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Newsletter January 2019

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL



I would like to thank you all for your continuing support for the Club.

Enclosed is the forthcoming walks programme. Many thanks to Elaine, the walk coordinators and the walk leaders for their hard work in pulling it all together. As a Club we are very fortunate to have such a variety of walks.

Let's look forward to a good summer and plenty of rambling. **Maggie Say**

2019 our 85th year

Something that's lasted that long must be good! I think we forget just how good it is. Membership has fallen slightly so I would ask that all members reflect on the benefits we feel and see if there are friends, neighbours and ex work colleagues who could benefit by joining us. The website has been bringing new members but word of mouth works too – **go for it!**

John Ray Walk

On Sunday 28 April Sue Hurrell will be leading the John Ray Walk from Braintree to Witham via Black Notley, Cressing, Silver End and Rivenhall. This 9-10 mile linear walk was created to celebrate the life and achievements of the botanist John Ray. Further information can be found at https://www.essexhighways.org/uploads/files/john_ray_walk.pdf

Lunch will be at the Tiptree Tea Rooms at Cressing Temple Barns.

Meet at Witham station at 10.15 to get the 10.25 train to Braintree or at Braintree station at 10.40. The current full price ticket is £4.90. (please note meeting times may vary if the train times change)

Annual General Meeting 2018

52 members attended our Annual General Meeting which was held at St Andrews Church Hall, Hatfield Peverel on Saturday, 24 November 2018.

Following the apologies for absence, the acceptance of the minutes of the last AGM, your Chairman's report and the reports of the Club Officers, the under mentioned were elected to your committee.

Chairman	Margaret Say	Committee Members
General Secretary	Steve Freight	
Treasurer	Keith Turbutt	Terry Costigan
Social Secretary	Brian Stoneham	Patrick O'Connor
Welfare Officer	Shirley Deering	Brian Wickham
Programme Co-ordinator	Elaine Law	
Footpath Officer	Simon Collins	

At the end of the meeting Maggie Say made a short speech thanking Pam Turrell, who has stepped down from the Committee, for all her hard work over the many years she has belonged to the Club. Pam was presented with a book in which members had left messages for her, together with a gift card. Mike Hiom, who has stepped down as Club Auditor was also thanked for his hard work and was presented with a gift card.

If you would like to see the Minutes of the 2018 AGM they can be found on the Club website. They are password protected with the word . If you would prefer a hard copy please send a stamped addressed envelope to the Club Secretary, Steve Freight.

SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Ten Pin Bowling

The third and final Nifty Fifties Ten Pin Bowling event of the year took place at Braintree Freeport, on Thursday, 11th October 2018, at 2.00 p.m. 15 Members attended although, because of an injury to one member, only 14 were able to compete

Christmas Outing

As we stated in the previous newsletter the Club obtained a group booking for the Brick Lane Christmas Show with Traditional Lunch on Friday 21st December 2018. 41 Members boarded the coach at Asda Car Park in Chelmer Village for the trip up to East London. By all accounts those attending had a very enjoyable afternoon which started with a three course lunch, followed by a variety show.

Christmas Walk

On Wednesday 20th December, the M.S.P. and M.E.P. walking groups set off on their separate routes from the St Andrews Church Hall, Hatfield Peveler. Upon their return the walkers (and some other Members) enjoyed their packed lunches together with mince pies, hot drinks and, for those so inclined, a glass or two of wine.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2019

Ten Pin Bowling

For 2019, two further “Nifty Fifties” ten pin bowling afternoons have already been arranged at Braintree Freeport, for February and June. As for last year, the cost is £5 per person for the afternoon which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

The first event will be on Thursday, **28th February 2019 at 2.00 p.m.**

When you are able to, please let Brian Stoneham know if you would like to attend
Tel. No.: 01245 257988 Text Mobile: 07999876724
E-mail: brimaur21@blueyonder.co.uk

The second event will be on **Thursday, 6th June 2019** again at 2pm.

Potters Resort

As she did last year, Maggie Say has organised another three day holiday break for Club members at Potters Resort, Hopton on Sea from 22 to 25 February 2019.

Quiz Evening

Once again the Club will be holding its annual quiz evening with a fish and chip supper on Saturday, 13 April 2019. This year the event will be held at the Chelmer Village Hall (next to Asda Supermarket), Chelmer Village, Chelmsford. Quizzers are requested to arrive by 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We shall, as in previous years, provide a choice of either fish & chips or chicken & chips which will be available during the interval. Members are free to bring their own drinks, although tea and coffee will be available at the hall. Please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. A reservation form is attached. Please send your reservation form and remittance as soon as possible to Mike Hiom.

