

READING RAMBLING CLUB

Affiliated to The Ramblers Association, The Chiltern Society and HF Holidays

Autumn 2025

Chat from the chair

As usual Reading Rambling Club leads the way. A while back we were the first Rambling Club to use What3Words to locate our walks. No surprise there, but even Chris Sheldrick, British founder of that app was taken aback to find that it is now a must in Mongolia where the largely nomadic population is always on the move. Ggan Ghulun Hashtag, (interesting name), uses What3Words to order his requirements from Amazon for delivery to his yurt.

Many folk will have oft times heard my entreaties to delete old emails to help avoid the weight of data stored in "The Cloud" tipping the planet off its axis. However the Government now thinks that it is also a good idea to delete old emails to save our River Thames due to the huge amount of water used storing the aforesaid data. But just a

minute, data centres keep cool using recirculated water, just like a fridge, so that doesn't sound quite right?

Colin & I will be linking the Club's Sedbergh trip with a rendez-vous in Hawes with Aunt Evadne where we plan to become cheese-eating-surrender-monkeys. It is of course the home of Wensleydale cheese, well known for bringing happiness and a spring in your step. Just the ticket to set us up for the wet dreary winter that awaits our rambles.

We shall be taking a cluster of Union flags ready to wave out of the hotel windows with us to Sedbergh as we don't want the local Vikings misunderstanding our alien southern dialect and mistaking us for illegal immigrants.

Happy Autumn rambling.

Tom Harrison, Chairman.

Date for your Diary - Annual AGM

St Peter's Hall, Lower Early, RG6 1EY.
Saturday 24th January 2025. 2-5pm

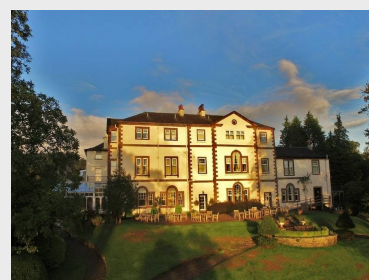
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Dave Edelman
rcc.walks.coordinator@gmail.com

Before 1st December 2025
Please send articles for inclusion
in the next issue to
Di Story
distory1@gmail.com

Before 5th December 2025

Club Holidays for 2026

Our holidays are very popular. Please book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We get a certain allocation of single and twin rooms to fill. Once these are filled it may be possible to get extra places but this is not guaranteed. My advice to you all is **BOOK EARLY**.

Enquiries/Bookings to Marion Hodgson on 07785 244 661 or email: marion.bh.hodgson@gmail.com

For online bookings please send Marion an email stating your requirements.

Please pay deposit or balance by on line banking:

Reading Rambling Club. Sort Code 08 92 99, Account 65274075, Include your name and the online payment reference. If that is not an option please phone Marion. She will take bookings on the phone and give details for Cheque payment. Cheques can be made out to Reading Rambling Club.

SPRINGTIME in St. IVES

Tuesday 17th March 2026 to Saturday 21st March 2026, 4 nights

Cost £509 for guided walking and £405 for non walkers.

This holiday has been very popular with all single rooms already allocated.

We have one twin/double room available on our allocation.

For single occupancy, there would be an additional charge of £100 for the 4 nights.

Please contact Marion if you'd like to be on the cancellations list.

Derwent Bank, Northern Lake District

14th September 2026 to 18th September 2026

Accommodation will be at the Derwent Bank country house located on the shores of Derwent water run by Holiday Fellowship.

4 nights on full board basis with Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and Packed Lunches (on the 3 Full Days)

Walks will be led by the knowledgeable HF guides and there will be a choice of 3 different walks each day to cater for all abilities. The Northern Lake District is brimming with breathtaking scenery and glorious trails.

Price £685 per person

3 Guided walks

Deposit £75 per person, payable asap as this will secure your booking.

Bank Reference: **Derwent**

We have one standard single room available with ensuite but it's just a very small room. This room is available for £585 and will go to the first person who emails requesting the standard room.

If you would like a price for a **non walker**, please contact Marion.

Merry Christmas Lunch ~ Wednesday 3rd December

We will be holding our Christmas lunch at Badgemore Park Golf Club, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 4NR on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 followed by 'The Thinking Rambler's Quiz'.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-lunch drinks will be served in the bar at 12.30. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm.

The lunch consists of 2 or 3 courses, followed by coffee/tea and mince pies.

