

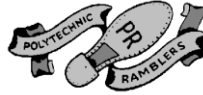
**The Polytechnic Rambling Club**

In association with THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

*Founded 1885*

**Affiliated to the Ramblers' Association (Inner London Area)**

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**PROGRAMME FEBRUARY-MAY 2022**

**If you do not receive emails please check with the leader prior to the walk for any updates to travel as train timetables are currently subject to last minute alterations**

**SAT 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY HEVER (Circular)** 8 miles approx *Lovely walk in Kent via Chiddingstone with the possibility of a drink at The Wheatsheaf in Bough Beech in the afternoon. Fairly flat & a nice combination of light woodland & open fields.* Chiddingstone does have a nice teashop but it's small & popular so bring a sandwich. Buy OPDR to Hever. Dep. London Bridge 10.07, arr. Hever 10.49. OS EX 147. Leader Harriet.

**SAT 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY CHESHAM (Circular)** 8 miles *Walk via the village of Chartridge through woods and fields and across valleys offering wonderful views of rolling chilterns countryside.* There are a number of steep climbs up valley sides with beautiful views to compensate. Muddy in places Dep. Marylebone 9.57 arr Chalfont and Latimer 10.28 then Metropolitan line dep. 10.39 arr. Chesham 10.47. Freedom Pass will cover the entire journey. Lunch tbc. OS EX 181 Leader Mary King

**SAT 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY THAMES VALLEY ESTUARY PATH PART 1 :TILBURY TO EAST TILBURY (ESSEX) (Linear)** 7 miles *This walk in the South Essex Marshes follows the shore of the Thames. The first part goes through industrial landscape, but it has a wealth of history – and we then follow creeks, marshes and mudflats. We pass Tilbury Fort, Coalhouse Fort, West Tilbury Church and the site of QE1's speech to the English fleet, WWII radar station and bunkers.* Buy OPDR to East Tilbury. Dep. Fenchurch Street (Shoeburyness train) 9.53, (Upminster 10.16) arr. Tilbury Town 10.33. Bring picnic or lunch at The Ship in East Tilbury. Map OS LR 177. Leader Dominique

**SAT 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY POLY RAMBLERS ZOOM QUIZ 8PM** New quizzers very welcome. Contact Gillian (07719452023) for more information. Joining details nearer the time.

**SUN 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY RICKMANSWORTH VIA CROXLEY GREEN AND WHIPPENDELL WOODS (Circular)** 9 miles approx, can be shortened. *A fairly level walk on field paths, lanes, woodland and canal towpaths* Dep. Marylebone 09.57 (Aylesbury train) arr. Rickmansworth 10.19. Lunch TBC. OS EX 172. Leaders Gillian and Stuart (07719452023) who will meet the group at Rickmansworth

**SAT 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH CROWBOROUGH (Circular)** 8.5 miles *Typical country walk through fields and woodland with hills, some stiles and maybe muddy paths, passing through Crowborough Ghyll. Ghylls are an important habitat with their steep sided valleys creating a microclimate supporting rare flora including ferns, mosses and liverworts.* Dep. London Bridge 9.07 (E. Croydon 9.22) arr. Crowborough 10.09. Lunch TBC. OS EX 135 Leader Susan, who will join the train at E. Croydon (07763 131145)

**SAT 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11am** A new venue this year: St Georges Church Community Space, Campden Hill, W8 7JG. Nearest tube Notting Hill/ Holland Park. All members welcome. Refreshments available after the meeting. Notice of motions should reach the Secretary [gswan70@gmail.com](mailto:gswan70@gmail.com) no later than 12<sup>th</sup> February

**SAT 19<sup>th</sup> March SUNNINGDALE to WINDSOR (Linear)** 10.03 miles *A pleasant undulating walk near Virginia Water Lakes and valley gardens, a vast collection of Azalias and Rhododendrons.* Lunch at the Saville Garden Kitchen. Buy single ticket to Sunningdale. Dep Waterloo (Reading train) 09.26 arr. Sunningdale 10.08. Trains back from Eton and Windsor Riverside to Waterloo, or from Windsor Central Station to Paddington. **Times may be subject to some changes, confirmation email will be sent nearer the date.** OS EX. 160. Leader Hilary Abbey (07814 512 184)

