

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Wye to Canterbury	Walk No.	372
Area	East Kent	Type	Linear
Date	Thursday 28 th July, 2022		
Distance	12 miles (18 km)		
Timing	<p>About four and a half hours walking time + travel + lunch stop. Allow 8 hours in total.</p> <p>Therefore expect to be back at St Pancras station by 6.20pm (5.20pm if earlier train caught).</p>		
Meeting up & travel	<p>Group to meet at St Pancras by platforms for Kent trains (11-13). Get 10.12am to Wye, arrive 11.11am. Return: 5.26pm from Canterbury West, arrive St Pancras at 6.21pm (4.26pm may be possible depending on time for lunch and group's speed!). Cost of return (St Pancras to Canterbury) with senior railcard £21.80. Meet leader (Jan) when getting off platform at Wye.</p>		
Route	<p>From Wye, we soon join the North Downs Way (also the ancient Pilgrims Way), and follow it to the beautiful hilltop village of Chilham, Kent's answer to south west France's bastide towns, and our lunch stop. We then switch to the Stour Valley Way, going through the also very picturesque village of Chartham, bringing us finally into the middle of Canterbury and our return station, with hardly any sense of being in a built up area.</p>		
Lunch	<p>Good, simple food is available at the café in Chilham village square, with outside seating. There is also a pub in the square.</p>		
Dropping out	<p>Main line rail stations back to St Pancras close to the walk at lunch stop, at Chilham (nearly 6 miles), and Chartham (8½ miles).</p>		
Suitability	<p>Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. It is a relatively easy walk: one not too difficult ascent onto the downs, and flat, even wide paths nearly all of the way.</p> <p>Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Waterproof jacket. Check weather forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain.</p>		
Facilities	<p>There are toilets at Wye, Chilham and Canterbury.</p>		
Map & other references	<p>OS Explorers 137 and 150</p>		
Leader & contact details	<p><u>Walk Leader</u>: Jan Filochowski <u>Beforehand</u> phone: 07879698902 (leave message if necessary) e-mail: jan@filochowski.net <u>On the day</u> mobile: 07879698902</p>		