

DINTON WALKING GROUP
WALKS PROGRAMME MAY/JUNE 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.

Sunday 2nd May: 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)

Tuesday 4th May: CLIVEDEN TAPLOW (NT) **G.R. 915851**

Meeting Point and Directions: Main car park for house and garden, just past Woodland car park. M4 London bound leave at junction 7. At junction with A4 turn left, keep on A4 under railway bridge and turn right at traffic lights, follow signs for Cliveden. Alternatively take A4 through Maidenhead towards Taplow., (checking first if the road is open) after bridge over Thames turn left at traffic lights and follow signs for Cliveden.

Walk Information: Fairly level, no stiles, can be muddy. Note: NT members remember to bring your card, non members charge £8 per person. Walk will start about 11.15 from the information kiosk in the centre of the car park. There will be a banana break during the walk followed by food if wanted.

Time: 11am (gates not open until 11) **Distance:** 3½ - 4 miles **Leader(s):** Monica and Dave (0118 986 4606 mobile 07867765087)

<p><i>Tuesday 11th May 7.45 Barkham Village Hall</i> <i>Speaker Ken Wells (Police Museum) – “More Famous Berkshire Crimes”</i></p>

Sunday 9th May: CITY OF LONDON GARDENS

Meeting Point and Directions: Reading station 10.40 train Reading to Waterloo.

Walk Information: From Waterloo station to Cannon Street, then visit the little known gardens of the area, includes Postman's Garden, an interesting walk.

Time: 10.40 a.m. **Distance:** 5+ miles. approx. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524 or 07885530674) Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.

Tuesday 11th May: VALLEY GARDENS VIRGINIA WATERS **SU 961 686**

Meeting Point and Directions: Black Nest Gate Car Park (Unfortunately £2.50 charge so car share if possible)

Walk Information: Should be beautiful walk as shrubs will be at their peak!! Some fairly short steep climbs - picnic or banana break at Savill Garden picnic area.

Time: 10.30 a.m. **Distance:** 4 miles. approx. **Leader(s):** Joan (07762 480281) Julia (0118 9787082) or Jess (0118 9791523)

Saturday 15th May: MAYFAIR

Meeting Point and Directions: Reading station 10.30 train to Paddington (time to be confirmed)

Walk Information: Walk from Paddington Station through Hyde Park to old Mayfair, lovely walk, plenty of stopping and looking.

Time: 10.30 a.m. **Distance:** 6 miles. approx. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524 or 07885530674) Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.

Tuesday 18th May: CHARVIL/DINTON PASTURES

G.R. 77577

Meeting point and Directions: East Park Farm car park, Park Lane Charvil (same car park used for the Monday Health Walk). A4 from Reading or Twyford, turn into Old Bath Road at the roundabout by the Wee Waif/Texaco garage, take A3032 to Twyford, at mini roundabout turn right into Park Lane, over next mini roundabout, car park on left just before the railway bridge.

Walk Information: Charvil lakes, Lands End following the River Loddon to Dinton Pastures, to Woodley and the Old Perimeter Road back to Charvil. Parts can be muddy. 1 Stile, 3 – 4 gates, flat walk

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 ½ miles approx. **Leader(s):** Margaret (0118 969 2855, on the day 07815944191) June (0118 921 9217)

Saturday 22nd May: HOLLAND PARK

Meeting Point and Directions: Reading station 10.35 train to Paddington (time to be confirmed)

Walk Information: Bus from Paddington Station to Kensington High Street, circular walk from Kensington High Street, visit St Mary Abbott's church then Holland Park, lovely at this time of year.

Time: 10.35 a.m. **Distance:** 5 miles. approx. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524 or 07885530674) Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.

Tuesday 25th May: A WALK WITH THE WATER BABIES

S.U. 760613

Meeting point and Directions: Small car park adjacent to St Neots School playing fields on the Bramshill Road. Take the A327 from Arborfield, after Eversley at the roundabout continue on A327 and after 200 yards take the 1st right to Bramshill. The car park will be found after 1.5 miles where the pylons cross the road and adjacent to St Neots School playing field sign

Walk Information: One medium incline though the remainder is even ground and no stiles. The 1st part of the walk is through forest and then alongside the Blackwater to Eversley, followed by a walk through pleasant parkland visiting St Mary's church in Eversley, could be muddy following rain.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 ½ miles approx. **Leader(s):** Ann & Bob (0118 989 3830, on the day 07584121648)

Thursday 3rd June: HAMBLEDON

SU 784866

Meeting Point and Directions: Car park behind Stag & Huntsman public house, Hambledon. From Henley take A4155 to Hambledon, turn left at Mill End.

