

EAST KENT RAMBLING CLUB
NEWSLETTER
November 2023 to February 2024

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1. WALK LEADERS

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our walk leaders, both the 'old hands' and those who have recently joined the team. We are delighted that some folk have decided to offer walks for the first time, and would encourage everyone to support them. There is always room for more leaders, so if it's something you're considering, please contact a member of the committee to ask for more details. A gentle reminder to all walkers to check on those behind them, particularly at junctions. Also, please remember to welcome anyone walking with the group for the first time. And finally, it's helpful if you could let Jenny have your mobile number as well as the other walk details for the programme.

2. WEBSITE

We are grateful to Carol for all the work she has put into revamping our website. If you have any feedback, please send it to her at carolbar47@googlemail.com And if you haven't yet taken a look, please do! www.eastkentramblingclub.com

3. PHOTOS

One or two people have asked what the position is with regard to photos being taken on walks and put on the website. The Club has had a Data Protection Act policy in place since 2018, and the paragraph dealing with members' information and in particular that of images is included on the Membership Forms. All members have either signed at the 2018 AGM or been sent an agreement to be signed and returned attesting to this. This includes the information that should they not want to have any such images used they are required to write to the Treasurer/Membership Secretary who would note their preference and also inform the Website administrator. A copy of the relevant paragraphs is here:

- i. East Kent Rambling Club (EKRC) requests the above personal data solely to enable the committee to keep you updated on future events and activities and to manage the collection of membership fees. The EKRC undertakes to hold this data securely in accordance with current data protection regulations. Signing and dating this form confirms your consent to EKRC holding this data.

- ii. East Kent Rambling Club (EKRC) seeks your agreement to the publishing of photographic images depicting club events, in printed material and on the club website. You may be identifiable in some of these images. Signing and dating this form confirms your consent to EKRC holding and publishing such images.

Photos are always welcome for the website, but as a matter of courtesy, please would members check that everyone is happy to be photographed.

4. NEW YEAR'S LUNCH


This will take place on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at Canterbury Golf Club. Further details and a booking form are at the end of this newsletter. All past and present members are warmly invited.

5. EASTBOURNE HOLIDAY 2024

There has been a terrific response to the Eastbourne Holiday and this is now fully booked. If you have signed up for this Tracey will be contacting you later in the year and asking for a £25 pp deposit for shared with £10 extra for those in single occupancy. This will be non-refundable and will need to be paid by *7 January 2024* to secure your place.

6. POSSIBLE TRIP ON THE iconic sailing barge 'GRETA' from Whitstable Harbour 2024

Suggested Sailing Trip to The 'Red Forts'.

- It is proposed, if there is sufficient interest, to arrange a sailing trip to visit The World War Forts designed by Guy Maunsell. Proposed date will be June and space is limited to 12 passengers.
- Tea or Coffee will be served on board by the Skipper Steve Norris. You can take your own picnic lunch & drink (including your own ).
- The sailing time is approx six hours leaving & returning to Whitstable Harbour, but the exact date in June will be announced in April; the time will be dependent on tides.
- The Greta is a large sailing barge with a lower deck with toilet facilities and can only accommodate 12 passengers both above and below deck.
- Approximate cost will be £48

If you think you might be interested or would like to ask for more information contact Betty Sherry by email at bettysherry40@yahoo.co.uk

7. FOOTPATH REPORT

ROGER KING'S RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

For more information please phone Roger on 01304 362730 or e-mail roger.rambler89@outlook.com

KCC General News

No major news from KCC Brabourne in recent months. It appears that the summer clearance contract went satisfactorily, but no news as yet as to the Cropping Campaign which focuses on paths at historic risk of blockage by crops. With all such issues, some of our "recommendations" are included, which is why, as always, that it is so important (even if crops can't be cleared *this* year) to record any problems we meet at <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx> so that the KCC PROW Service know what's going on, and can bid for resources accordingly.

Again, the White Cliffs Group "Slashers" continue their good work in vegetation clearance. So if YOU discover an overgrown path in the Folkestone, Dover or Thanet areas, do contact them (perhaps via me?).

One unfortunate negative is that due to the lack of volunteers, the Ramblers appear to have discontinued (at least temporarily) their twice-yearly liaison meetings with the KCC PROW team, so less news is to hand.

Local Development Proposals

The Waldershare Deer Park is dead, but having had one proposal thrown out, Quinn's have resubmitted an application for a 120 bed hotel at Betteshanger Country Park. All quiet for the moment on the housing issues in Sholden. But a new proposal is for 71 houses on the SE edge of Wingham, off the Staple Road, which would totally change the character of footpath EE174, although it would stay on its present alignment.

