

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

WED 4th FEBRUARY THE GREEN LONDON WAY PART 8 - WIMBLEDON PARK TO RICHMOND (Linear) 8 miles. *We continue our walk around London on the Green London Way via Wimbledon Park, Wimbledon Common, Richmond Park and Petersham.* Meet Wimbledon Park station on Wimbledon District Line at 11.00. All travel within zones 3 and 4. Lunch in café or bring a picnic. LR 176. Leader: Dominique

SAT 7th FEBRUARY BEACONSFIELD (Circular) 9 miles. *A walk in beautiful rural Bucks through open countryside and woods.* Buy OPDR to Beaconsfield. Dep Marylebone (Oxford train) 10.07, arr Beaconsfield 10.43. Lunch PH in Seer Green or bring picnic with church café for hot drinks. Map EX172. Leaders Mary and Chris

SAT 14th FEBRUARY UXBRIDGE to CROXLEY 8 miles *Relatively flat walk along the Grand Union Canal towpath, between lakes and in a nature reserve, a little road walking.* You might want poles in the nature reserve. At least one descent. Meet Uxbridge Station 10.45 (Piccadilly and Metropolitan line). All travel within zone 7. Possible quick stop early at Fran's tea garden (if open). Bring a picnic. Drink at The Coy Carp pub in afternoon. OS EX 172. Leader Jackie McC

SAT 21st FEBRUARY BERKHAMSTED (Circular) 9.5 miles. *A winter's walk along canal, woods and bridleways.* Buy OPDR to Berkhamsted. Dep. Euston (Tring train) 09.54, (Harrow & Wealdstone 10.06, Watford Jct. 10.13), arr. Berkhamsted 10.25. Bring a picnic, possible pub TBC. EX181. Leader Sunita

SAT 28th FEBRUARY LEADERS' SUPPORT DAY Fully booked. Enquiries to Jennifer mackenzie23@btinternet.com or Gillian gswan70@gmail.com

SUN 1st MARCH HAMPSTEAD to EDGWARE VINTAGE WALK (Linear) 8/9 miles *Replicating a club walk from 1888. Heath and woodland, green spaces, trace the course of the Silk Stream.* Meet 10.00 Hampstead Heath station (Mildmay Line Overground). Without a pass ticket price has gone up from 4d since 1888! All travel zones 1/2. Picnic lunch but refreshment places en route - unlike in 1888 we might even visit the Greyhound PH in Hendon. May be slippery/muddy in places. Poles advisable if you use them. There may be time to glimpse inside the RAF museum (constructed since 1888). Places to leave the walk en route. Unlike 1888, ladies welcome! Leader: Pam

THUR 5th MARCH BEXLEY VILLAGE, THE QUEEN'S BEASTS AND THE RIVER CRAY (Linear) 6.6 miles, can be cut short after 3 miles. *Learn about Bexley Village, explore Hall Place Gardens, walk along the river Cray to Five Arches Bridge and through Footscray Meadows.* All travel zones 5 and 6. Dep. 10.50 Charing Cross Pltf. 4 (London Bridge Pltf. 6 10.59) arr. Bexley 11.28. Return from Sidcup. Lunch at Hall Place Café or bring a picnic. LR 177. Leader: Dominique

SAT 7th MARCH HENLEY via HAMBLEDON (Circular) 9.2 miles. *Along the left bank of the Thames passing the picturesque Temple Island, through beech woods and via Hambledon weir and watermeadows to Remenham Hill.* Dep. Paddington Elizabeth line 09.17 arr. Twyford 10.05 Freedom Pass valid, Oyster 60+ valid to W. Drayton. Dep. Twyford 10:15 arr. Henley on Thames 10.27 and buy OPDR Twford to Henley **OR** buy OPDR Paddington to Henley-on-Thames. Dep Paddington GWR 9.37 arr. Twyford 10.09/dep. Twyford 10.15 arr. Henley-on-Thames 10.25. Lunch Hambledon, details TBC. OS EX171, OS LR 175 Leader Rochelle

SAT 14th MARCH AMERSHAM via CHALFONT St. GILES (Circular) 9 miles. *Pleasant walk along gentle hills and through woods to Chalfont going out one side of the Missbourne valley and returning along the other.* Bring packed lunch or several pub/café options. Metropolitan Line to Amersham within Freedom Pass/60+ area. Dep. Baker Street arr. 10.04 Amersham 10.59. Leader will join train at Kings Cross at 9.53am. Map EX172 Leader: Mary King

SAT 21th MARCH RICKMANSWORTH to PINNER (Linear) 9.5 miles *Undulating, maybe muddy, walk via Ruislip Lido and Celandine walk. Finish Heath Robinson Museum www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org/ free for Arts Pass holders.* De. Marylebone 09.27 arr. Rickmansworth 09.49. All travel within zones 1-7. Lunch Waters Edge Ruislip Lido. EX 172/173. Leader: Stephen

SUN 22nd MARCH WORLD WATER DAY WALK Meet 10.00 Blackfriars station north side. *We walk northwards and westwards towards Regent's Park (Matilda Fountain and Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney's fountain) and possibly Little Venice, including New River Head /Quentin Blake centre and history of the New River.* If you have a favourite drinking fountain (especially if it was installed by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association) let Pam know and we will do our best to include it in the itinerary. Bring picnic or buy refreshments en route. Plenty of places to drop out. Leader: Pam

SAT 28th MARCH AGM SAT 28th MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11.00 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 to reach the Secretary gswan70@gmail.com no later than 28th February. After the AGM a gentle optional amble through Kensington Gardens, continuing through the Royal Parks to Westminster tube. Leader Jackie C.

