

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

REMS Charity BBQ & Thames Ditton Walk on Tuesday, 1 September 2015

This event has been organised by Tony Colclough

Description: Thames Ditton is a suburban village in Surrey set mainly on the south bank of the Thames not far from Hampton Court Palace on the north side. It also includes a substantial inhabited island in the Thames



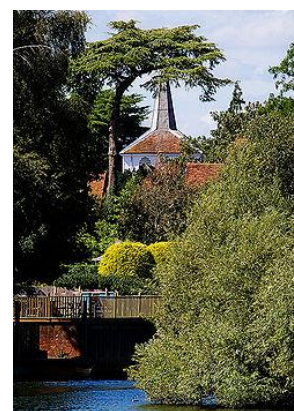
reached by a footbridge just by Ye Olde Swan, a 13C waterside inn. Old St Nicholas Church, dated from *ca.* 1120, and its cemetery lie in the centre of Thames Ditton. Following a walk around the village, a fine barbecue will be held at the organiser's home to raise money for the charity Cancer Research UK (CRUK). The food and drink will be contributed free and 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the charity. In the event of bad weather the fine BBQ will turn into a fine indoor buffet. Tea and cake will be provided before guests depart.

CRUK's website is at

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/?gclid=CJiv2oanj8UCFSEXwwodKL0ApA&dclid=C6y-Ianj8UCFVIQGwodwF4Alw> .

Where and when to meet: Assemble at 11:00 in the compact Café Noir, Platform 1, Thames Ditton Station. The manager has promised to admit anyone who buys refreshments to his w.c. Cars can park in Weston Green Road next to the station. After the walk we gather at 34 Sugden Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0AE for the BBQ.

Getting there (see map): Thames Ditton is close to Surbiton and Kingston – upon – Thames. The Station is at Station Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0PA. **By train:** Trains to Thames Ditton run from Clapham Junction and London Waterloo via Surbiton. For some, you need to change at Surbiton, but not for others. The National Rail journey planner is at: <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search> . **By car:** Parking is easy in Weston Green Road outside the Station. Set your SatNav for KT7 0PA. Possible routes: (1) From the A3. Driving westward along the A3 pass under the Tolworth roundabout where the A3 crosses the A240 and where there is a large office block on your right. Take the middle lane and pass under the next roundabout. On emerging, immediately take the left exit onto the A309 Kingston By-pass. Proceed until you come to the confusing double island known as the Scilly Isles. Take the second exit onto the A309 again (Hampton Court Way). Turn right at the next roundabout into Ember Court Road which leads to the station where you turn right passing around the central column of the bridge (pictured) into Weston Green Road to park. (2) From Kingston-upon-Thames, drive south-west along the Thames on the A307 Portsmouth Road and immediately after the Guy Salmon



Dealership and the Angel pub on your left, turn right into Giggs Hill by the Green. At the end near the Cricket Club turn right into Watts Road, then left by the George & Dragon into Station Road. This takes you to Thames Ditton Station where you turn left under the bridge (pictured) into Weston Green Road to park. (3) To the BBQ for those parked near the station. Leave the walk shortly before its end to collect your cars. To drive to the BBQ venue, head east along Station Road, turn right at the George & Dragon and left onto Giggs Hill Green emerging opposite the Angel pub. Cross the

Portsmouth Road into Angel Road and on to Sugden Road at the end. Turn left and the venue is number 34 on your right.

Lunch: A BBQ or, if wet, an indoor buffet. Venue: 34 Sugden Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0AE. Those with cars parked near the station can drive the short distance to the venue and park in Sugden Road.

Timetable (times approximate):

- 11:00 Assemble at the Café Noir at Thames Ditton Station
- 11:30 - 13:00 Walk around old Thames Ditton and on to the BBQ venue
- 13:30 - 16:00 BBQ
- 16:00 - 17:00 Refreshments and depart

Size of party: 10 - 20

Cost: £15. Book and pay the IoP on line. The organiser will arrange payment to Cancer Research UK and report this to participants.

Contacts: Before the day Tony Colclough at tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk . On the day ring Tony on 020 8398 0766. NB poor mobile reception at the venue. **Late arrivals:** During the walk ring Tony on 07930 171 307

