



SOUTH WILTS RAMBLERS' GROUP
GENERAL INFORMATION AND WALKS' PROGRAMME
1 OCTOBER 2009 - 31 JANUARY 2010

http://www.ramblers-wilts.org.uk/south_wilts/

Diary dates

The **Annual General Meeting of South Wilts Group** will be on Friday 20 November 2009 at 19.30. The meeting will be held in St Thomas' House, St Thomas' Square, Salisbury. The entrance is up a small flight of steps by the millenium sundial. All members of the Group are invited. Tea, coffee and wine will be available after the meeting.

The **Area AGM** will be held on 23 January 2010. It will be hosted by the Chippenham Group. Further details to be announced.

Change of address: Please let the Membership Secretary, Roger Walker, know directly by telephone (01747 871105) or email (juderoguk@btinternet.com), if you change your address. **Email address:** Please inform the Membership Secretary (details above), if you have an email address that may be used for communications. Again, please remember to notify us if you change your email address.

Meeting arrangements: The meeting point for **Sunday** walks is **Salt Lane Car Park**, unless otherwise stated in the walk details. In the case of **Weekday** and **Saturday** walks, in an attempt to reduce the number of cars travelling to the starting point of a walk, a system is being tried whereby walk details (in some cases) will give the most suitable Park & Ride for walkers to meet and to share cars or give lifts to those without cars. **Please contact the walk leader before 6.00 pm the day before if you are proposing to use the Park & Ride.** The Park & Ride bus service, from the town centre, permits people without a car to use the bus by paying the fare or using a Bus Pass. **Starting point of walk:** On very rare occasions, alterations to the starting point of a walk shown in the programme prove necessary. If you are driving direct to the start you can telephone the leader beforehand to establish whether any such alterations have been made. Please take as few cars as possible to the start and arrange to take passengers whenever this is feasible.

Lifts: Drivers may accept donations based on: £2 for journeys taking up to ½ hour to the start; £3 for journeys taking between ½ and 1 hour to the start; £4 for journeys taking over 1 hour to the start.

Food: For short walks (under 7 miles) a pub is usually available at the end, although you can take a mid-morning snack if desired. For longer walks you should bring food unless otherwise stated.

Leaders: New leaders are always welcome. If you are interested in leading walks, please contact Donald Mackay on 01722 416167 for weekend walks or Peter Mee 01722 742828 for walks on other days. **Final details are due by 7 December.** Please send the details to Donald or Peter, as above.

Visitors, tourists and friends of members are welcome to join walks, but people who walk regularly should join The Ramblers. Please send SAE to the Membership Secretary, Roger Walker, 89 Monmouth Road, Tisbury, SP3 6NR.

Dogs brought on walks must be kept under proper control at all times.

Safety: On metalled roads walk on the right in small groups in single file. **Disclaimer:** All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and rambling is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important therefore that, when entering into the activity, each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and takes all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to arise.

Rights of Way meetings and fieldwork:

Footpath Committee Meetings - bi-monthly - ring Norman M 01725 511989 for details.

Heavy Gang - third Monday in the month - ring Graham R 01722 710796 for more information.

Light Footpath Work – second Wednesday in the month - ring Patricia 01722 710869 for information or to report blocked paths for light clearance.

