

EAST KENT RAMBLING CLUB NEWSLETTER
November 2025 to February 2026

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After a beautiful summer it is shaping up to be a beautiful autumn, and our members are enjoying some great walks, both leisurely and not so leisurely. In this copy of the EKRC newsletter you will find:

An update on Club Holidays including the Caravan Break at St Margaret at Cliffe in November, the June 2026 holiday in The Peak District, and the Eastbourne Holiday in September 2026.

Information about EKRC on social media.

The latest Footpaths Report from Roger.

A hint about what Betty and Tina might be planning for social events....

Information for those members who receive the newsletter and programme by post.

Information about the Annual Meal on 14th January 2026.

AN UPDATE ON CLUB HOLIDAYS

The Caravan Break in November

This is fully booked, but members are invited to join Tina and others on the walks planned on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week (4th, 5th and 6th November). Details are in the Walks Programme.

The June 2026 holiday in The Peak District

This is also fully booked (the early bird catches the worm with EKRC...). If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please contact Peter Fletcher (peter.fletcher1961@gmail.com). Here is a reminder of the details:

The holiday is for four nights from 29 June 2026 at the HF 'Peveril of the Peak' in Dovedale. Further details are available in the HF 2025/6 brochure, Page 42, or on their website. People are free to extend their stay or visit other locations at the start and end of the holiday if they wish. Members will be responsible for organising their own transport to and from the hotel, with car sharing where possible. The price includes breakfast, packed lunch and dinner (with choices selected the day before). In addition, HF will provide walk leaders each day (long and short walks) and we are advised that they provide transport between the hotel and the start/end of the walks. There will be evening entertainment at the hotel.

The Eastbourne Holiday in September 2026

This is not fully booked!! You will have had an email from Sue about it, but here it is again:

Malcolm has asked me to update members regarding the Eastbourne Walking Holiday. He tells me that everyone who has contacted him to date has been allocated the rooms they asked for at the advertised price.

There is still space should anyone else want to join us.

The holiday is based at the Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne. As those of you who have been to this hotel before know, it is in the town with local attractions and with transport links to the surrounding area. The accommodation would be 4 nights from 21 September with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. The cost would be £372 per person sharing a double/twin room. Should you want a room with a sea view there would be a supplement of £15 per person, per night.

Unfortunately, all non-supplement single rooms have now been taken up and if you did want a single room there would be an additional cost of £30 per night – making a total of £492 for the 4 nights. There would be a leisurely and a longer walk on each of the three days, with the possibility of a short walk on the morning of the last day. The start of the walks would be either from the hotel or accessed by public transport.

If you are interested please phone Malcolm on 07392 413098. If you have any questions I know Malcolm will be pleased to answer them.

EKRC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a new committee member, Kas Wynn, who has kindly taken on responsibility for our website and other social media matters.

Photos

Anyone who would like to contribute photos to our website and social media would be very welcome to do so. Submissions from any of the walks or social events would be gratefully received.

Please send your photos to Kas

The same day or the next day for Facebook/Instagram posts via WhatsApp to 07763 226849

By Friday for the website via WhatsApp or email kaswynn@sky.com

The website and social media represent our group so suggestions and contributions from everyone are much appreciated and valued.

WhatsApp Group

Kas is going to set up a WhatsApp group for those walkers who use WhatsApp as a useful communication facility and handy reference app. This will enable:

the admin person to contact walkers with information and updates

walkers and walk leaders to communicate in an emergency

the walks programme and social events to be available on WhatsApp

If you would like to be included in the WhatsApp group, please send your request to Kas 07763 226849 from your mobile phone and include your full name in the message. She can then set you up in the directory. The WhatsApp group will go live shortly after the publication of the new walks programme. ***This will be in addition to, not instead of, the emails you receive.***

FOOTPATHS REPORT

ROGER KING'S RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) REPORT

For more information please phone Roger on 07779 533 583 or e-mail

roger.rambler89@outlook.com

Do report problems to KCC

Unfortunately, due to staff shortages and the need to check both on paths affected by so many new development proposals, and on the new clearance contractor's work, there was no Cropping Campaign this summer. Otherwise not a lot to report from KCC – for whom the White Cliffs path clearers do an increasingly fantastic job (see the WC Facebook pages). So just the usual line to say – do report any problems you encounter to KCC online to inform their future actions, e.g. a 2026 Cropping Campaign, and path clearances by their contractors, at:

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>.

Local Development Proposals (I could write pages as they are everywhere!)

Housing

We learnt that the huge Blean development had been cancelled, but Canterbury CC housing has to go somewhere, so: major proposals at Brooklands Farm, Whitstable, ref 25/00779 (South Street area), Sturry (north of Popes Lane), and Strode Farm (Lower Herne). Also under huge pressure is the village of Sellindge, with literally hundreds of new houses in the pipeline. The latest of these were confirmed last month with the approval of 105 homes close to the village school, just north of the A20, (Elm Tree Farm, ref 24/1413). All of these sites have PROW either crossing the site or running along the boundary.

