

**SUMMER/AUTUMN PROGRAMME
AUGUST - OCTOBER 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 through the summer and into the autumn, 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. Remember you can keep up to date by checking our website or Facebook page.

This programme we complete our journey walking the Hadleigh to Stratford (H2S) long distance trail, a walk which was created as a legacy to the 2012 London Olympics and finishes at the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. Thanks to Teresa for leading this linear walk and working out the transport logistics for each stage. In late October all Ramblers groups in the Essex Area will be holding a festival of walks loosely based on the theme of water given that Essex has one of the longest county coastlines in England and also has an abundance of rivers, streams and reservoirs. Please see further details in this programme and on the Essex Area website.

In June the group enjoyed a strawberry cream tea at the farm shop in Wickham St Paul following a short walk in the surrounding countryside and it was good to meet some of our members who still support the Ramblers but no longer regularly walk with the group. On 6 September there will be another opportunity to meet our fellow Ramblers at a boules afternoon at Greenstead Green recreation ground over a "bring and share" picnic. This year we have decided to hold our annual festive lunch before Christmas on 14 December rather than post-Christmas as in previous years and again we will be dining at the Five Bells in Colne Engaine. Please pencil these dates in your diary – further details are shown elsewhere in this programme.

In May a small group of us successfully completed the West Highland Way enjoying the wide-open spaces of the Scottish Highlands and the beautiful scenery. We were very lucky with the weather and had only one wet day which was when we traversed Rannoch Moor into Glencoe, but it was disturbing to find out that a group of walkers had been struck by lightning in this area just a week after we had returned home.

The group undertook another P3 working party in June, clearing a popular footpath in Greenstead Green and thanks to all those who helped out with the path clearance. In the autumn we plan to check the condition of the John Ray Walk, our local named trail which runs from Braintree to Witham, an exercise we first carried out two years ago.

Happy rambling!

Geoff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER – Social – Boules or Petanque starting at 12.00 noon in the pit at Greenstead Green. Park at the recreation ground Greenstead Green. Everyone to bring their own drinks and a chair. We are planning to bring and share food – details to follow. **Names to Ronnie by 23 August.** Please come along to this social and have some enjoyable fun.

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER – John Ray Path Maintenance. Meet Braintree rail station car park at 9.45 am (charges apply). Bring secateurs, gloves, cleaning fluids and cloths. All very welcome. Many hands make light work. Please bring refreshments.

SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER – Tony's London walk – see programme for details.

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER – Committee/Planning Meeting. See programme for further details.

DATE/LEADER	AUGUST WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sat 3 rd 8.09 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 5 – CHIPPING ONGAR TO EPPING See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 8.5 miles	EXP 183/174 TL 550026 CM5 9QU TL 459022 CM16 5DN
Sat 10 th 7.39 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 6 – EPPING TO CHESHUNT See separate information for further details and travel arrangements. Picnic lunch 9.25 miles	EXP 174 TL 459022 CM16 5DN TL 367024 EN8 9AJ
Sat 17 th 10.00 am Marion & Graham 01376 338712 07908 185389	MESSING VIA LAYER MARNEY Limited street parking in Messing. Picnic lunch 8 miles	EXP 183/184 TL 897189 CO5 9TU
Sun 18 th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	BULMER Park at church. Tea and cakes available in church after walk. Picnic lunch 8-9 miles	EXP 196 TL 843401 CO10 7EL
Sat 24 th 8.00 am LINEAR WALK Teresa 07505 063108	LEGACY WALK SECTION 7 – CHESHUNT TO PUDDING MILL LANE STATION See separate information for further details and travel arrangements, Picnic lunch 13.5 miles	EXP 174/162 TL 367024 EN8 9AJ TQ 378835 E15 2P11

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (continued)

Ramblers Festival of walks themed “Water”:

1. **SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER** - Heybridge Basin and Chigborough Lakes.
 2. **TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER** - Hatfield Peverel to Papermill Lock.
- See programme for details of these walks.

SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER – AGM 11.00 am to 2.00 pm see programme for venue and further details

SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER – Christmas meal will be held at the Five Bells, Colne Engaine again this year. Please keep this date free and **let Ronnie have names by 30th November**. See notes in this programme on 30th November.

