Havering and East London Ramblers



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Programme and Newsletter August-November 2013

Chairman's Notes



I mentioned in our last programme that our current treasurer, John Whitten, will retire from this post at the next AGM. It gives me great pleasure to announce that John Smith has volunteered to take over from John subject only to ratification by members at the AGM.

The post of Treasurer is one of the key functions within the group and I would take the opportunity to thank John for his dedication and diligence in this important post.

Finally, don't forget our next coach trip on Tuesday, 20^{th} August when we are off to Faversham in Kent. Sun, sea and good company all for a price of £12pp. Now that has to be a bargain in these straitened times.

Something to look forward to



We are planning to hold a Christmas lunch for the group on a Tuesday in December. Further details to follow.

Secretary's Report

I regret to report that Essex Area Vice President and Area Countryside Secretary, Kevin Ascott, died on the 15th February, after a short illness. A memorial walk is arranged from the Bell Public House, Purleigh at 1.30pm. Saturday 12th October. All are welcome to join.

GR TL841 020. Post code CM3 6QI. 5miles. Contact Alan Goffee on 01371 876792 for further information.

AGM

Our AGM this year will be held in Hurford Hall which is behind Upminster Library on the 30th October at 7.30 pm. There is a form for proposing the new committee members in the back of this programme.

Havering Footpath & Countryside Officer

Footpath Maintenance Working Party

Thank you from me and Havering Council to everyone who has already helped with footpath maintenance.

There are further opportunities this year for you to join in this worthwhile activity. Provisional dates are July 12th, August 16th, September 13th, October 11th and November 15th.

Our usual meeting time is 9.45am near where we will be working and we usually finish by 1pm.

Information about the jobs will be available from me on a monthly basis. It would be very helpful if Ramblers would let me know of footpaths in Havering where they feel work needs to be done. Footpath Maintenance Working Party (contd)

NB: As an additional reminder we have included the Provisional dates of the Footpath maintenance working parties to the body of the programme. We hope that this will help all walkers to plan a date when they can participate in one of the working parties. A clear path makes it much easier for all members.

The closing date for the next programme is the 31st October 2013

It would be much appreciated if you could supply your walks as soon possible especially if you require a specific date. Our drop dead date is the 31^{st} October but please remember the later you leave it the likelihood the dates that you require will be more restricted.

If you would like to lead a walk on the next programme, please contact a member of the committee who I am sure will be happy to help you.

Can you please give your walk for the next programme to either Peter O'Neill on 01708 455626 or Peter Rees on 01708 445177 or peter.rees2@virgin.net

The committee would like to thank all the people who have given up their time to lead walks for us all. It is getting more and more difficult to fill the walks programme. You will see that there are two gaps in this programme so please remember that we are always in need of people to lead our walks and that if we have no leaders we have no walks!

Web Site

Probably the best web site in the world.

Now we have your attention, we would admit that there may be better web sites, but ours is very good. A big thank you to everyone who has submitted items for inclusion on the site. I hope you like the results.

Like Oliver Twist, can we have more please?

Another big thank you to everyone who has elected not to have a printed copy of the programme. I send one to everyone on my e-mail circulation list to have a look at, but of course all the information is on the web site in easy bytes. Have a look and see if it meets your needs. We can save the planet by not producing stuff which is not needed. And it saves production and postage costs. E-mail <u>haveringeastlondonramblers@gmail.com</u> to join the scheme. If you are reading this on your computer just click the link to start.

All walks

If the weather is inclement, it is important to either check our web site as noted on page 1 or contact the leader to see if the walk will take place.

Please Telephone the walk leader direct for specific walk related queries before phoning group mobile phone number.

Please check for the availability of public transport on the TFL web site, before travelling at weekends to allow for the planning of alternative routes.

Car share

Please car share where possible, as parking is often quite limited.

