

Ambles for November & December 2023 v2

Please book for ambles before turning up. Use our contact details, which you should all have, or the message pigeon on the Ambling Group webpage. Kay & Frank.

If cancelling on the day please text to mobile instead of emailing.

Thursday 2nd November - Fordbridge Park & Shortwood Common, 3.1 miles

A local walk from Fordbridge Park taking in Shortwood Common. A fair amount of road walking but mainly quiet streets and some nice open spaces too. No stiles. Toilets at start. Optional coffee at end. The additional attraction of inspecting the progress on the ESSO pipeline as it progresses through the park. Apparently they are maintaining footpath access. To be walked at a leisurely pace.

Meet: In Fordbridge Park Car Park at 10:00. Entrance to park is from Kingston Road, Ashford, between Celia Crescent and the mini roundabout with B377 Ashford Road. Postcode TW15 3SJ. (Grid ref TQ060708, map OS Explorer 160.)

Leaders: Kay & Frank

Thursday 16th November - Weybridge, 3.2 miles

A leisurely walk through Weybridge, along the Wey Navigation to Wey Meadows returning along footpaths and by the side of the River Wey. Toilets at start. No stiles. Optional coffee in Weybridge at end.

Meet: In the "Library" car park in Weybridge at 10:00.

Directions: From Chertsey take the A317 to Weybridge. Cross the River Wey, straight over a mini roundabout and then left at the roundabout into Church Street. In a few hundred yards, just past the library on the right, turn right into Churchfield Road which leads to the car park. (Grid ref. TQ073647, map OS Explorer 160. Postcode KT13 8DE.)

Leaders: Kay & Frank

Thursday 30th November - Newark and Pyrford, 4.7 miles

A pleasant walk. Some road walking, mainly country and along the Wey Navigation. Distant views of Newark Priory ruins, past Pyrford Place where John Donne lived for a few years. Coffee and toilet stop at the Anchor Pub after 2.8 miles. No stiles. To be walked at a leisurely pace.

Meet: At Newark New Bridge car park at 10:00. Car park is rather rough and can be muddy but free! Nearest Postcode GU23 6DP. (Grid ref. TQ039573, map OS Explorer 145.)

Previous Directions: Take the A3 south from the M25 junction. After about 2 miles take the exit signed Wisley and then second exit of roundabout, B2215, to Ripley. In Ripley turn right onto B367, Newark Lane, towards Pyrford. This turning is immediately before a large white building on right "Thomas Ford & Sons". After about three quarters of a mile there is the Seven Stars pub on the left at a bend in the road. Another quarter of a mile brings you to the car park entrance on the left. This is almost invisible until you reach it when you will see the steel posts at the entrance. If you get to the traffic lights at the bridge you have unfortunately missed it.

Alternative Directions: You may be aware of the roadworks on the A3/M25 junction. This can cause serious delays at times. For anyone who knows the area or has a satnav you may want to consider using the minor roads to get there. Take the A245 from Byfleet towards West Byfleet. About a mile after crossing the M25 turn left onto the B367. Follow the B367 for about 2 miles, passing through Pyrford Village where the road bends left, right and left again around the church, and you will reach the traffic lights at the Wey Navigation bridge. Just after this bridge is the car park entrance on the right.

Leaders: Kay & Frank

Thursday 7th December - Laleham, about 2 miles

We will take a walk of approximately 2 miles through open grass and woodland winding our way to the river and back.

Meet: At 10:00 in the car park in Laleham on Shepperton Road, just in front of the children's playground. Postcode TW18 1SJ. (Grid ref.TQ054686, map OS Explorer 160.)

Leaders: Dorothy and Diana