



Old Askean Rambling Club

Founded 1889

2023 / 2024

Committee

Captain: J. (John) Miller

Vice-Captain: D.G. (Geoff) Fairbairn

Secretary: Mrs P. (Pat) Nicholls

Treasurer: Mrs A.J. (Ann) Grant

Committee Member: J. (John) Lissaman

Programme

Please note that not all walks are on Sundays.

Sunday 23rd September 2023 – 2pm

High Elms Country Park Walk

Suggest parking: Farnborough Village by the recreation ground.

Meeting: by the triangle where the buses used to turn.

A walk through the churchyard into Farnborough Woods where there is a plaque to Eric Lubbock, the famous liberal MP for Orpington. Across the road into High Elms Country Park where there is a café and toilets. A fairly flat walk.

3 miles.

Leader: Pat Nicholls.

Sunday 8th October 2023 – 2pm

Hayes Common and West Wickham Common Walk

Meet at Warren Road, Hayes (Kent) at junction with Station Hill. Parking in Warren Road and Station Hill usually busy, alternative in Prestons Road. Train to Hayes Station and walk up Station Hill to the Common.

BR2 7DU [51.374225, 0.012260](https://www.gangssaintsmatter.com) [///gangs.saints.matter](https://gangs.saints.matter)

Starting at Hayes Common, a walk to take in Coney Hall, cross the Greenwich Meridian line, pass a Saxon Church, and on to Sparrows Den, hopefully for refreshments at the café. Returning via West Wickham Common.

Leader: Pat Nicholls. Please let Pat know you are coming using the [Contact page](#) on the OARC website.

Sunday 29th October 2023 – 1pm

Shipbourne Walk

Meet at the parking area in Upper Green Road which is the turning opposite the Chaser Inn off the A227.

TN11 9PL [51.247001, 0.281132](https://www.poppytraderheap.com) [///poppy.trader.heap](https://poppy.trader.heap)

A walk centred on the village of Shipbourne, followed by refreshments kindly supplied by Pam Beale.

3½ miles.

Please let Pat know you are coming using the [Contact page](#) on the OARC website.

Sunday 19th November 2023 – 1pm

Camer Park Country Park Walk

Meet at Camer Park Country Park car park.

DA13 0XT [TQ 6499 6695](https://www.tq64996695.co.uk) [51.377536, 0.368758](https://www.soaksjuniorfakes.com) [///soaks.junior.fakes](https://soaks.junior.fakes)

Across the park and along the Wealdway past Henley Wood and Henley Down and down to Luddesdown. Up to Brimstone Wood and Foxendown, past Foxendown Farm then return to Camer Park. One hill down then up, probably muddy.

4¼ miles.

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn, 07973 835099.

Sunday 3rd December 2023 – noon for walkers, from 3pm for non-walkers

Past Captain's Bash

2 Bath Court, Droitwich Close, SE26 6TW.

By kind invitation of Hazel & Roger; our traditional pre-Christmas gathering. Hazel will do sandwiches and mince pies to prepare the walkers for a walk in the local area. The social gathering will be preceded by a shortish walk; please arrive from noon for a prompt departure at 1pm. As usual, Hazel will prepare a lovely supper for everyone to enjoy and get into the Christmas spirit. Non-walkers are welcome from 3pm. Please [let Pat know](#) that you will be attending.

2¾ miles.

Hosts: Roger & Hazel Pawley.

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn.

Sunday 14th January 2024 – 1pm

Meet at 28A Birchwood Road, BR5 1NZ

The Kyd Brook Part 2 Walk

The second part of the quest to follow the watercourse that gave its name to the locality of the former Old Askean sports ground and clubhouse. Please arrive at the Secretary's house in time to set forth at 1pm. The route will follow the brook along the edge of Petts Wood, then take in Great Thrift, Sydney Shaw, Jubilee Country Park, Thornet Wood, Oxhawth Wood, Sparrow Wood, and Roundabout Wood to reach the brook at the point where Part 1 ended. The brook will then be followed through the sites of Stoney Heath Wood, Cornayes Wood, and Birch Wood. Pat has kindly invited non-walkers to join the ramblers at her house from 4:30pm for tea and cake after the walk; please [let Pat know](#) that you will be attending.

