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## SOUTH WILTSHIRE RAMBLERS' GROUP GENERAL INFORMATION AND WALKS' PROGRAMME 1 OCTOBER 2011 – 31 JANUARY 2012

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Friday 18 November 2011 South Wiltshire Ramblers' Group AGM. 7.30pm**

Radnor Hall, Bodenham, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4EQ. Parking available on site and on the quiet road. Parking available on site and on the quiet road. All members welcome. At the end of the AGM there will be time for socialising. Refreshments will be provided. A slide show will run in the background, with photos of this year's walks and the heavy gang's activities.

**Our Chairman**, Philip Wilson, is retiring this year and a replacement must be appointed. Please send nominations for this or any other position on the Committee to the Secretary, N G Russell, Oakleigh, Castle Lane, Whaddon, Salisbury SP5 3EG or by e-mail to [ngrussell@greenbee.net](mailto:ngrussell@greenbee.net)

**Monday 16 January 2012. Post Christmas Lunch** White Hart Hotel, St John Street, Salisbury. For further details please contact Jilly: [davidandjillywright@talktalk.net](mailto:davidandjillywright@talktalk.net) or 01722 412954. Numbers are not limited but please reserve your place by 16 December 2011 if possible.

**Saturday 18 February 2012 Wiltshire Area Ramblers' AGM** at Holt Village Hall. Details to follow in next programme.

### INFORMATION

#### **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 should phone 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. You may like to take a mid-morning snack as well. For longer walks you should bring food and plenty to drink unless otherwise stated.

**Leaders** New leaders are always welcome. If you are interested in leading, please contact Donald Mackay: donaldmackay@yahoo.co.uk or 01722 416167 for weekend walks and Peter Mee: peter.mee@virgin.net or 01722 742828 for walks on other days. Please send the details of your walks to Donald or Peter, as above, by **7 December.**

**Visitors**, tourists and friends of members are welcome to join us for up to three walks. After that, people who intend to walk regularly should join The Ramblers. Please send SAE to the Membership Secretary, Roger Walker, 89 Monmouth Road, Tisbury, SP3 6NR for membership forms.

**Dogs** brought on walks are to be kept on leads 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). Norman Martin 01725 511989.

**Heavy Gang** (bridges, stiles, kissing gates etc). Third Monday in the month. Graham Read: eggss@hotmail.com or 01722 710796.

**Light Footpath Work** Second Wednesday in the month. Patricia Dashwood: patricia.dashwood@yahoo.co.uk or 01722 710869 for information and to report blocked and overgrown paths for light clearance.

**Change of address** Please let the Membership Secretary know if you change your address. Roger Walker: juderoguk@btinternet.com or 01747 871105.

**Email address** Please inform the Membership Secretary (details above), if you have an email address that may be used for communications and notify him if you change your email address.

**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/](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](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/areas_groups/groupswalksfinder)

## **OCTOBER**

- Sun 02 **SEMLEY - WINCOMBE - SHAFTESBURY** 10.5m Open countryside with two steepish inclines (but no cliff-climbing). Wonderful views. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:20** EX118/ST 892 268 (Near Semley Church). Ldr(s) John 01980 862458
- Tue 04 **VERNHAM DEAN - LOWER CHUTE** 8.5m Undulating countryside with stiles. S.10:00 EX131/SU 345 564 (Vernham Dean recreation ground CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Thu 06 **CODFORD ST PETER - UPTON LOVELL** 5m Circular Walk. S.10:00 EX143/ST 962 401 (road side parking in old road opposite garage). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Sarah & Celia mob: 07869 591189
- Sun 09 **DITCHAMPTON - GROVELY WOOD - GREAT WISHFORD** 10m Downs and woodland to celebrate "A Walk in the Woods Week". M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX130/SU 092 317 (Roadside by Ditchampton Farm). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Donald at start 01722 416167
- Tue 11 **CANADA COMMON** 4.7m New Forest heathland. S.10:00 OL22/SU 287 177 (Canada Common CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Roger 01722 341680 mob: 07866 650599
- Thu 13 **COMPTON ABBAS - ASHMORE - STUBHAMPTON BOTTOM** 6.5m Woodland path and tracks with fields views, very hilly. S.10:00 EX118/ST 895 186 (Compton Abbas Airfield). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 16 **LOWER BURGATE (FORDINGBRIDGE) - HALE - BREAMORE** 10m Avon Valley Path and old railway line to Breamore Station. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 OL22/SU 152 153 (Layby outside Burgate School). Ldr(s) Jill H at start 01725 517382
- Tue 18 **NEW FOREST RAMBLE** 5.5m A forest ramble avoiding the wet and squashy bits (mostly)!. S.10:00 OL22/SU 198 198 (Redlynch Social Club CP Woodfalls). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Norman 01725 511989 mob: 07776 076363
- Thu 20 **OXDROVE RIDGEWAY - VERNDITCH CHASE** 6m Ancient tracks-Roman road. S.10:00 EX130/SU 023 216 (Cow Down Hill). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Sun 23 **DEVIZES - OLIVER'S CASTLE - KENNET AND AVON CANAL** 9 or 10m Magnificent views, optional ending. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00

