

DINTON WALKING GROUP WALKS PROGRAMME JULY/AUGUST 2009

All members walk at their own risk and neither the group nor the walk leaders can be held responsible for personal injury. *For safety and insurance reasons, walkers are required to remain behind the leader and walk at a pace set by the leader.* No dogs will be permitted on the walks. The leader will be at the start on all walks. The walk will, however, not proceed if, in the event of extremely bad weather, the leader considers it dangerous to do so or if there are less than four people (including the leader) present. If in any doubt call the leader to check before starting out. Please note start times as these may vary.

Tuesday 23rd June: NEWELL'S LANE/CHAZEY WOOD **G.R. 695772**

Meeting Point and Directions: Pack Saddle PH (please car-share if possible). Use bottom car park entrance via Mapledurham Golf Club entrance. From Caversham take A4074 to Woodcote. Golf Club entrance on right ¼ mile after end of 30mph zone. Watch speed cameras!

Walk Information: Could be muddy in 2 sections. 'Like life', some ups and downs – mostly concrete farm tracks. 4 stiles.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Leader(s):** Dave & Monica (0118 9864606) or mobile on day (0786 7765087)

EVENING WALK

Tuesday 30th June – HURLEY & RIVERSIDE AT SUNSET **G.R. 825840**

Meeting Point and Directions: Free car park in Hurley Village.

Turn off Maidenhead to Henley (A4130) road to Hurley and follow road down to car park on left at end of lane.

Walk information: Thames path and riverside meadows between Frogmill Farm and Temple. Level walk with only a few stiles. Bring some cash for a drink afterwards at the Rising Sun PH. Not long after the longest day and hopefully a balmy evening!?

Time: 7.00pm **Distance:** 4 miles. **Leader(s):** Rosie & Peter (0118 9783275)

Saturday 4th July – BOURNEMOUTH

Meeting Point and Directions: Reading station to catch the 9.45am train from Reading to Bournemouth. Then bus to Swanage on chain-link ferry.

Walk information: Lovely walk from Swanage to Bournemouth with stunning views of Old Harry Rocks and I.O.W. A couple of steep inclines. *Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.*

Time: 9.45am **Distance:** approx. 8 miles. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524). Mobile (0788 5530674)

Tuesday 7th July – BROADMOOR LANE & SONNING VILLAGE **G.R. 756754**

Meeting Point and Directions: Take B4446 (this is Sonning Lane) off the A4 Twyford – Reading. At end of lane, and just before entering village, park on the left-hand side by the old flintstone wall. (There should be plenty of room for several cars, although car-sharing would be good.)

Walk information: A short, but pretty walk through village, fields and returning via St. Patrick's stream and along Thames. Refreshments can be had at the Lock Tea Gardens.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** approx. 3 miles. **Leader(s):** June (0118 9218217), Mary (0118 9699474).

Saturday 11th July: WINCHESTER

Meeting point and directions: Reading Station to catch the 9.45am Bournemouth train to Winchester, or by car meeting at Winchester Station at 10.24am. A walk through this Historic City, then the water meadows and woods, with an option to climb a steep hill for a panoramic view of the City. *Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.*

Time: 9.45am **Distance:** 5+ miles. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524). Mobile (0788 5530674)

Tuesday 14th July - GORING, BLACKBIRD BOTTOM & THAMES PATH **G.R. 602802**

Meeting Point and Directions: End of Manor Road, Goring.

Take the A329 to Streatley. Cross bridge over Thames into Goring. Turn right at Goring Church (on right). At bend in the road turn right into Manor Road (no through road). Park at end of road.

Walk information: Somewhat hilly and a few stiles, but great views over the Thames. Hopefully orchids. Bring a packed lunch.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** approx. 5½ to 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Brenda (0118 9267939), Sue (0118 9694177)

PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON 14TH JULY

Saturday 18th July: CHRISTCHURCH

Meeting point and directions: Meet at Reading station to catch the 9.45am Bournemouth train (change at Basingstoke) for train to Christchurch.

