

Traditional T^oring Club

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TRIP & SOCIAL SHEET FEBRUARY – MARCH 2026

PLEASE NOTE: YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BOOK TRIPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGH TRIP LEADERS.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE WITH YOU ON ALL TTC EVENTS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR 'IN CASE OF EMERGENCY' DETAILS ARE SHOWN ON THE REVERSE. PEOPLE ON A TASTER EVENT MUST ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE 'IN CASE OF EMERGENCY' DETAILS ON THEIR PERSON.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR AN EVENT TO BE ENTERED ON THE TRIP SHEET IS FRI 13TH MARCH.

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CYCLES / WALKS

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR TTC GARMENTS ON TRIPS

WALK EVERY MONDAY WALK TO BENFLEET Approx 5 miles. No need to book. Meet **10:30am** at Osborne's Cockle Stall in Old Leigh, by the sea wall. We have lunch in a pub in Benfleet and either walk back or return by public transport. **Contact Jackie.**

WALK SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY ROBERT'S LONDON WALK A walk, seeing some churches, memorials and places in the City and West End that are connected to well known (and maybe not so well known) historical figures. Some of the figures have a connection to each other. Meet **8:30am** at Leigh Station for the train to London. A Travelcard is recommended, as there are a few quite short tube journeys involved. **Contact Robert.**

WALK SATURDAY 7TH MARCH THE WARSHIP LONDON SHIPWRECK (sunk in the Thames Estuary off Southend in 1665) - **Walk & Talk.** A walk along the length of Southend's Pier with the amazing volunteer dive team that have been working on the wreck for over a decade. Hear from Steve and Carol, about what it's like to dive in the Thames, right on the edge of the shipping lane. Learn about the wonderful recovered objects that have been saved from the wreck site and that are now displayed at Southend Central Museum. Cost is £10 (plus booking fee with eventbrite) this does not include the pier entrance. Proceeds go to the *Save the London Shipwreck Project*. Sally will lead a walk to the Pier and back, **meet at her house at 9am**, or meet at the pier. Contact Sally if you are interested and for further information.

CYCLE SUNDAY 8TH MARCH LOCAL CIRCULAR CYCLE around Barling & Wakering. A gentle ride of approx. 13 miles. Meet **10:30am** by Ocean Beach on the seafront. We will stop for coffee at Gossips before heading back to Ocean Beach via East Beach. To put your name down **contact Susan Alder (not on the cycle app).**

WALK FRIDAY 13TH MARCH WALK AND BOWLING Meet **3pm** at Sally's house, 25 Meadow Drive, S-on-S, SS1 3DJ, to walk to Kingpins or meet there at **3:40pm**. Cost is £11:05 for 2 games. *A meal after, to be arranged nearer the date.* **Contact Sally.**

WALK SUNDAY 15TH MARCH HAROLD WOOD TO UPMINSTER BRIDGE 4.3 miles. This is section 22 of the London Loop and includes pavement, path and field edge walking. It could be muddy in places. You will need a return to Upminster and a bus pass if you have one. Meet at Leigh Station for the **9:12** train. **Contact Susan Pierce.**

CYCLE FRIDAY 20TH MARCH ANOTHER CARESS YOUR SADDLE CYCLE 19.26 miles of pleasant cycling along country lanes and byways. Please wear something bright. Meet **10am** at Owl's Hill Tearooms, Terling, CM3 2PW. **Contact Stuart Budds preferably via cycle APP.**

WALK SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 'INDIA' REVISITED A wonderful opportunity to visit some of India's best cultural displays and an option to dip into their cuisine. Meet **17:45** at Leigh Station, returning approximately at **21:45**. Really not to be missed. **Contact Ron or just meet at the station.**

WALK FRIDAY 5TH OR SUNDAY 7TH JUNE GUIDED WALK AROUND BELFAIRS FOLLOWED BY A CREAM TEA. Further details to follow.

WALK SUNDAY 26TH APRIL WALK AND GUIDED TOUR THREE MILLS BROMLEY-BY-BOW C2C from Leigh to West Ham then DLR to Stratford for coffee stop. A walk of about one mile from Stratford to the mill. A guided tour of the mill which has been on the site for 1000 years and is the largest tidal mill in the world. There is a café at the mill which sells snacks and hot drinks or there are benches outside for picnics. Another walk of about one mile to Star Line then the DLR back to West Ham. The walk forms part of 'The Line', a public art trail. The cost of the **tour is £10** per person which should be paid to **Traditional Touring Club, 20-19-97, 13-933-709 ref. Three Mills** or by cash or cheque. You will need a return to West Ham and two journeys of one stop on the tube. **Meet at Leigh Station for the 09.12. Contact Susan Pierce.**