Curry Evening

Curry night is Wednesday **25th September 7.30pm** at the Railway Hotel, Hornchurch. The curry is optional as the full Ember Inn menu is available. The curry evening is held in the function room so there is no scramble for a table in the bar. The venue is next to Hornchurch District Line Station, buses 252, 193, and 256 also pass the door. Further details can be obtained from Tony Hyde on 01708 551470.

Walking with the Ramblers

'All sporting activities have inherent hazards associated with them, and rambling is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is therefore important that when entering into the activity, each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity, and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimize the potential for an accident to occur'.

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Dogs on walks *

We have been informed by Ramblers Head Office that we need to comply with the Disability Equality Act (2010).

We will continue to let Walks Leaders decide whether it is appropriate to allow dogs to participate in their walks, but even in cases where it is decided not to allow dogs to participate in a particular walk, we must allow registered assistance dogs to participate with their owners e.g guide, hearing, service, therapy and seizure alert dogs.

As a general rule only "Registered Assistance Dogs" will be allowed on walks unless the Walks Leader specifies that dogs are welcome.

<u>Obituary</u>

It is my sad task to tell you all of the death of David Fullman.

Dave joined the group along with Sandra in the early nineties and soon became involved in Group affairs, joining the Committee and becoming Chairman in 1993. This was a difficult time for the Group, since money allocated from RA was not sufficient to run it and there was a possibility that it would have to close. This was resolved during Dave's Chairmanship and happily the group survived.

Keen on more adventurous stuff, he along with other members joined the Long Distance Walkers Association, completing many marathon distances and more. The Group as a whole benefitted from this, as we organised numerous Group holidays, to such places as The Lakes, Derbyshire, IOW, and the Black Mountains, Brecon Beacons. Dave and Sandra were ever present on these excursions. On one occasion whilst walking the Cats Back, we stopped at a favourite watering hole (The Bull at Craswell) which would always open up if you banged on the door hard enough. And Dave did. Once inside, after a pint or two Dave produced his lunchbox and announced his latest diet of sausages and beetroot. The diet never worked, but it had us all in stitches. On another occasion after climbing one of the peaks in the Black Mountains, we sat down to eat and Dave produced a bottle of wine. How he kept it chilled I will never know, but that was Dave and those times would never have been the same without him. But now we must do without him.

Rest in peace Dave

Micky (Doyle).

Havering and East London Ramblers Association Committee Members

Chair : Peter O'Neill

Secretary: Ken Richards, 26 Arundel Road Harold Wood. Romford. RM3 0RT

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Treasurer: John Whitten, 68 South View Drive. Upminster. RM14 2LH

Membership Secretary: Diane Biggadike.

Walks Secretary: Peter Rees

Havering Footpath & Countryside Officer Joan Bullivant

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Newham Footpath & Countryside Officer John Buckle

Webmaster: Peter Owen

* Not a committee member



The group has taken part in walks all over the country

Lovers of outdoor life making great strides

Ramblers chairman Peter O'Neill invites everyone to join and enjoy the delights of countryside walking

he Havering and East London Group formed in 1988. We meet on Tuesday and Saturday mornings for a walk, normally of five to six miles.

The Sunday walks tend to be longer, and are all day. There are also some evening rambles during the summer.

The meetings vary between local places, such as Thorndon Park, or further afield, Danbury, Hadleigh, Waitham Abbey, etc.

In addition we provide a number of London walks, especially in winter when fields are very muddy;

There are some themed walks – bluebell time, looking at war memorials in London, for example.

We organise coach rambles during the spring and summer.

Last year we visited Alton Waters in Suffolk and Canterbury in Kent. Both proved to be highly successful.

Our footpath officer has organised monthly working parties, with the co-operation of Havering Council, to clear blocked footpaths of overgrown vegetation. They take a break during the winter but resume from March, weather permitting. Our walks are an

opportunity to see the best of the countryside, away from roads, towns and traffic.

All are welcome to join us.

Factfile

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As you read through this walks programme you will hopefully be thinking about the walks that you plan to put on the next programme. To facilitate getting dates that suit you we are happy to accept walks from the 4th April.

