



**DINTON WALKING GROUP NEWS AND
WALKS PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011**

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. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We continue to have a high turn-out of walkers and parking at walk start venues can be a problem. Wherever possible, would all members please consider car sharing to ease the problem.

Tuesday : 6th September: WINDSOR GREAT PARK

G.R 946727 OS 175

Meeting Point and Directions: Car Park at Cranbourne Gate. On left of A322 (Ascot to Windsor) 300 yards after Forest Gate Lodge (PINK) on left hand side. Park at rear section of Car Park please. **Car share if possible.**

Walk information: Tarmac or grass paths, no stiles, 2 or 3 gradual climbs.

Time: 10.30 Distance: 4 ½ miles. **Leader(s):** Dave and Monica 0118 9864606 & on the day 07867765087.

Tuesday 13th September: LOWER SHIPLAKE & THE LOCK

G.R:764787

Meeting point and directions: Playing field car park at Memorial hall, Memorial avenue Shiplake.. Take A4155 Reading to Henley road to Shiplake. Memorial Avenue is first turning left after the Plowden arms in Shiplake, car park is on the left.

Walk information: A mainly flat walk with one short steep climb. Over half the walk is along the Thames opposite Wargrave. 3 stiles.

Time 10-30am **Distance** 4½ miles **Leaders** Diana 01189629392 Trevor 01189663778 mobile 07932520536

Tuesday 13th September monthly meeting Barkham Village Hall 7.45 – Quiz Night

Tuesday 20th September: WINDLESHAM, VILLAGE AND ARBORETUM

GR:SU 930637

Meeting Point and directions: Car Park of the Half Moon Pub Church Road Windlesham. Take A322 out of Bracknell towards M3 at Bagshot/Lightwater. At the roundabout with A322 towards Ascot, stay on A322 and continue towards M3. Stay on A322 (going past the turning to A30 Sunningdale) to the next set of traffic lights where there is a slip road to the left for Windlesham. Take this slip road and continue along this road until you come to a T junction. Turn right here into Church Road and the Half Moon pub is on the right hand side. If you are not staying for lunch or a drink after the walk there is plenty of parking by the church on the left hand side. Post code is GU20 6BL

Walk information: An interesting walk with a few stiles and gentle inclines, sadly noisy as we cross the bridge over the M3 but everything forgotten once inside the Arboretum.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4 miles **Leaders:** Clare and Pat (01252 877224) mobile on the day (07519758459)

Wednesday 28th September: HENLEY, LOWER ASSENDEN, LEMBRIDGE WOOD

G.R. 754 837.

Meeting Point and Directions In Henley outside The Old White Horse (PH, now closed) at the start of the Fairmile (A4130) just north of the Marlow Road roundabout.

Walk information: Start walk on the Oxfordshire Way on a steepish climb with fine views. Drop down to Lower Assendon and cross main road into Lambridge Wood. After a pleasant mile through the wood, onto Badgemoor golf course and return into Henley. **NOTE:** Parking in main/Waitrose car park is max 4 hours which should be long enough. Lunch in Henley if required.

Time: 10.30 **Distance:** 4 miles **Leaders:** Rosie & Peter Laws 0118 978 3275 Mobile on day 0754 700 5318.

For those who may be interested, the Wokingham U3A is organising a Wildlife Activities Day at Dinton Pastures on Saturday 1st October, for more information contact Patsy Thornton:- Chairman@wokinghamu3a.org.uk tel:01344774812

Tuesday 4th October – AUTUMN COLOURS AT BURNHAM BEECHES

G.R. 957850

Meeting Point and Directions: Lord Mayor's Drive Car Park, Burnham Beeches, Farnham Common. Take A355 north from Slough, through Farnham Royal and Farnham Common. (Signposted towards Beaconsfield), and then follow "Brown" signs to Burnham Beeches and eventually Burnham Beeches Car Park in Lord Mayor's Drive. Car Park is free but ticket machines there for parking donations.

Walk information: An undulating walk through woods and fields, skirting Dorney Wood. A couple of steady inclines and two stiles. Hopefully the time will be right to see the trees in the best of their autumn colours. There is a café and toilets near the start of the walk. Optional lunch afterwards at local pub (Stag & Hounds) in Farnham Common.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 4 miles approx. **Leader(s):** Lindy & Keith (0118 978 8665), or on the day (07708 400396).

Tuesday 11th October: JACK'S FISH & CHIP SHOP

G.R. 877661

Meeting Point and Directions: The Lookout, Bracknell. Take B3430 from Wokingham towards Bracknell. The Lookout Heritage Centre is on the right about a mile after the roundabout with the A3095. Plenty of free parking, toilets, cafe etc.