Walk information: Walk from Christchurch station, along the river, across fields to Mudeford and Hengistbury Head. *Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.*

Time: 9.45am **Distance:** approx. 5/6 miles. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524). Mobile (0788 5530674)

This walk replaces the July meeting:

Tuesday 21st July – HENLEY BOAT TRIP, SHORT WALK & CREAM TEA **G.R. 771817**

Meeting Point and Directions: Mill Lane free car park, Henley. Mill Lane is off the Reading road (A4155). Approaching from Reading direction it is just after the “Jet Garage” on the right; coming through Henley it is on the left just before the “Jet Garage”. Car park at end of lane after football ground. Car sharing where possible please as 55 members are booked on trip. A very short walk of less than a mile to the ‘Hobbs Boats’ mooring in Henley Centre. A 75 minute escorted “Wildlife on the Move” river trip followed by a cream tea in the Terrace Restaurant at the River and Rowing Museum. Toilets on Mill Meadow and at Museum. Trip strictly limited by prior booking and advance payment.

Time: 2.15pm at car park. Boat departs at 3pm. **Leader(s):** Brian and Mavis (0118 9755428). Mobile (07908 364509)

Friday 24th July – PADWORTH LOCK & JACOB’S GULLEY **G.R. 602672**

Meeting Point and Directions: On left outside Aldermaston Wharf Station.

M4 and left at Junction 12 onto A4, then left onto A340 for ¼ mile to Aldermaston Wharf. Over railway bridge, first right (before canal) 20 yds and park on left outside station (not round the back.)

Walk information: Fairly strenuous. An excellent, interesting and varied walk firstly through marshland round the Avon Canal then climbing through open countryside for some magnificent views over the Kennet Valley, returning along the tow path.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Sheila & Dennis (0118 9886047)

Sunday 26th July – MARLOW COMMON & HOMEWOOD NATURE RESERVE **G.R. SU 848861**

Meeting Point and Directions: Pound Lane, Marlow – Court Gardens public car park.

From roundabout at river end of High Street, turn into Pound Lane (left if coming over bridge, right if approaching from High Street, by entrance to Higginson Park. The large car park is on left by next roundabout.

Walk information: A circular walk up through Happy Valley to Marlow Common and on to Homewood Nature Reserve and back to Marlow via Bovington Green. 2/3 steep hills and 4 stiles. (Partly walking the Chiltern Way).

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Jenny Spencer (01628 471333 evening/w.e) (01628 487633 weekdays).

Tuesday 28th July - PANGBOURNE MEADOWS, THE THAMES, MAPLEDURHAM LOCK, PURLEY VILLAGE **G.R 637767**

Meeting point and directions: Pangbourne Meadows Car Park (pay and display) immediately next to Toll Bridge to Whitchurch (NB. not town centre car park!!). M4, J12 then S on A4; then R on A340 to Pangbourne. In centre of Pangbourne village turn R then bear L toward Whitchurch toll bridge. Car park on R beside toll bridge and meadow.

Walk information: Mainly flat, no stiles, picturesque circular walk through “Wind in the Willows” riverside meadows with Chiltern views returning after lock via slightly higher level track through farmland then descending alongside stream to riverside. Two very short gentle inclines. Can be muddy in parts after rain and wet beside river. Several good pubs in Whitchurch (walk over toll bridge).

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles **Leader(s):** Brian and Mavis (0118 9755428) mob on day (07908 364509)

BRISTOL WEEKEND – FRIDAY 31st JULY to 3rd AUGUST

Saturday 1st August – OLD KENSINGTON

Meeting Point and Directions: Meet at Earley station (or station of your choice) to catch the 10.17am train to Richmond, then by bus to Kensington High Street to start our walk.

Walk information: Lovely walk through back streets of Kensington. *Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.*

Time: 10.17am **Distance:** approx. 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524). Mobile (0788 5530674)

Tuesday 4th August – BRUNEL BRIDGE & BRAY VILLAGE

Meeting Point and Directions: Braywick Nature Centre, Hibbert Road, Maidenhead SL6 1UU.

