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Gear up for Summer



Welcome to our summer edition of the Newsletter. Hopefully no more muddy paths and fields, just the chance to see the countryside at its best.

As usual there is a very extensive walks programme with one or two new leaders taking up the mantle. Anyone considering leading for the first time will be given all the help they need from their fellow walkers. We all have to start somewhere and the more leaders we have the more varied the programme becomes.

Both Brian and Maureen Stoneham have worked very hard to put together a vary varied programme of social events. Let us support them and show our appreciation of their sterling efforts.

Walk Pace

A gentle reminder, that when choosing which walk to join, please be aware of the pace and that you should reasonably be able to walk at the required pace for that group.

Members chose their walks according to their ability and preference to walk either half a day or a full day. If you are unable to keep up with the group, it is unreasonable for them to have to slow their walk accordingly. It is appreciated that you may not know beforehand that the pace may be too much for you, but if you do have difficulty keeping up, then next time please choose a more appropriate group to walk with.

Picnic in the Park

This year's picnic will take place in Hylands Park on the 18th September.

There will be 2 walks, morning Standard and Easy paces. It's a good chance for us all to meet up after the walk for a chat. If anyone would like to come along for the picnic, we would be more than happy to see you on our return at approximately 12:30.

Please remember to bring your own picnic.

Password

You may have seen that some documents on the website are now password protected. The password will be updated annually and advised in the January Newsletter, so it will only be known to current paid up members.

Please therefore do not divulge the password to anyone (even if they are known on your walks) and if asked ask them to contact Steve Freight, who will check their membership.

For information, this year's password is.

Committee Positions

At our next AGM on 23 November, we will have 3 vacancies on the committee. These are Treasurer, Social Secretary and Programme Coordinator.

We have had interest in all three roles but if you are interested in any of them we would love to hear from you.

SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Ten Pin Bowling:

The first "Nifty Fifties" Ten Pin Bowling event of the year took place at Braintree Freeport, on Thursday **28th February 2019**, at 2.00 p.m. Six lanes were booked although only five were actually needed. Twenty people attended and the winners were Hazel King and Charles Lipscombe.

The second "Nifty Fifties" Ten Pin Bowling event of the year took place on **Thursday 6th June 2019**. The winners this time were Yvonne Freight and Terry Costigan. 12 members attended this event.

Quiz Evening

Mike Hiom once again organised our "annual" Quiz Evening with Fish and Chip Supper on **Saturday, 13th April 2019**. The event was held at the Chelmer Village Hall, (next to Asda Supermarket). This new venue turned out to be very suitable with a good kitchen, adequate chairs and tables and reasonable space for our needs. As in previous years, Mike organised a choice of either Fish & Chips or Chicken and Chips, which turned up in time for the interval. Members were invited to bring their own drinks although tea and coffee was provided.

Potters Resort

As with last year, the Club organised another 4 day holiday break for Members at Potters Resort, Hopton on Sea, from **22nd to 25th February 2019**. From Members' accounts it was once again a great success.

If anyone is interested in another trip to Potters next February would they please contact Maggie Say.

Shakespeare's London – Thursday 9 May

On Thursday, 9th May 2019, two of our Members organised a guided tour of locations in London with special links to William Shakespeare. Group rail travel arrangements from Chelmsford were arranged. The walk started at Liverpool Street Station with information stops at the various significant landmarks. Once the walk had finished some of the Members attended a performance of Henry V at the Globe Theatre. 23 Members turned out for this walk and our thanks go to John Devane and Charles Lipscombe for arranging the event.

Walk and Sketching outing for the 'not very good' or 'completely useless' at Maldon – Thursday, 23 May 2019

On Thursday, 23rd May 2019, a group of Members got together at Maldon for what was loosely described as an "artistic walk". Members with artistic knowledge were on hand to help everybody participating in an outdoor sketching session of approximately 1.5 hours near the Hythe followed by an easy pace walk.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Ten Pin Bowling

One further "Nifty Fifties" ten pin bowling afternoon has been arranged at Braintree Freeport, for October. As previously, the cost is £6 per person for the afternoon which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

This meeting will be on Thursday, **17th October 2019 at 2.00 p.m.**

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

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Text Mobile: 07999876724

E-mail: brimaur21@blueyonder.co.uk

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome

We have received several requests from Members (including some new Members) to once again visit Stow Maries Aerodrome near Purleigh. Accordingly we have booked a group visit for **Thursday, 19th September**, which includes a guided tour of the hangars and exhibitions, a traditional cream tea in the Airmens' Mess and free time to look around. Members will be asked to arrive by **11.00 a.m.**

The cost will be **£12.50 per person** and we have paid a £30 holding deposit (based on 24 people attending).