**SAT 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH THAMES ESTUARY PATH PART 2 : EAST TILBURY TO STANFORD HOPE (ESSEX) (Linear)** 7 miles We go through the Thurrock Thameside Nature Park and Mucking Flats SSSI. Buy OPDR to Stanford le Hope . Dep. Fenchurch Street (Shoeburyness train) 9.53 (Upminster 10.16) arr. East Tilbury 10.39. Bring picnic or lunch at Thurrock Thameside Nature Park visitor centre. OS LR 177. Leader Dominique

**SUN 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH LONDON LOOP stages 20 & 21 CHIGWELL TO HAROLD WOOD (Linear)** 12.5 miles. Details to follow. Leader Jackie

**SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL BERKHAMSTED to TRING (Linear)** 6 miles *We will climb up to the Bridgewater Memorial, passing through the Alpine meadow and skirting Ashridge Park, descending to Aldbury for lunch at the Greyhound or a picnic by the pond. After lunch the short walk to Tring station might be muddy.* Buy OPDR to Tring. Dep Euston 10.24, arr Berkhamsted 10.51. EX 181 Leader Sandy

**SAT 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL HOLLINGBOURNE to BEARSTED (Kent) (Linear)** 8-9 miles *Undulating landscape, steep in parts up to North Downs and down again, with views of the rolling Kentish countryside in the spring!* Victoria Buy OPDR to Hollingbourne (Freedom Pass and 60+ Oyster valid to Swanley). Dep. Victoria 9.25 arr. Hollingbourne 10.33. Lunch stop at the Hook & Hatchet, Hucking, or bring picnic. OS EX 148. Leader Pam

**EASTER SAT 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL – DARTFORD to FARNINGHAM (Linear)** 7 miles. *From the Rolling Stones to Dickens. Along the Darent Valley to encounter a cast of Kentish characters.* Dep. Charing Cross (Gravesend train) 10.18 (Waterloo East 10.21, London Bridge 10.27), arr. Dartford 11.02. Freedom Pass & 60+ Pass valid. Otherwise buy single to Dartford. Lunch at the Chequers Pub, Sutton at Hone or bring picnic. Return by bus to Swanley station (5 miles if returning from Farningham Road station). OS EX 162. Leader Danny (07907-346957 or 07591-999016)

**EASTER MON 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL CITY AND RIVERSIDE – ST PAULS TO WAPPING AND LIMEHOUSE (Linear)** *Another saunter through historic London passing places associated with Charles Dickens and his characters.* Meet at St Pauls tube 11am. Finish at Wapping overground (approx. 2.3 miles) or Limehouse DLR (approx. 3.5 miles). Lunch tbc. Leaders Gillian and Stuart (07719452023)

**FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> to SUN 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL WALKING THE PEDDARS WAY IN NORFOLK** Fully booked. Enquiries to the organiser Gillian Swan [gswan70@gmail.com](mailto:gswan70@gmail.com)

**SUN 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL PADDINGTON to KINGS CROSS (Linear)** 6.5 miles *Canal walk via Little Venice, Regent's Park, Primrose Hill, Camden Lock and Granary Square. A leisurely walk with a few roads and one Hill (Primrose).* Meet outside Paddington Underground, Hammersmith & City Line Entrance at 10am Many places on route for refreshment so no packed lunch required. OS 173 Leader Stephen

**WED 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL NOTTING HILL GATE (Linear)** 2.5 miles *Discover the hidden streets, mews and colourful houses of Notting Hill Gate. Meet Notting Hill Gate tube station 18.00. Walk ends at Westbourne Park tube station. Leader Dominique*

**SAT 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL ISABELLA PLANTATION & HISTORIC HOUSES (Linear)** 7.8miles (Isabella only 5.5miles) *Walk along the Richmond Riverside Towpath to Richmond Park and the Isabella Plantation to hopefully see some spectacular rhododendrons. Return to the riverside and Ham House, cross the river by ferry (£1pp) and walk through the gardens of York, Orleans and Marble Hill houses to Twickenham BR station. Meet Richmond DL station 10.30. Picnic lunch. OS EX161. Leaders Sunita and Jennifer*

