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SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMME
APRIL - JULY 2018

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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 walks programme which takes us through spring and into summer and contains our usual variety of walks. This programme we complete our ramble around the Mansell Way, a 20 mile circular walk around Braintree dedicated to the memory of Dennis Mansell, a photographer and keen hill walker. On the subject of long distance paths work continues on the Essex section of the England Coast Path and the Secretary of State has recently given approval for improved coastal access on the Maldon to Salcott section. It will be an important day for the Ramblers when this long distance trail is finally completed in just a couple of year's time.

In January our group held its annual post Christmas lunch at Bocking Social Club and the meal was enjoyed by the 26 members attending. Our next social event will be a barn dance on 7th April being held at the Maurice Rowson Hall in Gosfield. At just £10 per ticket, which includes a fish and chip supper and dances guided by the professional caller "Sibby", this represents excellent value for money. Please contact Ronnie to reserve your ticket.

This programme we say goodbye to Julie who has walked with the group for several years. It would appear that she enjoyed our last group holiday on the Dorset coast so much that she has decided to move down to the area, although I am sure she will soon find some local Ramblers groups to walk with.

Like many other charitable organisations the Ramblers has found the average age of its members gradually increasing and this year Essex Area have taken the important step of forming a new walking group specifically aimed at younger members. Trek Essex 20s & 30s will be solely dedicated to people in this age range and they will be able to set their own programme of walks and social events while still adhering to the general aims and ethos of the Ramblers Association. We wish this new group well and details may be found on their website http://www.ramblers.org.uk/trek-essex or their facebook page or twitter feed. If you have any family members or friends in this age group please tell them about this exciting new initiative.

Happy Rambling!

Geoff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY, 7 APRIL – BARN DANCE AT 7.00 PM
at Maurice Rowson Hall, Church Road, Gosfield. See programme for further information.

SATURDAY, 14 APRIL – MANSELL WAY PART 2 - See programme for more information.

SATURDAY, 19 MAY – ESSEX WAY SECTION 1 – See programme for details.

26 MAY TO 3 JUNE – FESTIVAL OF WALKS
See programme for details of walks organised by various groups.

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE & SATURDAY, 23 JUNE – COLNE VALLEY PATH (2 SECTIONS)
See programme and separate listing for more information.

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE – PLANNING/COMMITTEE MEETING – See programme for details.

SATURDAY, 16 JUNE – Ronnie's short walk followed by meal at the Ship Inn, Levington. See programme for details.

SUNDAY, 29 JULY – HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION, PERRY GREEN, HERTS
(www.henry-moore.org) Studios, Gardens, Aisled Barn, Exhibition and Sheep Fields. Guided tour £9.80 per person (minimum number is 10). A £50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure the booking. If you are interested, please let me or other committee members know by word of mouth as soon as possible and I will secure the date. Group admissions must be paid in advance, one month prior to the visit. Latest date for payment to me is **FRIDAY, 22 JUNE** by cheque/cash. Family and friends very welcome. Perry Green is situated about 20 minutes from Bishops Stortford. I have written directions if needed.
Ann B 01371 856659/07756 559179 email: annkbennet@outlook.com

REMINDER - All walks are circular unless otherwise stated.