Path change news – still pretty busy. The most important issues since the last Newsletter are:

- **Sholden bridleway ER233** from the main A258 through to the Blue Pigeons Farm, Worth – the issue with holes caused by beavers was resolved and the route is fully open again.

a. Orders confirmed:

- **Bishopsbourne: footpaths south of the old Bishopsbourne station upgraded to bridleways.**

From opposite Bishopbourne railway station bridge up towards the woodland and then as far south as Pheasant's Hall (1.25 miles along footpaths CB289/291). Also the section of CB295 from the end of Park Lane (by the "Mermaid") up to the point at which the path turns west out of the sunken lane (a bridleway cul-de-sac!)

- **Goodnestone bridleway EE269 – now upgraded to restricted byway status.** It runs parallel with the road and track through the main village, but about a third of a mile to the west - from Goodnestone Road/ Cave Lane in the north (GR 256 555) south to the junction of the Adisham and Ratling roads (GR 247 542).

b. Orders made:

– **Staple and Goodnestone claims and upgradings now with the Planning Inspectorate.** The proposed creation of new byways from the Staple-Wingham road (GR 262 568) south via Little Twitham to bridleway EE269A at GR 263 559; the upgrading of bridleway EE269A on southwards to Goodnestone Road; and the upgrading of footpath EE190 from Staple church to Claypits. All of these claims were objected to, and are being dealt with by written representations to the Planning Inspectorate. Results available by Christmas?

– **Dunkirk ZR536** – a small diversion of this footpath around the parcel of land just east of Christchurch House, by the Old Dunkirk Vicarage. Area of GR 074 589, just south of the road at the top of the old A2 hill.

– **Sturry (Calcott) CB54** – diversion of this footpath away from the buildings of Woodlands Farm (area of GR 177 631), onto an existing track to the north. No extra distance involved. This would also result in the extinguishment of a short (now redundant) section of connecting restricted byway CB54A.

– **Doddington ZR281 and ZR283** - diversion of this footpath further south and west of Down Court Farm (GR 929 577) for security reasons, emerging onto Down Court Road slightly further west. The order includes the extinguishment of part of footpath ZR283, which passes through the buildings of Down Court Farm, and is currently obstructed by a storage facility.

c. New claims

– **Ottinge (Elham parish), claim of new restricted byway.** This would run from Millhill Farm (GR 168 429) north-west to Mount Farm (GR 162 433), north of Ottinge. If approved, this effectively makes the whole route from Canterbury Road (the main Elham Valley Road) through to Magpie Lane into a public right of way - where it is not already classed as a public road.

d. Other current path issues:

Live issues not mentioned above (orders made but not determined, or consultations in progress), exist at Alkham, Aylesham (development affected), Barham, Blean Woods, Eastry, Faversham, Guston, Kennington, Lower Hardres, Monks Horton, Nonington, Oare, Stelling Minnis, Throwley and Woodnesborough. I said things were busy! Full details available for anyone interested, but I'd let you know by e-mail if something really important happened.

East Kent Rambling Club

Annual Meal

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October 2023

Dear Member

**New Year Annual Lunch Wednesday 10th January 2024
Canterbury Golf Club, Scotland Hills, Littlebourne Road,
Canterbury, CT11 1TW**

We are again returning to the Canterbury Golf Club. The cost is £24 which includes gratuities. If you have celebrated your 80th birthday since last year's meal and before this year's meal there is no charge. I would appreciate it if you will indicate this on your selection form.

There will be a choice from 4 mains and 4 desserts, followed by coffee/tea. If you wish to join us please fill in the separate form selecting your choice of meal. It will be 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm with seating as before (tables of 8 places).

I would appreciate all forms returned by 1st December 2024, by post or email as above, together with your payment by bank transfer or a cheque made payable to East Kent Rambling Club.

Thank you, and hope to see you there.

Carol

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Wednesday 10th January 2024 - 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m.

Canterbury Golf Club, Scotland Hills, Littlebourne Road, Canterbury CT1 1TW

Please complete the form by marking your selection and return to: Carol Barrett, 'Wimpoles', 19 Elizabeth Way, Herne Bay CT66ET-**No later than 1st December 2023, indicating below which payment method you choose or if you celebrated your 80th birthday.**

£24 including gratuity

Cheques made payable to: **East Kent Rambling Club** or bank transfer to:

Sort code – **20-17-92**

Account No – **50342688**

Reference – **Your Surname**

Cheque/Bank Transfer

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Pan-Fried Chicken breast	<input type="checkbox"/>	Profiteroles	<input type="checkbox"/>
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