

## DINTON WALKING GROUP

### WALKS PROGRAMME MARCH/APRIL 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.* The leader will be at the start on all walks. No dogs will be permitted on the 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.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: BIX BOTTOM, MAIDENSGROVE & BIX** **G.R 728852**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Park at Bix Church car park.

Leave Henley on Thames on Oxford Road (A423) and turn off right at Bix. Church is facing you. Park alongside.

**Walk Information:** A nice walk. Not too many stiles or hills. Bring a picnic and flask of coffee! Could be muddy.

**Time:** 10.30am. **Distance:** 6.5 miles. **Leader(s):** Rosie & Peter (0118 9783275)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: DINTON - WHISTLEY GREEN – HURST** **G.R. 784718**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Dinton Pastures car park, Davis Road.

Take A329 to Winnersh Cross Roads, turn into Robin Hood Lane towards Hurst and Twyford, over motorway bridge and Dinton Pastures entrance is on left. There is an all-day parking fee of £1.

**Walk Information:** A lovely and interesting walk alongside rivers Loddon and Emmbrook, which takes us through fields and pastures. A flat walk but a number of stiles - (under 10). Refreshments at end of walk in Dinton Pastures Café.

**Time:** 10.30am. **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** June: (0118 9219217), Sue (0118 9694177)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: FINCHAMPSTEAD CHURCH** **G.R. 79463**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Car park at Finchampstead Church. (See newsletter re optional 'Red Nose' in aid of 'Comic Relief' charity).

**Walk information:** An easy walk with a couple of stiles. Drink/lunch in pub afterwards.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 3 miles. **Leader(s):** Katie and Geoff (0118 9734559)

<p><b>TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 7.45pm - MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER DAVID HUNT, 'THE THAMES WALK' – THE BARRIER to READING</b></p>
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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - WALK AROUND ROMAN CALLEVA (SILCHESTER)** **G.R. 638 628**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Car Park in Wall Lane, Silchester. In Mortimer coming from 3 Mile Cross & Grazeley, take the left turn for Silchester and Aldermaston. After about 2 miles turn left again for Silchester. Pass the "Red Lion" P.H. and after about half a mile turn left into Wall Lane.

**Walk Information:** A pleasant stroll around the remains of the Roman walls at Silchester. No hills but paths can be a little uneven in places. 2 stiles. Lunch at P.H. afterwards if desired.

**Time:** 11.00am **Distance:** 3.5 miles **Leader(s):** Norma & John (0118 969 5719) or on the day (07773 880397)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: ASTON and REMENHAM** **G.R. 785854**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Car park at Mill End, Hambledon, near Henley. Take A4155 Henley to Marlow Road, turn at Hambledon Mill, car park about 200yds on left.

**Walk Information:** Circular walk. 1 incline to high ground overlooking Thames, down into Remenham, past Temple Island and back along lock.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 4¼ miles. **Leader(s):** Pat Miller (0118 9695484)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: GREAT CHALK WOOD, EVENDON PRIORY** **G.R. 599806**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Car park behind Catherine Wheel PH in Goring - was £1.70 for 5 hrs. (car share preferable).

Take A329 from Reading to Bull PH at Streatley. Turn right at traffic lights, over river, turn right at church. Car park on left.

**Walk Information:** 2 hills and a few stiles. Food at pub or in village afterwards if desired. (Hopefully some daffodils).

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Brenda (0118 9267939), Christine (0118 9863043)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: BRADFIELD & PANG VALLEY** **G.R. 597708**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Queen's Head PH.

Take M4 to J12, then A4 West. At Pangbourne roundabout take A340, then 1<sup>st</sup> left to Bradfield. At College crossroads turn left to Bradfield. PH on right after approx. 1½ miles.

**Walk Information:** A gentle walk along river passing by Bradfield College. Fine views, 2 stiles, 1 short climb.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 4 miles. **Leader(s):** Dave and Monica (0118 9864606) Mob. on the day (0786 7765087)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: MARLOW & BOVINGDON GREEN** **G.R. SU848861**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Pound Lane, Marlow. Court Garden public car park.