If you are interested in joining this trip, there is an application form attached to this newsletter which can be sent to the Social Secretary:

Brian Stoneham
21 Walters Close,
Galleywood,
Chelmsford,
Essex CM2 8NU

Visit to Great Dixter House and Gardens, followed by a trip on the Kent & East Sussex Railway (Northiam to Tenterden)

The Club has arranged an outing to Great Dixter House and Gardens near Northiam on the Kent / East Sussex border. The trip is planned for **Thursday 26th September**.

The day will include a guided tour of Great Dixter House (15th century manor house developed and added to over time by, amongst others, the famous architect Edwin Lutyens), a visit to the Lutyen designed gardens, a scenic steam pulled train trip (approximately 1 hour 20 minutes) from Northiam to Tenterden and a cream tea served on the train. Picnic facilities together with food and drinks are available at the house. The estate includes some historical outbuildings and a nursery. The gardens and estate have become an important venue for horticulturists over the years.

The cost of this trip will be **£48 per person**, which includes House & Garden entry, steam pulled train journey with a cream tea served on board, coach travel, driver's tip and parking donation. The pick up time is currently set at **9.15 a.m.** from the Asda Supermarket car park, Chelmer Village. It is possible that the timing might change and applicants will be notified in good time if this occurs.

If you are interested in joining this trip, there is an application form attached to this newsletter which can be sent to the Social Secretary:

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Christmas Outing – Brick Lane Music Hall

Having spoken to a number of Members, it has become apparent that, once again, another visit to Brick Lane Music Hall should be very popular this year. Accordingly the Club has provisionally booked the Christmas Show & Traditional Lunch for **Tuesday 10th December**. Due to heavy demand for these shows, this was the only remaining date when they could accommodate the number of people we were anticipating.

The coach has been booked for **10.30 a.m.** pick up from the car park, Asda, Chelmer Village. The cost will be **£60 per person** and will include a three course traditional Christmas Lunch, the Show, coach travel, driver's tip and parking contribution.

This event will start at 1.00 p.m. with a traditional three course Christmas lunch, (a vegetarian alternative will be available) served at your table, followed by an afternoon performance of “Vincent's Christmas Show”.

If you are interested in joining this trip, there is an application form attached to this newsletter which can be sent to the Social Secretary: As the booking for this event needs to be finalised by mid August, it would be appreciated if applications could be made by this date.

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Special interest mini-trips to London & other places for informal guided walks

It has been suggested by those members involved in organizing the recent Guided London walk, that members be invited to join small groups of up to 25 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.

The trips and dates will be advertised in the Club's future newsletters. Applications will be made to the Club in the traditional way, with the money coming into the Treasurer before any travel tickets are purchased.

As reported earlier, the first of these guided walks has already taken place and was well received by those participating.

CONTACT US

We'd love to hear from you so if you have any suggestions, ideas, issues or comments you wish 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.

OBITUARY

Len Collins

We have received the following e-mail from Len's daughter, Angela Beckett.

“I would like to thank the rambling club for their kind wishes of condolence on the passing of my father Len Collins who died in December.

Also to Shirley Deering, Alida Sharp and Janet and Peter Chivers for attending Len’s funeral ceremony in January. It was really appreciated.

Len had enjoyed many happy years with the rambling club and made many lifetime friends through the club. He was fortunate to remain in good health and continued to enjoy the occasional Tuesday stroll until he was 85.

Since his passing I have discovered the rambling club website and found it really interesting. I have many memories as a child coming along on the family rambles in the 60's, trips to Mill Beach, dances and slide shows at St Cedds school hall and later at the Hayward School. I have found some photos taken during the earlier days of the rambling club including one of Vic Hegarty taken towards the end of his life. I can send these on if they would be of any interest.”

I have been in contact with Angela and the website will be updated with the photos. She also found a Gavel that had been presented to Herbert Hall and returned to Len.