EX156&157/SU 003 618 (Devizes Wharf CP). Ldr(s) Carol & Stephanie  
01722 782216

- Tue 25 **BAVERSTOCK - GROVELY - GREAT WISHFORD (LINEAR WALK USING BUSES)** 5m Take 25 bus from Salisbury bus station (0940) or Wilton (0953) to Baverstock stop. Walk through picturesque Baverstock and Grovely Wood. Return from Stoford on 24 bus. **S.10:05** EX130/SU 028 314 (Road to Baverstock). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip & Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Thu 27 **HIGH CORNER INN - SLODEN INCLOSURE - DOCKENS WATER** 5m New Forest: woodland and heath. Autumn colours and probably muddy. S.10:00 OL22/SU 197 108 (CP for the High Corner Inn, down gravel track (do not use Forestry Commission CP)). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Anne and David 01722 421737 mob: 07794 917094
- Sat 29 **TISBURY MILL - FONTHILL LAKE** 4m Varied walk with open views. 4 stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 294 (Nadder Close CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike J 01722 741458
- Sun 30 **STEEPLE LANGFORD - MONARCH'S WAY - GROVELY WOOD** 9.5m Uphill to Monarch's Way. Wooded areas and open countryside with stunning views. Langford lakes, optional detour for bird watchers. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX130/SU 041 373 (Off A36 - Roadside above Rainbow on the Lake pub). Ldr(s) Val and Stuart 01980 595070 mob: 07775 764903

## **NOVEMBER**

- Tue 01 **FRITHAM - FRANCHISES WOOD - PIPERS WAIT** 5m around New Forest heath and woodland and Eyeworth Pond. S.10:00 OL22/SU 228 145 (Eyeworth Pond CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Anne 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585
- Thu 03 **WINTERBOURNE - FIGSBURY RING** 5m around the Winterbournes and then climb to Figsbury Ring to admire the view. S.10:00 EX130/SU 170 337 (The Black Horse CP, take left turn off Hurdcott Lane. Please park in the road nearby if you are not stopping for lunch). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Irene and Alan 01722 322289 mob: 07788 444851
- Sun 06 **CLEARBURY - AVON VALLEY FOOTPATH - DOWNTOWN** 10m Good views. Some hills, one steep. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX130/SU 141 235 (Track near to Clearbury footpath). Ldr(s) Chesney at start 01794 884175 mob: 07954 688280
- Tue 08 **EBBESBOURNE WAKE CIRCULAR** 6m Ancient trackways across Wiltshire downs. S.10:00 EX118/ST 993 242 (Village hall CP (50p per car)). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Virginia 01722 780444 mob: 07979 896207
- Thu 10 **DINTON - TEFFONT EVIAS - RED HILL - TEFFONT MAGNA** 5m Across Dinton Park, then farmland and woods around the picturesque Teffont villages. S.10:00 EX130&143//SU 010 316 (NT CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip & Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Sun 13 **VALE OF PEWSEY** 10m Hilcott, Cuttenham Farm, Marden Down, Marden, Puckshipton, Bottlesford. One steep hill. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:30**