**MON 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY BOX HILL TO DORKING PLUS DORKING CIRCUIT (Circular)** 10 miles. *Classic Surrey walking, with mixture of down and woodland. Steady uphill walk from Boxhill and Westhumble Station to Ranmore Common, hopefully with views to the south of Leith Hill and beyond. Descend to Dorking. Level afternoon route through wood and farmland via Brockham to Dorking Station. Option of doing morning only (about 5 miles)*

AMENDED TRAVEL DETAILS TWO POSSIBLE ROUTES TO START POINT. For both, buy off peak day return to Dorking. Then EITHER, from Waterloo Stn, take Guildford train which departs 9.54, change at Leatherhead 10.36 / 10.53 arrives Box Hill & Westhumble at 10.58. No platform change required at Leatherhead.

OR from London Bridge, take the 9.57 train to Horsham which is direct, and which those travelling from Waterloo will join at Leatherhead.

Leader: Mike Coyle (07801 445653) who will join the Waterloo train at Wimbledon

**SAT 7<sup>th</sup> MAY WEST DRAYTON via CRANFORD PARK (Circular)** 10 miles. *Walk along the Grand Union Canal to Cranford Park with its orchard, ruins of historic buildings and church where Tony Hancock the comedian is buried. Return by same route to Yiewsley and turn off to Valerie's home for tea and cake. Can be cut short on way back at the Hayes and Harlington access bridge from canalside (approx 7) Meet the leader at the front entrance of W. Drayton station. Dep. Paddington 9.43 arr W.Drayton (zone 6) 10.05. EX 160/LR 176 Leader Valerie Evans*

**SAT 14<sup>th</sup> MAY EAST GRINSTEAD (Circular)** 12 miles. *A lovely walk with fields, woods & Weir Wood reservoir which is an SSSI, for those who are fond of birds. It won't be flat but proper details will be sent nearer the time. Lunch alfresco but with luck, a drink at The Cat Inn at West Hoathly. Buy OPDR to East Grinstead. Dep. Victoria 9.20 arr. East Grinstead at 10.20. OS EX 135 Leader Harriet*

**SUN 15<sup>th</sup> MAY STRATFORD to NORTH GREENWICH (Linear)** 3miles. *Walk the Line, a route with seventeen examples of public art, which follows the River Lea to the Thames and includes rides on the DLR and cable car. Meet 11.00 outside Stratford Station (Zone2/3). Lunch at the Cody Dock cafe or bring a picnic. Return from North Greenwich station (Zone 2/3). 3 miles. OS EX 162. Leader Danny (07907-346957 or 07591-999016)*

**SAT 21<sup>st</sup> MAY HASLEMERE via DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL and TEMPLE OF THE WINDS (Circular)** 13 miles. *A longer hike with 600 metres of elevation and fabulous views of the Surrey hills. Dep. Waterloo 9.00 (Portsmouth train) arr. Haslemere 9.53. There is a cafe near the start at Devil's punchbowl but no further facilities. Bring packed lunch for Temple of the Winds. It is a more demanding walk and there are a couple of steep hills so walking poles would be recommended. OS Maps OL33 Leaders Stephen and Rochelle*

**SUN 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY KEW GARDENS WITH LONDON BLIND RAMBLERS** 3.5miles *A sensory walk through the Royal Botanic Gardens. Details to follow when we know how many guides will be needed, please text Pam NOW if you would like to help. Guides will be admitted free to the Gardens. Leaders Pam and Jennifer*

**SAT 28<sup>th</sup> MAY COLNE VALLEY W.DRAYTON to SLOUGH (Linear)** 7 miles Walk along the Grand Union Canal, taking the Slough Arm from Cowley Bridge. Buy OPDR to Slough or use Freedom Pass (only on TFL trains, 60+ Oyster buy single from Slough to West Drayton) Dep. Paddington 9.57 arr. West Drayton (zone 6) 10.17 (meet leader in station ticket hall) Lunch TBC. EX 160/LR 176 Leader Valerie Evans