OCTOBER

- Thu 01 **WIN GREEN - ASHCOMBE BOTTOM - TOLLARD ROYAL** 5.5m Hilly S.10:00 EX118/ST 923 204 (Win Green CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Jilly at start 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 04 **CODFORD ST PETER - STOCKTON WOODS** 9.5m Ornamental trees, downland, river & villages **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX143/ST 961 402 (Old A36 road) Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07704 876811
- Tue 06 **WHITEPARISH - COWESFIELD** 5m countryside and views S.10:00 EX131/SU 247 237 (Pub CP (Parish Lantern), park in local roads if not lunching.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Thu 08 **DAMERHAM CIRCULAR** 5.5m Easy walking by the Allen river S.10:00 OL22/SU 105 162 (The Compasses CP. For non lunchers park in road (possibly Village Hall CP)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Sun 11 **BISHOPS CANNINGS - CHERHILL HILL** 11m Hilly **M.09:00** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX157/SU 037 642 (Roadside near church) Ldr(s) Mike at start mob: 07775 744281
- Tue 13 **OLD SHAFTESBURY DROVE - BERWICK ST. JOHN - NORRINGTON FARM** 5.7m Spectacular views, some uphill S.10:00 EX 118/ST 965 251 (Crossing at top of hill of drovers road and road from Ansty to Alvediston.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Philip and Linde at start 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Thu 15 **PEWSEY AND THE WHITE HORSE** 6m Stroll through the Vale and Downs views S.10:00 EX130/SU 163 601 (Bouverie Hall car park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Sun 18 **ALTON BARNES - PEWSEY - TAN HILL WAY** 11.5m Hilly **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX157/SU 107 620 (Roadside by Saxon Church) Ldr(s) Neil 01722 711741
- Tue 20 **CODFORD ST PETER - UPTON LOVELL - UPTON GT BARROW** 4m A short stroll with one long uphill. S.10:00 EX 143/ST 961 402 (Park on old A36 west of village) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Ron M at start 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161
- Thu 22 **BROADCHALKE - BOWERCHALKE** 5m farmland, church and river S.10:00 EX118/SU 037 253 (PO Broadchalke (limited parking opposite, overspill in church CP to east along road)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Irene and Alan 01722 322289 mob: 07788 444851
- Sat 24 **MARTIN DOWN - PENTRIDGE - PENBURY KNOLL** 5m circular, one hill S.10:00 EX130/SU 037 201 (Martin Down CP, off main road) Pub possible. Dogs not allowed. Ldr(s) Kay at start 01722 329063
- Sun 25 **AMESBURY - GREAT DURNFORD - STONEHENGE - AMESBURY** 10m Woodland, open countryside, Normanton Barrows and Stonehenge M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.09:50** EX130/SU 152 414 (Church Street CP, Amesbury) Ldr(s) Val & Stuart at start 01980 595070 mob: 07775 764903
- Tue 27 **CADNAM - BRAMSHAW - BROOK** 5m Idyllic stroll on edge of the New Forest S.10:00 OL22/SU 293 136 (Sir John Barleycorn CP, Old Romsey Road) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Sue K 01725 511892 mob: 07887 525396
- Thu 29 **BERWICK ST JAMES - TILL VALLEY AND DOWNS** 5.5m Valley and Downs walk with broad views S.10:00 EX130/SU 071 394 (Boot Inn car park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641

NOVEMBER

- Sun 01 **DOWNTON CIRCULAR** 10m Fields and woods M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 182 213 (Downton, Moot CP) Dogs not allowed. Ldr(s) Donald at start 01722 416167
- Tue 03 **LANDFORD - EARLDOMS - HAMPTWORTH** 5.5m hamlets and countryside S.10:00 OL22/SU 263 197 (Golden Acres garden centre CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Thu 05 **CRANBORNE ESTATE** 5.7m Varied country walk in delightful Dorset countryside S.10:00 EX118/SU 057 133 (Car Park or on road nearby) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Elaine & Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 08 **FIRSDOWN - PITTON - LAVERSTOCK** 11m 6K on the Roman Road + Clarendon Palace M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.09:50** EX 130 & 131/SU 173 331 (Grass Verge, Old Malthouse Lane, off A338 East of Ford) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752
- Tue 10 **PITTON - FARLEY - WEST WINTERSLOW** 5.5m Tracks and views, slightly hilly S.10:00 EX131/SU 212 312 (Silver Plough CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Virginia & Pat 01722 780444 mob: 07979 896207
- Thu 12 **COOMBE BISSETT CIRCULAR** 5.5m Mainly tracks with a little tarmac but flat S.10:00 EX130/SU 109 265 (Fox & Goose CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Sun 15 **AMESBURY - UPPER AVON VALLEY - SALISBURY** 9m Linear walk ends at Salisbury **M.09:50** Salisbury Bus Station for 09.55 bus no 8 stand C to Amesbury **S.10:15** EX130/SU 155 414 (Amesbury Bus Station) Ldr(s) Neil 01722 711741
- Tue 17 **HANGING LANGFORD - GROVELY WOOD** 6m Hilly S.10:00 EX130/SU 037 368 (Landford Lakes Nature Reserve CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith at start 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 19 **UPPER WOODFORD VALLEY** 5m Varied terrain, possibly wet S.10:00 EX130/SU 134 379 (Black Horse Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Pat S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Sat 21 **WISHFORD - GROVELY WOOD** 4.5m circular, one hill S.10:00 EX130/SU 080 352 (Great Wishford (park along road)) Pub possible. Dogs not allowed. Ldr(s) Kay at start 01722 329063
- Sun 22 **WIMBORNE ST.GILES - KNOWLTON - GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS** 10m Open countryside M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:20** LR196/SU 032 120 (Roadside by Wimborne St.Giles church) Ldr(s) Barbara & Harold 01722 334329
- Tue 24 **BROAD CHALKE - COMPTON DOWN - FOVANT DOWN** 5.2m Leisurely walk along bridleways S.10:00 EX130/SU 039 256 (Queen's Head CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David H 01722 341131

