



SOUTH WILTSHIRE RAMBLERS' GROUP
GENERAL INFORMATION AND WALKS' PROGRAMME
1 February 2012 to 31 May 2012

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18 February - Wiltshire Area Ramblers' AGM

The Village Hall, opposite Courts National Trust, Holt, BA14 6RW starting at 10am

Friday 27th April - Skittles and Supper at the Silver Plough, Pitton. For further details please contact Jilly at: davidandjillywright@talktalk.net

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 where parking can cause problems, walkers are advised to arrange with one another to share cars whenever possible.

Starting point of walk - on very rare occasions, alterations to the starting point of a walk shown in the programme may prove necessary in which case the leader will redirect walkers from the published start point to the new start point. 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.

Refreshments - for short walks (under 7 miles) a pub is usually available at the end and a break for coffee is held during the walk. 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 7th April.

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. Minutes of the meetings can be read on our website.

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 home address or email address. Roger Walker: juderoguk@btinternet.com or 01747 871105. .

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

FEBRUARY

- Thu 02 **DAMERHAM - KNOLL DOWN - KNIGHTS COPSE** 5.8m Ancient earthworks and open countryside. S.10:00 OL22/SU 105 161 (Compasses Inn for lunching only or Village Hall). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David & Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sun 05 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 07 **GOODWORTH CLATFORD - WHERWELL** 6m Paths, woods and part of the Test Way. S.10:00 EX131/SU 371 422 (CP at junction of A3057 and B3420). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 09 **BECKINGTON** 6m Field paths with one uphill stretch, passing through five villages. S.10:00 EX143/142/ST 801 518 (Rear of Woolpack Pub in side road off high street. (not in pub CP)). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Celia and Sarah 01225 862748 mob: 07743 187297
- Sun 12 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 14 **DOWNTON MOOT CP, STROLL BY DOWN WOODS AND RIVERSIDE** 4.4m Stroll via Barford Down, Trafalgar park and Barford park. S.10:00 EX130/SU 182 214 (Moot CP, Downton). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ron 01722 505663 mob: 07789 227200
- Thu 16 **DINTON - COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE - FOVANT** 6m A circular walk on the level round Dinton passing the site of two mills. Glimpse of Fovant Badges. Several stiles. Access with 25 bus is feasible but advise leader. S.10:00 EX130/SU 010 316 (NT car-park). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip and Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Sun 19 **CRANBORNE - HARLEY DOWN - ACKLING DYKE - BLACK BUSH** 10.5m Downland of Cranborne Chase and the Roman Road. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:10** EX118/SU 056 133 (Cranborne CP or roadside). Ldr(s) Jill H at start 01725 517382
- Tue 21 **CODFORD AND BOYNTON DOWN** 6m Steady up-hill walk with views across the Downs. S.10:00 EX143/ST 962 401 (Old A36 'slip' road). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Sue and John 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Thu 23 **CLOVEN HILL PLANTANTION, LOOSE HANGER COPSE** 5m Woodland paths and tracks. Some slight inclines. One stile. Wet and muddy in places. S.10:00 OL22/SU 228 167 (Telegraph Hill CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David and Jilly 01722 412954 mob: 07787 801730
- Sun 26 **DONHEAD - WINCOMBE PARK** 10m Undulating walk around combes and parkland. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX118/ST 901 224 (Charlton Remembrance Hall). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07508 988711
- Tue 28 **STOCKBRIDGE DOWN AND THE RIVER TEST** 6m Beautiful views over the Down along the Test Way. One short very steep up and down. S.10:00

EX131/SU 375 346 (CP One mile from Stockbridge on B3049 on right). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Sheila and Robert 01980 862395

