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SOUTH WILTS RAMBLERS' GROUP GENERAL INFORMATION AND WALKS' PROGRAMME 1 JUNE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 14 August

Ramblers' Barbeque. To be held in Ted Angel's garden in Ford at 1pm.

For further details and to make a reservation please contact Jilly on 01722412954 or email davidandjillywright@talktalk.net

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 August.** 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 Thursday in the month - ring Patricia 01722 710869 for information or to report blocked paths for light clearance.

JUNE

- Tue 01 **CANADA - PENN COMMON** 4.7m New Forest heath and woodland - may be wet! S.10:00 OL22/SU 287 177 (Canada Common CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger T 01722 341680
- Thu 03 **AROUND MELCHETT SCHOOL PARK** 5m level through woodland and parkland. Few stiles S.10:00 EX131/SU 275 205 (Junction Compton Drive, near Manor Farm, verge parking.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Pat S. 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Sun 06 **MERE - WHITESHEET HILL - STOURTON** 10m Hills, country paths and a Country Park **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX143&EX142/ST 815 324 (Salisbury Lane CP - Mere) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752
- Tue 08 **SEMLEY COMMON - OYSTERS COPSE - SEMLEY HILL** 5m Very Hilly but with easier alternative S.10:00 EX118/ST 891 270 (Bennett Arms CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Phil & Ann 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Thu 10 **ROCKBOURNE - RADNALL WOOD - WHITSBURY** 5m Fields, woods, pastures, some stiles S.10:00 OL22/SU 113 184 (Rose & Thistle CP (extra parking at village hall)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Virginia 01722 780444 mob: 07979 986207
- Sun 13 **SHALBOURNE - BUTTERMERE** 10m Some hills, wide-sweeping views M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:20** EX158/SU 316 635 (near Church VERY limited parking (please contact leader if not meeting at Salt Lane)) Ldr(s) John 01980 862458

- Tue 15 **BROAD CHALKE - KNIGHTON HILL - CROUCHESTON** 5.7m Hilly but worth it for the great views of the Ebbles Valley S.10:00 EX130/SU 041 253 (Broad Chalke Church CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 17 **CRANBORNE CIRCULAR** 5.7m varied walk in lovely Dorset countryside S.10:00 EX118/SU 057 133 (car park or roadside in Cranborne) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 20 **MARTIN DROVE END - STRATFORD TONY - SALISBURY** 10m No cars. Linear bus walk ending at Salisbury. Woods, open downland and valley scenery. **M.09:55** Salisbury bus station to catch 184 bus at 10.00 to Blandford **S.10:20** EX130/SU 051 210 (Martin Drove End) Ldr(s) Neil 01722 711741
- Tue 22 **TISBURY - CHICKSGROVE - SUTTON MANDEVILLE CHURCH** 6m Walk across farmland and through woods along the picturesque Nadder valley S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 291 (South Western Hotel near railway station) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Philip and Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Thu 24 **COOMBE BISSETT - BOWERCHALKE - EBBESBOURNE WAKE** 10m linear walk in the Ebbles Valley, return to start by bus; picnic walk with time for a lunchtime pint S.10:00 EX130/SU 108 263 (Coombe Bisset church - park discreetly by the church and in the village) Ldr(s) Graham mob: 07759 538986
- Sat 26 **NUNTON - ODSTOCK** 4.5m Open countryside. Dogs on leads. S.10:00 EX130/SU 159 262 (Nunton, near pub) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Kay at start 01722 329063
- Sun 27 **STAPLEFORD - GROVELY WOODS - BERWICK ST JAMES** 12m Cream tea on route. Far reaching views. River and woods M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 070 374 (Stapleford Village Church CP) Ldr(s) Martin and Nikki at start mob: 07530 056120
- Tue 29 **DOWNTON - BREAMORE DOWN** 6m some woods, mainly open countryside S.10:00 EX130/SU 166 215 (Downton Leisure Centre) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932