DATE/LEADER	APRIL WALKS	MAP REF
Tue 3rd 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**CHAPPEL** Park at car park near viaduct. Walking via Wakes Colne. Bring a snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace 6.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 895285 CO6 2DS
Sat 7th 7.00 pm	**BARN DANCE** at Gosfield village hall (Maurice Rowson Hall, Church Road) with fish and chip supper. Tickets £10 available from Ronnie 01787 479177 or 07974 635627	EXP 195 TL 782296 CO9 1UB
Sun 8th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 **07484 377254***	**GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK – THE GLEM VALLEY** Parking at Tye Green, Glemsford Picnic lunch Approx 10.5 miles ***Please note new mobile 'phone number**	EXP 196 TL 826480 CO10 7RQ
Sat 14th **9.00 or 10.00 am** Teresa 07505 063108	**MANSELL WAY II - BOCKING TO BRAINTREE** via Stisted and Tye Green. Park Braintree railway station (charges apply) to catch No 38A Halstead bus which leaves at 9.40 am or meet St Mary's church, Bocking at approximately 10.00 am. Opportunity to shorten walk at Tye Green (8 mile point). Bus 38 leaves Tye Green Post Office at 10 minutes to and 20 minutes past each hour to return to Braintree. Picnic lunch Linear walk 8 or 12 miles	EXP 195 TL 761228 CM7 3QL
Sun 15th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	**STOKE BY NAYLAND** Park at recreation ground Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 196 TL 986362 CO6 4QY
Tue 17th 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**CHAPPEL TO CHALKNEY WOODS** Park at car park near viaduct. Bring a snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 895285 CO6 2DS
Sat 21st 10.00 am Gwen N & Maria 01376 321377 01376 331510	**CHALKNEY WOOD** Park at Tey Road entrance. Easy pace Picnic lunch Approx 8 miles	EXP 195 TL 872273 CO6 2PR
Sat 28th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	**DANBURY – BLUEBELLS** hopefully at Blakes Wood and Lingwood Common. Park at Leisure Centre opposite the library. Refreshments available at Leisure Centre. Picnic lunch 7.5 miles	EXP 183 TL 781050 CM3 4NQ
Sun 29th10.00 am Jo 01376 561574 07778 016761	**MUNDON VIA COLD NORTON** Park at St Mary's church at end of Vicarage Lane. Picnic lunch Approx 10 miles	EXP 176/183 TL 880027 CM7 6PA

COLNE VALLEY PATH (1) 2 JUNE – GREAT YELDHAM TO WHITE COLNE 12¼ miles
Park at Braintree railway station (charges apply), catch 89 bus from stand A at Braintree bus park at 8.48 am. Walk will start at 9.45 am from the ancient oak at Great Yeldham. The 3 mile point is at Castle Hedingham where the 89 bus can be caught at 43 minutes past the hour from Memories back to Braintree. The walk proceeds from Castle Hedingham to Halstead (5 miles). The 89 bus departs on the hour to Braintree. The 38/38A service operates every 30 minutes to Braintree via Gosfield.
Today's final section is from Halstead to White Colne (4¼ miles). The 88 bus service operates between Colchester and Halstead buses pass through every half hour on the hour. On the return to Halstead 89 or 38/38A bus can be caught to Braintree. (For details of section (2) see page 6)

DATE/LEADER	MAY WALKS	MAP REF
Tue 1st 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**FORDHAM HEATH TO HILL HOUSE WOOD** Park in front of green on Heath Road. Bring a snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace 5 miles	EXP 184 TL 943264 CO3 9TA
Sat 5th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	**GREAT MAPLESTEAD** via Audley End and Gestingthorpe. Park in car park opposite school in Monks Road. Picnic lunch 12.25 miles	EXP 195 TL 808347 CO9 2FJ
Tue 8th 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**WICKHAM BISHOPS** Park at village hall, Church Road. Bring a snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace 5-6 miles	EXP 183 TL 844124 CM8 3NL
Sat 19th **9.00 or 9.20 am** see bus times Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	**ESSEX WAY SECTION 1** **HARWICH TO MANNINGTREE** (approx 14 miles) Park in Co-op car park, Riverside Avenue East for bus 103 at 9.37 am to Harwich. Or **HARWICH TO BRADFIELD** (approx 10 miles) Park in Heath Road for bus stop opposite Village Maid pub for bus 103 at 9.49 am to Harwich Picnic lunch Linear walk 10 or 14 miles	EXP 184 TM 318105 CO11 1US TM 302143 CO11 2UZ
Sun 20th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	**BOXFORD** Park near church. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 196 TL 962404 CO10 5DU
Tue 22nd 10.00 am Val 01206 736950 07790 119654	**TOLLESBURY** Meet Woodrolfe Road car park. Bring a snack or lunch at the Sailing Loft. 6-7 miles	EXP 184 TL 964107 CM9 8RY
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Sat 26th **10.30 am** at Shoeburyness led by South East Essex	Meet **SHOEBURYNESS** station. Linear walk via coastal path Thorpe Bay, Southend and Leigh-on-Sea to Benfleet station. Options for shorter routes during first 7 miles. Cafés available. 12 miles	EXP176 TQ 939850 SS3 9AW
Sun 27th **10.15 am** led by Chelmer & Blackwater	**KELVEDON TO COGGESHALL** Meet in pay and display car park in High Street. Circular walk. Lunch at pubs or cafés in Coggeshall. 10 miles	EXP 183 TL 862187 CO5 9AA
Tue 29th **10.15 am** led by Brentwood	**KELVEDON HATCH** Meet at Eagle pub. Figure of eight split evenly. Lunch at Eagle pub. 10 miles	EXP 175 TQ 570987 CM15 0AA
Wed 30th 10.00 am led by Colchester	**ABBERTON RESERVOIR** Meet at Visitor Centre, Church Road, Layer-de-la-Haye. Circular walk. Lunch at the Peldon Plough. Leisurely pace 10 miles	EXP 184 TL 963177 CO2 0EU
Thu 31st **10.30 am** Long walk	**THREE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM CHINGFORD** Meet Chingford BR station walking via Gilwell Park, Lea Valley, Epping Forest and High Beech. Park at Bury Road car park. Lunch at the Oak pub. 11 miles	EXP 174 TQ 395948 E4 7QJ
Thu 31st **1.30 pm** Medium walk	Meet Chingford BR station. Circular walk via Gilwell Park and Epping Forest. Park at Bury Road car park. 5 miles	EXP 174 TQ 395948 E4 7QJ
Thu 31st Short walk	**CHINGFORD** Amble around Gilwell Park with commentary. (see website nearer date for details) 2-3 miles	EXP 174
ALL CHINGFORD WALKS to finish together for cream teas at URC, Buxton Road, E4		

