see website nearer time for details.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE –Planning/Committee Meeting – see programme for details.

SATURDAY, 22 JUNE – short walk followed by cream tea at Spencer's, Wickham St Paul. Names to Janet by 12 May, please. Details in programme.

SATURDAY, 6 JULY – Grantchester near Cambridge. Walking to American Cemetery, Madingley with time to visit war graves and new exhibition centre. Then bus to Cambridge (current fare £2.80) and return to Grantchester via The Backs and river Cam. Tea at Orchard tea rooms (optional). See programme for information

DATE/LEADER	APRIL WALKS	MAP REF
Sat 6 th 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	RAYNE AND GREAT NOTLEY Park at Rayne Station. Bring refreshments if required. 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 726224 CM77 6AB
Sun 7 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	GREENSTEAD GREEN Park at recreation ground. Circular walk. Picnic lunch 7.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 822278 CO9 1QZ
Sun 14 th 10.00 am Val 01206 736950 07790 119654	TWINSTEAD Park by far side of church in Church Road. Picnic lunch Approx 10 miles	EXP 196 TL 862367 CO10 7NN
Tue 16 th 10.00 am Gwen W 01245 382399 07976 709056	CHAPPEL Park in car park near viaduct. Walking via Ford Street. Easy pace. Bring refreshments if required. Approx 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 895285 CO6 2DS
Sat 27 th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	DANBURY Park at Leisure Centre opposite library. Walking via Danbury Country Park, Blakes Wood and Lingwood Common. Hope to see bluebells. Refreshments available after walk. Picnic lunch Approx 8 miles	EXP 183 TL 781050 CM3 4NQ
Sun 28 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	HARTEST, SUFFOLK Circular walk via Boxted and Somerton. Street parking around village green near church. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 211 TL 835525 IP29 4DH
Tue 30 th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	FINCHINGFIELD - FOOTPATH 28 Park round green. A disputed footpath now confirmed as legally marked on definitive map which we are keen to show is walked. Please join if you can. Bring snack/ lunch. Very sorry not suitable for dogs. Easy pace 6-7 miles	EXP 195 TL 685328 CM7 4JX

FOOTNOTES

POST CODES Please note post codes are not always accurate and usually indicate the nearest location with a code, which can be some way off your destination. Sometimes you can have more than one code, especially if the meeting place is in woodlands or car parks. Always check grid references and details in the programme for walks.

Is anyone interested in a walk organized by Good Easter Sports Field Association (The Beating of the Bounds Parish Walk) on Saturday 11 May at 11.00 am, starting and finishing in Good Easter sports pavilion approx. 11 miles? The entry fee is £3 and includes refreshments. Please contact Alex Stile 07889 885412 for further details.

Essex Area is planning a Festival of walks themed water and we have submitted 2 walks for our group. Please keep the dates free Saturday, 26 October – Saturday, 2 November 2019.

This programme has a wide choice of walks from long, short, evenings and also some with a social theme. Let's hope we have some fine summer weather to enjoy all of the walks provided by our leaders. Thank you to everyone.

Hadleigh to Stratford Legacy Walk – Introduction from Teresa

Over the next two programmes, I am proposing to lead the Hadleigh to Stratford Legacy Walk. This 75-mile route commemorates the 2012 Olympic Games, connecting these two sites. Familiar paths are incorporated including The Saffron Trail, St Peter's Way and Essex Way, which many members will have completed in their entirety. I have used public transport. However, Fryerning (Mill Green), which is where those who devised the walk suggest that day three ends and day four begins, does not appear to be on a bus route. Therefore, I am intending to walk on a little further to Blackmore, where a bus can be caught to Chelmsford. On some sections, it is possible for those who wish to do a half day walk to catch a bus back to the city centre.

Three more sections to come in the next programme.

DATE/LEADER	MAY WALKS	MAP REF
Sat 4 th 10.00 am Graham & Marion 01376 339712 07908 185389	GREAT LEIGHS Park at village hall on right hand side of hall. Picnic lunch 9 miles	EXP 183 TL 728171 CM3 1NY
Tue 7 th 10.00 am Gwen W 01245 382399 07976 709056	FORDHAM HEATH via Hillhouse Wood. Park in front of green on Heath Road. Bring snack/lunch if preferred. Easy pace 5 miles	EXP 184 TL 943264 CO3 9TA
Thu 9 th 6.00 pm Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	EVENING WALK – HATFIELD BROAD OAK Park in car park west of church. Bring refreshments if required. 6 miles	EXP 183 TL 546166 CM22 7HD
Sat 11 th 8.09 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 1 - LEIGH-ON-SEA STATION TO HOCKLEY WOODS See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 9.25 miles	EXP 175 TQ 831858 SS9 2ET TQ 833924 SS5 4RL
Sun 12 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	RADWINTER, ESSEX Circular walk via outskirts of Thaxted. Parking in car park opposite school. Picnic lunch 11 miles	EXP 195 TL 606374 CB10 2TX
Tue 21 st 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	CHAPPEL STATION TO BURES STATION Park at Chappel Station car park. Return train from Bures, current fare £3.20 (ticket machine only). Optional tea at Chappel station. Bring snack/lunch. Easy pace 6-7 miles	EXP 195/6 TL 897287 CO6 2DS
Sun 26 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	GOLDHANGER Park on roads near church in Church Street. Circular walk starting at St Peter's church. Picnic lunch 8 miles	EXP 176 TL 904088 CM9 8AY
Tue 28 th 6.00 pm Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	EVENING WALK – SHALFORD Park near church. Bring refreshments if required. 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 722291 CM7 5HH

