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SOUTH WILTSHIRE RAMBLERS' GROUP GENERAL INFORMATION AND WALKS' PROGRAMME 1 OCTOBER 2010– 31 JANUARY 2011

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INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

Friday 19 November 2010 South Wiltshire Group Annual General Meeting

7:30pm. Canterbury Room, St Thomas's House, St Thomas's Square, Salisbury SP1 1BA. All members are invited to the meeting.

Nominations for the committee must be received in writing by Thursday 4 November, with the names of the proposer and seconder. Write to Group Secretary: Neil Russell, Oakleigh, Castle Lane, Whaddon, Salisbury SP5 3EG.

Monday 10 January 2011 Post Christmas Lunch at the Rose and Crown, Harnham SP2 8JQ. For details of the menu etc, email Jilly at

davidandjillywright@talktalk.net or ring on 01722412954. Numbers are not limited but, if possible, please reserve your place with Jilly by 20 December.

Saturday 12 February 2011 Area Annual General Meeting 10:00am at Urchfont Village Hall (GR SU 040 573). Hall open from 9:30am, coffee available. There will be a speaker and a walk after the meeting. Further details in next programme.

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 Martin 01725 511989 for details.

Heavy Gang (Bridges, Stiles, Kissing Gates etc.) Third Monday in the month - email Graham Read eggss@hotmail.com or ring 01722 710796 for more information.

Light Footpath Work – Starting in October: second Wednesday in the month – email Patricia Dashwood patricia.dashwood@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01722 710869 for information or to report blocked paths for light clearance.

Printing the programme The printed walks programme is posted only to those members who have requested a copy. An electronic version of the programme is available to download from the South Wiltshire Group part of the Wiltshire Ramblers website. 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.

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

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

http://www.ramblers.org.uk/areas_groups/groupswalksfinder

OCTOBER

- Sun 03 **CHARLTON - MELBURY ABBAS - WIN GREEN** 10m Hills and good views. M.09:15 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX118/ST 901 224 (Charlton Remembrance Hall). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07530 056120
- Tue 05 **WIN GREEN - ASHCOMBE BOTTOM - TOLLARD ROYAL** 5m Field, woodland paths and tracks. Hilly. S.10:00 EX118/ST 923 204 (Win Green CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 07 **MAIDEN BRADLEY CIRCULAR** 5.4m across farmland, through woodland; some ups and downs. S.10:00 EX143&142/ST 801 388 (The Somerset Arms CP - limited parking use overflow at village hall round corner (ST 801 390)). Pub Possible. Dogs On Leads. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Sat 09 **BARFORD ST MARTIN & GROVELY** 5m Easy going, no stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 057 314 (Barford Inn CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike J 01722 741458
- Sun 10 **SWALLOWCLIFFE - SUTTON MANDEVILLE - FOVANT BADGES** 10m Open countryside. Steep climb up through Fovant Badges. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:10 EX118/ST 971 267 (Lay-by off A30). Ldr(s) John 01980 862458
- Tue 12 **TISBURY - NEWTOWN - HATCH** 5.7m Hilly but great views of the Wardour Valley. S.10:00 EX118/ST 943 291 (Crown Inn CP). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 14 **CHITTERNE CIRCULAR** 6m Chitterne and Knook Castle - magnificent views across the Plain. S.10:00 EX143/ST 990 438 (King's Head CP is small those not lurching park sensitively in village). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Sarah (Taylor) 01225 339039
- Tue 19 **AVON VALLEY AND OLD SARUM** 6m Footpaths, bridle paths some road walking and stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 125 352 (Wheatsheaf CP If not lurching park in road). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 21 **CHARLTON - HIGHER COOMBE - DONHEAD** 5.5m Lakes and pretty coombes. S.10:00 EX118/ST 901 224 (Charlton Memorial Hall). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Nikki & Martin mob: 07530 056120
- Sun 24 **STEEPLE LANGFORD - MONARCH'S WAY** 10m Downland and woods. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 LR184/SU 041 373 (Old road). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Donald at start 01722 416167
- Tue 26 **BUTTS GREEN - CURLEWS FARM - TELEGRAPH HOUSE** 5m Fields and meadows; 6 stiles. S.10:00 EX131/SU 301 262 (Butts Green park on grass verge triangle). Pub Possible. Dogs On Leads. Ldr(s) Christine 01722 332469 mob: 07535 341295
- Thu 28 **DINTON - TEFFONT EVIAS - RED HILL - TEFFONT MAGNA** 5m A walk across Dinton Park, then farmland and woods around the picturesque

