

Summer and Autumn Events in 2016

Sun Coach trip to Chelmondiston, Suffolk

22.5 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 5 night break in Cornwall

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

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

Organiser: Roy 01234 301182
or email roycarter367@hotmail.com

Fri Long Weekend in Barmouth

30.9 Based on Cardigan Bay, this trip will explore the local area without mountain climbing. The two full day walks
to will cover the Julia Bradbury Mawddach Trail and a
Mon section of the Wales Coastal Path;
3.10 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 Dolgellau.

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

Organiser: Tony 01234 831388
or e-mail: tony.sheward@btinternet.com

Sun Coach trip to Birmingham canals

16.10 A morning walk along one of the most picturesque canals with a lunch stop at a Jacobean Mansion followed by an option to either spend the afternoon at leisure in the city or continue the walk into the heart of the city with time for refreshment and a look around before returning to Bedford.

Cost £20, see booking slip (sheet 2)

Organiser Barry 01234 353704
or email: walking@madasafish.com

For the latest updates see
www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk

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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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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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

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Sunday 8th May - the **North Beds Heritage Trail (NBHT)** will be relaunched with new signs and details on the IVW website; this walk will be followed by 7 others throughout summer and autumn 2016 to complete the entire 70 mile trail

- Sun 1.5 10:00 am **Sections of a Trail and two Ways in one day.** Sundon Hills Country Park. TL 047 286 12 miles. Taking in sections of the John Bunyan Trail, Chiltern Way and Ickneild Way. *Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691983*
- Mon 2.5 10:00 am **Early May Bank Holiday - Following the Westbourne Underground River.** Bedford Station at 08.15 to catch the 08.54 train to London St Pancras, then taking the underground to start / finish at Marble Arch. TL 041 497 9 miles. If possible buy Super Off-Peak Tickets (in groups of 4 to include tube and bus). *Roger M 01234 216639 or 07989 307046*
- Wed 4.5 10:00 am **Off to the Birds.** Biggleswade, Dan Albone car park (near Sainsburys). TL 187 453 7 miles. Biggleswade to RSPB. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Thu 5.5 **RIPPLE.** Details from *Barry 01234 353704 or email: walking@madasafish.com*
- Fri 6.5 10:00 am **Clapham Park.** Circular walk from Bedford Bus Station, by Tourist Information Centre. TL 047 498 7 miles. Clapham Park and woods with ridge views over Bedford and beyond. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Sun 8.5 10:00 am **NBHT Launch.** Bedford, St Pauls Square. TL 050 496 12 miles. Bedford to Stagsden and return walk with option to return after 6 miles from Stagsden by minibus. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Tue 10.5 10:00 am **The Claydons.** Winslow, Bucks, Greyhound Lane car park. SP 770 278 12 miles. Also passing Claydon House. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*