JULY

- Thu 01 **GOODWORTH CLATFORD - HARTFORD FOREST** 6m Field and forest walk S.10:00 EX131/SU 361 426 (Park at ford (parking limited) or in street) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 04 **SEEND - ROWDE - POULSHOT** 9m Canal towpath, fields and lanes M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:30** LR173/ST 943 612 (Village Hall CP, Rusty Lane) Ldr(s) Barbara & Harold at start 01722 334329 mob: 07779 815550
- Tue 06 **LOCKERLEY - DEAN HILL - FRENCH MOOR** 8m Picnic walk with tea in garden after walk, weather permitting S.10:00 EX131/SU 291 266 (Lockerley Green (near bridge)) Ldr(s) Anne G 01794 341108
- Thu 08 **NORTH GORLEY - AVON VALLEY PATH** 8m New Forest, water meadows and riverside walks with picnic lunch and afternoon cream teas S.10:00 OL22/SU 162 119 (roadside near the Royal Oak) Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07704 876811

- Sun 11 **BUTTS GREEN - MOTTISFONT - KIMBRIDGE - CARTERS CLAY** 9.5m Fields and meadows, stretches of Test and Monarch's Ways, several stiles of varying heights and states of repair. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX131/SU 303 263 (Roadside or grass triangle) Ldr(s) Carol & Stephanie 01722 782216
- Tue 13 **PARK BOTTOM - GREAT RIDGE - CORTON FIELD BARN** 5.5m Steady ascent into Corton Wood, then bridleways and back across Boyton Down S.10:00 EX143/ST 957 374 (Park Bottom (park on grass verge)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David H 01722 341131
- Thu 15 **DOWNTON - STANDLYNCH** 5m Over fields and rushing river, returning by disused railway line. S.10:00 EX130/SU 182 214 (Moot car park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Irene and Alan 01722 322289 mob: 07788 444851
- Sun 18 **LYMINGTON - MILFORD ON SEA** 12m Coastal salt marshes and views to Isle.of.Wight and Hurst Castle **M.09:00** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 OL22/SZ 325 957 (Cannon St East CP longstay Postcode SO41 9BR £5.00) Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07530 056120
- Tue 20 **WARDOUR CASTLE - DONHEAD ST. ANDREW** 5m Lakes, ponds and castles S.10:00 EX118/ST 939 264 (Old Wardour Castle CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Phil & Ann 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Thu 22 **ALVEDISTON - NORRINGTON - ELCOMBE DOWN** 5.7m Hilly but worth it for the great views of the Ebble Valley S.10:00 EX118/ST 977 233 (Crown Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Sun 25 **ABBOTSWELL - BROOMY INCLOSURE - SLODEN INCLOSURE** 7.5m Picnic. Forest walk, some inclines. Dogs on leads. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:10** OL22/SU 178 129 (Abbotswell CP) Ldr(s) Kay 01722 329063
- Tue 27 **AROUND STONEY HILL AND SNAIL - CREEP HANGING** 6m Woods and Downs and pretty bottoms! S.10:00 EX143/ST 956 370 (Grass verges by 'private' lane) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Sue and John 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Thu 29 **COOMBE BISSETT - MARTIN** 8m open downland with far horizons - picnic walk S.10:00 EX130&OL22/SU 108 263 (Coombe Bissett church - park by church and discreetly in village) Ldr(s) Graham mob: 07759 538986

AUGUST

- Sun 01 **AROUND SIXPENNY HANDLEY** 9.5m Fields, downland and ancient woodland M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/SU 001 172 (Dean Lane (residential road)) Ldr(s) Jill at start 01725 517382
- Tue 03 **FOVANT CIRCULAR VIA SHAFTESBURY DROVE - BUXBURY HOLLOW - SUTTON MANDEVILLE** 6.7m A summer walk with spectacular views from the downs and then back through the valley. One steep climb and stiles. Bring packed lunch. S.10:00 EX118/ST 997 295 (CP for Fovant church. Please note a donation of at least 50p will be required.) Ldr(s) Philip and Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Thu 05 **ALL CANNINGS - WANSDYKE** 6m great views, steep hill and possibly crop circles! S.10:00 EX157/SU 077 622 (Open space at S.E. end of canal

bridge.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Sue and John 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641

