



Old Askean Rambling Club

Founded 1889

2023 / 2024

Committee

Captain: J. (John) Miller

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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](#) [///gangs.saints.matter](http://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](#) [///poppy.trader.heap](http://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](#) [51.377536, 0.368758](#) [///soaks.junior.fakes](http://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

The Kyd Brook Part 2 Walk

Meet at 28A Birchwood Road, BR5 1NZ

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 rambles 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

Ashurst Walk

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.

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](#) [51.338992, 0.028974](#) [///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](#) [51.253316, 0.118310](#) [///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

Meet at the King's Arms, Shoreham.

TN14 7SJ [TQ 5199 6162](#) [51°19'59.8"N 0°10'48.3"E](#) [///blame.young.small](#)

Free parking in Filston Lane car park.

Leader: Pat Nicholls.

Sunday 9th June 2024 – 1pm - note earlier time

Chartwell (NT)

Meet at the Chartwell visitor welcome centre.

TN16 1PS [TQ 4468 5207](#) [51°14'46.6"N 0°05'00.4"E](#) [///tells.guides.fetch](#)

Parking £4.40, or free by scanning National Trust membership card at machine. Entrance to garden for non-members of National Trust: £14.00 + £1.40 gift aid, or £20.00 + £2.00 gift aid including house.

A walk in the grounds and vicinity of Sir Winstone Churchill's long-time home and then to the café. Members who do not feel up to a long walk could look around the gardens and house (timed tickets on the day) and then join the walkers for tea and cake in the Landemare café.

Wednesday 12th June 2024

Lea Valley Walk, 1st section

Meet at the Kindertransport Memorial at the Liverpool Street entrance to Liverpool Street national rail station, to catch the 11:12 train to Hertford East.

EC2M 7PY [TQ 3314 8160](#) [51°31'03.5"N 0°04'57.2"W](#) [///filed.duty.tower](#)

Hertford to Stanstead St Margarets.

Please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending.

4½ miles.

Leader: John Lissaman.

Sunday 7th July 2024 – 11:10am

Spa Valley Railway Walk

Park at Mick's abode for tea/coffee (or at The Pantiles Car Park in Montacute Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, in time to walk to Tunbridge Wells West station for the 12:55 departure – do not park in Sainsbury's car park which is 3 hours maximum). Collection from Tunbridge Wells national rail station by arrangement.

A steam train ride on the Spa Valley Railway from Royal Tunbridge Wells to Groombridge whence a walk along the Eridge Stream will lead to Eridge Station for a return train ride. Non-walkers can remain on the train. Then back to Mick's house by kind invitation for refreshment.

Please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending for catering and to receive full details.

3 miles.

Leader: Mick Adams.

Wednesday 17th July 2024 – noon

AGM and Annual Dinner

Sydenham and Dulwich Golf Club, Grange Lane off College Road, London.

SE21 7LH [TQ 3399 7272](#) [51°26'16.3"N 0°04'26.6"W](#) [///purely.dinner.lied](#)

The 124th Annual General Meeting will start at noon, followed by the meal at 1 o'clock. Two course lunch with a choice of chicken or fish, and fruit salad or cheesecake both with ice cream. Coffee/Tea. Any special dietary requirements can be catered for.

£24.50 per person.

Please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending.

Thursday 18th July 2024

Lea Valley Walk, 2nd section

Meet at the Kindertransport Memorial at the Liverpool Street entrance to Liverpool Street national rail station, to catch the 11:12 train to Hertford East.

EC2M 7PY [TQ 3314 8160](#) [51°31'03.5"N 0°04'57.2"W](#) [///filed.duty.tower](#)

Rye House to Cheshunt.

Please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending.

6 miles.

Leader: John Lissaman.

Sunday 11th August 2024 – 2pm

Annual Picnic

Linkhorns Farmhouse, Station Road, Ashurst, Kent.

East Grinstead train from Victoria 12:51, Clapham Junction 12:58, East Croydon 13:11, change at Oxted for Uckfield train. Return trains hourly at hh:58.

TN3 9TL [TQ 5084 3862](#) [51°07'37.7"N 0°09'14.8"E](#) [///helpfully.index.battle](#)

By kind invitation of Barbara Hodgson our annual picnic will once again be at Linkhorns Farmhouse. Drive through the car park at Ashurst Station (off A264) and follow the grass track. Linkhorns is on the right after about 100 yards.

A local walk of around 3 miles will start at 2 pm and the picnic will follow that. Non-walkers are welcome to socialise in the Linkhorns garden.

Please [let the Secretary know](#) that you will be attending.