- Thu 26 **CHARLTON - WINCOMBE** 6m Views & Parkland S.10:00 EX118/ST 901 224 (Charlton Remembrance Hall) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Nikki & Martin mob: 07704 876811
- Sun 29 **VERNDITCH CHASE - WEST WOODYATES - SIXPENNY HANDLEY - PENTRIDGE** 10m Woodland, farmland and villages in Cranborne Chase M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/SU 037 201 (Martin Down CP) Ldr(s) Jill at start 01725 517382

DECEMBER

- Tue 01 **MARTIN DOWN CIRCULAR** 4.5m Downland walk with one hill. S.10:00 EX 118/SU 058 192 (Martin Down lower CP: go into Martin Village and turn second right.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Ron M at start 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161
- Thu 03 **STOURTON - ALFREDSTOWER - AARON'S HILL** 5m Through the beautiful Stourhead estate, to the famous Alfred's Tower. Returning with glorious views over East Somerset via Aarons Hill. S.10:00 EX142/ST 778 341 (Stourhead Visitor Centre Car Park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590
- Sun 06 **CHARLTON - MELBURY ABBAS - SHAFTESBURY** 8.5m Short stop at Gold Hill - stile-ish **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/ST 901 224 (Charlton Memorial Hall) Dogs - may be problems with some stiles. Ldr(s) Neil 01722 711741
- Tue 08 **ROCKBOURNE - RADNALL WOOD - WHITSBURY** 5m village, woods and horses S.10:00 OL22/SU 113 184 (Rose & Thistle CP (extra parking in village)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Virginia & Pat 01722 780444 mob: 07979 896207
- Thu 10 **BREAMORE TO DOWNTON** 5.5m Bus walk--9.40hrs X3 bus from Salisbury (9.46 from Britford bus shelter) to Breamore Village Hall S.10:00 OL22 (bus stop after Breamore Village Hall) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Norman 01725 511989 mob: 07776 076363
- Sun 13 **FROGHAM - FRITHAM - HOLLY HATCH** 8.5m New Forest M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 OL22/SU 177 128 (Abbots Well CP) Ldr(s) Carol & Stephanie 01722 782216
- Tue 15 **GARSTON WOOD - ELCOMB DOWN** 6m Hilly S.10:00 EX118/SU 003 194 (Garston Wood NR CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith at start 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 17 **WILTON - HAREWARREN** 5.5m Downlands & woodlands S.10:00 EX 130/SU 095 311 (Wilton longstay (South Street) CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Nikki & Martin mob: 07704 876811
- Sun 20 **CHARLTON TO SALISBURY** 5.5m Catch 09.40 X3 for Charlton All Saints. Walk back to Salisbury. Check bus time with Kay. M.09:30 Bus station **S.09:55** EX130/SU 169 240 (Charlton All Saints pub) Dogs not allowed. Ldr(s) Kay at start 01722 329063
- Tue 22 **FARNHAM/CHETTLE** 6m Gently undulating M.09:30 By The Museum Inn, Farnham S.10:00 EX 118/ST 959 151 (By the church gate but park on the triangle by The Museum pub) Ldr(s) Sue Smith at start 01725 552225 mob: 07989 217526
- Sun 27 **HARE WARREN - BISHOPSTONE - NETTON DOWN** 10m An invigorating walk after the Christmas excesses M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX 130/SU 081 287 (Side of track) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752
- Tue 29 **FONTHILL PARK - RIDGE** 5m Gentle stroll Beckford Arms CP S.10:00 EX143/ST 931 312 Pub Possible Ldr(s) Phil & Ann Wilson 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078

JANUARY

- Fri 01 **NEW YEARS DAY WALK - HINDON - GREAT RIDGE** 6m Gentle hills, stupendous views - Lunch at the Lamb Inn at 2.00pm - please phone Phil in advance to book lunch **S.10:30** EX143/ST 911 328 (Hindon Church) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Phil & Ann Wilson 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Sun 03 **MIDDLE - LOWER - UPPER WOODFORD** 10m Up and down the Woodford Valley M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 121 363 (Middle Woodford Recreation CP) Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706
- Tue 05 **WIMBORNE ST GILES - CRANBORNE** 6m Gently undulating, could be muddy S.10:00 EX 118/SU 029 121 (Bull Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Sue Smith at start 01725 552225 mob: 07989 217526
- Thu 07 **DITCHAMPTON - GROVELY DOWN - HEATH WOOD (POST XMAS LUNCH)** 3m (post Xmas lunch at The Emblems) Contact Jilly (01722 412954) for details and bookings for lunch **S.10:30** EX130/SU 088 318 (Ditchampton, park at top of no through road) Ldr(s) David and Jilly at start 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 10 **SALISBURY PLAIN CIRCULAR** 10m Open countryside M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 146 441 (CP at golf club by Larkhill) Ldr(s) Val & Stuart at start 01980 595070 mob: 07775 764903
- Tue 12 **UPPER WOODFORD VALLEY** 5m Varied terrain, possibly wet S.10:00 EX130/SU 134 379 (Black Horse Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Pat S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486711
- Thu 14 **TISBURY AND WARDOUR CASTLE** 5.5m Views across the valley and chalk downland passing Old Wardour ruins; 2 fairly steep sections S.10:00 EX118/ST 944 292 (Crown Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Elaine & Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 17 **EAST GRIMSTEAD - WEST DEAN - WHITEPARISH** 6 or 11m Through Bentley Wood & Fields. Option of short cut back (6 mile) or over Dean Hill with great views (11 miles). Possibly Muddy. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX 131/SU 227 282 (Grass Verge) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752