CYCLE SUNDAY 10TH MAY RIDE FOR HELEN The biggest cycling event in the county is back and celebrating its 12th year! To mark this special anniversary the Fundraising Team promises the event to be the best yet! It will start and finish within the beautiful setting of The **Crix Estate in Hatfield Peverel**. There will be a buzzing event hub, dedicated volunteer marshals en route, refreshments and a prestigious celebratory medal for all participants. *Cost for the 15 & 30 miles is £20.* For further details **contact Susan Alder.**

WALK AND GUIDED TOUR FRIDAY 5TH JUNE BELFAIRS WOODS Meet at the **Visitor Centre in Belfairs from 1.15 for a 1.30 start.** There will be a guided walk of about one hour, a presentation of about 30 mins on the history and nature of the woods and the work of the Wildlife Trust and a cream tea. **Cost of walk/talk/tea £10** per person which should be paid to **Traditional Touring Club, 20-19-97, 13-933-709 ref. Belfairs** or by cash or cheque. Meet at Belfairs Visitor Centre. **Contact Susan Pierce.**

CLUB TRIPS

18TH to 24TH MAY 2026 CHRIS BLOWERS Saga Holiday to ITALY is now full.

JUNE 28TH 2026 NEWQUAY AND ITS 7 BAYS Eight days, fully inclusive holiday, which includes Breakfast, Dinner, Excursions and Evening entertainment. Coach travel, leaving from The Elms (time to be arranged). Lots of opportunities for **walking the coastal paths** and visiting some of the **Gardens of Cornwall**. Cost is **£615pp**. A **£50 Deposit** is required. Early booking is advised as places go very quickly. If interested, please **contact Elaine**.

14TH– 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 LOCHS & GLENS - ARDGARTAN HOTEL Nightly Entertainment, Luxury Coach Travel. Excursions include: Helensburgh, Hill House & Submarine Centre, Isle of Arran & Broddick Castle, Glasgow & Riverside Museum, Cruise of Loch Lomond, etc. Cost is £774 pp, half board. Now also open to non-TTC friends and family. No single rooms left. Double rooms and twin bedded rooms available. £30 deposit, with the balance, by the end of July 2026. **Contact Jenny Kwakwa.**

SPRING OF 2027 FOOTHILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS A trip exploring the countryside of north-east **India, Nepal and Bhutan**. The trip is in the early stages of planning with our man, Sheesh, in India, but we are considering visiting Darjeeling for the toy train and tea plantations, Kolkata for the Sunderban Wildlife national park, Varanasi for the Ganges ritual, Kathmandu and surrounding countryside and Bhutan where we will climb up to see the famous Tiger's Nest. **UPDATE**, Sheesh, is currently working on the itinerary. No definite details at the moment as flights are not yet available but we're looking at the end of February, beginning of March 2027 as a departure. *Could all those interested in the trip please Text/Whatsapp me your email details so that I can forward itinerary details when I have them.* **Caroline.**

CLUB SOCIAL

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEAL Gold Coast, 202 Eastern Esplanade, Southend, SS1 3AD. A very good Chinese restaurant. A **£10 deposit** is required. For further details, please visit: **Menus – Gold Coast**. Meet **7pm. Contact Pip.**

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH BOOK CLUB Meet at Jackie's from **7:30pm** to discuss **'Adolf Hitler: My Part in his Downfall'** by **Spike Milligan. Phone Jackie.**

Two trips (walks or cycles) or short events (e.g. monthly meals) are allowed as 'tasters' by non-members, before they are required to join the TTC. Please note that holidays and longer trips are open only to fully paid up TTC members. Everyone participating in TTC organised walks or cycles should familiarise themselves with the TTC Safety Guidelines and the Disability Statement - not just for their own safety, but also for that of other people taking part in the event. PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN ON CYCLING TRIPS, WEARING A CRASH HELMET AND HI VIS GARMENT IS STRONGLY ADVISED. People should let the trip leader know of any health issues that might affect their ability to participate fully in the activity. Members participate in walks or cycles at their own risk.

Please note: in order to be fully compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulations, be aware that the Traditional Touring Club (the club) currently holds personal data in the form of your name, address, email address, etc. that you have previously provided to the club. The club values your support and promises to respect your privacy. The club only holds this personal data for the purposes of providing information to you in respect of the club's events and activities, and for other club purposes. The club will never share your data with third parties, for marketing purposes. You have the right to withdraw your data at any time.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON: WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH, 8pm at the Constitutional Club, 116 - 118, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SQ.