4¼ miles.

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn.

Host: Pat Nicholls.

Sunday 4th February 2024 – 1pm

Meet at Linkhorns Farmhouse, Station Road, Ashurst, Kent, TN3 9TL

East Grinstead train from Victoria 11:51, Clapham Junction 11:58, East Croydon 12:09, change at Oxted for Uckfield train. Return trains hourly at hh:58.

Ashurst Walk

Starting at Linkhorns Farmhouse by kind invitation of Barbara Hodgson, briefly along the Sussex Border Path then up Ashurst Hill to the church, along the hill above the Medway valley, down to and along the Wealdway into Sussex, across the River Medway and past Hale Court Farm. If dry underfoot, along the bank of the Medway to Ashurst, otherwise past Blackham Court and Lodgefield Farm to Ashurst Bridge. Back for high tea at Linkhorns.

Non-walkers are welcome to come and spend the afternoon at Linkhorns.

For catering purposes please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending.

4½ miles

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn, 07973 835099.

Saturday 24th February 2024 – 12:30pm / 1pm

Bermondsey Part 4 Walk

Meet at London Bridge National Rail station, main (lower) concourse by the ticket office at 12:30pm to catch a bus to Bermondsey Station. Or if more convenient, go direct to Bermondsey Station to meet ready to set off at 1pm.

Another venture into deepest darkest Bermondsey, to hear of and to see historical trivia.

4 miles.

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn, 07973 835099.

Sunday 17th March 2024 – 1pm

Brockham Walk

Meet at The Inn on the Green (The Grumpy Mole), Brockham Green, Brockham, RH3 7JS

A mainly flat walk with one incline to a castle. Walkers have been invited to tea afterwards at John & Angela Lissaman's house; for catering purposes please let the Secretary know that you will be attending.

4½ miles.

Leader: John Lissaman.

Saturday 6th April 2024 – 2pm

Leaves Green Walk

Meet at Leaves Green Common car park, Ashmore Lane, Leaves Green.

BR2 6DR [TQ 4143 6192](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Leaves+Green+Common,+Ashmore+Lane,+Leaves+Green,+Leamington+Spa,+CV34+5JL/@52.34143,1.6192,15z) [51.338992, 0.028974](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Leaves+Green+Common,+Ashmore+Lane,+Leaves+Green,+Leamington+Spa,+CV34+5JL/@52.338992,1.028974,15z) [///popped.branch.maybe](http://popped.branch.maybe)

A walk out and back and around Farthing Street, and where was ASCOT?

4½ miles.

Leader: Geoff Fairbairn, 07973 835099.

Saturday 27th April 2024 – 1pm - note earlier time

Bluebell Walk at Emmetts Garden (NT)

Meet at Emmetts Garden visitor centre, Ide Hill.

TN14 6BA [TQ 4792 5259](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Emmetts+Garden,+Ide+Hill,+Leamington+Spa,+CV34+5JL/@52.4792,1.5259,15z) [51.253316, 0.118310](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Emmetts+Garden,+Ide+Hill,+Leamington+Spa,+CV34+5JL/@52.253316,1.118310,15z) [///decks.nail.oval](http://decks.nail.oval)

Free parking. Entrance to garden for non-members of National Trust: £13.00 + £1.30 gift aid.

A walk through the bluebell glade and then to the tea shop.

Saturday 18th May 2024 – 2pm

Shoreham to Otford Walk

Leader: Pat Nicholls.

Sunday 9th June 2024

TBA

Wednesday 12th June 2024

Lea Valley Walk

Leader: John Lissaman.

June/July 2024

Annual Picnic

Wednesday 17th July 2024

Evening Walk

Leader: Pat Nicholls.

August 2024

AGM and Annual Dinner