DATE/LEADER	JUNE WALKS	MAP REF
Sat 2nd **8.10 am** Teresa 07505 063108	**COLNE VALLEY PATH (1) - GREAT YELDHAM TO WHITE COLNE** Parking at Braintree railway station (charges apply). See separate notes (page 3) for details. Picnic lunch Linear walk 12.25 miles	EXP 195 TL 761228 CM7 3QL
Sun 3rd 10.00 am Jo 01376 561574 07778 016761	**KIRBY CROSS** Park at Kirby Cross station or surrounding roads. Circular walk via Kirby-le-Soken. Picnic lunch Approx 9 miles	EXP 184 TM 216207 CO13 0LU
Tue 5th **2.00 pm**	**COMMITTEE/PLANNING MEETING – RAYNE** in the Function Room of the Swan pub. All members invited.	EXP 195 TL 732228 CM77 6RQ
Sat 9th **9.40 am** Janet and Clive 01787 373173 **07484 377254*** ***Note new number**	**LONG MELFORD** Meet at free old school car park (opposite Melford Hall) to catch Beestons bus No 236 at 9.55 am to Clare and walk back along Stour Valley Path. Lots of tea shops at end in Long Melford if required. Picnic lunch Linear walk 8.5 miles	EXP 196 TL 865462 CO10 9AA
Sun 10th 10.00 am Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	**BADDOW VIA ULTING** Road parking/tea shop parking at Paper Mill Lock. Circular 8 mile walk with optional loop of 3.5 miles. Picnic lunch 8 or 11.5 miles	EXP 183 TL 776089 CM3 4BS
Tue 12th 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**HATFIELD PEVEREL** Park in church car park (Church Road). Bring a snack or lunch if preferred. Easy pace Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 797110 CM3 2LE
Sat 16th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	**LEVINGTON** Park at The Ship. Short walk followed by meal at The Ship. **Names to Ronnie by 28 May.** Approx 5 miles	EXP 197 TM 236390 IP10 0LH
Tue 19th **6.30 pm** Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	**PEBMARSH** Meet at car park near school. Please support the local community pub by having a drink afterwards. Bring refreshments if required. Evening walk 6 miles	EXP 196 TL 854335 CO9 2NN
Sat 23rd **8.10 am** Teresa 07505 063108	**COLNE VALLEY PATH (2) – WHITE COLNE TO COLCHESTER** Parking at Braintree railway station (charges apply). See separate notes (page 6) for details. Picnic lunch Linear walk 10.25 miles	EXP 195 TL 761228 CM7 3QL
Tue 26th 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**WICKHAM ST PAUL** Walking via Gestingthorpe. Park around the green near Victory Inn. Bring a snack or lunch if required. Easy pace Approx 6 miles	EXP 196 TL 832367 CO9 2PN
Thu 28th **6.30 pm** Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	**STEBBING** Meet at bowling green on High Street. Evening walk 5-6 miles	EXP 195 TL 662243 CM6 3SG
Sat 30th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	**MATCHING GREEN** Circular walk via Magdalen Laver. Park on road around green to the left of Chequers pub. Picnic lunch 9 miles	EXP 183 TL 112537 CM17 0PZ

