

Special Events in 2016

Sat 12.4 & Beds Area Training Courses

Sat 19.4 Please see separate information on page 9

Fri 8.4 to North Lincolnshire Wolds Long Weekend

Mon 11.4 2016 This AONB has much to offer walkers, with rolling hills, fine views and scenery, pretty villages and the historic market town of Louth. All walk routes are contained within the Market Rasen / Caistor / Louth triangle, with a short and long walk option each day (minimum 5 miles, maximum 13 miles). Optional Saturday evening group meal at the Blacksmith's Arms PH, Rothwell.

Admin fee £10, see booking slip (sheet 1)

Organiser Antony 01767 601969

or e-mail antonycopsey@fsmail.net

Sun 22.5 Coach trip to Chelmondiston, Suffolk

A 12 mile walk around the Shotley peninsula, between the rivers Stour and Orwell with views of Felixstowe and Harwich including Shotley Church & Naval Cemetery. Option to leave the walk at Shotley Gate and take the ferry across to Harwich, and perhaps we can also arrange an alternative trip into Ipswich from this point.

Cost £20, see booking slip (sheet 1)

Organiser Dave B 01767 691750 / 07473 173464

or email davebro@gmx.com

Sun 12.6 5 night break in Cornwall

to Fri 17.6 2016 St Ives area - Walks along the demanding and spectacular South West Coast Path to the west and inland to the south coast.

Admin fee £10, see booking slip (sheet 2)

Organiser Roy 01234 301182

or email roycarter367@hotmail.com

Fri 30.9 to Long Weekend in Barmouth

Mon 3.10 2016 Based on Cardigan Bay, this trip will explore the local area without mountain climbing. The two full day walks will cover the Julia Bradbury Mawddach Trail and a section of the Wales Coastal Path; shorter versions of these two walks will be available. The two half day walks will be the Quaker Trail and the Rhaeadr Ddu (black waterfall), both near Dollgellau.

A booking form will be included in the next programme, but please pass expressions of interest to the organiser as soon as possible.

See expression of interest slip (booking sheet 2)

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Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk you intend to join. If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first.

Most Ramblers' walks are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing for the walk you intend to join. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

For your own and others' safety please read and abide by any advice and guidelines issued by the organisers, and the instructions of the walk leader. Though walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities, no activity is completely without risk and it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and to minimise the potential for accidents to occur.

If you wish to bring a dog on any walk, please contact the leader beforehand to check suitability.

Most daytime walks have a break for refreshments. Please also bring a packed lunch if out all day.

Please be aware that our walks always depart at the time stated.

Sunday walks are either: two half days, usually with a morning walk of 7 miles and an afternoon walk of about 5 miles; or one full day of 12+ miles; (ending about 4.00pm).

Wednesday morning walks are generally 6-7 miles, finishing by 1.00pm.

Weekday long walks are generally 9-12 miles, finishing mid afternoon.

Weekday ambles are short walks (5 miles or less) conducted at a leisurely pace and may be of particular interest to those new or returning to walking.

Bus walks have a bus component, either the chance to reach the start point with the bus or integrated within the walk.

Summer Evening walks are usually about 4 miles (1.5 hours).

Leaders state in the programme if a walk is likely to differ appreciably from these guidelines.

If you have any questions about a particular walk, please contact the leader.

For other enquiries about our club, please contact any committee member.

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Programme

Please remember that all the latest programme information and photos, links and guidance on reporting rights of way issues and much else are to be found on Ivel Valley Walkers website at: www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk

Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Spring 2016

- Sat 19.12 **2015 / 16 Festival of Winter Walks starts.**
- Sun 20.12 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Weston, Herts.** Near A1M junction 9 - Maiden Street, near duck pond. TL 259 301 8 & 4 miles. Wallington and Hall's Green. *Mike C 01462 491032 or 07815 939549*
- Tue 22.12 10:00 am **Grafham Water and Three Shires Way.** Perry visitor centre, west of village of Perry. TL 143 671 10 miles. Mander Park Pay and Display. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Thu 24.12 10:00 am **Christmas Eve Amble.** Tempsford, Church End past Wheatsheaf PH. TL 162 531 4.5 miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Sat 26.12 10:00 am **Boxing Day Ramble.** Silsoe park near the church. TL 083 356 8 miles. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Sun 27.12 10:00 am **Over the hills but not far away.** Barton-le-Clay, Old Road, near Recreation Ground. TL 083 304 7 miles. *Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691983*
- Mon 28.12 10:00 am **Rudolf Ramble.** Woburn, car park opposite church. SP 950 332 10 miles. Rudolf will be pleased to see you in the park. Option to return to car park at 6 miles. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Tue 29.12 10:00 am **Geoff Stone Annual Walk.** Turvey, in layby on A428 north of river. SP 937 523 7 miles. *Geoff S 01234 841699 or 07761 638719*
- Wed 30.12 10:00 am **Steeple Morden.** Recreation Ground car park (beyond village hall). TL 285 427 7 miles. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Thu 31.12 10:00 am **Ickleford.** Sports & Recreation Centre car park, Chambers Lane. TL 180 318 4 miles. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
- Fri 1.1 10:00 am **New Year's Day walk.** Lilley, Cassel Memorial Hall car park, near church. TL 119 263 5.5 miles. Park to left of car park entrance. *Carol 01582 882628 or 07544213716 on the day*

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- Thu 31.3 10:00 am **Amble around the lakes of the nature reserve.** Paxton Pits Visitor Centre. TL 195 629 4.5 miles. *Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595*
- Sun 3.4 10:00 am **Over to Everton and back.** Sandy, town centre car park. (If full, park in St Swithun's Way). TL 174 492 9.5 miles. *Richard B 01767220643 or 07976 215116*
- Wed 6.4 10:00 am **From Ashwell to Hinxworth.** Ashwell, Lychgate, near St Mary's Church. TL 266 397 6.5 miles. Park carefully in Ashwell village. *Chris D 07585 876620*
- Fri 8.4 10:15 am **Bus Walk. Around the NW of Great Barford.** Great Barford, outside Golden Cross Restaurant, Bedford Rd. TL 127 523 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station, X5 (for Cambridge), depart 9:56am to meet Jan at Gt Barford. Return to Bedford on X5 bus. *Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095*
- Also
- Fri 8.4 **Long Weekend in Lincolnshire.**
- Sun 10.4 **No walks today.**
- Tue 12.4 10:00 am **Norton Green.** Near Stevenage. TL 229 234 12 miles. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Wed 13.4 10:00 am **Biggleswade Green Wheel.** Biggleswade, Dan Albone car park near Sainsburys. TL 187 453 7.5 miles. *Bob H 01767 319116 or 07950 503543*
- Thu 14.4 10:00 am **Lilley.** Cassel Memorial Hall car park, near church. TL 119 263 4.5 miles. Park to left of entrance. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
- Sun 17.4 10:00 am **To the River Glade and back.** Flamstead, car park at Friendless Lane / Mill Lane junction. TL 076 145 12 miles. Walk to Jockey End, Gt. Gaddesden and back via Bridens Camp. *Sandra 01525 222676 or 07789 777060*

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- Wed 20.4 10:00 am **Knebworth Park and surrounding woods.** Old Knebworth, Lytton Arms PH (SG3 6QB). TL 229 202 6 miles. If dining/drinking park at pub, otherwise park considerably in village. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Fri 22.4 10:45 am **Bus Walk. Back to Bedford.** Linear. Milton Ernest, Queens Head PH. TL 017 561 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 50, depart 10:30 - perhaps have tea in the park. *Brian G 01234 823603*
- Sun 24.4 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **The Many Rivers Walk.** Ware, Herts (SG12 7ED). TL 360 142 7 & 5 miles. Meet at Knibes Lane south car park, parking free on Sundays. *Mike T 01462 850415 or 07981 900620*
- Tue 26.4 10:00 am **An Oxslip Foray in Suffolk.** Balsham, Recreation Ground. TL 587 508 12 miles. Church Lane. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Wed 27.4 10:00 am **Bluebell Walk.** Wootton, park carefully on road near Chequers PH, Hall End Road (MK43 9HP). TL 001 457 6.5 miles. Use PH car park if eating. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Thu 28.4 10:00 am **Bluebell Walk.** Kimpton (Herts). Parkside Sports Centre car park, off B651 (PE8 6XQ). TL 176 185 5 miles. Margaret H 01582 564929