Teffont villages. S.10:00 EX130&143/SU 010 316 (NT CP at Dinton Park (limited parking)). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip & Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538

Sat 30 **SALISBURY - BRITFORD - URBAN STROLL** 4.2m A stroll on urban streets, pathways and field paths. City based walkers return by bus after walk. Car drivers park at Britford by 09.30 and reach Salisbury by P&R bus. Charges apply if no bus pass. S.10:00 EX130/SU 144 299 (Meet outside Odeon Cinema in New Canal). Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161

Sun 31 **WHITCHURCH - LAVERSTOKE** 8m Mills of the River Test plus Freefolk 13th century church. **M.10:15** Salisbury Station for 10.27 train. Return fare £6.40 with card; group fare £4.80 possible. **S.10:55** EX144/SU 464 489 (Whitchurch Station). Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706

NOVEMBER

Tue 02 **HARNHAM - KEEP IT LOCAL!** 6m slopes and rivers. S.10:00 EX130/SU 143 290 (Rose and Crown CP). Pub Possible. Dogs On Leads. Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320303 mob: 07786 396303

Thu 04 **WHADDON - STANDLYNCH** 4.5m Relaxing walk over fields and by disused railway line with good views. S.10:00 EX130/SU 196 262 (Whaddon Post Office bus stop or Three Crowns pub CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Irene and Alan 01722 322289 mob: 07774 288447

Tue 09 **BROAD CHALKE - CHURCH BOTTOM - KNIGHTON HILL FARM** 5m Leisurely walk along bridleways and footpaths. S.10:00 EX130/SU 039 256 (Queen's Head CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David H 01722 341131

Thu 11 **DOWNTON - TEMPLEMANS FARM** 5m 2 gentle climbs, 4 stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 184 216 (The Sidings, left turning off Lode Hill). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Anne Maryon-Davies 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585

Tue 16 **BAVERSTOCK - GROVELY WOOD - STEEPLE LANGFORD** 5m Linear walk starting with 25 bus to Baverstock (9.40 from Salisbury bus station or 9.53 from Wilton). Return by 24 bus. **S.10:05** EX130/SU 028 313 (Road to Baverstock after railway bridge). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip & Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538

Thu 18 **VERNDITCH CHASE - OXDROVE RIDGEWAY** 6m Following the ancient traffic routes. S.10:00 EX130/SU 023 216 (Cow Down Hill). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Peter&Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932

Sat 20 **AROUND SWALLOWCLIFFE** 4m Easy going, 2 stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 971 267 (Layby on A30, near turning to Swallowcliffe). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Jill 01722 742484

Sun 21 **AROUND CHETTLE AND TARRANT GUNVILLE** 9.5m Jubilee Trail, Tarrant Valley and long barrows. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:10** EX118/ST 952 133 (By Church. Park alongside wall of Chettle House, past Church. Also limited parking in village). Ldr(s) Jill H at start 01725 517382

- Tue 23 **PEPPERBOX AND BARFORD DOWN** 4m Easy downland walk with good views. S.10:00 EX131/SU 212 248 (Pepperbox CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Phil & Ann 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Thu 25 **AROUND RUSHMOOR PARK** 4.5m Field and woodland paths. Bridle paths and tracks. Some steep ascents. S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 178 (By pond in Tollard Royal). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Pat 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Sun 28 **MOTTISFONT - MICHELMERSH - HUMBERS WOOD** 10m Test Way, fields, woods. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:15** LR185/SU 328 267 (Mottisfont NT CP). Ldr(s) Barbara & Harold 01722 334329 mob: 07779 815550
- Tue 30 **BROADCHALKE - FIFIELD BAVANT** 4.2m Mostly on tracks with one long but steady climb. S.10:00 EX130/SU 041 254 (Broadchalke church CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161

