

The Polytechnic Rambling Club

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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

FRI 3rd-MON 6th OCTOBER YHA WEEKEND CASTLETON Fully booked

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER LANGLEY AND THE KEDERMISTER LIBRARY (Figure of 8) 8.2 miles. *Two circular walks (3.9 and 4.3 miles) through Langley Park, along the Grand Union Canal and the centre of Langley with visit of the historic St Mary's Church and the Kedermister Library which was founded before 1631.* Dep. Paddington Platform B 09.45 Elizabeth Line train (Ealing Broadway 9.56) arr. Langley 10.16. Free travel for FP holders. Otherwise book OPDR to Langley (TfL60+ West Drayton/Zn6 to Langley). Possible pub lunch or bring a picnic. LR 176. Leader: Dominique who will meet members at Langley station.

SUN 12th OCTOBER GORING to PANGBOURNE (Linear) 12 miles *Lovely walk through fields and woods, some steep inclines.* Buy OPDR to Goring and Streatley. Dep. Paddington 09.47 arr. Reading 10.10 (OR Eliz. line dep. Padd 0916 arr. Reading 1016) /dep. Reading 10.31 arr. Goring & Streatley 10.43. Via Eliz. line FP buy OPDR Reading to Streatley, 60+ buy OPDR W. Drayton to Streatley. Bring a picnic. EX 159 Leader: Jackie Mc

SAT 18th OCTOBER WRABNESS to HARWICH (Linear) 9.5 miles. *Continuing a walk earlier in the year, following the Essex Way to its end. Along the Stour Estuary through woods, then inland through salt marshes, and finally we follow the exposed North Sea coast into the historic port town of Harwich.* Flat terrain, last couple of miles on hard surfaces. Buy OPDR to Harwich Town. Dep. Liverpool Street 10.00, arr. Manningtree 10.55 platform 3/dep. Manningtree 11.00 platform 1 arr. Wrabness 11.09. Lunch at Ye Olde Cherry Tree (ring 01255 886483 to make a 1.30pm booking, more info to follow) in Little Oakey or bring a packed lunch. EX 184/197. Leader: Mary King

SAT 25th OCTOBER EPPING FOREST (Circular) 7 miles. *Autumn in the Forest. Relax and de-stress with nature. Hopefully autumn tints and interesting fungi!* Meet 10.30 at LOUGHTON station. (36 mins from Oxford Circus on EPPING branch of Central line). All travel within zone 6. Lunch at High Beach. Bring picnic although there are kiosks for tea, coffee and sandwiches etc and PH. EX 174. Leader: Pam

SAT 1st NOVEMBER DORMANS (Circular) 10.5 miles. *Lovely walk in the Kentish High Weald. Undulating but nothing himalayan.* Buy OPDR to Dormans. **Dep Victoria 09.20, (Clapham Junction 9.27, E. Croydon 09.40), arr. Dormans 10.14.** Bring a sandwich but we'll have a drink at the pub or cafe in Cowden. OS 147. Leader: Harriet

SAT 8th NOVEMBER OTFORD (Circular) 8 miles. *A good mix of woodland and open countryside with some fine views.* Some challenging steep hills and descents. Buy OPDR to Otford. Dep. Charing Cross 09.29 (London Bridge 09.38) arr. Otford 10.07. Lunch in Shoreham, Pub or Cafe or bring a picnic. Map EX147. Leader Chris

MON 10th NOVEMBER MANOR PARK TO VALENTINES PARK (Linear) 6.5 miles. *Walk between two parks via Wanstead Flats and Wanstead Park, along the river Roding, finishing at Valentines Mansion.* Dep. Liverpool St. (Eliz line) 1041 arr. Manor Park 1056. Ret. from Gants Hill station Central Line. All travel within zones 1-4. Snack at Wanstead Tea Hut. Late lunch at Valentines Park Café or bring a picnic. LR 177. Leader: Dominique

SAT 15th NOVEMBER VANGUARD WAY PART 6: POUNDGATE to BLACKBOYS 7 miles *Idyllic rolling countryside with small farms and pastures, briefly joining the Wealdway.* Buy OPDR to Uckfield. Dep. London Bridge 10.07 arr. Eridge 11.03 and

then bus to Poundgate. Ret, bus to Uckfield for London train. Bring picnic. EX 135 Leaders: Hilary 07814 512184 and Susan 07763 1311345

SAT 22nd NOVEMBER CHORLEYWOOD to RICKMANSWORTH (Linear) 6.5 miles approx. *A scenic walk in Chess Valley. One ascent and two descents.* Meet Chorleywood station 10.30. (Met. line 50 mins from Baker Street). Travel within Freedom Pass / Oyster 60+ zone 7. Bring a picnic. OS. EX 192. Leader Sunita