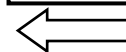
Beds Area Training Courses

Sat 12.3 Map Awareness Course - An introduction to map reading and planning/plotting a simple route. This day long course will also give you the opportunity to practise these basic map reading skills. Great Brickhill Cricket Club.

Sat 19.3 Walking With A Compass Course - A more advanced course to teach you how to use a compass to find your position and follow routes. Upper Sundon Village Hall.

We also hope to be running a 'Navigation Day' giving the opportunity to practise map reading skills and a 'GPS to Map course' in the summer.

For full details or to book a place on either or both courses contact **Nick Markham - ivwramblers.nm@ntlworld.com**



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- Wed 10:00 am **Stagsden**. Park carefully on road at
9.3 SW end of village, away from houses.
SP 981 488 6.5 miles. *Brian G 01234 823603*
- Fri 10:10 am **Bus Walk. Sandy to**
11.3 **Biggleswade**. Linear. Sandy, bus stop in
Market Square. TL 173 492 7 miles. Bedford
Bus Station, No 73 (stop F), depart 9:20am to
Sandy for walk over Roman Hill Fort, riverside
copses and commons. Finish at café and bus
back to Bedford (every 30min).
Bob H 01767 319116 or 07950 503543
- Sat **Map Awareness Course**. Great Brickhill
12.3 Cricket Club. SP 903 307 See page 9 for
further details. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Sun 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Across the fields towards**
13.3 **Pavenham (am) and Milton Keynes**
Boundary Walk towards Stagsden (pm).
Turvey, in layby on A428 north of river.
SP 937 523 7 & 5 miles
Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281
- Tue 10:00 am **Bennington and back**. Ardeley
15.3 Church Farm (SG2 7AH). TL 309 270
12 miles. Opposite Jolly Waggoner PH.
Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443
- Wed 10:00 am **Henlow**. Parish Church.
16.3 TL 177 387 7 miles. Park in Gardiners Lane.
Bob H 01767 319116 or 07950 503543
- Thu 10:00 am **Beeston, Northill and Upper**
17.3 **Caldecote loop**. Beeston Green.
TL 168 481 5 miles. Please park
considerately around green, not on the grass.
Richard P 01767 312841 or 07712 073901
- Sat **Walking With a Compass Course**. Upper
19.3 Sundon Village Hall. TL 049 278
See page 9 for further details.
Nick M 07803 125876
- Sun 10:00 am **Cambridgeshire villages**.
20.3 Dry Drayton, The Green, in Park St.
TL 380 620 12 miles. Meet near to the
church, please park considerately (no dogs
please). *Pauline S 01480 477188*
or 07504 751554 on the day only