She believes he was one of the original members of the rambling club with Vic Hegarty and recalls Bert as being quite a character and easily recognisable by his black beret and that he lived in a cottage on Danbury Common.

We hope the Gavel will see action at future AGM's.

Steve



A few of you will recognize some of the familiar faces. This photo was taken at the 70th Anniversary Walk in Hylands Park. Len Collins is shaking hands with a previous Chairman, Gordon Cooper

If you have any memories or photos you would like to share with us in any future newsletters please contact Maggie Say.

CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB

COACH TRIP TO GREAT DIXTER HOUSE & GARDENS IN EAST SUSSEX AND THE KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The price of £48 per person includes: *Admission to & Conducted Tour of the House. Admission to the Gardens. Steam (subject to availability) Pulled Train Journey from Northiam to Tenterden with a Cream Tea Served On Board. Coach Journey To Great Dixter House and Return from Tenterden. Car Parking Contribution and Driver's Tip.*

Coach Leaving: *Asda Car Park, Chelmer Village, Springfield at 9.15 a.m. (To be Confirmed)*

Coach Leaving: *Tenterden Station at 3.30 p.m.(approx.)*

Please Reserve _____ place(s) at £48.00 each.

A remittance for £_____ is included.

Cheques: To be made in favour of "*The Chelmsford Rambling Club*".

Please send your Form, Remittance and either a Stamped Self-addressed Envelope for a receipt OR alternatively your e-mail address for an e-mailed receipt, to:

Brian Stoneham

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

Full Name: ** _____ Tel. No. _____

Full Name: ** _____ Tel. No. _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Capitals Please

If you would prefer to receive an e-mailed receipt, please provide your e-mail address here:

It may be possible that spare places will become available on this trip as we near the date of the outing, so please indicate here if you would like friends or family to be considered:

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

CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB

TRIP TO BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SHOW TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2019

Coach Leaving: *Asda (Chelmer Village) Car Park*** at *10.30 a.m.*
Coach Leaving: *Brick Lane Music Hall* at *4.30 p.m. approx*

Please Reserve _____ Member Place(s) at *£60.00 each*

A remittance for £ _____ is included.

The price includes: *Coach Journey and Driver's Tip. Admission to the Show plus programme. Three Course Traditional Christmas Lunch. Contribution for car parking.*

Cheques: *To be made in favour of "The Chelmsford Rambling Club."*

Please send your Form, Remittance and either a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope OR alternatively, Your E-mail Address, for the Receipt & Journey Details to:

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

Full Name: * _____ Tel. No. _____

Full Name: * _____ Tel. No. _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In the event that places are still available on this trip once Members' applications have been finalised, please insert hereafter, the names of up to two Non-Members that you would wish to accompany you:

Full Name: _____ Tel. No. _____

Full Name: _____ Tel. No. _____

If you would like to receive an e-mailed receipt, please provide your e-mail address here:

* Capitals Please

** As stated in the Newsletter, any Members arriving by car for this trip can use the Asda (Chelmer Village) Car Park (Petrol Station End). The coach will leave from Asda's car park. Applicants will be informed of any changes to this arrangement.

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CHELMSFORD RAMBLING CLUB

GROUP VISIT TO STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME FLAMBIRDS CHASE, HACKMAN'S LANE, PURLEIGH, CM3 6RJ

**THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019
ARRIVAL AT CAR PARK – 10.45 A.M
LIKELY FINISH 1.30 P.M.**

Please Reserve _____ place(s) at £12.50 each.*

A remittance for £ _____ is included.

*The price includes: *Access to the hangers and exhibitions with an accompanying tour guide. Traditional Cream Tea in the Officers Mess. Free time on the site and in the shop.*

Cheques: *To be made in favour of "The Chelmsford Rambling Club."*

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Full Name: ** _____ Tel. No. _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you would prefer to receive an e-mailed receipt, please write your e-mail address here:

** Capitals Please

PLEASE NOTE - TRANSPORT

It is likely that Members will use their own transport to access the site. If they are able and willing to offer a lift to any Members for whom travel arrangements could be difficult, could they please indicate here:

YES POST CODE: _____

If any Member would appreciate a lift, please indicate here:

YES POST CODE: _____

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