WED 1st APRIL WELWYN NORTH – FERNERY AND CHOCOLATE SHOP (Circular) 7.5 miles. *Walk through woodland and fields to Danesbury Fernery, the best fernery to be found in the home counties, created by the Victorians in 1860, and Mardley Heath.* Buy OPDR to Welwyn North. Dep. London Kings Cross 10.36 Platform 9, arr. Welwyn North 11.12. The leader will board the train in Potters Bar. Lunch in Woolmer Green. Pub or bring a picnic. Option to have dessert in the Secret Truffletier chocolate shop. LR 166. Leader: Dominique

SAT 4th APRIL PRINCES RISBOROUGH, BUCKS (Circular) 8 miles. *Undulating in Chiltern scenery. Includes part of Ridgeway and Chiltern Way trails, wooded hills via Loosley Row, Lacey Green windmill and Whiteleaf Hill.* Buy OPDR to Princes Risborough. Dep Marylebone 09.37 (Oxford train), arr Princes Risborough 10.22. Lunch TBA, but 2 pubs en route. OS EX181 or LR165. Leader : Geoffrey

EASTER MON 6th APRIL HADLEIGH COUNTRY PARK (Circular) 5.6 miles *A 13th century castle, the Olympics mountain bike site and wide-ranging views over the Thames Estuary.* Buy OPDR to Leigh-on-Sea. Dep. Liverpool St. (Shoeburyness train) 10.15 (Stratford 10.23, Barking 10.33) arr. 11.04. Lunch at the Country Park Cafe or bring picnic. EX175. Leader: Danny (07907-346957)

SAT 11th APRIL CHIPSTEAD (circular). 6 miles. Banstead Woods Nature Trail, open downs and farmland. Some hills, but we will take them gently. Travel within TfL zone 6. Dep. London Bridge 10.10 (Tattenham Corner train) arr. Chipstead 10.55. Ensure you travel in the correct section of the train. Picnic lunch. EXP146. Leaders Jennifer and Sunita.

SAT 18th APRIL VANGUARD WAY PART 7 : BLACKBOYS to BERWICK 7 (Linear) 11.7 miles *Undulating countryside and quiet country lanes via hamlet of Stalkers Lane and Chiddingly village to reward you for the necessary early start.* Buy single to Uckfield Dep. London Bridge 09.05 arr. E.Croydon 09.18/dep. E.C. 09.33 arr. Uckfield 10.33 and bus to Blackboys. Ret. buy single Berwick (Sussex) to London Bridge. Bring a picnic. Possible drink stop en route EX. OL25 Leaders : Hilary (07824512184) and Susan (07763131145)

SAT 25th APRIL ERITH to BEXLEY (Linear) 8.5 miles. *3 rivers- Thames, Darent and Cray. Mostly easy, level walking- firm paths and tracks, one stile, passing Queen Elizabeth II bridge, Darent flood barrier, Littlebrook power station and Hall place park.* Dep. London Bridge 10.06 arr. Erith 10.44. All travel within zone 6. Lunch tbc. EX 162. Leader : Jackie McC

SAT 2nd MAY ISABELLA PLANTATION and HISTORIC HOUSES (Linear) 7.8 miles. (Isabella only 5.5 miles). - *recreating Rosie Binnie's last walk with the club. 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 (£2 pp) and walk through the gardens of York, Orleans and Marble Hill Houses to Twickenham BR station.* Meet Richmond District/Mildmay lines station 10.30. Picnic lunch. OS EX161. Leaders Patricia and Jennifer

SAT 9th MAY BATTLE to ROBERTSBRIDGE (Linear) Approx 12 miles. *Lovely walk in the High Weald.* Buy ODPR to Battle. Dep. London Bridge (Hastings train) 09.24 arr Battle 10.33. Bring a picnic but we will have a pub stop at Sedlescombe. EX 124. Leader : Harriet

THUR 14th-TUES 19th MAY MENORCA WEEKEND Fully booked. Organiser Rochelle

THUR 21st MAY CHELSEA IN BLOOM EVENING WALK (Circular) 2 miles. *A free floral art show which coincides with the Chelsea Flower Show, when businesses decorate their storefronts with stunning displays and unique floral installations.* Meet outside Sloane Square tube station (Circle and District Lines) at 18.00. Leader: Dominique

SAT 23rd MAY HARRIETSHAM to BEARSTED (Kent) (Linear) 11 miles approx. *Undulating landscape, steep in parts up to North Downs via the Hucking Estate, along and down again, with views of the rolling Kentish countryside.* Buy OPDR to Harrietsham **NOT** Hi-Speed or Advance ticket. Dep. Victoria 09.55 arr. Harrietsham 11.13. Bring picnic. PH pause at Hucking. EX 148. Leader Pam

B/H MON 25th MAY ALTON (Circular) 6.5 Miles *A walk across quiet fields & meadows, giving ever-changing views of this hop growing part of Hampshire.* Buy OPDR to Alton. Dep. Waterloo 09.53 (Clapham Jct, 10.00). Arr. Alton 11.10 Lunch at the Three Horseshoes, East Woldham or bring picnic. EX133. Leader: Danny (07907-346957)

SUN 31ST MAY THE THREE BURYS WALK FROM ST ALBANS (Circular) 10 miles. *Childwickbury, Gorhambury and Redbournbury. Opportunity to visit Redbournbury Watermill, the last working mill on the River Ver. Gentle terrain – nothing steep.* Buy OPDR to St Albans Abbey. Dep. Euston 09.56 (Crewe train), non-stop to Watford Junction change 10.11/ 10.18 arrives St Albans Abbey 10.35. Picnic lunch. OS 182 Leader Gillian (07719452023)