The cost for 2 courses is £33.50 and £39.00 for 3 courses. This includes coffee and mini mince pie.

If you have any questions regarding the lunch/menu, please contact

Marion Hodgson on 07785 244 661 or email marion.bh.hodgson@gmail.com.

Please also notify Marion of any dietary requirements or allergies in advance.

Please make your choices from the menu below and enter the keywords (shown in bold text) of your choice on the booking form found on page 7 (eg **Soup**, **Turkey**, **Pudding**) and send the completed form, with your cheque made payable to **Reading Rambling Club**, to:

Marion Hodgson, 55 Radstock Lane Earley, Reading RG6 5UL by **20th November** at the latest please.

Bookings may also be made electronically, online payment reference **XMAS**



Starters

Roasted Parsnip & Carrot **Soup** (v, ve*, gf*) - parsnip crisp, stone-baked sourdough

Sous-vide Garlic & Soy **Chicken** - sautéed aromatic potato, coriander & chicken jus, crispy leeks

Home-cured Lemon & Dill **Salmon** Gravlax (gf*)

- baby gem lettuce, garlic & parsley croutons, Caesar dressing

Mains

Hand-carved Hertfordshire Roast **Turkey** (gf*, df*)

Slow-braised Herefordshire Beef **Brisket** (gf*, df*)

Both served with rosemary & garlic roast potatoes, sage & onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, roasted roots, Brussel sprouts, homemade red wine gravy

Grilled **Soybean** Steak (v, ve*) - rosemary & garlic roast potatoes, sage & onion stuffing, roasted roots, Brussel sprouts, white wine & thyme gravy

Pan-roasted **Catch** of the Day (gf, df*) - roasted new potatoes, baby carrots, buttered garden peas, Brussel sprouts, lime butter sauce

Desserts

Traditional Christmas **Pudding** (v) - warm brandy sauce

Ginger & Cinnamon **Brioche** Bread & Butter Pudding (v) - vanilla bean custard

Dark Chocolate **Chestnut** Pot (ve, gf) - toasted hazelnut, fresh berries

White Chocolate **Panna** Cotta (gf*) - lemon & mint syrup, mulled wine poached pear, gingerbread crumb

Freshly brewed coffee & mini mince pies

(v) vegetarian(ve) vegan (gf) gluten free (gf*) gluten free upon request (ve*) vegan upon request

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Whilst some dishes on the menu do not contain nuts, traces of nuts may be present



Walks General Information

PRE-WALK CHECK LIST

- Walk details – check start time, location and estimated distance from the walks programme. Take a note of the walk leader's mobile phone number in case you need to contact them. Leader's phone must be charged up and ON ready to receive such calls.
- Make a final check of walk details on the website if available.
- Parking – Leaders Identify/locate car park accurately. Is it free of charge? - if not, expected fee.
- Car share – consider if you can share a car with other members.
- Clothing – take adequate warm or waterproof clothing for the forecast weather conditions. You are likely to be out of doors for several hours
- Food – you are advised to carry some food and drink. On Wednesday walks there is usually a stop for a picnic lunch along the way. A packed lunch is recommended for longer weekend walks.
- Footwear – good boots help to prevent slipping and give support to the ankles.

WALKS START LOCATIONS

The location of walk start points are now given as **Postcode**, **Grid Reference** and **what3words**.

To use the postcode with a satnav app:

1. Click on the postcode. Google maps opens directly. The link to Google maps now provides the exact location of the start of the walk.
2. If you enter the postcode manually into a satnav app, please be aware that postcodes cover a significant area especially outside of built up areas and will not necessarily lead exactly to the walk start point.

To use the what3words codes with a satnav app:

1. Click on the **what3words** for the walk. what3words webpage opens.
2. Select "Navigate"
3. Select your preferred satnav app

To use the grid reference with a satnav app:

1. Click on the grid reference for the walk. **Streetmap** opens showing the start point.
2. At the bottom of the map, find the text "Click here to convert coordinates"
3. Click on the word "here". A list of alternatives is displayed
4. Copy the numbers from the line "Lat, Long (WGS84)"
5. Paste the text into Google maps

