

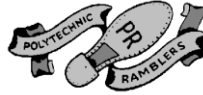
## **The Polytechnic Rambling Club**

In association with THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

*Founded 1885*

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

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### **OCTOBER 2024 to JANUARY 2025**

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

**SAT 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER BLACKHEATH/NORTH GREENWICH (Linear)** 5 miles *Meander along the Prime Meridian to the Millenium Dome.* Dep. Cannon Street (Dartford train) 10.32, (London Bridge 10.36), arr. Blackheath 10.50 (Zone 3). Lunch in Greenwich or bring picnic. EX161. Leader: Danny (07907-346957)

**SUN 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER LONDON LOOP-KINGSTON BRIDGE to HATTON CROSS (Linear)** 10.5 miles (can shorten to 4.5 miles via Fulwell station). *Heath & woodlands of Bushy Park, river Crane and Hounslow Heath.* Mostly level, some road walking. Dep. Waterloo (Shepperton train) 9.48 (Clapham Junction 9.52) arr. Kingston 10.16. Ret. From Hatton Cross (Piccadilly line). All travel within zone 6. Bring a picnic. Possible van with hot drinks and cake. EX161. Leader Jackie Mc.

**FRI 11<sup>th</sup>-MON 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER NEW FOREST WEEKEND** enquiries to Hilary habbey@btinternet.com 07814 512184 or Susan [susan271@btinternet.com](mailto:susan271@btinternet.com) 07763131145

**SAT 12 OCTOBER CRYSTAL PALACE TO NUNHEAD (linear) 6 miles.** Part of the Green Chain Walk. Mainly paved but steep in parts including steps. Meet at Crystal Palace station 10.30. Note no trains from Victoria to Crystal Palace. Lunch at Horniman Museum café or picnic. Return from Nunhead – trains to Victoria or Blackfriars. Leader Mike Coyle

**SUN 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER LONDON LOOP-HATTON CROSS to UXBRIDGE (Linear)** 13 miles *Along the River Crane, Grand Union Canal, via meadows and parks.* Mostly level. Meet Hatton Cross (Piccadilly Line), Great SW Road exit 10.20 for 10.30 start. All travel within zone 6 Lunch tbc. EX161 Leader Jackie Mc.

**SAT 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER PRINCES RISBOROUGH (Circular)** 9.5 miles *Woodland, fields and undulating Chilterns countryside. Couple of steep sections with steps, one an ascent to a wonderful viewpoint and the other a descent.* Several stiles, may be muddy in parts. Buy OPDR to Princes Risborough. Dep. Marylebone 9.37 arr. Princes Risborough 10.21. EX 181. Lunch Hampden Arms or bring picnic. Leader Mary K

**SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER CHINGFORD TO EPPING (Linear)** 8 miles *Autumn tints in Epping Forest, undulating, forest bathing, no stiles!* Dep. Liverpool St. 9.33 (Walthamstow Central 09.48) arr. Chingford 10.00. Ret. From Epping (Central line). Travel within zone 6. Lunch High Beach PH, food & drink kiosks. EX 174. Leader Pam

**SAT 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER WENDOVER WOODS (Circular)** 8 miles. *A scenic canalside stroll before a not too challenging climb to the top of Wendover Woods to savour splendid views (the highest point of the Chilterns).* Buy OPDR to Wendover. Dep Marylebone 10.27 (Harrow 10.39) arr. Wendover 11.16. Lunch Wendover Woods Cafe or bring a picnic. EX 181 Leaders Les & Cathy M

**SAT 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BILLERICAY TO WICKFORD via HANNINGFIELD RESERVOIR (Linear)** 8 miles. *Walk through the Essex countryside stopping at Hanningfield Reservoir which is a Site of Special Scientific*

*Interest (SSSI) due to the important numbers of wildfowl that use the reservoir in the autumn and winter. Buy OPDR to Wickford. Dep. Liverpool Street 9.50 (Stratford 9.58) arr. Billericay 10.22. Picnic/lunch at the Hanningfield Nature Discovery Centre Café. OSL 167 & 178. Leader Dominique*

**WED 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER WEST RUISLIP to RICKMANSWORTH (Linear)** 8 miles *Scenic stroll across grassy fields leading into Bayhurst Wood then along the Grand Union Canal.* Mostly flat, two moderate climbs near Harefield. Meet W. Ruislip (Central line) 10.30. Allow at least 40 mins from Oxford Circus. Ret. From Rickmansworth (Met line, NR). Travel zones 6/7. Lunch Aquadrome cafe or bring a picnic. EX172 Leaders Les & Carol d'S