Sat 3 August 10:30am Micky Doyle

Meet at Canada Water Station for a linear walk.

8 miles.

Sun 4 August 9:00 am Sandra Dalton

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for car share to Chilham in Kent (near Ashford). Chilham has a large medieval village square with lots of interesting buildings both in the square and in the surrounding area. The walk is via North Downs way and Stour Valley. Not particularly hilly, but check walk is going ahead if it is exceptionally hot or we have very bad weather due to open aspect of walk. Bring packed lunch as no villages to stop en route. Possibility of afternoon tea in village.

10 miles

Tues 6 August 10:0am Norman Tolley

Meet at car park on B2007 junction 16 on the A12. The car park is near Galleywood Common about a quarter of a mile from the roundabout as you come off the A 12. For a walk to Temple Grove, Wantz Corner, Tanfield Tye, Baddow Park and back to Galleywood Common. G.R.704 022 Registered assistance dogs only. **6 miles**

Sat 10 August 10:30am Rita Miles

Meet on the Southbank side of Westminster Bridge on the St Thomas Hospital side Of the road. There are toilets at exit 6 of Westminster Station. For a circular walk along the South Side of the river to Battersea Park (cafe and toilets) crossing over the Albert Bridge and returning to Westminster Station via the Thames Path. 6 miles

Sun 11 August 10:0am Ron Lockhart

Meet at Harold Park Harold Court Road. Go under railway arch Post Code RM3 0LA Gr 175 TQ 559/912 We can do a full day or half day to be decided by the people who turn up on the day. **6miles**

With the option to carry on after lunch if required.

Tues 13 August 10:0am Jerry O'Brien Meet behind the church in Havering-Atte-Bower for a

circular walk towards Hainault. **5.5 miles**

Fri 16th August Provisional Date Footpath maintenance working party.

Sat 17 August 10:15am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Wimbledon station for a somewhat hilly, circular walk via Putney Heath, Wimbledon Common and Cannizaro Park. Registered assistance dogs only.

6.5 miles

Sun 18 August 9:0am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for a car share to Manningtree (station) for a circular walk through 'Constable Country'. Lunch stop in Dedham. Registered assistance dogs only.

11 miles

Tues 20 August Peter O'Neill/Les Cannings Details of the August coach trip pick-up points are as follows: 8.15 Tesco Superstore Rainham 8.25 Hornchurch Station 8.35 Hornchurch North Street opposite Fire Station 8.45 Ardleigh Green College 8.55 Gallows Corner bus stop opposite Furniture Village 9.00 Bus stop at Gubbins Lane/A12 Depart Faversham at approximately 17.00

Sat 24 August 10:30am David Brooks

Meet at Paper Mill Lock car park. North Hill, Little Baddow. GR 776 089 Post Code CM3 4BS Registered assistance dogs only. **5.5 miles**

Sun 25 August 10:0am Ron Lockhart

Meet in Rainham at Berwick Ponds. No parking fee. Free car park. This will take in a newly opened area.

Post code RM13 9EJ 175 GR TQ543/836.

6 miles

But with the option of carrying on in the afternoon.

Tues 27 August 10:0am Phil Havis

Meet at Hannakins Farm Community Centre car park Rosebay Avenue, Billericay. Walk to Stock via Stockbrook Manor Golf Club. GR 667963 Registered assistance dogs only.

5 to 6 miles (depending on path conditions).

Sat 31 August 10:15am Ken Richards

Meet at Wickford Memorial Park. From the A127 take the A132 towardsWickford. At the third roundabout take the third exit (a U turn) keep to the nearside lane and turn left into the A129 Southend Road. After the church take the second left. This is Highcliffe Road which ends at the car park. GR 761 940. Registered assistance dogs only. **5 miles**

Sun 1 September 9:00 am Sandra Dalton

Meet Harold Wood station car park for car share to Balcolme, Kent/Sussex border. Walk via Wakehurst (Kew in the country) and Ardingley Reservoir. Hilly. Pub lunch **10 miles**

Yes it's that time again. Can you please give your walks for the next programme to either Peter Rees or Peter O'Neill.