Walk Information: Walk through farmland and conifer plantations, apart from one short uphill stretch an easy walk.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4 miles **Leader(s):** Jess (0118 9791523) Julia (0118 9787082) Joan 07762 480281)

Tuesday 8th June: HAMBLEDON

SU 783866

Meeting Point and Directions: Car park near Stag & Huntsman Hambledon. From Henley take A4155 to Hambledon, turn left at Mill End.

Walk information: A classic trail, a climb through beech woods, Luxtons Vineyard, Pheasants Hill.

Time: 10.30 am **Distance:** 5½ miles **Leader(s):** Iris Masters: (0118 9610038)

*Tuesday 8th June monthly meeting - 7.45 Barkham Village Hall
Speaker Barbara Stagles – "Safeguarding Wokingham's Veteran Trees"*

Sunday 13th June: LONDON ROYAL PARKS PRINCESS DIANA WALK

Meeting Point and Directions: Outside Hyde Park tube station. Train to Richmond then tubes to South Kensington & Hyde Park Corner. Slower alternative is train to Waterloo then tube. Meet outside station exit 1 Apsley Gate.

Walk information: This walk takes us through some of the most beautiful urban parks in the land (St James, Green Park and Hyde Park) and within sight or passing by famous building and locations, including the Albert Memorial, Kensington Palace, Clarence House and Peter Pan. The walk route is charted by 90 Diana memorial plaques set in the ground.

Time: 11.00 **Distance:** The walk, all on made paths, can be taken in one or two parts or combined according to choice on the day. Either part 1 of 4.5 miles breaking or ending at the Serpentine café and/or part 2 of 2.5 miles. No stiles or hills.

Leader(s): Brian and Mavis (0118 975 5428 or mobile on the day 07908 364509). Please let us know if you plan to attend, we can give travel suggestions.

Tuesday 15th June : THAMES PATH SHIPLAKE TO READING

G.R. 797777

Meeting Point and Directions: Shiplake railway station. Suggest going by bus No 800 bus from Reading station (stop SR on Station Hill at 10.10. This is scheduled to arrive at Shiplake Station Road stop on A4155 at 10.39

Walk information: One way walk mostly along the Thames Path, negligible gradients, to finish at Reading Bridge.

Time: 10.45am **Distance:** 6½ miles **Leader(s):** Gordon & Chris: (0118 979 6433 on the day 07790991947)

Thursday 17th June : WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK

Meeting Point and Directions: The church/The Bell public house Waltham St Lawrence. Take the Twyford to Windsor road B3024 and follow signs to Waltham St Lawrence.

Walk information: Pleasant evening walk through Shottesbrooke and Shurlock Row with a rewarding drink in the Bell afterwards. 13 stiles.

Time: 7.00 pm **Distance:** 4.25 miles **Leader(s):** Rosie & Peter Laws (0118 978 3275)

Tuesday 22nd June: FINCHAMPSTEAD & WORD OF A ROYAL BRIDE

SU 793638

Meeting Point and Directions: Queens Oak Finchampstead. From Wokingham take the A321 from Wokingham to the Inchcape Ford roundabout, Take the 2nd exit onto B3016 (Finchampstead Road) for 1.4 miles turn right at Church Lane, turn left to stay on Church Lane, the Queens Oak is on the right opposite the Church.

Walk information: Enjoy a pleasant country walk where Kings and Queens once hunted. Mainly field paths and tracks. 5 stiles, mostly flat walking with negligible gradients. Classic farmland on the northern side of Blackwater Valley.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5 miles. **Leader(s):** Chris & Sheila Garfoot: (07766766830 or 07540530755)

Friday 25th June – 28th June Walking weekend in Okehampton, Devon

Saturday 26th June: CHELSEA

Meeting Point and Directions: Reading station 10.30 train to Paddington (time to be confirmed)

Walk Information: Bus from Paddington Station to Sloane Square visiting Chelsea Royal Hospital and the National Army museum

Time: 10.35 a.m. **Distance:** 5/6 miles. approx. **Leader(s):** Iris (0118 9755524 or 07885530674) Please let Iris know if you wish to join her.

Please advise secretary of walk numbers

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WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please include the following walk in the next programme

Date:	Walk Venue:	
Meeting Point:	Grid Ref:	
Directions:		
Walk Information:		
Time:	Distance: miles	Leader(s) Name: Tel. No.