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- Wed 10:00 am **Over the hills to the Luton outskirts**
23.3 **and back**. Barton-le-Clay. Old Road, near
Recreation Ground. TL 083 304 7 miles.
Limited parking on verge, please park
considerately.
Phillip C 01525 404799 or 07747 655557
- Fri 10:30 am Good Friday - **Bus Walk. Bromham**
25.3 **to Bedford**. Linear. Start at Bromham, bus
stop opposite Budgens in Stagsden Rd.
TL 003 505 7.5 miles. Bedford Bus Station,
No 41, depart 10:15am. Varied and interesting
walk taking in grand ridge views, woods and
some riverside. *Sue T 01234 823974*
or 07849 827049
- Also
- Fri 10:00 am Good Friday - **Two National Trails in**
25.3 **One Weekend (part 1)**. Linear. Badby, meet
at the picnic area north of the village on the
A361, for car share to the start at Greens
Norton. SP 559 597 12 miles. Knightley Way
(Greens Norton to Badby).
Nick M 07803 125876
- Sun 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Easter Sunday –**
27.3 **Hinxworth and Newnham Hill**. Ashwell,
near church. TL 266 397 7 & 5 miles.
Meet by the Three Tuns PH. No dogs please.
Pauline S 01480 477188
or 07504 751554 on the day only
- Mon 10:00 am **Easter Monday - Two National**
28.3 **Trails in One Weekend (part 2)**. Linear. Old
Wolverton. Picnic site car park, Old Wolverton
Road for car share to the start at Greens
Norton. SP 807 414 13 miles. Grafton Way
(Greens Norton to Old Wolverton).
Tony S 01234 831388
- Tue 10:00 am **Clopton and Croydon**. Hatley St.
29.3 George, High Street (lay-by adjacent to sports
field). TL 283 509 12 miles. No dogs please.
Pauline S 01480 477188
or 07504 751554 on the day only
- Wed 10:00 am **Daffodil Walk**. Dunsbridge Turnpike.
30.3 TL 397 467 6 miles. By Green Man PH, just
off A10 signs for Melbourn Science Park.
Antony 01767 601969
or 07857 890829 on the day

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- Sat 10:00 am **Shared Walk with the Huntingdon**
2.1 **Group**. West Perry, Crown Spinney Lane
(PE28 0BX). TL 149 668 9 miles. Park water
tower side of road.
Andrew M 01480 412767 or 07522 221927
- Sun 10:00 am **The lost villages of Bedfordshire**.
3.1 Woburn, car park opposite church.
SP 950 332 7.5 miles. *Derek 01462 712462*
or 07410 973338
- Also
- Sun **2015 / 16 Festival of Winter Walks ends**.
3.1
- Tue 10:00 am **Harlington and Sundon**. Harlington
5.1 Village Hall car park, Sundon Rd. TL 037 304
12 miles. *Stephanie 01234 840761*
- Wed 10:00 am **Lilley Hills**. Cassel Memorial Hall car
6.1 park. TL 119 263 6.5 miles. Food at Lilley
Arms PH. *Carol 01582 882628*
- Thu 10:00 am **Amble around the Clappers**.
7.1 Sharpenhoe Clappers car park, at top of hill
near Streatley. TL 065 296 4 miles.
Food at The Chequers PH, Streatley.
Carol 01582 882628
- Sun 10:00 am **Sundon to Toddington**. Sundon Hills
10.1 Country Park. TL 047 286 10 miles.
Tony D 01582 604906 or 07786 676565
- Wed 10:00 am **Woburn - Park and Deer**.
13.1 Woburn car park, opposite church. SP 950 332
7 miles. Car park is FOC.
Bernard 01462 700387 or 07885 778228
- Fri 10:25 am **Bus Walk. Views of the Marston**
15.1 **Vale and much more**. Linear. Moulsoe,
for walk to Cranfield. SP 910 420 7 miles.
Bedford Bus Station, UNO No C1 for Milton
Keynes (stop P), depart 9:30am.
Bob & Celia 01234 768011
or 07474 303545
- Sun 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Ouse Valley Way to**
17.1 **Felmersham (am) and across the fields to**
Souldrop (pm). Sharnbrook, Fordham Arms
PH. TL 001 595 7.5 & 5 miles.
Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281

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- Tue 19.1 10:00 am **Milton Keynes Waters.** Campbell Park, Canalside car park. SP 867 399 12 miles. By Green Lane roundabout. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*
- Also
- Tue 19.1 7:45 pm **Committee meeting.** Old Warden Village Hall. TL 138 440
- Wed 20.1 10:00 am **Willington.** Park on grass verge near Dovecote. TL 106 499 7 miles. Coffee stop at Moggerhanger Park Café therefore slightly later finish. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Thu 21.1 10:00 am **Amble. Great Ashby District Park.** Stevenage, at end of Serpentine Close off Great Ashby Way. TL 267 268 4.5 miles. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Sun 24.1 10:00 am **Between the Rivers.** Yardley Hastings. SP 865 567 13 miles. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Wed 27.1 10:00 am **Pegsdon Hills plus.** Pegsdon, near Live & Let Live PH. TL 121 303 6.5 miles. Park at pub if eating, otherwise in Pegsdon Way. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Fri 29.1 10:30 am **Bus Walk. See the delightful villages of Cardington and Cople.** Linear. Bedford Bus Station, near Bay A. TL 047 499 6.5 miles. Finish at Willington for refreshments and No 73 bus back to Bedford (every 30 min). *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Sun 31.1 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Over Deacon Hill and then through Holwell.** Pirton, Great Green. TL 146 316 7 5 miles. Near Motte and Bailey PH. *Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691983*

Ramblers membership is the best way to support the work done for walkers across Britain.

