

DINTON WALKING GROUP WALKS PROGRAMME MAY/JUNE 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.

Please note: the walk on Sunday 26th April has been cancelled.

Tuesday 28th April: CHAPMAN'S FARM AND CHALKHOUSE GREEN **G.R. 726768**
Meeting Point and directions: Playing field car park at top of Caversham Park Road.
Walk Information: Scenic circuit along high ground, Chiltern tracks and field paths.
Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5½ miles **Leader(s):** Barbara (0118 9477463).

Wednesday 6th May: VALLEY GARDENS, VIRGINIA WATERS **G.R. 961686**
Meeting Point and Directions: Black Nest Gate car park. (Unfortunately £2.50 so car-share if possible).
Take A329 from Ascot towards A30 – car park on left.
Walk Information: Should be a beautiful walk as shrubs will be at their peak!! Some fairly short steep climbs – picnic or banana break at Saville Garden picnic area.
Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** approx. 4 miles. **Leader(s):** Joan (0118 9619036), Julia (0118 9787082) or Ann mobile (07833 663375)

Monday 11th May: THAMES AND KENNET RIVER WALK **G.R. 706746**
Meeting Point and Directions: Rivermead Leisure Centre car park (£1 for 3 hrs)
Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Avenue, Reading
Walk Information: An easy level walk along the Thames and Kennet rivers. No stiles.
Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Leader(s)** Stan & Muriel Hill (0118 9863238) or mobile on day (07855 129469)

**TUESDAY 12th MAY – SPEAKER KEN WELLS, THAMES VALLEY POLICE MUSEUM
“BERKSHIRE CRIMES”**

Thursday 14th May: PUDDING LANE & FARLEY HILL **G.R. 760670**
Meeting Point and Directions: Free car park at Arborfield Cross about 200 yds down Swallowfield Road from Bull PH at Junction of A327 and B3349.
Walk Information: This circular walk is through the gently undulating farmland, woods and countryside. No stiles. Can be muddy after rain. Pub lunch/drinks optional.
Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 3½ to 4 miles. **Leader(s):** Diana (0118 9265191), Margaret (01252 861741)

Tuesday 19th May: PADWORTH COMMON, UFTON NERVET **G.R. 629651**
Meeting Point and Directions: The Round Oak Pub, Padworth Common
From the A4, just before the A340 Aldermaston roundabout, turn left along Padworth Lane. At a crossroads, go straight ahead (Rectory Road) to reach a triangular junction. Fork left here to join Padworth Road. The Round Oak public house, which has a fairly large car park, is about ½ mile on the right. From the A4 to the public house it is approx. 3 miles.
Walk information: A fairly flat walk, 1 gentle incline, 1 short sharp incline, 2 stiles. Can be muddy after rain. Lunch afterwards in the Round Oak pub.
Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4½ miles **Leader(s):** June & Michael Main (0118 9785535). Mobile (0794 1000562)

Sunday 24th May: WOOLHAMPTON and the TRANSPORT REVOLUTION **G.R. 573665**

Meeting Point and Directions: Free car park – minor road running south from centre of Woolhampton behind Rowbarg PH. Turn left in Woolhampton opposite Angel PH, cross railway track and canal.

Walk Information: Climb out of Kennet Valley, cross grounds of Midgham House and then back down along canal path home.

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

Tuesday 2nd June: THATCHAM NATURE RESERVE & BOWDOWN WOODS **G.R. 506672**

Meeting Point and Directions: Free car park at Nature Reserve. Take A4 west from Reading and follow signs for 'Through Traffic and Nature Reserve' to south of Thatcham along Lower Way and Nature Reserve is on left.

Walk Information: Walk beside lakes, through reed beds, across canal and Kennet, and uphill to Bowdown Woods and Greenham Common, returning along canal towpath. Some steps and will be muddy after rain. Tea bar, café, exhibition and toilets at Discovery Centre near car park.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Patricia (0118 9882581).

DEADLINE FOR WALKS SUBMISSIONS JULY/AUGUST – MONDAY 8th JUNE
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TUESDAY 9th JUNE – SPEAKER CHRISTINE REEVES “THE BLACKWATER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK”
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EVENING WALK

Thursday 11th JUNE: FINCHAMPSTEAD CHURCH

G.R. 794639

Meeting Point and Directions: Car park at Finchampstead Church.

An easy walk with a couple of stiles. Drink in pub afterwards.

Time: 7.00pm **Distance:** 3 miles. **Leader(s):** Katie and Geoff (0118 9734559)

Tuesday 16th June: CRAZIES HILL AND REBECCA'S WELL

G.R. SU794786

Meeting Point and Directions: Recreation Ground off Victoria Road, Wargrave.

From A4 roundabout at Twyford take A321 to Wargrave/Henley. At traffic lights in Wargrave turn right into School Lane. After about 450yds take 4th left into Victoria Road. After about 500yds take 2nd right into Recreation Ground and continue to parking area in Recreation Ground at end of road.

Walk Information: Circular walk through pleasant undulating farmland to the north of Wargrave leading to Crazies Hill and Rebecca's Well. 2 or 3 stiles.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4.5 miles **Leader(s):** Nick Noble (0118 9793039).

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)

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Please advise secretary of walk numbers.

WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please include the following walk in the next programme

Date:	Walk Venue:
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Meeting Point:	Grid Ref:
Directions:	
Walk Information:	

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