Programme of Walks October - December 2025

Weds 1st October - Easthampstead 5½ miles approx. Meet 10:30 am at Great Hollands Recreation Ground car park [RG40 3DN SU851662, ever.quit.clip](#) Walk through Crowthorne Wood, and Caesars Camp Fort. Packed lunch stop on way. Walk will include no significant hills, and would it surprise you the possibility of some mud depending on the weather. [Download Route](#)
Phil Sweeney 07808 721 551. (walk lead by Bontsi the Labrador)

Sat 4th October - Cowleaze Wood and Wormsley Valley 8 miles. Meet 10.00 am car park entrance to Cowleaze Wood, Christmas Common Road. [OX49 5HX, SU725955 compacts.captions.balance](#) Walk through Cowleaze Wood to Northend, Christmas Common and back to Cowleaze Wood. Bring lunch.
Sally Sinclair-Webb 07890 361 862 and Martin Eatough 07400 373 671.

Weds 8th October - Clayfield Copse 5½ miles approx. Meet 10:30 am at Clayfield Copse car park. [RG4 6QN SU725767 mutual.hero.spray](#). Walk through Blackhouse Wood, Clayfield Copse, Crowsley Park, Binfield Heath, Dunsden Green. Packed lunch stop on way, possible stop at Loddon Valley brewery if it's open (beer coffee cakes burgers may be available). *Ann Marie Melville 07939 078 310.*

Sat 11th October - Wokefield to Calleva via St James Way Approx 8 miles. Returning via Mortimer West End. Meet 10.00 at Wokefield Common Car Park south of Burghfield Common. [RG7 3JG SU653662 boost.linen.needed](#) No 2 bus stops at Tesco – 5 mins walk way. Details on request.
Bring packed lunch. *Hilary Dewey 07747 047 078.*

Weds 15th October - Mapledurham Circular Walk: 5 miles. Meet 10.30 Mapledurham playing fields [RG4 7LD SU699759 either.parts.prep](#) Bring a packed lunch. Walking through and alongside quiet woodland. Packed lunch at St Margaret's Church in the village of Mapledurham.
Tina Gusterson 07473 822 206.

Wed 22nd October - Meet Wickham church (Elephant Chapel) 6 Miles. [RG20 8HD SU394715 cute.writers.suggested](#) Walk to Stibbs Wood, Radley Farm, Clapton, Wormstall. Bring packed lunch.
Christabel Winny 01189 264 134 or (on day only) 07514 354 500.

Sat 25th October - Sulham Woods - 5-6 miles. Meet at 10:00 am at The Barn Community Centre/ Purley Sports and Social Club. [RG88DR, SU655760, pillow.fortunate.jelly](#) The walk takes in Westbury Farm Cottage and then on to Sulham woods. *Bring lunch. John Cahill 07842 307 741.*

Weds 29th October - Windsor Great Park - 5 miles. Meet 10.30am at Virginia Water car park. [GU25 4QF SU980688 hello.slowly.orbit](#) Car park is rather expensive so suggest park in lay-by on A30. [GU25 4NX SU976683 salads.empty.print](#) (approx position) whence quarter mile to start. *Tom Harrison 07483 227 836.*

Sun 2nd November - 3 Gates and a Toastie, 6 miles. Meet 10:00am Nettlebed Kiln. [RG9 5AX, SU702868, otters.completed.driver](#). Walk via Park Corner, Park Wood, Hayden Lane and Howberrywood visiting 3 Club Gates finishing with a toastie (optional) at The Cheese Shed.
Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161, C (on day only) 07587 852 659

Weds 5th November - Streatley and Ridgeway 5.5 miles. Meet 10:30 Warren Farm, Rectory Road, Streatley, [RG8 9QE SU566812 nozzles.scouted.executive](#). Walk via the Ridgeway path to Aldworth church. Return via Kiddington Cottage. Bring lunch. [Map and Route](#).
Chris Jones 07754 699 160 Pam Johnson 07985 470 651.