Walk information: A walk through the forest via Pudding Hill and Vicarage Lane then some "roadwalking" through Bagshot, crossing the A30 to arrive at Jack's Fish and Chip shop (tiled floor) for lunch at about 1215-1230.(about 3 miles). The return route is via Bagshot Heath and Wishmoor Cross to the starting point (a further 4 miles). Some inclines but no stiles. May be muddy in parts. Some inclines but no stiles. May be muddy in parts. Last year there were quite a lot of chestnuts to be gathered, so it might be advisable to bring a bag to collect some if you are interested. It would be appreciated if I could be informed of attendance at the lunch venue – thanks.

Time: 10.30am **Distance:** 7 miles **Leader(s):** Gordon Tel: 0118 9796433 or Mob 07790991947

*Tuesday 11th October Annual General Meeting Barkham Village Hall 7.45
Cheese & crackers, bring your own drinks – see nomination form at end of document.
Minutes of 2010 AGM attached*

Tuesday 18th October – visit to Exbury – see application form at end of document

Thursday 20th October: THREE RIVERS WALK FROM SWALLOWFIELD

G.R. SU726649

Meeting Point and directions: Swallowfield Parish car park (free) but please park at rear of Community Centre, Church Road, Swallowfield. From J11 of M4 take A33 to Basingstoke, turn left at 1st roundabout, (after about 300 m) signposted to Spencers Wood, continue south to B3349 and take 1st left after passing Mill House Hotel (on the right) to Swallowfield. Car park is on the left just before the small roundabout.

Walk Information: Relatively flat walk, one medium incline, even ground and 5 easy stiles. The first part of the 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: 10.30 am **Distance:** 6 miles **Leaders:** Anna and Bob Twist (0118 9893830 mobile 07584121648).

Thursday 27th October: FRILSHAM

GR:158 SU/552731

Meeting Point and directions: Pot Kiln public house car park at Frilsham (for Sat Nav nearest post code is RG18 0XX. Exit M4 at J12, go towards Newbury then at 2nd Roundabout take 3rd exit onto A340. Take 1st left onto Common Hill, go through Bradfield on the Ashampstead Road. After going under motorway turn left to stay on the Ashampstead Road. Just after the next junction on the right turn left onto Yattendon Road. At Yattendon turn left onto Church Lane (if you pass the brewery you have gone too far) then left onto Chapel Lane. Pass over the motorway and the Pot Kiln is just down the road on the right, Park behind the pub. Food at the pub is generally expensive particularly in the restaurant (well he is on tv) but in the bar they do have filled ciabatta rolls costing £4-£5.50

Walk information: A pleasant walk through woods and fields of the West Berks countryside, 7 stiles and one rather steep hill. Could be muddy after rain.

Time: 10-30 **Distance:** 5.5 miles **Leaders:** John & Norma (0118 9695719 mobile 07773 880397).

Tuesday 1st November: WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE

GR: 829769 PC: RG10 OJJ

Meeting point and Directions: The Bell, Waltham St Lawrence. From Twyford take the B3024 Waltham Road; after entering Waltham take the next left signposted "Village" at a staggered junction; pub is 500 yards on the right (no car park); on street parking in village (please car share if possible).

Walk Information: A flat, easy walk with some stiles around Waltham St Lawrence and Shottesbrook. Lunch may be taken at the 14th-century Bell Inn afterwards.

Time: 10.30 **Distance:** 5 miles **Leaders:** Jennifer Thompson (07884 227819 on the day) and John Southgate (0118 979 2109)

Please advise secretary of walk numbers – Jackie Wilson 0118 9783516 email: jackiewils63@aol.com

Annual Subscriptions Are Now Due

The Dinton Walking Group year runs from 1st September to 31st August and therefore it is now time to pay your subscription for 2011/2012.

Keith will be collecting subscriptions at the September meeting or you can use the form below.

Anyone who has not paid their subscription by the AGM in October will be deemed to have left and will no longer receive walk information.

Application for membership

I/we wish to become member/s of the Dinton Walking Group for the year ending 31st August 2012 and enclose the subscription of £6*(single) / £12*(joint) – **delete as appropriate*

Name/s.....

Address.....

.....Post Code..... Tel. No.....

Email address..... (PLEASE WRITE EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY)

If you are a new member please say where you heard about Dinton Walking Group

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Cheques should be made payable to Dinton Walking Group and sent to the Treasurer:-

Keith Shephard, 23 Tudor Close, Wokingham RG40 2LU Tel: 0118 978 8665

Email: keithandlindy@sky.com

Note: the above details will be held on a database and will only be used for activities directly related to the Dinton Walking Group and will not be disclosed to any other organisation.