Ann and Gwen's Tuesday walks now on programme. Easy pace walks of 4-7 miles.

DATE/LEADER	JULY WALKS	MAP REF
Sun 1st 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	**THORPE BAY TO BENFLEET** Park by shops near Thorpe Bay station. Linear walk via Old Leigh and Hadleigh Country Park. Train back. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 175 TQ 916857 SS1 3JY
Sat 7th 10.00 am Maria 01376 331510	**COGGESHALL** Park in Stoneham Street car park (possible charge). Circular walk via Bradwell and Marks Hall. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 195 TL 849226 CO6 1NY
Tue 10th 10.00 am Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**GOSFIELD** Circular walk to Southey Green. Park by the lake. Easy pace. Picnic lunch 7.5 miles	EXP 195 TL 775292 CO91UG
Sun 15th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787479177 07974 635627	**MUCH HADDAM, HERTFORDSHIRE** Park alongside church. Easy walking. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 194 TL 430196 SG10 6HW
Thu 19th **6.30 pm** Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	**BOCKING VIA STISTED** Park in Convent Lane. Evening walk Approx 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 418884 CM7 9RN
Sat 21st 10.00 am Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	**GREAT BARDFIELD** Park near school. Easy walk 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 678305 CM7 4RN
Sun 22nd 10.00 am Val 01206 736950 07790 119654	**TWINSTEAD** Meet Church Road just past the church on the left. Picnic lunch 9-10 miles	EXP 196 TL 862366 CO10 7NA
Tue 24th **6.30 pm** Gwen & Ann 01245 382399 07976 709056 01371 856659 07756 559179	**RAYNE** Park at station. Walking via Discovery Centre and Crix Green. Easy pace. Evening walk 5.25 miles	EXP 195 TL 726224 CM77 6AB
Sat 28th 10.00 am Maria 01376 331510	**BRAINTREE TO BOCKING, PANFIELD AND RAYNE** Park at Braintree railway station (charges apply). Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 195 TL 761228 CM7 3QL
Sun 29th **10.00 & 11.45 am** Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	**HENRY MOORE WALK, PERRY GREEN, HERTS** 11.45 am Henry Moore studios and gardens. Short 2-3 mile from car park 10.00 am followed by guided tour plus further exploration if time. Park in free main visitors' car park (Chestnuts). Optional tea room at end. Sorry no dogs. See dates for your diary for further details. Picnic lunch.	Exp 194 TL 437174 SG10 6EE

COLNE VALLEY PATH (2) 23 JUNE – WHITE COLNE TO COLCHESTER 10¼ miles
Park at Braintree railway station (charges apply). Catch 89 bus from stand A at Braintree bus park at 8.48 am to connect with bus 88 at 9.19 am from Halstead to White Colne.
Walk starts opposite sewage works access track at 9.45 am. The walk proceeds to Fordstreet (4 miles). The 88 bus passes through Fordstreet at half hourly intervals between Colchester and Halstead. If shorter walk required catching bus here is an option.
The next section is from Fordstreet to West Bergholt (3¼ miles). No bus stop here so would necessitate continuing to Colchester a further 3 miles where the Colne Valley Path concludes.
From here catch No 70 bus back to Braintree or 88 bus to Halstead. The F315 bus operates between Halstead and Sudbury but appears to be a 2 hour service. Contact 01621 874411 (Arrow Taxis) for full details.