

WATTON RAMBLERS

September 2017 Newsletter

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise stated we meet for all walks at the Nigel Poulton Community Hall / Sportsfield Car Park at the times shown.

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Leader</i>
Sunday 17 th September 8.15 am at station	London Walk all day walk Further details below	Derek Henley 01920 830571
Sunday 24 th September	Isabelle Hospice Bridges of London Walk	Sally Gething 01920 830518 or 07779158747
Friday 29 th September	New River Walk Meet at bus stop by the Bull at 9.40 am. Details below	Linda Thurlow 01920 830389
Saturday 28 th October	All Day Walk	Linda Thurlow 01920 830389

Please note the above walks in your diaries and contact either the walk leader or Margaret (01438 728897) our secretary, with any queries including other club matters.

Walk Details

Sunday 17th September London Walk Leader Derek Henley

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY, DATE AND TIME

Meet at Watton Station at 8.15am with car(s), drive & park near Knebworth station in time to buy group tickets & catch train (8.49 am) which takes only 32 minutes to Kings X (change of route!). If those planning to come ring me on 14/15th I can organise those who need to bring cars or go direct etc so as to save time on the day.

Anyone with a railcard should bring it with them to give us more flexibility. Bring a packed lunch although it should be possible to purchase food during the day. We will be stopping for a meal at the end of the walk as in previous years.

Derek

Isabel Hospice London bridges walk - Sunday 24th September –Message from Sally Gething

This year the Isabel Hospice are again inviting people to participate in The London Bridges Walk starting at Battersea Bridge and finishing at Tower Bridge - a distance of 9 miles - on Sunday 24th September. There is an entry fee of £8 per person.

All participants will receive water and a cereal bar as well as a goody bag. As usual they hope that walkers will raise money from sponsorship –I have some sponsorship forms.

Friday 29th September New River Walk Part 3 Cheshunt to Enfield

An addition to the walk programme. Meet at the bus stop by the Bull at 09.40 to catch 390 to Hertford and then 310 to Cheshunt. Returning from Enfield Chase station to Watton at Stone by train. Walk is approximately 6 miles. Bring a packed lunch. Please let me know if you are making your own travel arrangements.

Walk Reports:

Walk to Veteran trees on the Woodhall Estate - Thursday 3rd August 1.30 pm Linda Thurlow

A group of Ramblers and friends made an afternoon visit to the Veteran trees on the Woodhall estate and were treated to a most informative and enthusiastic tour showcasing the ancient hornbeams led by Nick Fox with kind permission of Mr and Mrs Abel Smith. The size and shapes of the old hornbeams are amazing, one of which you could climb inside and completely vanish! Nick Fox was intoxicatingly interesting and has offered to lead us a walk round the walled gardens next summer.

Memorial Walk 5th August Leader Peter Aknai

Our 2017 Memorial Walk started at the Sword Inn Hand in Westmill near Buntingford. Thirteen walkers set off on the 6.5 mile morning walk, initially on a minor road heading due west, then on field paths via Button Snap to Back Lane. This is an attractive sunken lane, labelled as a Roman Road on the Ordnance Survey map, which is aligned at its eastern end to meet Ermine Street Roman military road (the present A10 Cambridge Road), and at its western end reaching the outskirts of Cottered. We walked about 2.5 miles on this 'road' and had our coffee stop at the point where we turned north towards Cottered. Here we held a minute's silence in memory of those of our walking friends who have sadly passed on. The walk continued beside the Old Bourne for about one mile then turned east towards Aspenden. As we approached the church, the heavens opened (no pun intended) and a loud and wet thunderstorm complete with simultaneous lightning and thunder passed overhead. After sheltering for a while in Aspenden, we completed our walk back to Westmill where good food promptly served was had by all while a wedding reception took place in the bar. For the afternoon walk our numbers were depleted to five. We walked in a south-westerly direction

to Cherry Green, and completed a three-mile walk back to Westmill via field paths and a minor road, this time with no thunderstorm.

New River Walk 7th August Leader Linda Thurlow

Four members boarded the bus at Watton and quickly changed onto the Hoddesdon bus in Hertford bus station. We were joined by six other members at Sainsbury's. Taking the underpass we accessed the New River path in the direction of Broxbourne. The New River then led us to Wormley where there was a slight detour before we were able to walk alongside the river again. After lunch we crossed the busy A 10 by means of an underpass and after passing the rear of Brookfield Farm Shopping centre we reached Cheshunt Council offices which was the end of this section of the Walk. A short walk along College Road brought us to Cheshunt Old Pond where we boarded the bus back to Hoddesdon, where lifts were available back to Watton. A very pleasant easy route of approximately six miles.

Afternoon Walk 17th August Leader John Waring

Seven Ramblers, plus one dog, left the Nigel Poulton Memorial Hall, on a hazy sunny afternoon, taking the church path to the Parish Church, through the cemetery and up Perrywood Lane. The weather conditions were a little "muggy" therefore a gentle pace was set and progress was made to Perrywood Farm for a brief rest in the shade of the barn before continuing to the start of Bramfield woods.

There had been some recent rain but it was decided to walk through the woods, rather than the bordering path and although there were some muddy patches, we managed to arrive at Back Lane reasonably mud free. We continued along the lane toward Bull's Green, before turning east across the fields, just before the water tower.

Now out of the shade of the trees the sun made it quite warm but there was a gentle breeze to make the going a little more comfortable as we headed towards Watkins Hall Farm, where another brief rest was taken, before making our way passed the Woodall Estate cottages, over the railway and down Church Lane, to join the path back, by the allotments, to the start. Four and three quarter miles covered.

Other Items

Barn Dance 19th November. Unfortunately this event is not going ahead.

Watton Ramblers Walk & Events Programme 2017-18 Final 5/5/17

2017			2017 leader
May 15-18		Holiday	Linda and Bob Thurlow
Wednesday 10 May	19.00	Evening walk	Linda Thurlow
Saturday 10 June	09.30	All day walk	John Woodland
Tuesday 20 June	19.00	Evening walk	Antony Everett
Saturday 1 July	09.30	All day walk	Lynda & Melvin Cooper
Sunday 16 July		BBQ, Elmdale	Committee
Thursday 20 July	19.00	Evening walk	Maurice Gordon
Saturday 5 August	09.30	All day Memorial walk	Peter Aknai
Thursday 17 August	13.30	Afternoon walk	John Waring
Monday 28 August	09.30	All day BH walk	Becky Howard
Sunday 17 th September	08.00	London Walk (all day)	Derek Henley
Sunday 24 September	TBA	Isabel Hospice Bridges of London	Sally Gething
Saturday 28 October	09.30	All day walk	Linda Thurlow
Sunday 5 November	09.30	Morning walk	Sally Gething
Saturday 2 December	09.30	Morning walk	Peter Aknai
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Monday 1 January	10.30	Beating Bounds	TBC
Saturday 13 January	09.30	Morning walk	Becky Howard
Sunday 18 February	09.30	Morning walk	Derek Henley
Thursday 1 March	13.30	Afternoon walk	Peter & Chris Hills
Friday 6 April	20.00	AGM	Committee
Saturday 7 April	09.30	All day walk	Maurice Gordon
Friday 20 April	19.30	Annual dinner	Committee