Tues 3 September 10:0am Ron Lockhart

This is a circular walk in the new previously un-walked area of Berwick Ponds Postcode RM13 9EJ GR 175 TQ 543/836 The Berwick Ponds Car Park is a free car park. Registered assistance dogs only. **6 miles**

Sat 7 September 10:15am Peter O'Neill

Meet at the Visitors Centre car park Thorndon Country Park (charges apply). Circular walk via Jury Hill. Registered assistance dogs only. **5 miles**

Sun 8 September 10:0am Iris Jupp

Meet at Doddinghurst Village Hall for circular walk via Blackmore. Could stop for a coffee at Blackmore Cafe en route. Registered assistance dogs only.

6-7 miles

Again. Can make walk longer if required on the day.

Tues 10 September 10:30am John Smith

Meet at the Norsey Wood visitor centre for a circular walk from Norsey Wood to Queens Park and round Lake Meadows through Norsey Wood and finishing at the visitors centre. Post code CM11 1HA Registered assistance dogs only. **5.5 miles**

Fri 13th September Provisional Date Footpath maintenance working party

14 September 10:30am Peter Rees

Meet at Cudmore Grove Country Park visitor centre (parking fee £2.20), Broman's Lane, West Mersea, for a circular walk. Post Code CO5 8UE **5 miles**

Sun 15 September 9:0am Tony Rowe

Meet at Harold Wood Station at 9a.m.for car share to car park at Sports Field in Danbury. Catch bus to Danbury - fare about £3.50 unless you have a bus pass. Walk back alongside Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation and then uphill back to Danbury. Please bring packed lunch as no pub directly en route. Registered assistance dogs only. 9.5 miles

Tues 17 September 10:30am Les Cannings

Meet at Westminster Underground station by the toilets in exit 5, for the Bridges of London walk part 2. 5 miles

Sat 21 September 10:15am Les Cannings

Meet at Saltcoats Park Sports Ground off Ferrers Road near Cuttlers Road Industrial estate, for a circular walk from Woodham Ferrers via Stow Maries WWI airfield. Post code CM3 5WA Latitude N51.64909 / Longitude E0.62583 Registered assistance dogs only. 6 miles

Sun 22 September 9:0am Norman Valentine

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for car share to Hylands Park, Chelmsford for circular walk to Edney Common. Pub stop but bring packed lunch. Registered assistance dogs only **10 miles**

Tues 24 September 10:0am Phil Havis

Meet at car park opposite "The Miller & Carter "public house at Lambourne End. Circular walk to Lambourne Church. GR 478944 Lat N51.628738° / Long E0.133915° Registered assistance dogs only. **6 Miles**

Weds 25th September 7.30pm Tony Hyde *Curry night is at the Railway Hotel, Hornchurch next to the station.*

Sat 28 September 10.15am Bernard Stevens

Meet at the Memorial Hall car park in Little Waltham for a circular walk towards Broomfield. lat N51.788603°/long E0.476961° GR 711 132 Registered assistance dogs only. **5.5 miles**

Sun 29 September 9:00 am Sandra Dalton

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for car share to Penshurst in Kent. Lovely walk with good views, not particularly hilly. Can adapt to shorter, less hilly walk depending on weather and who shows up.

Lunch in Chiddingstone, pubs, café etc.