Section 1 – Saturday, 11 May, Leigh-on-Sea Station to Hockley Woods (9.25 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 8.09 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 3 bus (stand 1) at 9.20 am to Leigh-on-Sea. Anticipated arrival time 10.30 am. Alight near shops and turn right down Belton Way. The walk will commence at 10.45 am at the top of the steps leading from the station. Alternatively, drive to Hockley Woods (free parking on Saturdays) then cross the road to catch No 7 bus at 9.03 am to Southend-on-Sea Travel Centre and transfer to No 26 bus to reach Leigh-on-Sea. The length of journey time on buses Nos 7 and 26 is approximately 49 and 21 minutes respectively. These services operate at 30-minute intervals. After the walk, those who have used public transport from Braintree or Chelmsford will catch a bus to Rayleigh station to connect with No 3 or X30 service to the city.

Section 2 – Saturday, 1 June, Hockley Woods to East Hanningfield (12 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 8.09 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 3 bus (stand 1) at 9.20 am to Rayleigh station. Anticipated arrival time 10.02 am, hopefully, able to connect with 10.05 am No 7 bus to Hockley Woods to enable walk to commence at 10.30 am. However, if we have to wait for the next bus, walk will commence at 11.00 am. Alternatively, drive to East Hanningfield (free car park) then catch No 3 bus at 9.39 am to Rayleigh station. Wait at stop opposite the road to the school. The halfway point of today's walk is Battlesbridge from where one may catch No 3 bus to the city after completing 5.5 miles. This bus operates every 2 hours. I envisage that we will be able to catch the 4.31 pm from East Hanningfield back to Chelmsford. The last bus is at 6.31 pm.

DATE/LEADER	JUNE WALKS	MAP REF
Sat 1 st 8.09 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 2 – HOCKLEY WOODS TO EAST HANNINGFIELD See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 12 or 5.5 miles	EXP 175/183 TQ 833924 SS5 4RL TL770012 CM3 8AE
Tue 4 th 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	P3 WORKING PARTY (Group footpath clearance) See website for details. Bring gloves, secateurs and wear long sleeved tops. Everyone welcome to come along. Bring refreshments.	
Sat 8 th 10.00 am Gwen W 01245 382399 07976 709056	FORDHAM VILLAGE Free car park at entrance to the Woodland Trust's Fordham Estate (off Ponders Road) Easy pace. Picnic lunch 8 miles	EXP 184 TL 928 286 CO6 3LX
Tue 11 th 10.00 am Gwen W 01245 382399 07976 709056	THAXTED Park in car park off Margaret Street. Bring snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace. 6.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 611312 CM6 2RL
Thu 13 th 6.00 pm Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	EVENING WALK – BOCKING Park in Convent Lane. Tea and cakes at Maureen's. Bring refreshments if required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 418884 CM7 9RN
Sat 15 th 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	GREAT BARDFIELD WALK Park near school. Bring refreshments if required. 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 678305 CM7 4RN
Sun 16 th 10.00 am Jo 01787 829352 07778 016761	EAST BERGHOLT VIA DEDHAM Park in free car park in High Street. Picnic lunch. Approx 10 miles	EXP 196 TM 069345 CO7 6TF
Tue 18 th 11.00 am	COMMITTEE/PLANNING MEETING At Gosfield Village Hall (Maurice Rowson Hall) in Bill Pasfield Room. Everyone invited.	EXP 195 TL 782296 CO9 1UB
Sat 22 nd 12.30 pm Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	WICKHAM ST PAUL Park at Spencer's Farm Shop for short walk followed by cream tea with strawberries at 3.00 pm. Names to Janet by 12 May please. Cost £5.95. 5 miles	EXP 196 TL 834358 CO9 2PX
Sun 23 rd 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	SUDBURY TO BURES VIA STOUR VALLEY PATH Return via Assington & Little Cornard. Park at Sudbury railway station. NOTE: If you wish to do only a morning walk of 8.5 miles you can return from Bures by train. Alternatively, you can join the walk at Bures Recreation Ground at 1.00 pm to walk to Sudbury approx 7.5 miles returning to your car by train from Sudbury. Picnic lunch. 16 miles	EXP 196 TL 877410 CO10 25U
Tue 25 th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	NEWPORT VIA DEBDEN PARK Park north end of village turning off B1383 opposite Toll House under railway arch. Bring snack/lunch. Easy Pace. 6-7 miles	EXP 195 TL 523345 CB11 3TJ
Sun 30 th 10.00 am Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	GREAT MAPLESTEAD Park at Recreation Ground. Walking via Audley End and Gestingthorpe. Picnic lunch. 12 miles	EXP 195 TL 808347 CO9 2FJ