MARCH

- Thu 01 **LOWER WOODFORD VALLEY** 4m River and field, some interesting houses. 3 stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 125 352 (Wheatsheaf CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Pat. S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Sun 04 **TISBURY - SWALLOWCLIFFE - WARDOUR CASTLE** 10.5m Woods, open fields, some hills. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX118/ST 945 293 (Tisbury CP (Nadder Close)). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Donald and Ian at start 01722 416167
- Tue 06 **NEWTOWN - ROKE MANOR - UPPER RATLEY** 5.5m Woods and fields. 10 stiles. S.10:00 EX131/SU 309 236 (Roadside parking in village). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Anne 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585
- Thu 08 **SWALLOWCLIFFE DOWN AND UP AND DOWN** 6m Tracks and paths, steep climbs. S.10:00 EX118/ST 964 250 (Ox Drove off Ansty-Alvediston road). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sat 10 **GREAT WISHFORD - TILL VALLEY** 5m Downlands and meadows. S.10:00 EX130/SU 081 355 (Park on road, meet at Church). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike J 01722 741458
- Sun 11 **WHITEPARISH - DEAN HILL - SHERFIELD ENGLISH** 10m Open countryside, woodland, good views. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX131/SU 246 235 (Whiteparish Surgery (near Church)). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Fiona 01722 324515
- Tue 13 **BOTTLESFORD AND PEWSEY VALE** 6m Gentle stroll in the Vale and along the K&A with views of distant Downs. Swim possible! S.10:00 EX130/157/SU 113 592 (CP opposite 7 Stars pub). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) John and Sue 01980 670889 mob: 07941 453641
- Thu 15 **LOWER WOODFORD - NETTON - LITTLE DURNFORD** 5m Relaxing walk through muddy fields, woods, along the river with great views of the valley and improved stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 125 352 (Wheatsheaf pub CP). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Irene and Alan 01722 322289 mob: 07788 444851
- Sun 18 **DURRINGTON - MILSTON - CARTER BARRACKS - BULFORD RANGES** 9.5m Some rarely walked parts of Salisbury Plain, Lots of Tumuli. If Red Flags are flying, route will be changed. Starting point will remain the same. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX130/SU 162 447 (Recreation Road, turn left towards school. Layby opposite swimming pool). Ldr(s) Stuart and Val at start 01980 595070 mob: 07775 764903

- Tue 20 **SIXPENNY HANDLEY - CHASE WOOD** 5.5m Across fields, along tracks and through farms. Lovely countryside. Several stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 998 172 (The Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley. (Limited parking.) Permission has been granted for some cars to park at the nearby caravan park). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Christine 01722 332469 mob: 07535 341295
- Thu 22 **DINTON BEECHES - POWTON STONE - MONARCHS WAY** 5.8m Hilly. A mix of downland and woodland. S.10:00 EX130/SU 007 348 (Off Dinton to Wylie Road, on side of Ox Drove. (Parking limited, please share cars if possible)). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Sun 25 **MOTTISFONT - HORSEBRIDGE - EAST TYTHERLEY** 10m Water meadows, disused railway, woods, open fields. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX131/SU 328 268 (Mottisfont Abbey CP). Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Ian and Donald at start 01722 320871 mob: 07967 667111
- Tue 27 **BERWICK ST JOHN, ANSTY DOWN** 6m Farmland, drove road ,downs and steep hills. 6 stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 947 223 (Talbot Arms, park in village at roadside or at village hall). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Anne 01722 341786 mob: 07787 505585
- Thu 29 **BERWICK ST JAMES - WINTERBOURNE STOKE - DRUID'S HEAD FARM** 5m Leisurely walk along footpaths and byways. S.10:00 EX130&157/SU 072 395 (Boot Inn CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David H 01722 341131