FOOTNOTES

Hadleigh to Stratford Legacy Walk (continued from previous programme)

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 10.15 am to allow those who wish to park in Epping to catch the No 420 bus at 9.43 am to Chipping Ongar. This departs from the stop outside the church in the High Street. Bakers Lane car park (GR 459022), recommended by those who devised the walk, is located behind the church, post code CM16 5EG. The cost on a Saturday appears to be £1.00 from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm but please check when purchasing a ticket. Alight from the bus at the stop close to Chipping Ongar church. At the conclusion of the walk, catch No 420 bus to Chipping Ongar and then the 32 or 46 bus to Chelmsford.

DATE/LEADER	SEPTEMBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 1 st 9.30 am LINEAR WALK Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE Park at the end of East Terrace by Old Coastguard Station or in Green Lane. Catch 9.48 am bus to Clacton then walk back to Walton. Picnic lunch 8 or 10 miles	EXP 184 TM 260224 CO14 8PY
Fri 6 th 12.00 noon Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	SOCIAL – BOULES/PETANQUE AT GREENSTEAD GREEN Park at recreation ground. Further details in Dates for your Diary.	EXP 195 TL 824277 CO9 1QZ
Sat 7 th Bus at 9.37 am or 9.49 am LINEAR WALK Maureen 01376 330978 07962 817414	ESSEX WAY – HARWICH TO MANNINGTREE Park in Co-op car park, Riverside Avenue East for bus 103 at 9.37 am to Harwich. Picnic lunch Approx 14 miles Or HARWICH TO BRADFIELD Park in Heath Road for bus stop opposite Village Maid pub for bus 103 at 9.49 am to Harwich. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 184 TM 318105 CO11 1US TM 302143 CO11 2UZ
Tue 10 th 10.00 am Tony F 01376 331856 07508 042676	BURES DRAGON WALK Park in recreation ground car park. Easy pace. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 196 TL 908339 CO8 5BX
Sun 15 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK Park in the High Street. Meet outside the Bull pub. Picnic lunch 12 miles	EXP 196 TI 807466 CO10 8BB
Tue 17 th 10.00 am Gwen 01245 382399 07976 709056	GREAT DUNMOW VIA LITTLE EASTON Park at Cricketers car park off B1256. Easy pace. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 6 miles	EXP 195 TL 634221 CM6 3AR
Sat 21 st 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	DEBDEN Park at Debden church, Church Lane (limited parking). Walking via Widdington, includes visit to 15 th century Priors Hall Barn (free). Easy pace. Bring snack/lunch as required. 6-7 miles	EXP 195 TL 551332 CB11 3LD
Sun 29 th 9.45 am LINEAR WALK Geoff 01787 472061 07885 486837	JOHN RAY PATH MAINTENANCE Parking at Braintree rail station (£2.70). Train to Witham at 10.00 am. See Dates for your Diary for further information. Picnic lunch 9 miles	EXP 195 TL 761228 CM7 3QL

Section 6 – Saturday, 10 August, Epping to Cheshunt (9.25 miles)

Catch No 70 bus at 7.39 am from Braintree bus park to Chelmsford bus station. Catch No 46 bus, from stand 1, at 8.25 am to Chipping Ongar. Catch No 420 bus at 9.30 am to Epping. The walk will commence at 10.15 am from the bus stop opposite the church. For those who prefer to drive there are two options.

(1) Park at Bakers Lane car park (GR 459022) located behind the church, post code CM16 5EG (cost £1.00 see section 5 for details).

(2) Park at Pindar car park, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, Herts EN8 9AJ (GR 367024). The cost is £4.10 over 4 hours. The car park is approached over the level crossing at Cheshunt station. It is approximately a 20-minute walk to the town centre to catch No 251 bus at 8.42 am at Old Pond (stop A), outside Tesco, to Waltham Cross bus station (stop C). This will connect with No 13 bus at 9.15 am to Epping, arriving 9.45 am.

At the conclusion of the walk it is hoped to catch the 251 bus at 2.42 pm to Waltham Cross bus station to connect with the No 13 bus at 3.15 pm to Epping. The subsequent one is at 4.45 pm, therefore, I feel it is only courteous to alert those travelling by bus from Braintree that it may be a very long day. For those who would like a shorter walk, it is possible to catch a bus from Upshire to Epping after completing 4 miles.