DATE/LEADER	JULY WALKS	MAP REF
Sat 6 th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	GRANTCHESTER NEAR CAMBRIDGE – American War Cemetery – Cambridge Backs. Park in Orchard Tea Rooms, 47 Mill Way, Grantchester. Bring snack or lunch if preferred. 8-9 miles	EXP 209 TL 435554 CB3 9ND
Tue 9 th 6.30 pm Graham & Marion 01376 339712 07908 185389	EVENING WALK – MESSING Park in The Street. Bring refreshments if required. 5 miles	EXP 183/4 TL 897190 CO5 9TR
Sat 13 th 8.09 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 3 – EAST HANNINGFIELD TO BLACKMORE See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 14.25 miles	EXP 175/183 TL 770012 CM3 8AE TL 603016 CM4 0RN
Tue 16 th 6.00 pm Ann & Gwen 01245 382399 07976 709056	EVENING WALK – EARLS COLNE Park behind Co-op. Walking via Chalkney Wood. Bring refreshments if required. Easy pace. 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 856290 CO6 2RZ
Sat 20 th 8.09 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 4 – BLACKMORE TO CHIPPING ONGAR See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 7.75 miles	EXP 183 TL 603016 CM4 0RN TL 550026 CM5 9QU
Sun 21 st 10.00 am Lynda 01376 334070 07944 623269	LEAVENHEATH Meet at Village Hall car park. Circular walk. Picnic lunch. 9.5 miles	EXP 196 TL 949364 CO6 4NW
Sat 27 th 10.00 am Graham & Marion 01376 339712 07908 185389	LITTLE BADDOW – ADMIRAL M^CHARDY WAY Park in Church Road, north of the bridge over the Chelmer. Picnic lunch. 9 miles	EXP 183 TL 762086 CM3 4BG
Sun 28 th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	CASTLE HEDINGHAM Park at Memorial Hall behind church. Walking via Great Yeldham. Picnic lunch. 11 miles	EXP 195 TL 784356 CO9 3DA

Section 3 – Saturday, 13 July, East Hanningfield to Blackmore (approx. 14.25 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 8.09 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 3 bus (stand 1) at 9.20 am to East Hanningfield. Anticipated arrival time 9.39 am hence walk will commence at 9.45 am. For shorter walk it is possible to catch No 100 bus from Stock to Chelmsford after approximately 6.25 miles. This bus service is 2-hourly. I envisage that we would catch the 4.12 pm bus at the conclusion of the walk. The last bus from Blackmore is 6.54 pm. Those wishing to park in Blackmore may have to liaise with another driver, as there is no direct bus service to East Hanningfield.

Section 4 – Saturday, 20 July, Blackmore to Chipping Ongar (approx 7.75 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 8.09 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 32 bus at 9.13 am to Blackmore. The walk will commence at 10.15 am to allow those who wish to park in Chipping Ongar to catch No 32 bus at 9.57 am to Blackmore. Wait at the stop on the same side as Budworth Hall. There is a pay and display car park behind the bus stop. Turn right past the latter to access it. The 32 or 46 bus can be caught at the end of the walk to return to Chelmsford.

Section 5 – Saturday, 3 August, Chipping Ongar to Epping (8.5 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 8.09 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 32 bus at 9.13 am to Chipping Ongar. The walk will commence at 10.30 am to allow those who wish to park in Epping to catch the No 420 bus at 9.53 am to Chipping Ongar. This is an hourly service and takes approximately 20 minutes. Wait at stop outside the church in Epping High Street. Recommended car park is at Bakers Lane (CM16 5EG) situated behind the church. The cost on a Saturday appears to be £1.00 from 8.00 am – 6.00 pm but please check when purchasing a ticket. Catch No 420 bus to Chipping Ongar at the conclusion of the walk and then the 32 or 65 bus to Chelmsford.