APRIL

- Sun 01 **WEST WOODS AND OARE SCARP** 8m Through West Woods and onto the high ground above Pewsey Vale. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:30** EX157/SU 133 664 (CP on road between Alton Barnes and Lockeridge). Ldr(s) Claire at start 01722 501230 mob: 07860 834307
- Tue 03 **AMPORT - EAST CHOLDERTON - QUARLEY** 5m walk around Amport fields and woodlands. S.10:00 EX131/SU 303 443 (The Green in Amport opp. school). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Clive mob: 07745 023841
- Thu 05 **SEDGEHILL - HIGHER MERE PARK - MOTCOMBE** 9m Picnic walk in the Blackmore Vale including heavy gang bridge. **S.10:15** EX118/ST 867 283 (Sedgehill Church. Park on grass verges). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Graham Read mob: 07759 538986
- Sun 08 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 10 **LOWER WOODFORD VALLEY** 4m River and field, some interesting houses. 3 stiles. S.10:00 EX130/SU 125 352 (Wheatsheaf CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Pat. S 01722 710587 mob: 07763 486771
- Thu 12 **VERNDITCH CHASE - OX DROVE** 5m Woodland and farmland Walk. S.10:00 EX118/SU 037 202 (Martin Down). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Roger T 01722 341680

- Sun 15 **MIDDLE WOODFORD - GROVELY CIRCULAR** 11m Over the hills to bluebells(we hope). M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130/SU 122 363 (Village CP). Ldr(s) Carol & Stephanie 01722 782216
- Tue 17 **HEYTESBURY - BISHOPSTROW - MIDDLE HILL - SCRATCHBURY HILL** 5.3m First part along the valley, then back over the hills along the Imber Range Perimeter path. Good views. Access to start point possible by bus but consult leader first. S.10:00 EX143/ST 925 426 (in road by church). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Philip and Linde 01722 716695 mob: 07926 265538
- Thu 19 **SOURTON - ARRON'S HILL - ALFREDS TOWER** 5m Around the Stourhead Estate, on undulating tracks, fields and paths via Arron's Hill to Alfreds Tower and returning on tracks. S.10:00 EX142/ST 778 341 (Stourhead Gardens NT CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Ray 01722 320302 mob: 07786 616590
- Sun 22 **STOURHEAD - MERE** 12.5m Ancient paths, mills and hills. Afternoon tea possible. **M.09:00** Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX142/ST 778 340 (National Trust CP Stourhead (charge for non-members)). Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin at start mob: 07508 988711
- Tue 24 **ZEALS KNOLL - LONG HILL - WHITE SHEET HILL** 5.5m Long climbs, stile, views and historical interest. Hilly. S.10:00 EX142/143/ST 797 350 (CP White Sheet Lane). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Gill & Peter 01722 336642 mob: 07751 054420
- Thu 26 **STOURHEAD - KING ALFREDS TOWER** 6m Lovely walks through landscaped grounds and woodlands. **S.10:15** EX142/ST 778 340 (Stourhead Garden CP. Charges apply to non N.T. members). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07508 988711
- Sun 29 **PEPPERBOX HILL - DOWNTON - WITHERINGTON** 11m Open heath and woodland. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 EX130&131/SU 212 248 (Pepperbox Hill CP). Ldr(s) Chesney at start 01794 884175 mob: 07954 688280

MAY

- Tue 01 **MOTTISFONT ESTATE CIRCULAR** 6m Leisurely walk around the Mottisfont Abbey estate. S.10:00 EX131/SU 315 276 (Spearywell NT CP). Pub Possible. Dogs Not Allowed. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Thu 03 **MARTIN DOWN AND ABOUT** 6.5m Hills, paths, tracks and views. S.10:00 EX118/SU 058 192 (Sillen Lane CP, Martin). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Elaine and Alison 01722 320302 mob: 07786 396303
- Sun 06 **WIDDERSHINS ROUND THE DEVERILLS** 10m Hilly with lovely villages and superb views. Any dogs must be on a lead at all times. **M.09:15** Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX143/ST 859 371 (Roadside at road junction. Limited parking, please car share). Ldr(s) Neil and Patricia 01722 711741 mob: 07966 247277
- Tue 08 **BENTLEY WOOD CIRCULAR** 5m Woodland Walk, Spring Flowers. S.10:00 EX131/SU 237 287 (Ben Lane CP in Bentley Wood). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Roger T 01722 341680