8.5 to 11.5 miles

Tues 1 October 10:15am Carol Thomas

Meet in London Bridge underground station booking hall, at top of escalator from underground lines. Train to East Croydon. Linear walk, part 1 of The Wandle Trail, to Mitcham Junction. Return train to Blackfriars. **6.5 miles**

Sat 5 October 10:15am Roy Clemance/Maureen Collins

Meet at Great Waltham Village Hall Car Park, which is signed from the road in front of the church. If full, street parking nearby. For a circular walk round Chatham Hall Spring, Lanham, Stonage Wood and Little Waltham. GR TL 695134 Registered assistance dogs only. **6 miles**

Sun 6 October 9:0am Tony Rowe

Meet at Harold Wood Station at 9a.m.for car chare to Fordcombe, Kent. Walk along Wealdway - not flat - to Bidborough for pub lunch. Pub still there last time I checked! Return back along Wealdway. . Registered assistance dogs only. **9 miles**

Tues 8 October 10:30am John Whitten

Meet at Royal Victoria DLR station at 10:30 for a 5 mile walk with a difference. It starts off with an early morning flight across the Thames then a walk along the South Bank, a mini cruise then finish at Galleons Reach DLR station. Cost £3.20 with your freedom pass.

Registered assistance dogs only.

5 miles

Fri 11th October Provisional Date Footpath maintenance working party

Sat 12 October 10:15am Joan Bullivant

Meet at South Kenton tube station for a hilly, linear walk to Brent Cross tube station via Uxendon Hill, Barn Hill and Brent Reservoir (Welsh Harp). Registered assistance dogs only.

6 miles

Sun 13 October 9:0am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for a car share to Brenchley, Kent for a circular walk via Matfield. Pub stop but advisable to bring

a packed lunch. Registered assistance dogs

only.

10 miles

Tues 15 October 10:30am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Baker Street tube station (Marylebone Road entrance) for a circular walk via Regent's Park, Primrose Hill and St. John's Wood. Registered assistance dogs only.

6 miles

Sat 19 October 10:30am Doreen Tayler

Meet at Whitechapel Station for a mainly riverside walk from Shadwell Basin, to and over the Millennium Bridge, then back to Tower Hill Station via Borough Road Market. **5 miles.**

Sun 20 October 9:0am Kathleen Valentine

Meet at Harold Wood station car park for car share to East Hanningfield for circular walk via Hyde Hall, Woodham Ferrers old village and Bicknacre Pub stop but bring packed lunch. Registered assistance dogs only **8/9 miles**

Tues 22 October 10:30am John Smith

Meet at the Epping Forest visitor centre for a circular walk via the Forest Hotel and Connaught Water finishing at the visitors centre. Post code IG10 4AF GR 413981 Registered assistance dogs only. **5.5 miles**

Sat 26 October 10:15am Beryl Buckler / Coral O'Neill Meet at Blackfriars Underground Station for a City Walk to Monument Station 5 miles

Sun 27 October 10:0am Ron Lockhart

Meet at Navestock Side Park on far side of the green Post code CM14 5SD Gr 175 TQ 563/973 **6.5 miles**

But with the option of carrying on in the afternoon.

Tues 29 October 10:0am Norman Tolley

Meet at Navestock Side for a walk to Beacon Hill, Navestock church, Navestock Heath and back to Navestock side. G.R. 563 975 Registered assistance dogs only. **6.5 miles** We will probably still have gaps in the next walks programme at this time. If we want to have a full programme and you think you can help can you please give your walks to either Peter Rees or Peter O'Neill.

Sat 2 November 10:15am David Brooks

Meet at the Fishers Green car park in Stubbings Hall Lane, Waltham Abbey for a Lee Valley walk. GR 377 031 Lat N51.710669 / Long W0.0081660 Registered assistance dogs only.

5 miles

Sun 3 November 10:0am

Iris Jupp

Meet at Doddinghurst Village hall for circular walk via Bentley Golf course.

6-7 miles

Registered assistance dogs only Can make walk longer on the day if required.

Tues 5 November 10:30am John Smith

Meet at Embankment Station for a linear walk through three Royal Parks (Green, Hyde and St James) finishing at Marble Arch Station. **6 miles**

Sat 9 November

No walk is available on this date due to there being no volunteer walk leader.