DECEMBER

- Thu 02 **LITTLE TOYD - EAST MARTIN** 5.5m Drovers, views and barrows: could be muddy. S.10:00 EX130/SU 092 210 (Park at edge of track). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sat 04 **GREAT WISHFORD AND TILL VALLEY** 5m Downlands returning to Wishford through meadows. S.10:00 EX130/SU 081 355 (Park on road, meet at Church). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Jill 01722 742484
- Tue 07 **BISHOPSTONE - KNIGHTON HILL - FAULSTON HOLE** 5.5m Hilly but great views of the Ebbles Valley and Cranborne Chase. S.10:00 EX130/SU 068 258 (White Hart CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 09 **STEEPLE LANGFORD - GROVELY WOODS** 5.5m Views over Wyllye and River. S.10:00 EX130/SU 042 373 (Old Rd. by Rainbow on the Lake Pub). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07530 056120
- Sun 12 **AROUND LOCKERLEY AND WHITEPARISH** 10m Circular walk between villages. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX131/SU 294 260 (Grass Verge, Cooks Lane, Critchells Green). Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07842 189382
- Tue 14 **CHARLTON & TRAFALGAR** 4m along the River Avon and past Trafalgar House. S.10:00 EX130/SU 177 242 (park near church). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Phil & Ann 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Thu 16 **OARE AND HUISH DOWNS** 5.5m Steep slopes for bracing views across ancient landscapes. S.10:00 EX157/SU 158 631 (The White Hart CP, Oare near-by). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Sat 18 **MARTIN DOWN CIRCULAR** 4.5m Tracks and paths on downland. S.10:00 EX118/SU 058 192 (Martin Nature Reserve CP). Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161

- Sun 19 **STOCKTON DOWN - GREAT RIDGE - BOYTON** 10m Downs, woodlands and lovely views over the Wylde valley. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX143/ST 958 374 (Side of road). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07530 056120
- Sun 26 **LANDFORD WOOD - MELCHET COURT** 6.5m Fields & woods. Picnic lunch. **M.10:00** Salt Lane CP. **S.10:20** LR184/SU 258 213 (Landford Wood Mission Hall. Limited parking). Ldr(s) Barbara & Harold 01722 334329 mob: 07779 815550

JANUARY

- Sun 02 **LONGLEAT - HORNINGSHAM - SHEARWATER** 10m Giraffes and other wild animals plus woods and lakes. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:15** EX143/ST 828 423 (Nockatt Coppice CP). Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706
- Tue 04 **GREENACRES FARM - LONG BARROW - WHITSBURY DOWN** 4.4m Field paths and tracks. S.10:00 EX130/SU 102 236 (Park on byway near Greenacres Farm S of Coombe Bissett). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07771 623161
- Thu 06 **GREAT WISHFORD & GROVELY WOOD** 5m Walk above the downs of Great Wishford and through part of Grovely Wood. S.10:00 EX130/SU 081 355 (Great Wishford Church). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590
- Sun 09 **KNOYLE CIRCULAR** 8m Undulating landscape with good views. Several stiles. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:15** EX143/ST 875 307 (Roadside in Wise Lane). Ldr(s) Carol & Stephanie 01722 782216
- Tue 11 **BERWICK ST JAMES - TILL VALLEY AND DOWNS** 5.5m A pleasant stroll with broad vistas and a warm and friendly pub. S.10:00 EX130/SU 072 395 (High Street or The Boot Inn CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Thu 13 **DINTON - COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE - FOVANT** 6m A walk in the valley of the River Nadder. S.10:00 EX130/SU 010 316 (National Trust CP in Dinton). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590
- Sun 16 **ASHLEY'S COPSE - WEST TYTHERLEY** 10m Open countryside. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX131/SU 270 343 (Roadside grass verge near Kent's Wood). Ldr(s) John 01980 862458
- Tue 18 **AROUND RUSHMOOR PARK** 4.5m Field and woodland paths. Bridle paths and tracks. Some steep ascents. S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 178 (By pond in Tollard Royal). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Pat 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Thu 20 **MARTIN DOWN - KNIGHTON WOOD** 5m Roman road, droves and woodland: could be muddy. S.10:00 EX118/SU 036 200 (Reserve CP on A354). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David and Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sun 23 **CHARLTON ALL SAINTS - WHADDON - STANDLYNCH DOWN** 10m Fields & tracks. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 LR184/SU 175 237