Sun 9th November - Meet 10:00am large car park road end, East Burnham Common. [SL2 3LB SU956850 income.news.drew](#). Stoke Common, Fulmer, Hedgerley and return through Burnham Beeches. Bring lunch. *Sally Sinclair-Webb 07890 361 862 and Martin Eatough 07400 373 671.*

Weds 12th November - Meet 10:30 Waltham St Lawrence Church /The Bell Public house, just over 5 miles. [RG10 0JN SU829769 sizes.washroom.toggle](#) Down to Hungerford Lane through West End then towards Shottesbrooke Park and home. *Terry Brown 07956 511 252.*

Sat 15th November Woolhampton Aldermaston, 6½ miles approx. Meet 10.00 at The Rowbarge, Woolhampton. [RG7 5SH SU572664, divided.tacky.uproot.](#) Walk via Aldermaston, Padworth Mill, and Aldermaston Wharf. Walk will include not a single hill, a couple of stiles, and would it surprise you the possibility of some mud depending on the weather. Some paths prone to flooding, so route may change on the day. [Download Route.](#) *Phil Sweeney 07808 721 551 (walk lead by Bontsi the Labrador)*

Weds 19th November - Eversley - Heath Warren 5.5 miles. Meet 10:30 at Eversley St. Mary's church, [RG27 0PX, SU779609 hacksaw.also.strides.](#) Walk through Warren Heath, Heath Warren and Bramshill plantation. [Map and Route.](#) *Dave Edelman 07821 539 265 or 01189 876 268.*

Sat 22 Nov – Peppard Common, 7 miles. Meet 10:00am Peppard Common, [RG9 5LB SU709818 computers.spits.notices](#) parking near Red Lion PH or around the green on the other side of the B481. Walk via Kent's Hill, Highlands Farm, Henley and Greys Court. *Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161, C (on day only) 07587 852 659.*

Weds 26th November - Russells Water 5½ miles approx. Meet 10:30 am at Russells Water Common [RG9 6EX SU718887, Feelers.once.deprives.](#) To Maidensgrove and Russells Water via Pishill, Hollandridge Farm, and Pishill Bottom. Packed lunch stop on way. Walk will include plenty of hills, some steep, and would it surprise you the possibility of some mud depending on the weather. [Download Route](#) *Phil Sweeney 07808 721 551. (walk lead by Bontsi the Labrador)*

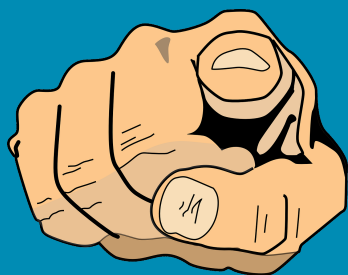
Sun 30th November - Ridgeway 10 miles. Meet 10am at Blewbury car park. [OX11 9HB SU526856. slopes.lasted.spaces.](#) Returning for tea and cake at the Garden Centre. *Tom Harrison 07483 227 836.*

Weds 3rd December ~ Merry Christmas Lunch

Weds 10th December - Roman Walls, 6 miles. Meet 10:30am Silchester Roman Town North Wall car park [RG7 2HJ, SU635628, afterglow.inherits.breathing.](#) Walk via West End Green and Roman Walls. *Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161. C (on day only) 07587 852 659.*

Weds 17th December - Wokefield Common 5 mile. Meet 10.30am Mortimer Village car park. [RG7 3RD SU655645 pops.bright.overnight.](#) Start with warm mulled wine and mince pies to alert the Christmas spirit. *Tom Harrison 07483 227 836.*

Sun 28th December - Post Pudding Perambulation, 6-7 miles. Meet 10:00am Peppard Common. [RG9 5LB SU709818, computers.spits.notices.](#) Parking near Red Lion PH or around the green on the other side of the B481. A wander around the area to walk off the effects of Christmas pudding.~ *Robert and Christine Hurn 01189 507 696, mobs R 07810 364 161.*



We need more leaders.

If you haven't led a walk before why not give it a go. There's whole library of walks on the website & plenty of people willing to help if you get stuck.

Please send walk offers for next quarter to Dave Edelman rrc.walks.coordinator@gmail.com Before 1st December 2025

Booking Form



Merry Christmas Lunch

at Badgemore Park Golf Club – Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Cost £33.50 2 courses, £39.00 3 courses.

Post to: Marion Hodgson, 55 Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading, RG6 5UL

or Email to: marion.bh.hodgson@gmail.com

Name: Tel:

Address / Email: Mob:

Please reserve places for the above.

I enclose cheque for £ payable to **Reading Rambling Club by 20th November** please.

For online payment: (Sort code 089299 A/C No. 65274075) use ref: XMAS.

Menu Choices

Make your choice from the menu on page 3 and enter your choices (bold keyword) below.

(e.g. Soup, Turkey and Pudding). For two courses just leave one column blank.

Please Print a copy for your own reference.

Name	Starter	Main	Dessert