Special Interest Mini-Trips to London & Other Places For Informal Guided Walks

It has been suggested by those members involved in organising last year's Guided London walks, that members be invited to join small groups of up to 20 people for similar walks on say 3 or 4 occasions during the year (Spring, Summer, Autumn & / or Winter). Group travel arrangements can be organised for rail or car travel. It is thought that coach travel will be uneconomic for the group size envisaged.

It is thought that the smaller numbers would allow for better guided tours around some of

London's or another city's attractions / institutions. The trips and dates will be advertised in the newsletter.

Applications will be made to the Club in the traditional way, with the money coming in to the Treasurer before any travel tickets are purchased.

The first of these guided walks has already been arranged, the details of which are set out hereafter:

Shakespeare's London – Thursday 9th May 2019

Two of our members have organised a guided tour of locations in London with special links to William Shakespeare. The walk is expected to start at about 10.30 and includes a drinks break. It should finish at approximately 1.30 on the South Bank. After that Members will have free time for lunch and/or a visit to the nearby attractions before returning to Liverpool Street.

Group rail tickets (approximately £19.00) can be arranged for those Members who require them if this is applicable. Alternatively Members can organise their own group travel arrangements if they prefer. Members can also use their own 30% discount rail cards if they have them.

An Application Form is included with this newsletter which allows for these three travel options.

Applicants are asked to assemble at Chelmsford Railway Station at 9.20 a.m. With travel tickets purchased in advance of the tour date. The tour is expected to finish at the Globe Theatre at approximately 1.30 p.m.

Walk and Sketching Outing for the “Not Very Good” or “Completely Useless” at Maldon - Thursday 23rd May 2019

Members are invited to join a group visiting Maldon for what's loosely described as an artistic walk. Several Members with artistic knowledge will be on hand to help everybody participating in an outdoor sketching session of approximately 1.5 hours. By the time the session finishes, we anticipate that everybody will have their own unique picture worthy of framing.

The “art session” will be followed by an Easy Pace walk of approximately one hour in the Maldon area. Members are asked to assemble on Maldon Promenade at 10.15 a.m.

Participants should bring their own snacks and drinks, folding chairs, sketch pads and pencils. Other materials will be available.

When you are able to, please let Brian Stoneham know if you would like to attend

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CONTACT US

We'd love to hear from you so if you have any suggestions, ideas, issues or comments you wish to make or bring to the attention of the Committee, please contact the General Secretary by e-mail (chelmsfordramblingclub@outlook.com) or letter and we will give consideration to them and get back to you.

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday, 13 April 2019

**Chelmer Village Hall, Chelmer Village, CM2 6RF
7.30 pm Sharp**

MAKE UP A TABLE OF SIX

TICKETS: £9 PER PERSON OR £54 (FOR A TABLE)

FISH & CHIPS OR CHICKEN & CHIPS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE INTERVAL.

PRIZES FOR THE TABLE WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE.

PRIZES FOR THOSE WITH THE LOWEST !

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN !!!

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CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB, QUIZ EVENING.

PLEASE RESERVE PLACES FOR THE QUIZ ON SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2019

A REMITTANCE OF £..... IS ENCLOSED FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED PEOPLE.

*PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE MADE OUT TO CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB AND A STAMPED
SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO*

Mr Mike Hiom, 36 Longstomps Avenue, Chelmsford, CM2 9LA. Tel 01245 265159

(cancellations within seven days will only be refunded at the discretion of the committee)

**PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS YOUR CHRISTIAN NAME, SURNAME
AND MARK YOUR CHOICE OF FOOD**

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CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON GUIDED WALK

9th MAY 2019

I / We should like to come on the Shakespeare's London Guided Walk.

Full Name: _____ **Tel. No.**

Full Name: _____ **Tel. No.**

Signature: _____ **Date:**

Travel Arrangements:

Please assemble at Chelmsford Railway Station at 9.20 a.m. with pre-bought tickets.

Please tick the arrangement you would like to use:

- (1) I / We shall use my own 30% Discount Rail Card(s)**
- (2) I / We shall arrange our own Group Travel Arrangements**
- (3) We should like the Chelmsford Rambling Club to make our Group Travel Arrangements for Me / Us.**

I / We attach a cheque made out to The Chelmsford Rambling Club for £19.00 / £38.00

Please send this form and your remittance for arrangement (s), if selected, to:

**Brian Stoneham
21 Walters Close, Galleywood, Chelmsford, CM2 8NU. Tel No: 01245 257988**

It would be appreciated if your application form could be returned by April 25th 2019.

Receipts for arrangement (s) will not be issued unless requested.

Cancellations within 14 days of the trip will only be refunded at the discretion of the Committee.