- Thu 10 **ALDERHOLT - HIGHWOOD - CRANBORNE COMMON** 5.8m Tracks, fields, woods & views. S.10:00 OL22/SU 112 125 (Churchill Arms CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) David & Anne 01722 421737 mob: 07974 108945
- Sun 13 **NO WALK OFFERED**
- Tue 15 **HIGHLAND WATER INCLOSURE** 5m New Forest walk with views. Some inclines. Could be muddy if wet. S.10:00 OL22/SU 243 086 (Bolderwood CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Dick 01794 390295 mob: 07881 772651
- Thu 17 **RUSHMORE GC - SHERMAL GATE - SHIRE RACK** 5.6m Ups and down . A mix of downland and woodland. S.10:00 EX118/ST 958 188 (Rushmore Golf Club overspill CP). Pub Possible. Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Roger & Judith 01747 871105 mob: 07891 442664
- Sat 19 **WHITE SHEET HILL - BERWICK ST JOHN** 6m High downland, wonderful views, hilly, four stiles. S.10:00 EX118/ST 964 250 (Park on drove. Crockerton Firs). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Mike J 01722 741458
- Sun 20 **SHAFTESBURY - MOTCOMBE - SEDGEHILL - SEMLEY** 11m Open countryside with good views. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP **S.10:15** EX118/ST 864 234 (Ivy Cross CP, Shaftesbury). Ldr(s) John 01980 862458
- Tue 22 **KIMBRIDGE - DUNBRIDGE - MOTTISFONT** 5m Woods and farmland walk. Good views across the Hampshire countryside. Some steep paths. S.10:00 EX131/SU 328 256 (Kimbridge Farm Shop CP [park on the grass]). Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Annie and Shirley 02380 632298 mob: 07787 801730
- Thu 24 **NEW FOREST WALK** 6m Walk on heath and through woodland with some WW2 history. No stiles just a few streams! S.10:00 OL22/SU 177 128 (Abbotswell CP). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Norman 91725 511989 mob: 07776 076363
- Sun 27 **FRITHAM - NEW FOREST** 11m Open Heath and woodland. M.09:30 Salt Lane CP S.10:00 OL22/SU 230 140 (SU230140). Ldr(s) Clive and Chesney at start 01794 884175 mob: 07745 023841
- Tue 29 **DEVERILL VALLEY CIRCULAR** 6.5m some hills, some stiles. S.10:00 EX143/ST 888 383 (track on east side of A350). Pub Possible. Ldr(s) Peter & Anita 01722 742828 mob: 07881 734932
- Thu 31 **MILTON ABBAS - BULBARROW** 9.5m Walk through picturesque villages and hills. Picnic Lunch. **S.10:15** EX117/ST 810 022 (Roadside Parking). Dogs on leads. Ldr(s) Nikki and Martin mob: 07508 988711

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I'm composing this in my new role as Chairman of our group. It's Christmas Eve and this piece will go in the "Spring" programme. I know there's plenty of Winter to go but the days are getting longer.

Before saying anymore I wish to thank Phil Wilson, our outgoing Chairman, for all the work he has put into our Ramblers group over several years. I'm personally grateful for his continuing support in agreeing to organise the walks programme. Thank you Phil.

My thanks also go to those members who give time to the Committee work and of course all those precious walk leaders without whose efforts we would have no walks. Anyone wanting to become a walk leader please step up now. We need as many walk leaders as we can persuade.

Finally I thank every member who walks. Ramblers is a social gathering and our walks are enhanced by having good companions and conversation. Thank you all for bringing that to our Group.

Enough said I think. Here's to dry weather and dry boots!

Clive Greenaway

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