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- Thu 4.8 10:00 am **Amble - Stagsden.** Park carefully on road at SW end of the village away from houses. SP 981 488 4.8 miles. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Also
- Thu 4.8 7:00 pm **Evening walk - northwards to nowhere.** Bedford, playing fields car park on Ashmead Road (off Tyne Crescent). TL 052 532 4.4 miles. *Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day*
- Sun 7.8 10:00 am **St Neots.** Pedestrian entrance to Priory Park on Priory Hill Road. TL 193 615 14.5 miles. Park on the southern side of Priory Hill Road, adjacent to the park. No dogs please. *Pauline S 01480 477188 or 07504 751554 on the day only*
- Wed 10.8 10:00 am **The Three Churches Walk.** Ampthill Park, west car park. TL 024 382 7 miles. *John H 01525 840278 or 07768 252461*
- Thu 11.8 7:00 pm **Evening walk.** Paxton Pits Visitor Centre (PE19 6ET). TL 195 629 4 miles. *Pat P 01480 216029*
- Fri 12.8 10:20 am **Bus walk - beautiful riverside from Roxton to Willington.** Linear. Meet Jan in Roxton at the bus stop opposite Park Road. TL 149 546 6.5 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No X5 departs 9:56 am for Cambridge. Bus back to Bedford from Willington. *Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095*
- Sun 14.8 10:00 am **Redbourn.** West Common, cricket pavilion car park. TL 102118 13 miles. *Sandra 01525 222676 or 07789 777060*
- Tue 16.8 10:00 am **Godmanchester.** Car park in Park Lane. TL 246 709 12 miles. No dogs please. *Pauline S 01480 477188 or 07504 751554 on the day only*
- Wed 17.8 10:00 am **Brampton Wood.** Brampton Wood car park (PE28 0DB). TL 184 697 6 miles. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Thu 18.8 10:00 am **Amble - Pegsdon.** Near Live and Let Live PH. TL 121 303 5 miles. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
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- Thu 18.8 7:00 pm **Evening walk - flowers on the hills.** Pegsdon, near Live & Let Live PH. TL 121 303 4 miles. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Sat 20.8 **RIPPLE.** Details from *Barry 01234 353704 or email: walking@madasafish.com*
- Sun 21.8 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Hexton.** Near The Raven PH. TL 106 307 7 & 5 miles. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Tue 23.8 7:00 pm **Evening walk.** Bedford Embankment, by Butterfly Bridge. TL 060 495 4.5 miles. *Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 24.8 10:00 am **Riverside meadows.** Stevington Church. SP 990 535 7.2 miles. Park considerably along Church Street. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Fri 26.8 11:30 am **Bus walk - through interesting and ancient lands back to Bedford.** Linear. Thurleigh village hall. TL 053 585 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 28 departs 11:10am for Thurleigh. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Sun 28.8 10:00 am **Stevenage.** Recreation ground car park in Meadway. TL 223 246 12 miles. No dogs please. *Pauline S 01480 477188 or 07504 751554 on the day only*
- Mon 29.8 10:00 am **Summer Bank Holiday - Ashridge.** Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument (HP4 1LT). SP 970 130 10.5 miles. *Mandy 01234 740829 or 07827 330843*
- Tue 30.8 10:00 am **Castle Ashby.** Car park for rural shops. SP 860 594 12 miles. Parking area beside wall. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Wed 31.8 10:00 am **No crab at Cromer.** Weston, Holy Trinity Church car park. TL 266 299 7.5 miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*

Please consider helping Ivel Valley Walkers to reduce costs by receiving your programme by e-mail, or getting it from our website. Please e-mail secretary@ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk if you could help us in this way.



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- Sat 9.7 10:00 am **Training course - The Basics of GPS Devices and Maps.** Heath & Reach, Rushmere Country Park. SP 911 284. Car parking charge £2 (please bring exact change). *For further details please contact Nick M ivwramblers.nm@ntlworld.com*
- Sun 10.7 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **The Great Ouse & The Ivel.** Great Barford, New Road. Please park considerately by church. TL 134 517 7 & 6 miles. An enjoyable walk through the countryside and along these two picturesque rivers. *Tony D 01582 604906 or 07786 676565*
- Wed 13.7 10:00 am **The Great Ouse and Grand Union Canal.** Ouse Valley car park, southwest of Haversham. SP 817 422 7.5 miles. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Thu 14.7 7:30 pm **Evening walk - Roxton.** High Street, near village hall. TL 152 545 3.5 miles. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Fri 15.7 10:10 am **Bus walk - back to Bedford via Twinwoods and Clapham Park.** Linear. Oakley, War Memorial bus stop. TL 012 540 6.5 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 51 (Stop E) for Oakley. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Sun 17.7 10:00 am **NBHT - Day 4.** Linear. Wilden, near Victoria Arms PH for car share to Sharnbrook. TL 095 552 14 miles. Sharnbrook to Wilden. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Tue 19.7 10:00 am **The villages, golf courses and countryside of NW Beds.** Great Denham, park and ride free car park. Turn off A428 Branston Way at Great Denham. TL 016 489 15 miles. Note: this is a longer walk than usual taking in Biddenham, Bromham, Bourne End, Wootton and Kempston. *Garry W 01234 219096 or 07896 041164*
- Wed 20.7 10:00 am **Keen on the Nene.** Oundle (Northants), long stay car park off East Road (PE8 4BY). TL 043 883 7 miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*