**Walk Information:** A pretty circular walk along Thames path, up through Happy Valley and woods to Bovington Green and back down to Marlow.

**Time:** 11.00am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Pat Miller (0118 9695484)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April: SHERBOURNE St. JOHN and THE VYNE** **G.R. SU626555**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Recreation Ground, Sherbourne St. John. Best route to the car park if coming from Reading is to take the A33 to Basingstoke. At the Sherfield on Loddon roundabout take the road SP to Bramley Green and the Vyne (NT Property). Go through Bramley Green and Bramley and over railway crossing. After approx ½ mile turn left into Vyne Road following sign for The Vyne and Sherbourne St. John. Car park 1.6 miles on from entrance to the Vyne (do not enter into the Vyne), but continue along Vyne Road. Recreation Ground car park is on left hand side of road – it is a tight turn and is signposted 'Chute Recreation Ground'. We will stand at the entrance to make sure you do not miss us!

**Walk Information:** A fairly flat walk, but some gentle inclines. Good views of the Vyne, and we will walk through the Vyne wetlands weather permitting. 5 stiles. Can be very muddy after rain. Lunch afterwards in the Swan, Sherbourne St. John. Very nice food and reasonable prices, with lots of choice to suit all tastes.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Barrie and Marjorie (0118 9791827), mobile (07831 391840)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: FINCHAMPSTEAD & WORD of a ROYAL BRIDE** **G.R. SU793638**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** Vicinity of Finchampstead Church and Queen's Oak PH. Take B3106, turn right on bend signposted Finchampstead Church.

**Walk Information:** A pleasant flat country walk where Kings and Princes once hunted.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Pat Miller (0118 9695484)

**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL - DEADLINE FOR WALKS SUBMISSIONS MAY/JUNE**

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at 7.45pm – MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER SHIREEN WALKER, WALKS JOURNALIST, READING EVENING POST**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April: STANFORD END FRITILLARIES** **G.R. 722632. Explorer 159**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** The Bull PH at Riseley. Car park far end (car share preferable).

From M4 junction 11 go south along the A33 (away from Reading). At first roundabout take first left onto B3349 signposted to Three Mile Cross. After 3½ miles PH on right.

**Walk Information:** A pleasant walk with 1 incline. 2 stiles. We walk along river, then back after drink stop to see fritilleries.

**Time:** 10.30am. **Distance:** 4½ miles **Leader(s):** Brenda (0118 9267939), Christine (0118 9863043)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April: DORNEY WETLANDS, JUBILEE RIVER, ETON WICK, RIVER THAMES**

**G.R. 925790**

**Meeting Point and Directions:** The 'Walled Garden Centre' at Dorney Court. Take the A4 from Reading, through Maidenhead to near Taplow then south on B3026 towards Eton Wick. After 1.5 miles turn right in Dorney, then first left into Garden Centre round to meeting point in free car park. Alternative is M4 to J7 then L to B3026 and Eton Wick. Toilets/Café.

**Walk Information:** An interesting flat walk with 1 easy stile (but can be bypassed), along part of the new Jubilee River to the Dorney Wetlands bird sanctuary, then onward to Eton Wick, crossing farmland to River Thames footpath returning to start via Conker Alley. Bring binoculars/camera.

Food after if desired in Café or local pub. This walk complements separate walk via rowing lake.

**Time:** 10.30am **Distance:** 5.5 miles **Leaders:** Brian and Mavis (0118 9755428), mob. (07908 364509)

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**Please advise secretary of walk numbers.**

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**WALK PROPOSAL FORM**

**Please include the following walk in the next programme**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Walk Venue:</b>
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<b>Meeting Point:</b>	<b>Grid Ref:</b>
<b>Directions:</b>	
<b>Walk Information:</b>	

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Distance:</b> miles	<b>Leader(s) Name:</b> <b>Tel. No.</b>
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