M4, J8/9, at roundabout take 2nd exit A308M. Next roundabout take 1st exit A308 Braywick Road. Travel along the road until the interchange where you can double back and take a left turn into Hibbert Road – car park 200 yds on left. A pleasant walk through Braywick Nature Centre and along Thames Path to Bray. No stiles and no hills.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5½ miles. **Leader(s):** Joan (0118 9619037), Julia (0118 9787082), Ann (7833 663375).

Friday 7th August – LESSER-USED FOOTPATHS AROUND THE ROMAN WALL AT SILCHESTER

G.R. 635626

Meeting Point and Directions: Car park. Branch left at Mortimer Church, then turn left 1 mile past Turner's Arms on right. Turn left after 1 mile at sharp right hand bend – car park on right.

Walk information: Moderate but about 8 stiles. A surprisingly, remote, and varied walk through open countryside with some good views considering its closeness to civilisation. It makes use of the lesser-used paths that radiate from the wall and finishes along part of the wall.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Sheila & Dennis (0118 9886047)

Saturday 8th August – RICHMOND

Meeting Point and Directions: Meet at Earley station (or station of your choice) to catch the 10.17am train to Richmond.

Walk information: Walk along Thames Path to Ham House, by polo grounds, through woods to Richmond Park, stopping for refreshments. Walk back down to the river. *Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.*

Time: 10.17am **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524). Mobile (0788 5530674)

MONDAY 10th AUGUST – DEADLINE FOR WALK SUBMISSIONS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

**TUESDAY 11th AUGUST – PLOUGHAM'S SUPPER
AT BARKHAM VILLAGE HALL – 7.45pm**

Wednesday 12th August – ALDERMASTON WHARF

G.R. 601670

Meeting point and directions: Car park (pay and display) at Aldermaston Wharf. 8 miles east of Newbury – leave main A4 to follow A340 to wharf – car park on left.

Walk information: A mainly flat walk along the Kennet and Avon Canal. 2/3 stiles.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles **Leader(s):** Barbara (0118 9477463)

Tuesday 18th August – HIGHMOOR – STOKE ROW – WITHERIDGE HILL

G.R. 701847

Meeting Point and Directions: Dog & Duck PH Highmoor.

On right hand side of B481 between Reading and Nettlebed, via Sonning Common.

Walk information: Undulating walk through woods and across farmland. 12 or so stiles – some difficult. Car share if possible. Food at PH if required.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4½ miles **Leader(s):** Dave & Monica (0118 9864606), Mob on day (0786 7765087)

Saturday 22nd August – LYMINGTON

Meeting Point and Directions: Meet at Reading station to catch the 9:45 am Reading to Bournemouth train, change at Brockenhurst for the short journey by Heritage train to Lyminster town where we take refreshments. We then walk along the pretty estuary for a few miles before heading inland to a small 16th century village pub. The return is by quiet country lanes and you may want to continue uphill to the popular market in the High Street.

Walk Information: A circular stroll along a coastal path, through marshland and marina.

Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.

Time: 9.45am **Distance:** approx. 5-6 miles. **Leader:** Iris (0118 9755524, mobile 07885530674)

Tuesday 25th August – HURLEY to MARLOW THAMES PATH

G.R. 825840

Meeting Point and Directions: Hurley Village car park.

Take Hurley Village turning off Henley to Maidenhead road (A4130). Car park at end on left (opposite Church).

Walk information: Reasonable level circular walk along Thames Path and meadows from Henley to Marlow and back again crossing Temple footbridge. 1 stile. Optional pub lunch at Red Lion, Burchetts Green.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4¾ miles **Leader(s):** Lindy & Keith (0118 978 8665), or on the day (07708 400396).

Secretary: Margaret Lara. Tel: 01252 861741. Email: maglara@tiscali.co.uk

Chairman: Brian Hoare. Tel: 0118 9755428. Email: brianandmavis@btinternet.com

Please advise secretary of walk numbers.

As explained at previous meetings we not only need more walks but especially new walk leaders. If you need advice on what is involved or help with pre-walking please let us know. In the meantime below is a Walk Proposal Form that we hope you can use. Remember, *NO WALKS, NO WALKING GROUP!*

WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please include the following walk in the next programme

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