EX130/SU 113 600 (Parish Room to the west of Church, Woodborough).  
Ldr(s) Claire 01722 501230 mob: 07860 834307

- Tue 15 **NETHER WALLOP - JACK'S BUSH FARM** 5.3m Pretty village, footpaths and bridleways. S.10:00 EX131/SU 299 364 (The Five Bells, Nether Wallop). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Christine 01722 332469 mob: 07535 341295
- Thu 17 **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 20 **DINTON - TEFFONT - BAVERSTOCK** 10m Across parkland and rolling hills and through ancient woods. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX130/SU 010 316 (Dinton NT CP (free)). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07508 988711
- Tue 22 **MANSWOOD CIRCULAR** 5m Woodland tracks and downs, between the Tarrant valley and the Allen valley. S.10:00 EX118/ST 983 080 (Manswood Recreation Ground, off minor road which leads to "The Buildings"). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Anne and David 01722 421737 mob: 07794 917094
- Thu 24 **NEWTON TONY - GRATELEY LODGE - CHOLDERTON PARK** 6m Field and farm tracks. S.10:00 EX131/SU 216 402 (RSPB CP). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 27 **WYKE DOWN - GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS - KNOWLTON** 10m Open countryside, attractive villages, ancient earthwork. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:10** EX118/SU 005 151 (Off-road, south of Wyke Down). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Fiona 01722 324515
- Tue 29 **BERWICK ST JAMES - TILL VALLEY** 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

## **DECEMBER**

- Thu 01 **AROUND EAST KNOYLE** 5.5m Undulating fields, tracks and lanes with some stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 878 296 (Shaftesbury Road at south end of East Knoyle before 30mph sign). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Liz R 01747 830894 mob: 07810 338701
- Sun 04 **ALTON BARNES** 8m Milk Hill, Tan Hill, Cannings Cross, Stanton St Bernard, Alton Barnes, Alton Priors. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:30** EX157/SU 115 637 (Knap Hill CP). Ldr(s) Claire 01722 501230 mob: 07860 834307
- Tue 06 **HURDCOTT - THE WINTERBOURNES - FIGSBURY RING** 4.5m Leisurely walk across fields and footpaths, with a gentle climb. S.10:00 EX130/SU 169 337 (The Black Horse CP (non-lunchers park in lane)). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David H 01722 341131
- Thu 08 **COOMBE BISSETT - HOMINGTON DOWN - DOG DEAN FARM** 5.5m Along the River Ebble plus inclines. S.10:00 EX130/SU 109 265 (Fox &

Goose CP (park at rear of CP)). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Virginia 01722 780444 mob: 07979 896207

- Sat 10 **GROVELY WOOD** 4m Tracks and woodland views. Slight inclines. S.10:00 EX130/SU 057 314 (Barford Inn CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike J 01722 741458
- Sun 11 **SHAFTESBURY CIRCULAR** 10m From the Saxon hilltop town to Melbury Beacon. One steep hill. Wonderful views. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX118/ST 864 234 (Shaftesbury: CP beside the bowls club very near the Ivy Cross roundabout in town centre/Gillingham road). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Neil at start 01722 711741
- Tue 13 **CASTLE HILL - WOODGREEN** 5m A walk in the New Forest with views and woodland. S.10:00 OL22/SU 170 167 (Castle hill view point). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07508 988711
- Thu 15 **LOWER WOODFORD AND AVON VALLEY** 5.5m A leisurely stroll through the Avon valley. S.10:00 EX130/SU 125 351 (Wheatsheaf Pub CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Sun 18 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 20 **OLD AND NEW WARDOUR CASTLE** 3.5m Interesting buildings, over fields and woodlands with some steep parts. S.10:00 EX118/ST 938 263 (Castle CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Pat S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Thu 22 **SWALLOWCLIFFE - BUXBURY HILL - SWALLOWCLIFFE WOOD** 5.7m Hilly pre-Christmas ramble with a mix of downland, farmland and woodland. S.10:00 EX118/ST 971 267 (Lay-by on the A30 at the turn off to Swallowcliffe). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Sun 25 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 27 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Thu 29 **NO WALK OFFERED**