It can cost less than £2 a month and a first year discount of 30% is available for anyone joining from a health walk.

visit the web-site at www.ramblers.org.uk or telephone: 020 7339 8500
Please nominate Ivel Valley Walkers as your local group when you decide to take out membership.

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- Tue 2.2 10:00 am **Milton Bryan then on to Woburn and return via Greensand Ridge Path.** Eversholt, Green Man PH opposite church. SP 983 325 12 miles. Church End. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Wed 3.2 10:00 am **Sundon Hills Country Park.** TL 047 286 6 miles. *Michael B 01525 860370 or 07443 656840 on the day*
- Thu 4.2 10:00 am **Towards Renhold.** Bedford, Go Outdoors car park. TL 088 511 4.5 miles. *Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095*
- Sun 7.2 10:00 am **Longstowe, Cambs.** On the A1198, approximately 1 mile south of Longstowe (CB23 2UT). TL 316 540 12 miles. Next to The Red House PH (under renovation). Please park in the space to the right of the building. *Tina G 01480472108 or 07712 892731*
- Wed 10.2 10:00 am **The river, alleyways, a country park & a labyrinth.** Bedford, Priory Park Visitor Centre, off Barkers Lane. TL 072 494 6 miles. *Mary C 01234 781220 or 07963 971710 on the day only*
- Fri 12.2 10:15 am **Bus Walk. Picturesque walk through some of the wilds of north Bedfordshire.** Linear. Stagsden, The Royal George PH, (MK43 8SG). SP 982 489 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 40 (stop D), depart 9:45am. Finish walk at Turvey for bus back to Bedford. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Sun 14.2 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Olney.** Long stay car park, East Street (parallel to High Street). SP 891 516 7 & 5 miles. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Tue 16.2 10:00 am **Throcking and Aspenden.** Cottored Village Hall (SG9 9QR). TL 322 293 12 miles. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Wed 17.2 10:00 am **Little Staughton.** West of church on Church Road. TL 107 630 7 miles. Please park considerably re possible use of church etc. *Tony S 01234 831388*

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- Thu 18.2 10:00 am **Cranfield & Marston Thrift.** Swan Inn PH. SP 955 420 4.5 miles. Park carefully in the area. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Sun 21.2 10:00 am **Walk to Staughton Moor.** Keysoe Row Village Hall. TL 083 612 13 miles *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Wed 24.2 10:00 am **Maulden Woods.** Car park off A6, north of Clophill. TL 073 394 7 miles. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Fri 26.2 10:30 am **Bus Walk. Former railway track back to Bedford.** Linear. Sandy, bus stop in Market Square. TL 173 492 10 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 73 (stop F), depart 9:45am. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Sun 28.2 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Hopefully, a mud free wander.** Milton Keynes, Willen Lake South car park. SP 876 398 7 & 5 miles. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Tue 1.3 10:00 am **Historic countryside near Kimbolton.** Swineshead High Street, near church. TL 058 658 12 miles. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Wed 2.3 10:00 am **Three Cambridgeshire villages and a nature reserve.** Waresley Wood car park. TL 256 550 6 miles. Off Waresley to Gt Gransden road (max vehicle height 2.1 m). *Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595*
- Thu 3.3 10:00 am **Views over the Cam Valley.** Cockayne Hatley. TL 255 496 5 miles. Park near the church. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Sun 6.3 10:00 am **Along the Bunyan Trail.** Sharpenhoe Clappers car park. TL 065 296 12 miles. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*

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