

DINTON WALKING GROUP
WALKS PROGRAMME MARCH/APRIL 2010

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 2nd March: IBSTONE COMMON TO FINGEST

G.R. 752936

Meeting Point and Directions: Roadside parking beside Ibstone Common. M40 to junction 5 and go left until you reach Ibstone Common, alternatively travel via Henley, Mill End, Skirmitt, Ibstone

Walk Information: Circular walk, down hill through beech woods, excellent views of the windmill, passing Turville Church of Vicar of Dibley fame, then uphill. 1 stile, three gates.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4.5miles approx. **Leader(s):** Barrie & Marjorie Lister Tel:0118 9791827 mobile 07831391840

*Tuesday 9th March monthly meeting – Potato Bake
7.45 Barkham Village Hall - see details in Newsletter*

Wednesday 10th March 2010: BRUNEL BRIDGE AND BRAY VILLAGE

S.P. 895795

Meeting Point and Directions: Braywick Nature Centre, Hibbert Road, Maidenhead post code for your satnav 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.

Walk Information: A pleasant walk through Braywick Nature Centre and along Thames Path to Bray. No stiles and no hills.

Time: 10.30 am **Distance:** 5½ miles. **Leader(s):** Joan (0118 961 9037), Julia (0118 978 7082), Dianna (0118 9629392).

Tuesday 16th March: BRADFIELD

G.R. 588726

Meeting point and Directions: Rushall Manor Farm. (Post code for satnav RG7 6DL) Take M4 to junction 12 then A4 (Theale By-Pass) to roundabout. Take A340 then 1st left signposted to Bradfield. Ignore 1st left to Bradfield and carry straight on signposted Bradfield College. At cross roads at foot of hill go straight on, after ¼ mile turn left signposted Stanford Dingley (back lane). Farm on left straight after. 11/4 miles gravel track, park at rear of buildings.

Walk Information: 3 stiles, fairly flat, some road and track walking.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4 ½ miles approx. **Leader(s):** Dave and Monica (01189 864606) (mobile on day 0786 7765087)

Tuesday 23rd March: GREAT CHALK WOOD, EVENDONS PRIORY

G.R. 599806

Meeting Point and Directions: Car park behind Catherine Wheel public house in Goring £1.80 charge. Take A329 from Reading to Bell public house in Streatley, turn right at traffic lights, over the river, turn right at church, car park on left.

Walk information: Undulating walk through woods, 2 hills and a few stiles. Food at pub or in village afterwards if required.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 ¼ miles approx. **Leader(s):** Brenda and Christine (01189 267939 or 01189 863043)

Tuesday 30th March: DORNEY AND ‘ENGLAND’S FIRST PINEAPPLE

G.R. 926793

Meeting Point and Directions: Dorney Walled Garden Centre Cafe, M4 (J7) north to A4, turn left towards Maidenhead then left (after about 0.5 miles) onto B3026 towards Dorney and Eton Wick. Cross over Motorway, then small river and, just before entering centre of Dorney village, turn right(It’s more like “straight on” as major road bears left!). Take first left along track to Garden Centre. (Free Parking). The cafe provides a varied menu and hot lunches can be arranged. Please let me know a couple of days before, thanks. I’ll try to have menu (usually 2 choices + a vegetarian option

Walk Information: Circular walk around Dorney Common. Some road walking, otherwise paths and Thames Path. Negligible gradients!

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles **Leader(s):** Gordon and Chris (0118 9796433)

Wednesday 7th April: HUGHENDEN MANOR HIGH WYCOMBE

G.R. 866955

Meeting Point and Directions: National Trust Manor car park (Post code for satnav HP14 4LA) M4 to J 8/9, A404 to Wycombe, A4 to Aylesbury, A4128 towards Great Missenden. 2 miles to destination, brown National Trust signposting. Approx 35 mins from M4 to Manor.

Walk information: The Red Walk through varied landscape of Hughenden Valley of the historic estate once the home of Benjamin Disraeli, exploring colourful beech woods and pastures, visiting the monument and church where Disraeli is buried. Paths, tarmac and open country with some slopes. Park and woodland free. House and cafe free to NT members.

Time: 11.00 am **Distance:** 4 miles **Leader(s):** Brian and Mavis: (0118 9755428 on the day 07908364509)

*Tuesday 13th April monthly meeting - 7.45 Barkham Village Hall
Return of entertaining speaker Alan Copeland – “Curiosities of the Cotswolds”*

Thursday 15th April : ROTHERFIELD GREYS & HERNES

G.R. 726824

Meeting Point and Directions: The Maltsters Arms public house, Rotherfield Greys, Henley. From Reading take B481 through Sonning Common and Peppard Common. Turn right after Peppard Common for Greys and Henley, then on until right turn for Greys Church. Park in pub car park.

Walk information: Gentle stroll with lovely views, several stiles, one down hill slope and one up hill. Drink/lunch at pub afterward if required.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 3-4 miles **Leader(s):** Jackie Burgess and June (0118 9692926 or 0118 9690959)

Tuesday 20th April: LILY HILL & SWINLEY PARK

G.R. 825553

Meeting Point and Directions: Lily Hill Car Park. Take A329 from Bracknell towards Ascot. At Running Horse roundabout (pub of that name at roundabout) turn left into Lily Hill Drive. Drive up hill and round the bend where car park is then on the right (also entrance to Lily Hill House).

Walk information: Walk through Bracknell's woodland and parkland, encompassing Lily Hill Park, Swinley Park and Englemere Pond. No stiles, no big hills but some steps. Optional lunch at nearby Beefeater pub (Royal Foresters).

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Keith and Lindy (0118 978 8665 or on the day 07708 400396)

Sunday 25th April - RUSHALL FARM BLUEBELL WALK

G.R. 588726

Rushall Farm, Back Lane, Bradfield RG7 6DL

Meeting point and Directions: Leave M4 at Junction 12, then at roundabout take 1st exit onto A4 Theale. At roundabout take 2nd exit onto A4. At next roundabout take 3rd exit onto A340 signposted to Pangbourne. Rushall Farm is signposted from A340.

Walk information: Walks of varying lengths – 1½ miles, 3 miles and 4 miles. In aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society. Refreshments available, also toilets. Bring picnic to have before the walk. There is a charge of £5 (adults) and £2 (OAP's).

Time: 12.00 **Distance:** Choose the length of walk you wish to do. **Leader(s):** Margaret (01252 861741 mobile 07955 499590) and Diana (0118 9265191)

Wednesday 28th April – THE LOOK OUT AND CAESAR'S CAMP

G.R. 878661

Meeting Point and Directions: Free car park at The Look Out. Signposted on the B3430 Nine Mile Ride south of Bracknell. Toilets and light refreshments at the Discovery Centre building.

Walk information Walk on tracks through the reserve and along the rampart walls of the Iron Age hill fort. Opportunity for pub lunch after. No stiles.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** about 4 miles **Leader:** Patricia (0118 988 2581 mobile on the day 07802 490511)

Please advise secretary of walk numbers

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WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please include the following walk in the next programme

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Meeting Point:	Grid Ref:
Directions:	
Walk Information:	

Time:	Distance: miles	Leader(s) Name: Tel. No.
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