(Alongside high wall. Limited parking). Ldr(s) Barbara & Harold 01722 334329 mob: 07779 815550

- Tue 25 **HINDON - EAST KNOYLE - HINDON** 6m A mix of downland and woodland. One very steep hill. S.10:00 EX143/ST 910 328 (On street in Hindon near the Lamb Hotel). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Thu 27 **TARRANT MONKTON - CHETTERWOOD** 6m Tracks, Paths and Woods. S.10:00 EX118/ST 944 088 (Langton Arms CP). Pub Possible. Dogs On Leads. Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320303 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 30 **KNAP HILL - MARTINSELL HILL** 10m A walk along the Tan Hill Way and White Horse Trail - only 500 feet of ascent. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX157/SU 116 638 (CP North of Alton Barnes at Knap Hill). Ldr(s) Mike & Karen 01722 412452 mob: 07842 189382

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT **Roger Walker 11 August 2010**

Results of the Members' Questionnaire

At the Committee Meeting held on 13 April 2010, a decision was taken to issue a questionnaire to all members of our Group with the following objectives

- to assist the Committee in improving communications with and between members
- to gather information to enable the Committee to be more responsive to members' walking preferences
- to identify potential new walk leaders
- to identify potential new heavy and light gang volunteers for footpath maintenance
- to make members more aware of the website and the information it contains
- to encourage members to reduce administrative costs by accessing the Walks Programme on line but to ensure that those who prefer to receive it by mail will do so.

Every member of our Group received a copy of this questionnaire in May. We were most encouraged by the tremendous response we received. The Committee would like to thank all of you who returned the questionnaires for taking the trouble to send us your views and preferences. I had the task of analysing the responses. Out of our total membership of 370, we received 179 responses which I thought was fantastic.

You gave us a lot of ideas, your preferences for lengths of walks and days of walks. Whilst it would be ideal if we could arrange a programme to satisfy everyone's preferences, we cannot include walks in the programme unless we have members prepared to lead the walks. Although a number of members did respond positively to leading walks in the future, we are unfortunately still very short of Walk Leaders. As a

result, we are unable to offer walks on every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday for this new programme as we have been able to in the past.

One of the key objectives of the Ramblers is to keep footpaths open for the enjoyment of all. Footpath maintenance is a very important element of our activities. This depends on volunteers and we are always needing new volunteers to replace those who drop out from time to time due to ageing or infirmity. We were very pleased by the number of members who have shown an interest in joining the Heavy and Light Gangs for footpath maintenance work.

NEWS

Events Post Christmas lunch and Group and Area AGMs: Please see the Dates for your Diary notes in the Information section on page 1 of the newsletter/programme.

Brambles and nettles alert Patricia D has asked walk leaders and members to contact her when they encounter overgrown footpaths in the South Wiltshire area that would benefit from clearance. If at all possible, Patricia will schedule the Light Gang to clear these paths. (For email/phone details see Light Gang entry in Information section.)

An unmissable offer Ron Moore has assembled an extensive collection of walks, ranging from 4 to 12 miles. He is happy to share his detailed notes with new and potential leaders. If interested, email Ron Moore ron-di@ntlworld.com or phone 01722 505663.

COMMITTEE 2010

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