- Sun 08 **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
- Tue 10 **EBBESBOURNE - WEST END - PRESCOMBE DOWN** 5.5m Very Hilly (strenuous) (If a hot day, please make sure you have plenty of water) S.10:00 EX118/ST 993 243 (Ebbesbourne Wake Village hall car park (If insufficient space, park on road)) Pub Possible Dogs Not Allowed Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 12 **BURLEY CIRCULAR** 8m Forest walk with picnic lunch and afternoon cream tea S.10:00 OL22/SU 214 029 (opposite cricket ground) Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07704 876811
- Sun 15 **TISBURY - SWALLOWCLIFFE** 9m Woods and downland in upper Nadder valley **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 293 (Tisbury main CP) Ldr(s) Neil 01722 711741
- Tue 17 **BISHOPSTONE - OX DROVE** 5m Circular walk with an initial steady climb but good views S.10:00 EX130/SU 068 258 (The White Horse CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) (Christine and Pam 01722 332469 mob: 07535 341295
- Thu 19 **NOMANSLAND** 7m A stroll in the New Forest: heathland and inclosures. Bring a picnic lunch. S.10:00 OL22/SU 254 173 (Nomansland: assemble on village green opposite pub. Use car parks or roadside.) Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sun 22 **TEMPLECOMBE - SHERBORNE** 9.5m Ridge and forest walk plus Sherborne Castle (linear walk) **M.08:40** Salisbury Station for 08.51 train. Return fare £8 with card; group fare £6.05 possible. **S.09:30** EX129/ST 707 225 (Templecombe Station) Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706
- Tue 24 **SEMLEY - NEWTOWN** 7m A walk through pasture lands bordering the river Sem. One stiff climb. 10 or more stiles and muddy in places S.10:00 EX118/ST 892 269 (Park by the church) Pub Possible Dogs Not Allowed Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 26 **AROUND THE CHUTES** 8.5m picnic walk over undulating countryside, with stiles **S.10:15** EX131/SU 345 564 (Vernham Dean Rec Grd CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Sat 28 **WILTON - SALISBURY.** 5.5m Linear bus walk. Open countryside. Dogs on leads. M.09:35 Catch 09:40 Red 3 bus from New Canal to South Street, Wilton **S.09:55** EX130/SU 096 310 (South Street, Wilton) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Kay 01722 329063
- Sun 29 **SCOTS POOR - TIDCOMBE - HIPPENSCOMBE** 10m Hills and valleys M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX131/SU 286 561 (Scots Poor - Track Side) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752
- Tue 31 **RUFUS STONE CIRCULAR** 5.5m New Forest heath and woodland S.10:00 OL22/SU 271 125 (Rufus Stone CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger T 01722 341680

