

ELMBRIDGE U3A RAMBLING GROUP

April to September 2018 **Walks Programme For U3A Members**

The walks here alternate with those of the Country Walks Group and so, if you wish to do so, you could enjoy two walks each month. For the walks shown here, if you want to come along, call David or Sylvia on 07935 887499 or email davidbrion@aol.com or just be at the start before the walk starts. *(It helps if you register with us because, after each walk, we email the details of the next to everyone on our list, thus allowing for last minute changes.)*

We try to choose start points with free parking and less than an hour's drive from Molesey and we aim to finish walks by 4 p.m. or, in the winter, earlier. Since we shall be mostly off-road in rural areas please have suitable stout footwear and, given the unpredictability of our weather, warm and waterproof clothing. The length of each walk is shown against its description but you may be able to do less because some have a shorter option built in. For lunch most people take a picnic but you will normally also have the option of a quick (in winter, half hour) pub snack – your choice on the day – however, it is wise to bring some food and drink even when the walk does include a pub. There will be short breaks to allow you to refresh yourself in mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

If you would like to contribute walk ideas and/or to lead walks you are very welcome to do so but if you just want to come along to enjoy the countryside we will be happy to see you.

For your own and others' safety, please abide by any advice and guidelines issued with regard to a walk. Please also remember that you are walking entirely at your own risk and that it is your responsibility to behave sensibly to minimise the potential for accidents to occur. Although walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities no activity is completely without risk.

Car sharing en route to the start is a matter for arrangement by group members amongst themselves. Drive times in the walk descriptions (e.g. "35 mins") are estimated from Molesey to the walk start. However, err on the cautious side since traffic will be traffic!

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Date: 12th April

Title: Tilford And Around (45 mins) **led by Georgina** (07714 821159)

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. at Tilford Village Green, park by the bridge (GU10 2BU).

Lunch: at the Barley Mow or picnic by the cricket pitch. About 8 miles in total.

Map ref: Explorer 145 grid reference 874435

Description: A figure of 8 walk, about 8 miles in all. Walk across Hankley Common to the Atlantic Wall, an interesting part of recent military history. In the afternoon a walk to Waverley Abbey.

Date: 10th May

Title: Epsom Downs & Walton on the Hill (40 mins) **led by Jeremy** (07933 552430)

Starts at: 10.15 a.m. at the Tattenham Crescent car park off the Old London Road by Epsom Racecourse (nearest postcode KT18 5PP). *This car park is near the roundabout at the B290/Old London Road and has a Tea Hut.* Picnic lunch by the pond in Walton-on-the-Hill or Blue Ball pub nearby.

Map ref: Explorer 146 ref: 079 586

Description: A roughly 8 mile, circular walk up to Walton on the Hill and back, with a loop around Banstead Heath bordering Walton Heath golf course.

Date: 14th June

Title: Holmbury St Mary (45 mins) **led by Philip and Louise** (07899 852941)

Starts at: 10:15 a.m. at the Royal Oak in Holmbury St Mary RH5 6PF). Park by the green by the pub if there is space. The pub owner has also agreed to us using their car park for the morning - behind and to the right of the pub. For lunch at the pub, please book directly - 01306 898010

Map ref: Explorer 146 grid reference 109 444

Description: A six mile gentle amble passing a tearoom in Peaslake for a cuppa and three pubs! Some open views though some lovely scenery in Surrey with just a few short uphill sections.

Date: 12th July

Title: Box Hill Bruiser (45 mins) **led by John** (07770 642685)

Starts at: 10.15 a.m. in the NT (pay) car park near the café at the top of the hill (approx: KT20 7LB)

Lunch: Bring a picnic to have on Headley Heath. July, bound to be sunny(ish).

Map ref: Explorer 146 grid reference 181 513

Description: About 8 miles with some 300 metres of sometimes steep ascent. Great views but you will be earning your corn!

Date: 9th August

Title: Forest Green figure of 8 (45 mins) **led by Andy and Mike** (01932 888906, 07971 110020)

Starts at: 10.15 a.m. At or by the Parrot P.H. RH5 5RZ) in Forest Green

Lunch: At the Parrot or picnic on the green

Map ref: Explorer 146 grid reference 124 415

Description: About 9.5 miles. Some minor ups and downs.

Date: 13th September

Title: Puttenham To Godalming (45 mins) **led by David & Sylvia** (07935 887499)

Starts at: 10.15 a.m. Come off the A31 to Farnham at the Puttenham slip road. Turn left on the B3000 and go beyond the righthand turn into Puttenham to turn left towards the golf course, opposite the Harvester pub (GU3 1AL). The car park is just inside this turn, on the left by the recycling bins.

Lunch: Pub, café or picnic in Godalming

Map ref: Explorer 145 grid reference 935 477

Description: About 10 miles. Some minor ups but plenty of pleasant countryside.