Sun 10 November 10:0am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Embankment tube station for a circular Remembrance Day walk.

Pub stop or bring a packed lunch to eat in the park. Registered assistance dogs only. **10 miles**

Tues 12 November 10:0am Peter Rees

Meet in the car park of the Langdon Nature Reserve in Lower Dunton Road, for a hilly walk around the Plotlands. Post Code SS16 6EB. GR TQ659837 Latitude N51.560802 / Longitude E0.392837 **5.5 miles**

Fri 15th November Provisional Date Footpath maintenance working party

Sat 16 November 10:30am John Buckle

Meet at Bromley-by-Bow station/ Tescos at 10:30 for canal walk via Victoria park and Limehouse basin finishing at Canary Wharf station.

5 miles

Sun 17 November 10:0am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Balham tube station for a linear walk to Richmond station. Lunch stop at Wimbledon Windmill where there is a cafe. Registered assistance dogs only.

10 miles

Tues 19 November 10:15am Ken Richards

Meet at Ongar, the Marden Ash lorry park for a walk towards Greensted and Toothill. GR 552 003 Registered assistance dogs only. 5 miles Sat 23 November No walk is available on this date due to there being no volunteer walk leader.

Sun 24 November 10:0am Ron Lockhart

Meet at the Viper at Mill Green. Post codeCM4 0PT Gr 183 TL641/018

6 miles

But with the option of carrying on in the afternoon.

Tues 26 November 10:30am Joan Bullivant

Meet at Gospel Oak station for a somewhat hilly, linear walk to Golders Green tube station via Hampstead Heath. Registered assistance dogs only.

6 miles

Sat 30 November 10:30am John Buckle

Meet at Epping Forest Centre High Beech at 10:30 for circular walk round Epping Forest (gravel path all the way). Post code IG10 4AF GR 413981 **5 miles**

Walk Leaders

David Brooks

John Buckle

Joan Bullivant

Les Cannings

Roy Clemance

Sandra Dalton

Micky Doyle

Phil Havis

Tony Hyde

Ron Lockhart

Jerry O'Brien

Coral & Peter O'Neill

Don Ostle

Peter Owen

Peter Rees

Ken Richards

John Smith

Tony Rowe

Bernard Stevens

Doreen Tayler

Norman Tolley

Norman & Kath Valentine

John Whitten

Iris Jupp

Ramblers Holidays Walking Partnership



The Havering and East London Ramblers group has recently joined The Walking Partnership. This new partnership, supported by Ramblers

Worldwide Holidays, provides direct financial contributions to local walking groups to help with organising group walks, encouraging people to get out walking, helping to clear and improve footpaths, providing equipment to help walkers etc. Over the past 65 years, Ramblers Worldwide Holidays has given many millions of pounds to assist walking charities and conservation projects in Britain and the countries they visit on their worldwide holidays. Now our group can benefit directly.

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays operate group walking holidays in the UK and all around the world. Each holiday is accompanied by a qualified walks leader, so you can leave all the organising to them and just enjoy meeting like minded people and of course, some fantastic walking. Holidays are graded in terms of difficulty, and there is a full range from sightseeing right up to hut-to-hut mountain treks. Take a look at their website on <u>www.ramblersholidays.co.uk</u> or give them a call on 01707 33113 for more details or to order a brochure.

Remember when you book to quote the name of our group, and we will then receive a contribution of £10 per person on UK holidays, £20 per person on short haul holidays, and £30 per person on long haul holidays. This extra funding could really make a difference to us



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Dunwich Coach Ramble



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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee
Position
Proposed By
Seconded By
Please send by the to:
The Secretary
Mr Ken Richards
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Romford, Essex

RM3 0RT

Enclose S.A.E. if acknowledgement is required.

If any member wishes to put forward a proposal to improve how the Group is run, please send details of the proposal for inclusion in the agenda by 30^{th} October 2013.

It must be seconded and forwarded to Mr Ken Richards at the above address, by the 1^{st} October.