DATE/LEADER	OCTOBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 6 th 10.00 am (or 10.30 am) Tony B 01787 376957 07903 107437	LONDON, ROTHERHITHE AND GREENWICH Meet at Rodbridge underground car park at 10.00 am or Canada Water (Jubilee line) at 10.30 am using "buses exit". There is ample opportunity to shorten walk if required. It is also possible to have a meal at the end of the walk. Picnic lunch Approx 8.5 miles	EXP 174 TQ 418884 IG4 5BG
Tue 8 th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	FINCHINGFIELD Park around the green. Walking via Pitley Green. Easy pace. Bring snack/lunch as required. 7 miles	EXP 195 TL 685328 CM7 4JX
Sun 13 th 10.00 am Marion & Graham 01376 339712 07908 185389	STISTED Park in car park opposite village hall. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 195 TL 799251 CM77 8AL
Sat 19 th 10.00 am Teresa 07505 063108	HYLANDS PARK TO EDNEY COMMON Take A414 west out of Chelmsford. The park entrance is clearly signed about 1 mile west of Widford roundabout. Park in car park near toilet block. Picnic lunch 10.25 miles	EXP 183 TL 680048 CM2 8FS
Sun 20 th 10.00 am Lynda 01376 334070 07944 623269	OUSDEN, SUFFOLK Park at village hall, Font Street. Circular walk. Picnic lunch 10.5 miles	EXP 210 TL 745595 CB8 8TP
Tue 22 nd 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 26 th 10.00 am Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	HEYBRIDGE BASIN AND CHIGBOROUGH LAKES VIA GOLDHANGER Park at Daisy Meadow car park. Tea shop at end if wished. Picnic lunch Approx 8.5 miles	EXP 176 TL 871068 CM9 4RY
Sun 27 th 10.00 am Jo 01787 829352 07778 016761	GREAT BARDFIELD Park near school on main street. Walking via Wethersfield. Picnic lunch Approx 9 miles	EXP 195 TL 678305 CM7 4RN
Tue 29 th 10.00 am Gwen W & Ann B 01245 382399 07976 709056	HATFIELD PEVEREL TO PAPER MILL LOCK Park in church car park, Church Road, or around village. Easy pace. Bring refreshments if required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 797110 CM3 2LE

Section 7 – Saturday, 24 August, Cheshunt to Pudding Mill Lane Station (GR 378835) (13.5 miles)

Catch the 8.00 am train from Braintree to Stratford, arriving at 8.52 am. Catch the Bishop's Stortford train at 9.13 am and alight at Cheshunt station. An off-peak return ticket from Braintree is £19.00 and a single to Cheshunt is £8.00. However, for groups of 3-9 adults one can save a third on the price quoted. Please contact me if it is proposed to travel by train, in order to obtain this saving. The walk starts from Pindar car park, Windmill Lane and will commence at 9.45 am.

Alternatively, park at Pindar car park (details as under section 6).

It appears that trains to Bishop's Stortford depart on the hour and half past the hour from Stratford. One may wish to conclude the walk with a meal in Stratford

DATE/LEADER	NOVEMBER WALKS	MAP REF/ POST CODE
Sun 3 rd 10.00 am Lynda 01376 334070 07944 623269	BOCKING Meet at St Mary's church. Park near church. Circular walk. Picnic lunch 9 miles	EXP 195 TL 757257 CM7 5JY
Tue 5 th 10.00 am Ann B 01371 856659 07756 559179	STEBBING Park near bowling green. Easy pace. Bring refreshments as required 5 miles	EXP 195 TL 662243 CM6 3SG
Sat 9 th 11.00 am – 1.00 pm	AGM Gosfield Village Hall (Maurice Rowson Hall) in Bernard Brooks room. Please come and support the group. Tea and coffee with cakes provided.	EXP 195 TL 782296 CO9 1UB
Sun 10 th 10.00 am Val 01206 738025 07790 119654	STOKE BY NAYLAND Park in recreation ground. Walking via Polstead. Picnic lunch 10 miles	EXP 196 TL 987353 CO6 4QS
Sun 17 th 10.00 am Janet & Clive 01787 373173 07484 377254	FINCHINGFIELD Parking around the green. Picnic lunch Approx 9 miles	EXP 195 TL 684328 CM7 4JX
Sun 24 th 10.00 am Ann S 01787 374454 07467 185478	CLARE, SUFFOLK Park at Clare Country Park (charges apply). Picnic lunch Approx 9 miles	EXP 210 TL 770452 CO10 8NW
Tue 26 th 10.00 am Gwen 01245 382399 07976 709056	MILL GREEN Free parking area opposite the Viper pub. Easy pace. Bring refreshments as required. Approx 5 miles	EXP 183 TL 638012 CM4 0RH
Sat 30 th Ronnie 01787 479177 07974 635627	CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON 14 DECEMBER AT SIX BELLS, COLNE ENGAINE Names to Ronnie by 30 th November. Menu and cost details will be circulated at a later date.	

Some of our members enjoying our strawberry tea at Spencers Farm Shop in June