## JANUARY

- Sun 01 **BISHOPDOWN FARM - OLD SARUM** 7.5m Gentle stroll to Old Sarum where we will stop for a drink and possibly lunch at the Old Castle Pub. Please let leaders know in advance if you are planning to come to confirm arrangements. **M.09:45** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX130/SU 157 324 (Park along Pearce Way). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike & Karen at start 01722 412452 mob: 07429 056382
- Tue 03 **GREENACRES FARM - LONG BARROW - WHITSBURY DOWN** 4m Downland tracks. S.10:00 EX130/SU 103 236 (On side of byway near Greenacres Farm). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07789 227200
- Thu 05 **OLD AND NEW WARDOUR CASTLE** 3.5m Interesting buildings, over fields and woodlands with some steep parts. S.10:00 EX118/ST 938 263 (Castle CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Pat S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771

- Sun 08 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 10 **PITTON - HOUND WOOD - CLARENDON WAY** 5m fairly hilly but only 4 stiles. S.10:00 EX131/SU 213 312 (Pitton Village Hall CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Anne 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585
- Thu 12 **TISBURY - PHEASANTS COPSE - HAREDENE WOOD** 5.9m Hilly. A mix of farmland and woodland. S.10:00 EX118/ST 944 290 (South Western Hotel CP, Tisbury). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Sun 15 **WIN GREEN - TOLLARD ROYAL - CHASE WOODS** 10m One of Wiltshire's highest hills and a sleepy village in the valley. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP. S.10:00 EX118/ST 923 205 (Win Green NT CP (free)). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07508 988711
- Tue 17 **BISHOPSTONE - HAREWARREN CIRCULAR** 6m Steep climb at start, then mainly level with occasional gentle climbs. Paths and tracks including part woodland. Gentle descent with downland views. S.10:00 EX130/SU 068 258 (White Hart CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Rob and Mike 01722 501113 mob: 07748 964812
- Thu 19 **STEEPLE LANGFORD - LANGFORD CAMP** 5m Tracks and paths; one long hill. S.10:00 EX130/SU 042 373 (Rainbow on the lake CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 22 **OARE - KENNET AND AVON CANAL** 8.5m Wilcot, Huish, Oare, West Wick, Kennet and Avon Canal. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP. **S.10:30** EX157/SU 151 615 (Bristol Bridge layby (off A345)). Ldr(s) Claire 01722 501230 mob: 07860 834307
- Tue 24 **NUNTON AND ODSTOCK** 4m An easy, heron spotting, river stroll. S.10:00 EX130/SU 159 261 (Radnor Arms CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Phil & Ann 01747 870876 mob: 07546 501078
- Thu 26 **TISBURY - WARDOUR CASTLE** 5m A walk through fields and woodlands to fairytale castle. S.10:00 EX118/ST 945 293 (Tisbury CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07508 988711
- Sun 29 **REDBRIDGE - TOTTON - ROMSEY** 9m Meander along the level and largely water-free Test Way. **M.08:50** Salisbury Station for 09.08 train. Return fare with card £6; group fare £4.50 possible. **S.09:40** OL22/SU 373 135 (Redbridge Station). Ldr(s) Ken 01722 742706
- Tue 31 **WILTON CIRCULAR** 6.5m Traversing the ancient capital of Wessex. S.10:00 EX130/SU 095 311 (South Street CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Philip Wilson: August 2011

This will be my last Report as I will be resigning as Chairman at the AGM in November. My final message is please, please make an attempt to put something back in for all the pleasure you have had attending the walks that your committee has organised for you. You can do this by attending the AGM which will include a social aspect with wine and a display of photographs illustrating this years walk's and the work of our two footpath gangs. And don't just sit there, put your hands up.

### EVENTS

Please see dates for your diary section for details.

Friday 18 November 2011 South Wiltshire Ramblers' AGM. 7.30pm

Monday 16 January 2012. Post Christmas Lunch White Hart Hotel, St John Street, Salisbury.

Saturday 18 February 2012 Wiltshire Area Ramblers' AGM at Holt Village Hall.

### COMMITTEE 2011

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