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Newsletter January 2020 **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 our Programme Coordinator Pat Goodman, the walk coordinators and the walk leaders for their hard work in pulling it all together. We continue to have a good variety of interesting walks and we can look forward to the Spring and hopefully less mud!

Maggie Say

Annual General Meeting 2019

51 members attended our Annual General Meeting which was held at St Andrews Church Hall, Hatfield Peverel on Saturday, 23 November 2019.

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
General Secretary
Treasurer
Social Secretary
Welfare Officer
Programme Co-ordinator
Footpath Officer

Margaret Say
Steve Freight
Julie Payne
Charles Lipscombe
Shirley Deering
Patricia Goodman
Simon Collins

Other Committee Members

Terry Costigan
Patrick O'Connor
Brian Wickham

At the end of the meeting Maggie Say made a short speech thanking the three outgoing officers, Keith Turbett, Treasurer, Elaine Law, Programme Coordinator and Brian Stoneham, Social Secretary for all of their hard work and support whilst being in office. They were all presented with a small gift in recognition of their hard work.

If you would like to see the Minutes of the 2019 AGM they can be found on the Club website. They are password protected with the word (**removed for security**), as is the walks programme. Please do not pass this onto anyone who may ask for it, even if you think they are a member, as we have had instances of non-members accessing the Walks Programme and walking without joining the club. Thank you.

If you would prefer a hard copy please send a stamped addressed envelope to the Club Secretary, Steve Freight.

After the AGM we were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Simon Taylor, Public Rights of Way and Liaison Officer from Essex County Council. Simon gave a very informative and entertaining talk with slides, of the various types of styles, etc and how they originated and who should maintain them.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS FEBRUARY – JULY 2020

Dickens London Walk – Thursday 23rd April 2020

John Devane will again lead a walk going through central London describing aspects of the writer's life.

Interested club members should assemble at Chelmsford Railway Station foyer at 9.20am for the 9.40am to Liverpool Street train, alternatively be at Liverpool Street Station before 10.30am.

The walk will begin from Liverpool Street Station concourse at 10.30am approx.

2 hours will be allowed for lunch and 'free time' in the Covent Garden area.

Members are requested to provide for their individual drinks/snacks or lunch and also their own train tickets (purchased in advance of the day), as many will have their own discount arrangements, like Senior Rail Cards. Groups of 3 or more friends will also qualify for a 1/3 off discount at the ticket office.

The current cost of the return ticket to Liverpool Street (off peak) with a senior rail card is £14.40. Bus passes are valid in London and members are advised to take them.

There are two optional extras to be decided on the day:-

- a) A visit to the Dickens Museum – off Gray's Inn Road (£6.50 senior rate).
- b) A Thames clipper river trip from Westminster Pier to Tower Hill (£7.00).

Contact Charles Lipscombe for further information if required.
charleslipscombe6@btinternet.com Tel 01245 328324

Horseracing and pre-meeting tour at Chelmsford City Racecourse – 4th June 2020

Twilight evening of racing at Chelmsford Racecourse situated at Great Leighs, the meeting time will be confirmed later once the time of the first race has been confirmed but will be approximately 4.30-5.00pm, which should be an hour before the first race.

This would allow time for Noel Gulliver to show the group around the venue and explain some of the details on how the event is organised.

Normal cost of entry is £22.50 on the day, but 20 'early bird' tickets will be available to club members at £12.50 on a first come, first served basis.

This is an outdoor event, so dress appropriately.

The ticket will allow access to the racecourse grandstand, a minimum of six races, there will be bars, fast food and betting facilities available.

Car sharing or pick up arrangements could be organised for those without transport of their own.

For additional information please contact:

Charles Lipscombe charleslipscombe6@btinternet.com Tel 01245 328324

Noel Gulliver noel.gulliver@blueyonder.co.uk Tel 01245 261422

Quiz Evening – Saturday 4th April 2020 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Once again, we are indebted to Mike and Noreen Hiom for hosting this popular event at the Church of Our Saviour, Chelmer Village.

Interested members should complete the attached form or contact Mike on 01245 265159.

Ten Pin Bowling @ Braintree Freeport – 2.00pm-5.00pm Thursday 20th February 2020 and Thursday 18th June 2020

Five lanes have been booked for the 'nifty fifties' at the above venue to contest for the male and female Champion Trophies.

Tea or coffee is included in the £6.00 price, payable on the day at reception.

Please contact Charles Lipscombe if interested so that numbers can be assessed and 'teams' allocated to lanes in advance.

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Future Outings – August 2020/January 2021

A coach trip to Ely is being considered for Thursday 24th September 2020.

The cost of the trip (coach only) is likely to be in the region of £18.00-£20.00. No money should be forwarded until the trip is confirmed in July's newsletter.

Club members interested should contact Charles Lipscombe before 1st May 2020, so that numbers can be assessed prior to booking to ensure the trip is viable.

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Trad Jazz at The Lodge South Woodham Ferrers – last Tuesday in every month 8.30pm-11.00pm

A number of club members currently attend the above on an informal basis. Entry is free, so come along anytime to enjoy good company and rousing JAZZ!

Weekend Away

It has been suggested that some club members would be interested in weekend away walking trips.

If sufficient interest is shown, maybe something can be organised in the near future

Anyone interested should contact

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Pat Goodman patriciagoodman@btinternet.com Tel: 07542 367723

Jan Penn janpenn75@gmail.com Tel: 07905 461914

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 28 February to 2 March 2020

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 4th April 2020

**The Church of Our Saviour
Chelmer Village**

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Make up a table of six, tickets £6.00 per person.
Prizes for highest and lowest scores.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Please send a cheque made out to **Chelmsford Rambling Club** and a stamped addressed envelope to:-

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36 Longstomps Avenue
Chelmsford
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Along with names covered by the payment.