Solar Farms

The latest large proposals are: at Tyler Hill, north of the village off the Hackington Road (no official application as yet – it appears that PROW will be nearby but not directly affected). Also in Nonington parish in the valley to the west of the Thornton Lane to Elvington byway (EE335). This will impact directly on footpaths EE323 and EE264. And of course the fate of the massive (400 acres) Stonestreet Green proposal at Aldington, which adversely affects a number of footpaths, has yet to be decided.

Minster Marshes electrical converter station

Formal plans for this huge development, whose buildings will tower some 100 feet above the marshes, were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the National Grid in the spring. We have now reached the next stage in the process which could lead to this part of the Sea Link project being built. Oral representations are due to be received at Sandwich in early November, and written representations can still be made. No PROW would be *directly* affected, although many are nearby, but the character of the wetland area would be very significantly changed. More information via the link below (especially the "Planning Information" tab).

<https://www.minstermarshes.com/>

Path change Orders confirmed:

- Sutton footpath EE422 – now upgraded to bridleway status. EE422 runs northwards from Sutton Lane (the lane from Ripple to Beacon Hill) at GR 343 501, up to and over Beacon Hill, and then down again to the road at Little Mongeham (GR 333 509). A route often used on club walks.

- Doddington footpaths ZR281/283 – footpaths rerouted at Down Court Farm. An Inspector decided that the proposals at Down Court Farm (GR 929 577), NW of the village, should go ahead. Essentially, paths passing through the farm buildings will be removed and rerouted a little further to the west and south.

- Wingham & Goodnestone byways EE496/497. An Inspector finally decided that these new routes *should* be created - as byways. EE496 will be open to all (including motorised) traffic from the Staple-Wingham road as far as Little Twitham Farm (GR 262 566). From there southwards to the junction with existing PROW at GR 262 559, EE497 will be open to all *except* motorised traffic. A long saga has finally come to an end.

- Langdon & St Margarets restricted byway ER307 created. A new 0.75 mile restricted byway has been created between the top of Lucerne Lane, Martin village, at GR 340 470, passing SE under the railway and emerging onto the main Dover-Deal A258 at GR 351 467, a little way west of Oxney Bottom. Since this is a relatively narrow, very busy road with no footways, a long way from the next nearest right of way, this new route is unfortunately of dubious value.

Order made - but no decision as yet:

- Woodnesborough EE504. This would create an 0.7 mile bridleway from the 90 degree bend in Sandwich Road west of Hammill at GR 290 559, north-east to the junction of the Eastry-Staple road and Ringlemere Lane at GR 296 567. The northern section of the route is already a useable track on the ground.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

Betty and Tina are thinking about: a trip to see the seals at Sandwich and a walk, and a trip to the Ramsgate Tunnels and a walk. Tina is also considering another caravan break. Malcolm has plans for another quiz in the spring. Details of all these trips will be in future newsletters and also be published via email.

A NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE CLUB INFORMATION BY POST

We will all have noticed that postage costs are continuing to rise. If you could manage without a paper copy of the walks programme and newsletter, please let Sue Slater know on sue.slater11@btinternet.com or phone on 01227 455750.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEAL

See the following pages for the information on the Annual Meal and Menu Choices.

East Kent Rambling Club

Annual Meal

Mrs Carol Barrett
'Wimpoles'
19 Elizabeth Way
Herne Bay
Kent CT6 6ET
07894336347
carolbar47@googlemail.com

October 2025

Dear Member

**New Year Annual Lunch Wednesday 14th January 2026
Canterbury Golf Club, Scotland Hills, Littlebourne Road,
Canterbury, CT11 1TW**

We are again returning to the Canterbury Golf Club, the cost is £29 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 the selection form, which can be downloaded, filled in and returned by email or by return of post.

It has been decided that there will be a change of time to take into account the darker evening and for those that drive. You will also note that there is a £5 supplement for those who wish to have cheese instead of a sweet dessert.

There will be a choice from 4 mains and 3 desserts or cheese & biscuits followed by Coffee/Tea. If you wish to join us please fill in the separate form selecting your choice of meal. It will be 12.00 pm. for 12.30 pm. with seating as before on tables of 8 places.

Please return all forms by 1st December 2025, 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 hope to see you there.

Carol

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Annual Lunch

Wednesday 14th January 2026 - 12.00 pm. for 12.30 pm.
Canterbury Golf Club, Scotland Hills, Littlebourne Road, Canterbury CT1 1TW

Please complete the form, indicating your selection - see **full details on separate sheet** and return to: Carol Barrett, 'Wimpoles', 19 Elizabeth Way, Herne Bay CT66ET-**No later than 1st December 2025, indicating below which payment method you choose or if you celebrated your 80th birthday.**

£29 including gratuity

£34 to include cheese

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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Main		Dessert	
Braised Steak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Berry Pavlova	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salmon Fillet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Profiteroles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confit of Duck Leg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tiramisu	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cauliflower Steak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheese & Biscuits (£5)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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