

Programme Co-ordinator

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FOR A PURPOSE.
PLEASE READ THEM
ALL!**

THE POLYTECHNIC RAMBLING CLUB

(in association with the University of Westminster)

Founded 1885

Affiliated to the Ramblers' Association (Inner London Area)

Affiliated to HF Holidays



General Secretary

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FOR NEW MEMBERS: All club walks are either circular or linear and start as from the time of arrival of the train and/or bus. If you are arriving by car, please advise the leader before the day of the walk. Lunch is mostly at a pub. If you are unsure about suitable clothing for a walk please contact the leader. OS Maps: EX= Explorer, LR= Land Ranger. Train tickets: OPDR (Off-Peak Day Return formerly CDR (cheap day return)) or Group Save.

tfl = www.tfl.gov.uk for travel updates in the Capital or you can check trains on www.nationalrail.co.uk.

FOR ALL MEMBERS: BEWARE planned and unplanned engineering works! Remember timetables may still be subject to change because of ongoing track repairs. If there is a last minute change the next available train will be taken. Please keep an eye on the website, or contact the walk leader if in doubt. In the event of extremely adverse weather conditions, please phone the leader to find out if the walk is still on. Visit our **NEW** web-site (www.polyramblers.org.uk) to see the most up-to-date programme details. If you would like to lead a walk on the next programme, contact Pam with full details. Contact Solvig with social event details (restaurant, theatre visits etc.).

FOR LEADERS: If you have a mobile phone and you have put the number on the programme, please turn it on prior to your walk meeting time!

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2017 to JANUARY 2018

OCTOBER

(previous walk, Saturday 30th September, Chorleywood, leader Sunita)

FRIDAY 6th to MONDAY 9th: AUTUMN TRIP to Barmouth (N. Wales): Check with Dominique for late availability or other queries.

SATURDAY 7th : SHORT WALK, HOVE to BRIGHTON for those not going to Barmouth: Nice little sea-side easy paced walk. Pleasant cafe about halfway along for lunch. Maybe a bit of beach walking, have ice-cream on the pier! About 4 miles of walking in all, or we can halve it by catching a bus back to Hove station from Brighton. Bring sun hat and broly! Meet Victoria Stn near ticket office. BUY OPDR to Hove. Train dep.10.47. (Clap'm Jct 10.53) Arr. Hove 11,52. Leader: Rosie..

SUNDAY 15th: SANDRA'S BIRTHDAY BOAT TRIP. Invitation sent previously

SATURDAY 21st: longer walk - BENTLEY to FARNHAM (LINEAR): Last long walk of the summer but not too strenuous! Lovely walk mostly in light woodland & fairly flat - perfect for autumn. Meet Waterloo stn. Buy ODPR to Bentley. Train dep. 9.53, arr.11.02. Distance 11 + a bit miles. Lunch at The Holly Bush in Millbridge & possible swift half at The Barley Mow in Tilford but that depends on our swiftness & the light. EX145. Leader: Harriet

SATURDAY 21st: shorter walk – HAMPSTEAD HEATH (CIRCULAR): Delightful walk through the streets of Hampstead village, Ponds, Parliament Hill, Highgate Ponds, Kenwood House (options of visiting the art collection). Choice of good pubs on return to station. Meet 10.30 Hampstead Stn. (Northern line, Zone 3). Lunch at Kenwood rest./cafe or picnic. Distance approx. 5 miles. Leaders: Barbara

THURSDAY 26th: EVENING WALK IN PIMLICO: This walk will show the best bits of an overlooked part of London. It visits charming garden squares, small secluded parks and quiet sections of riverside path as well as a conservation area with its impressive architecture. Meet 18.30 outside Vauxhall Underground Station (Victoria Line and National Rail) for a 2.2-mile walk. Possible meal in a local hostelry afterwards. Leader: Dominique

SATURDAY 28th: BISHOP'S STORTFORD to HARLOW MILL (LINEAR): Meandering River Stort walk, alongside meadows and fields. Meet Liverpool St stn. Buy OPDR to Bishops Stortford. Train dep. 10.28. Tott.Hale 10.40. arr. B's Stortford 11.10. Cafe lunch stop at Sawbridgeworth. Pleasant riverside bar at end of walk at Harlow Mill. Distance ~ 7 miles. EX 194. Leader: John H who will join train en route. **NB Clocks go back tomorrow!**

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 4th: SWANLEY (CIRCULAR): A surprisingly scenic but easy walk in the Kent countryside close to Greater London. Meet at Victoria stn. Buy OPDR to Swanley (covered by Freedom Pass, Oyster and contactless). Train dep. 10.22 arr. Swanley 10.48. Lunch at the Five Bells, Chelsfield Village, return to Swanley via Kevingtown and Hockenden. Distance 9 miles. EX 162/147. Leader: Peter T

SATURDAY 11th: THEYDON BOIS (CIRCULAR): Delightful walk in Epping Forest. More steeply undulating than you might expect! Autumn tints? Fungi? Sloes? Meet at 10.15 at Theydon Bois stn. (23 mins from Stratford on Epping branch of Central line) Lunch tbc. Distance: 6 or 10 miles. EX 174. Leader: Pam.

SATURDAY 18th: BOX HILL to DORKING (LINEAR): Classic Surrey walking, with mixture of down and woodland. Option of doing the morning walk only. Steady uphill walk from Boxhill Station to Ranmore Common for (hopefully) views to the south of Leith Hill and beyond. Descend to Dorking for lunch. Afternoon route via Betchworth. Distance 9 miles. Ascent / descent 400 metres. Meet Victoria stn. Either buy OPDR to Dorking valid on Southern services only. Or, for the ability to use additional trains back from Dorking to Waterloo, ask for a ticket that's also valid on South Western Railways. Approx. extra cost £2. Horsham train dep. 9.31, arr. Box Hill & Westhumble 10.20. EX146. Leader: Mike Coyle