- Tue 19 **MARTIN DOWN - VERNDITCH CHASE** 6m Hilly S.10:00 EX118/SU 037 201 (Martin Down NR CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith at start 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 21 **WILTON & AROUND BURCOMBE** 6m This walk starts in Wilton the old royal capital of the Saxon Kings. We head up in the direction of the old Shaftesbury ox drove. The walk circles the downs and wooded skylines and we pass through the pretty riverside village of Burcombe S.10:00 EX130/SU 095 311 (Wilton South Street Car Park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590
- Sun 24 **ASHMORE - FARNHAM WOODS** 9m Pond, parkland and woodland **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/ST 913 178 (Ashmore duck pond) Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07704 876811
- Tue 26 **PERTWOOD DOWN** 6m Easy going tracks, steep ascent at start. 5 stiles S.10:00 EX 143/ST 859 371 (Park in lay-by off Old Hindon Road, Monkton Deverill) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Jilly at start 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 28 **BREAMORE - CHARFORD DOWN - DOWNTON** 5m Linear bus walk: droves, woods and downs. M.09:30 Salisbury bus station for X3 bus at 09.40 (or 09.50 bus X3 at Downton, The Bull) S.10:00 OL22/SU 159 180 (Hulse Hall, Breamore) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sat 30 **TISBURY - EAST HATCH - NEW WARDOUR CASTLE** 5m circular, snowdrops hopefully S.10:00 EX118/ST 946 294 (Tisbury (Nadder Close) CP) Pub possible. Dogs not allowed. Ldr(s) Kay at start 01722 329063
- Sun 31 **SWALLOWCLIFFE - ANSTY - ALVEDISTON** 10m Open countryside M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:10** EX118/ST 971 267 (Lay-by off A30) Ldr(s) John 01980 862458

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Phil Wilson August 2009

I had a letter from one of our active members some weeks ago in which he wanted recorded his gratitude for the warmth, comfort and sympathetic support he had received from members after his bereavement earlier this year. This is not the first time I have known of the help available from our Group in such circumstances and it is one of the unspoken benefits of belonging. It is a private benefit, unmentioned when we are asked to extoll the value of walking and perhaps it should remain so, a quiet comfort, gladly extended to those in need of solace.

On a more prosaic subject, a few words of sound advice from one of our agriculturally experienced members. There have been a few incidents of walkers with dogs being trampled by cattle recently. The advice is to keep a tight rein on the dog and stay within the group of walkers you are with. Shouting and waving ones arms will scare the cattle away but if they get too close go against your instincts and release the dog. The dog will escape and draw off the cattle so you will survive unharmed too.

Finally, you may be aware that Ramblers are in some financial difficulty due to the affects of the recession on income. Groups are asked to reduce their costs which your committee is taking steps to do but without reducing our footpath work or our lead walks programmes. Please understand the reason if this leads to some inconvenience.

NEWS

Printing the programme: As part of our efforts to reduce printing and postage costs the committee has decided that, as from January 2010, the printed walks programme will be posted only to those members who request a copy. A postcard is enclosed for you to complete and send to the Membership Secretary, if you wish to continue to receive a printed copy of the programme.

An electronic version of the programme will be available to download from the South Wilts Group part of the Wiltshire Ramblers website:

http://www.ramblers-wilts.org.uk/south_wilts/

The walks will also be published on the national Ramblers' Walks Finder.

If this causes a problem, please talk to your committee members in person or on the phone, or use the "contact us" link on our website (see above) and we will do our best to help. If in doubt, opt to have a printed copy.

Folk Dancing: Salisbury Folk Dance Club members invite the Ramblers to join them at St Martin's Junior School, off Shady Bower, any Tuesday in term times at 7.30 pm for called dances. The first evening is free. It's great fun and good exercise. David Paterson (01722 421737) would be happy to give more information.

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