SEPTEMBER

- Thu 02 **FORDINGBRIDGE - IBSLEY** 5m A linear walk, using buses. Paths within the Avon valley. M.09:30 Salisbury bus station, to take X3 at 9.40 to centre of Fordingbridge (or join the bus along its route). **S.10:10** OL22/SU 148 144 (Fordingbridge, junction of Salisbury Street and Bridge Street.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sun 05 **DINTON - HANGING LANGFORD - TEFFONT** 10m Monarch's Way M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 010 316 (Dinton NT CP) Dogs Not Allowed Ldr(s) Donald at start 01722 416167
- Tue 07 **GARSTON WOOD - CUTLERS CORNER - STONEDOWN WOOD** 6m Hilly. Glorious views across Cranborne Chase as far as the Purbeck Hills on a clear day S.10:00 EX118/ST 003 194 (Garston Wood Nature Reserve car park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 09 **AROUND MELCHETT SCHOOL PARK** 5m level through woodland and parkland; few stiles S.10:00 EX131/SU 275 205 (junction Compton Drive; near Manor Farm. verge parking.) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Pat S. 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Sun 12 **DEAN - MOTTISFONT - ROMSEY** 10m Rivers Dun and Test plus Romsey Abbey (linear walk) **M.09:00** Salisbury Station (for 9.08 train. Return fare £3.95 with card; group fare £3 possible) **S.09:20** EX131/SU 257 271 (Dean Station) Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706
- Tue 14 **TISBURY - EAST HATCH - WARDOUR** 5.5m Views across the Nadder Valley and passing Old Wardour Castle ruins. 2 fairly steep sections S.10:00 EX118/ST 944 292 (Tisbury Crown Inn CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Anne 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585
- Thu 16 **BERWICK ST JOHN - WHITE SHEET HILL** 6m open downland, steep hills and 4 stiles S.10:00 118/ST 947 223 (outside the Talbot Inn, park in streets or Village Hall CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Rob 01722 501113 mob: 07748 964812
- Sun 19 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 21 **NEW FOREST WALK** 5.5m a walk encompassing all the main terrains of the forest- heath, woodland and brookside S.10:00 OL22/SU 177 128 (Abbotswell CP) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Norman 01725 511989 mob: 07776 076363
- Thu 23 **NORRINGTON - EBBESBOURNE WAKE - OX DROVE** 6m hilly S.10:00 EX118/ST 964 250 (Ox-Drove off Ansty-Alvediston road) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 26 **NEW FOREST RAMBLE** 10.5m Forest Inclosures and some open common M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:10** OL22/SU 181 072 (Linford Bottom CP) Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07507 834752
- Tue 28 **ROCKBOURNE CIRCULAR** 5m a gentle stroll S.10:00 OL22/SU 112 183 (Rose & Thistle CP (but park on road or village hall if not lunching)) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Sue K 01725 511892 mob: 07887 525396
- Thu 30 **STOURTON - ALFRED'S TOWER - AARON'S HILL** 5m A walk around the Stourhead estate, on tracks , across fields and through woodland.to reach

Alfred's Tower , a famous folly built in 1772. We return on undulating tracks and paths via Arron's hill. S.10:00 EX142/ST 778 341 (Stourhead Gardens NT Car Park) Pub Possible Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Phil Wilson 2 April 2010

In my third year as Chairman of the Group it is very pleasing to see the regular arrival of new members on our weekday walks. Although our membership total is still somewhat fluid due to the unreliable database at RA headquarters, we reckon on having around 350 paid up members although not all walk regularly. We are now frequently getting 20 to 30 walkers on Tuesdays and Thursdays which are the sort of numbers we had a few years ago when I was a newish member.

Our weekend walks are not so well attended and are struggling to find new leaders. There is still a hardcore who enjoy walking the longer distances but there has been a hint that some walkers are beginning to find age a factor and may want to review their walking needs in the future. I am certain that any changes in the established walk patterns can be accommodated by the Group.

On a recent walk we not only had two short lectures on the history of where we were walking but also a brief account of the archaeology of the ancient monument we visited. I think this should be encouraged and will do some research on my walks in future to make them more interesting.

My time as Chairman is coming to the end of its allotted term and I need to find a replacement. We have many capable people in the Group who should now consider giving back a little service in exchange for all the pleasure they have had walking with us. It would be most appropriate to have a lady chairman this time as the majority of our regular walkers are women. It would be advantageous to join the committee now to learn how it works and how we relate to Area and RA Headquarters before taking up the reins in November. How about it ladies? A discreet whisper in my ear or a phone call if you think you might be interested.

NEWS

Message from Kay Callow After 30 years of leading I have decided that it is time that I should retire, so this is the last programme in which I will lead. I am particularly keen that the Saturday walks (or shorter Sunday walks) should continue so I urge you all to try and make that happen. They have been very popular, and other groups have them every week. If any leaders or potential leaders need suggestions for routes or other assistance I should be glad to help. Happy rambling!

Calling the 21st century John Constable The Committee is updating a booklet of walks in South Wiltshire and hopes to include some drawings. If any of you would like to take on the role, Phil Wilson would be pleased to receive an offer to illustrate the booklet. Our publications sell well and provide the Group with some much needed revenue.

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.

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

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

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

The Group's website is updated frequently with information on topics such as access land, public transport and social events. Please take the time to look at our website. It's the easy way to keep up to date with all the latest news.

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