SAT 29th NOVEMBER RIDDLESOWN to FARTHING DOWNS (Linear) 7.3 miles. *A beautiful walk through South London Downs National Nature Reserve via the disused 17th century Riddlesdown Quarry, Kenley WWI & II Airfield and Happy Valley.* Dep. Victoria 09.50 (Clapham Jct. 09.57) arr Riddlesdown 10.18. All travel within Zone 6. Picnic lunch with possible pub stop tbc. Leader Rochelle

SAT 6th DECEMBER TRING (Circular) 8 miles. *Some hills, via Bridgewater Monument and Visitor Centre.* May be muddy. Buy OPDR to Tring. Dep. Euston 09.24 arr. Tring 10.02. EX 181. Leader Stephen

THUR 11th DECEMBER PUTNEY to BATTERSEA (Linear) 5 miles *Along the River to Battersea Power Station tube (Northern line), green spaces, iconic bridges, the River's industry and architecture.* Meet 10.30 Putney Bridge station (District Line). Picnic in Battersea Park or snacks and drinks are available from a wagon. Leader Jackie C.

SUN 14th DECEMBER CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH 1.30pm: THATCHED HOUSE PUB HAMMERSMITH 115 Dalling Road Hammersmith. Nearest tube Ravenscourt Park. See separate booking form for menu and price. Book by 1 December latest. For a short pre-lunch walk on the Thames, meet at 11.30am at Hammersmith District and Piccadilly line station. Enquiries to Danny (07907 346957)

THUR 18th DECEMBER THE GREEN LONDON WAY PART 7 - STREATHAM to WIMBLEDON PARK (Linear) 6.4 miles. *An undulating walk to continue the Green London Way via Tooting Bec Common, Wandsworth Common and Wandsworth Cemetery to end in Wimbledon Park.* Dep. 11.01 London Bridge 11.01 arr. Streatham 11.25. All travel within zone 3. Lunch in Wandsworth Common Café or bring a picnic. Leader Dominique

SAT 20th DECEMBER BERKHAMSTED (Circular) (5 +3 miles). *Morning circular walk to the north of the town. Two short uphill sections, no stiles. After lunch a short loop on the canal and a look at some of the Blue Plaques in the town.*

Buy OPDR to Berkhamsted. Dep. Euston (Tring train) 10.09, Harrow & Wealdstone 10.21, arr. Berkhamsted 10.46. Pubs and cafes in Berkhamsted for lunch or bring a picnic. EX181. Leader Gillian (07719 452023)

SAT 27th DECEMBER HAMPSTEAD HEATH (Circular) 4.5 miles *Heathland, woodland, grassland and the elegant 18th-century Kenwood House.* Meet 11.00 Hampstead Northern Line Stn (Zone 2/3). Lunch at the Old Bull and Bush or bring picnic. EX173. Leader Danny (07907 346957)

THUR 1st JANUARY POLY RAMBLERS NEW YEAR ZOOM New quizzers very welcome. Contact Gillian gswan70@gmail.com for more information. Joining details nearer the time

SAT 3rd JANUARY SOLE STREET. KENT (Circular) 6-7 miles approx. *Sweeping views of the rolling Kentish countryside.* Buy OPDR to Sole Street. Dep. Victoria 9.42, arr. Sole Street 10.31. Bring picnic. Pub stop TBA. EX 137. Leader Kim

SAT 10th JANUARY CHESHAM OUTER RING (Circular) 7.5 miles. *Walk around the outer fringes of Chesham. Some steepish ascents and descents. Some stiles.* Meet Baker Street Chesham train dep. 09.49 (Harrow 10.10) arr. Chesham 10.47. Lunch tbc. EX181. Leader Gillian (07719 452023) who will meet the group at Chesham

FRI 16th – TUES 20th JANUARY SNOW WALKING WEEKEND IN AUSTRIA We will be staying in a B&B in Bad Gastein <https://www.gastein.com/en/> – Enquiries by 31st OCTOBER to Dominique

SAT 17th JANUARY FLITWICK, BEDS (Circular) Approx 8 miles. *Undulating through fields and woods.* Lunch either at The Chequers PH Westoning, or The Cross Keys, Pulloxhill (tbc). Buy OPDR to Flitwick. Dep. St Pancras (Thameslink platf B) 10.06, arr. Flitwick 10.54. EX 193, LR153. Leader: Geoffrey who will meet party at Flitwick station.

SAT 24th JANUARY BROXBORNE WOODS (Circular) 7 miles. *A gently undulating walk through ancient woodland, green meadows and Danemead nature reserve.* Buy OPDR to Bayford. Dep. Moorgate 10.16, (Finsbury Park 10.30). arr. Bayford 11.03. Lunch TBC. EX 174. Leader Jennifer

SUN FEBRUARY 1st PUTNEY HEATH AND WIMBLEDON COMMON (Linear) 4.5 miles. *Ponds, mixed woodlands, London's largest heath and a hill crowned by a landmark windmill.* Meet 11.00 Wimbledon Park District Line Stn (Zone 3). Lunch in Wimbledon Village or bring picnic. Finish at Wimbledon Stn. EX161. Leader Danny (07907 346957)