

DINTON WALKING GROUP WALKS PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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.

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 Lymington 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).

Wednesday 2nd September - MONKS ALLEY AND ORANGE HILL **G.R. 841714**

Meeting Point and Directions: Parking area at Wick's Green accessed along gravel drive beside 65, Stevenson Drive off Terrace Road North, Binfield.

Walk Information: A pleasant walk through wooded lanes and fields. A number of rambler's gates and one small incline. One muddy area if wet.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Leader(s):** Joan (0118 9619036), Julia (0118 9787082)

Tuesday 8th September – HAMBLEDEN, WOODEND **G.R. 783866**

Car Park adjacent Stag and Huntsmen PH Hambleden.

Take A4155 From Henley then turn left at Mill End. After approx 1 mile bear right into Hambleden.

Walk information: A gradual climb through beech woods with great views. Some stiles and hills. Luxter's vineyard which you may like to visit.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 5.5 miles **Leader(s):** Iris Masters (0118 9610038)

**Tuesday 8th September monthly meeting – speaker Julia Freeman, Wimbledon Umpire
Inside Story - 7.45pm Barkham Church Hall**

Tuesday 15th September: HARPSDEN, SHIPLAKE AND MARSH LOCK G.R.771817

Meeting Point and Directions: Mill Lane (free) car park, Henley. A4166 Reading to Henley. After Tesco's roundabout turn right at Jet Garage to far end of lane and over bridge. Car park on left.

Walk information: Circular walk with several stiles. One fairly steep ascent at Harpsden then down to Shiplake and back along the Thames.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4 miles **Leader(s)** Jackie Burgess (0118 9692926)

Sunday 20th September: BASILDON PARK ESTATE G.R. 611781

Meeting Point and Directions: National Trust Car Park in Basildon Park.

M4 to J12 then south on A4. Turn right on A340 through Pangbourne. Basildon Park on left approx one mile past Beale Park.

Walk information: A new walk and venture for our group through the parkland, hidden valley, woods and gardens of this National Trust property. Undulating but no stiles. Free to NT members but may be a charge for non members. Check with leaders beforehand. Picnic in gardens or food at NT café. Option for house visit after for NT (bring membership cards).

Time: 11am **Distance:** 4 miles **Leader(s)** Brian and Mavis (0118 9755428) and on the day mob (07908 364509).

Tuesday 22nd September - THREE RIVERS WALK from SWALLOWFIELD

G.R. SU726649

Meeting Point and Directions: Swallowfield Parish Church (free) car park. Please park at rear of Community Centre, Church Road, Swallowfield.

From M4, Jnc 11 take A33 to Basingstoke turning left at 1st roundabout SP to Spencer's Wood. Continue south to B3349 and take 1st left after passing the Mill House Hotel (on right) to Swallowfield. Car park on left just before small roundabout.

Walk Information: A fairly flat walk, one medium incline, even ground and 8 easy stiles. The first part of walk is through pleasant parkland, followed by a forest walk and finally dropping down to the footpath by the River Blackwater and passing the confluence with the River Whitewater.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Anna & Bob Twist (0118 989383) Mobile (07867 581964)

Tuesday 29th September - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIGHWAYMEN AT YATELEY

G.R. SU 842613

Meeting Point and Directions: Sandhurst Memorial car park. (FREE with Toilets) and a café for coffee, tea and snacks.

Take A321 from Wokingham to Sandhurst – car park on right, just before turn off at traffic lights to M&S at the Meadows.

Walk Information: This is a very easy walk, mainly flat, no stiles, a few small hills (gentle rises) and to finish off the walk we have a pleasant stroll along the river Blackwater. We do have to cross two bridges with steps, but these are very easy to negotiate. This walk includes a small stretch of urban thoroughfare. Walk will take about 2.5 hrs.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** approx. 5.5 miles. **Leader(s):** Marjorie and Barrie Lister (0118 9791827), Mobile (07831391840)

Don't forget, when the Lister's lead a walk, bring your umbrellas!

Tuesday 6th October - 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).

Sunday 11th October - DORNEY, THAMES PATH, ETON WICK AND JUBILEE RIVER GR 925790

Meeting Point and Directions: The Walled Garden Centre at Dorney Court.

Take A4 from Reading through Maidenhead to near Taplow, then South on B3026 towards Eton Wick. After 1.5 miles take right turn towards Eton Olympic Rowing Lake then first left to (free) car park in the Garden centre. Alternatively M4 to J7 then left on A4 to junction B3026, then as above.

Walk information: A new walk for the group, skirting the Olympic Rowing Lake then east along Thames river path via Boveney Lock, and across to edge of Eton Wick common. Returning along the Jubilee River via Dorney wetlands bird sanctuary. Almost totally flat and no stiles. Toilets at start, mid point and finish. Food at Garden Centre if desired.

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

**Deadline for Walks Submissions November/ December – Monday 12th October
Please contact Secretary**

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER - AGM - 7.45pm BARKHAM CHURCH HALL

Wednesday 14th October: MORTIMER FOLLOWING FOUdry BROOK

G.R. 655645

Meeting Point and Directions: Mortimer recreation ground car park (free). Opposite Horse and Groom PH. A33 from M4 J11 towards Basingstoke. At first roundabout turn right signposted Burghfield and Mortimer. Keep on this road for approx. 5 miles to Mortimer. Car park just past war memorial on right-hand side.

Walk Information: 2 stiles. Fairly flat. 1 short incline. Food at Turner's Arms PH if required.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4¾ miles. **Leader(s):** Dave & Monica (0118 9864606).
Mob: (0786 7765087)

Tuesday 20th October – UPPER WOOLHAMPTON & DOUAI ABBEY G.U. 576675

Meeting Point and Directions: Roadway by Elstree School, Upper Woolhampton. Park on road outside Elstree School which is on right after ½ mile.

Walk Information: Mostly flat, a few stiles and can be muddy. A circular walk, mostly on tracks, field and woodland. Linking 2 Churches, an Abbey and a Prep School.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 4½ miles. **Leader(s):** Trevor & Ann (Trevor 0118 9663778), (Ann 0118 90193330)

Wednesday 28th October – AROUND MORTIMER

G.R. 655646

Meeting Point and Directions: Mortimer Recreation Ground.

M4, J11, then A33 towards Basingstoke for about 200yds. Take 3rd exit from roundabout and follow road all the way through Grazeley to Mortimer. Recreation ground is on right once you get up the hill into Mortimer.

Walk Information: A circular walk, which initially runs around the brooks to the South of the village then back over slightly higher ground before getting to more wooded area to the North. If lucky there could be a variety of water birds in the area. There are no steep hills, no stiles but there may be some muddy areas if it has been wet. Refreshments available in Horse and Groom PH opposite Recreation Ground at end of walk if required.

Time: 10.30am. **Distance:** 6 miles. **Leader(s):** Nick and Noya (0118 9793039)

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HELP: 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 and submit to our Secretary prior to the 12th October deadline.

Remember, *NO WALKS, NO WALKING GROUP!*

WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please include the following walk in the next programme

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

Walk Information:

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