**SAT 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER PANGBOURNE (Circular)** 8.5 miles. *Along part of the Thames Path National Trail with views down to the Thames then up through a nature reserve, woods and fields.* Buy OPDR to Pangbourne. Dep. Paddington (Didcot Parkway train) 9.38 arr. Pangbourne 10.32 **OR** Elizabeth line to Reading, then dep. Reading 10.24 arr. Pangbourne 10.32. FP holders buy OPDR Reading to Pangbourne. Oyster 60+ holders buy OPDR W. Drayton to Pangbourne. Lunch The Sun Inn, Hill Bottom or bring picnic. EX171 LR17. Leader Rochelle

**SAT 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER GUILDFORD (Circular)** 8.5 miles. *A rural walk passing Watts Chapel and Loseley Park.* Buy OPDR to Guildford. Dep. Waterloo 09.33 (Clapham Junction 09.42) arr. Guildford 10.39. Lunch at Withies Inn, Compton or bring a picnic. EX145. Leader Chris

**SUN 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER CLUB XMAS LUNCH: FREEMASON'S ARMS, COVENT GARDEN** For a short pre-lunch Thames-side walk, meet 11.00 at Monument District & Circle Line Station. Leader Danny (07907 346957)

**SUN 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER KINGS CROSS to CAMDEN LOCK (Linear)** option to walk back to Kings Cross along the canal. 3.5 miles/5 miles. *Explore the lesser known streets of Camden to include Barnsbury, Pentonville prison Caledonian Park and Camden Mews. Includes visit to the London Canal Museum (£7, £6 for concessions).* Meet outside mainline ticket office at Kings Cross Station at 10.30 am. Ret. Camden Rd or Camden Town Station. Lunch cafés and pubs en route. All within zone 1/2. Leader Hilary (07814 512184)

**SUN 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER FINSBURY PARK to ALEXANDRA PALACE (Linear)** 5 Miles *Amble around a green Victorian-era haven then trace an abandoned railway line across North London.* Meet 11.00 Manor House Piccadilly Line Station (Zone 2/3). Lunch at the Mossy Well pub in Muswell Hill or bring picnic. EX173. Leader Danny (07907346957)

**SUN 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER PUTNEY BRIDGE to HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE (Linear)** 5-6 miles. *Through Bishops' Park to Fulham Palace; visit gardens, house, museum (free entry) and shop, then along the towpath to Hammersmith.* Meet 11.00 Putney Bridge station (District Line Wimbledon branch) Lunch Palace cafe or bring a picnic. Ret. From Hammersmith stations. All travel zones 1/2. EX161/171. Leaders Jackie C. and Sunita

**WEDS 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY POLY RAMBLERS NEW YEAR ZOOM QUIZ 8pm**

New quizzers very welcome. Contact Gillian (07719 452023) for more information. Joining details nearer the time

**SAT 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY WANDLE TRAIL-WANDSWORTH to CARSHALTON PONDS (Linear)** 9 miles. *A flat walk along the Wandle Valley following the river Wandle.* Some road walking. Lunch at Morden Hall Park (NT) or bring a picnic. Dep Waterloo 09.30 arr. Wandsworth Town 9.43 (zone 2). Return from Carshalton (zone 5). EX161 Leader Stephen

**SAT 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY UPPER LEA VALLEY AND SOMERIES CASTLE (Circular)** 7.5 miles Buy OPDR to Luton Airport Parkway. Dep St.Pancras platfm B 10.21 (Bedford train), arr Luton Airport Pkwy 10.52. Lunch at the Bright Star PH, Peters Green or bring a picnic. LR166/ EX193 and 182. Leader Geoffrey

**FRIDAY 10-TUESDAY 14 JANUARY SNOW WALKING WEEKEND in BAD REICHENHALL (GERMANY)**  
Enquiries by October 20<sup>th</sup> to Dominique

**SAT 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY WEST HUMBLE (Circular)** 10 miles *Lovely, hilly & invigorating walk in the Surrey Hills.* But OPDR to Box Hill & West Humble. Dep. London Bridge 9.42, arr Box Hill & WH 10.46. Bring a sandwich but drink stop at The Cock Inn at Headley. EX146. Leader Harriet

**THUR 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY WOODBERRY WETLANDS to ABNEY PARK (Linear)** 5.5 miles approx. *Via a park, reservoir and nature reserve to one of London's magnificent 7 cemeteries. After lunch we will visit the cemetery.* Meet 11.00 Finsbury Park Station (Piccadilly, Victoria and NR). Ret. From Stoke Newington (Overground) All travel within zones 1/2. Lunch Abney Park cafe or bring a picnic. EX173 Leader Susan (07763 131145).

**SAT 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY KINGS LANGLEY and CHIPPERFIELD (HERTS) (Circular)** 7-8 miles.  
*Undulating country walk. No stiles. Buy OPDR to Kings Langley. Dep. Euston (Cheddington train) 10.09 (Harrow & Wealdstone 10.21, Watford Junction 10.30) arr. Kings Langley 10.34. Lunch tbc. EX 182. Leader Gillian S. (07719 452023)*