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- Wed 20.7 7:30 pm **Evening walk - summer flowers.** Houghton Conquest, near village hall. TL 045 415 4 miles. Park carefully in High Street. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Thu 21.7 10:00 am **Amble - Pirton, towards Welbury.** Near the Motte and Bailey PH, park thoughtfully in the village. T L146 315 4.5 miles. *Paul W 01462 712529 or 07967 737513*
- Sun 24.7 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **A bit of up and down in south Beds.** Barton-le-Clay, Old Road, near Recreation Ground. TL 083 304 7 & 6 miles. *Scott P 07983 646490*
- Tue 26.7 7:30 pm **Evening walk – Silsoe.** Near the church. TL 083 356 4 miles. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Wed 27.7 10:00 am **A folly refreshed.** Wimpole Hall, National Trust car park. TL 338 509 6 miles. Pay and display, refundable at Café. *Chris T 07710 284115*
- Fri 29.7 10:45 am **Bus walk - pastoral scenes in the Ivel Valley.** Biggleswade, Dan Albone car park (near Sainsburys). TL 187 453 6 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 73 departs 9:45am. *Bob H 01767319116 or 07950 503543*
- Sun 31.7 9:00 am **Great Central Railway Walk - Part 2.** Linear. Bedford Park gates at the top of De Parys Avenue. TL 050 506 12 miles. Shared cars to Rothley station, train to Loughborough (fare £6) and linear walk back including Bradgate Country Park. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Tue 2.8 10:00 am **To Watling Street and back.** Woburn, Park Street car park opposite church. SP 950 332 13 miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Wed 3.8 10:00 am **A hole in one.** Milton Ernest Garden Centre. TL 014 561 6 miles. Park at top end of car park. *Mary C 01234 781220 or 07963 971710 on the day only*
- Thu 4.8 **RIPPLE.** Details from Barry 01234 353704 or email: walking@masafish.com

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- Wed 11.5 10:00 am **Gliders, old mills & good views.** Totternhoe Knolls car park (LU6 1QG). SP 986 217 6 miles. Small car park, 6.5 ft. height restriction. *Philip C 01525 404799 or 07747 655557*
- Thu 12.5 10:00 am **Amble - Old Warden.** Church car park. TL 136 443 4 miles. *Carol 01582 882628*
- Sun 15.5 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Rolling hills of Hertfordshire.** Steeple Morden. TL 286 424 7 & 5 miles. Park near Wagon and Horses PH. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Wed 18.5 10:00 am **A delightful market town.** Olney, long stay car park, East Street (parallel to High Street). SP 891 516 7 miles. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Fri 20.5 10:50 am **Bus walk - Northamptonshire riverside and landscapes.** Linear. Burton Latimer (NN15 5RH). SP 900 745 7.5 miles. Bedford Bus Station, No 50 departs 9:37am. Finish walk at Irthlingborough for bus back to Bedford. *Roger M 01234 216639 or 07989 307046*
- Sat 21.5 **RIPPLE.** Details from Barry 01234 353704 or email: walking@masafish.com
- Sun 22.5 **Coach trip to Chelmondiston.** Linear. See separate information. *Dave B 01767 691750 or 07473 173464*
- Tue 24.5 10:00 am **NBHT - Day 2.** Linear. Harrold Odell Country Park for car share to Stagsden, walk starts there at 10:30am. SP 956 566 9 miles. Walk from Stagsden, Church of St Leonard to Harold. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Also
- Tue 24.5 7:30 pm **Evening walk - Maulden Woods.** Car park off A6 north of Clophill. TL 073 394 4 miles. *Lynda K 01234 740788 or 07481 778316*
- Wed 25.5 10:00 am **Cainhoe Castle and Manor.** Silsoe, Park Avenue near church. TL 083 356 7 miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*

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- Thu 10:00 am **Amble - Dunton.** Near church in
26.5 Church Lane. Please park courteously around
the village. TL 237 442 4.5 miles. Dunton to-
wards Sutton.
Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095
- Sun 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Ashridge Estate.** Visitor
29.5 Centre, near Bridgewater Monument
(HP4 1LT) SP 970 130. 7.5 & 4.5 miles.
Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545
- Mon 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Spring Bank Holiday -**
30.5 **Great Offley.** By the church. TL 145 268
8 & 6 miles.
Mike C 01462 491032 or 07815 939549
- Tue 7:30 pm **Evening walk - a dose of Cockayne.**
31.5 Cockayne Hatley, near church. TL 255 496
4.5 miles. *Antony 01767 601969*
or 07857 890829 on the day
- Wed 10:00 am **Rural Hertfordshire.** Weston, near
1.6 Baldock, Holy Trinity Church car park.
TL 266 299 6.5 miles. *Sheila 01480 392223*
or 07885 615595
- Thu **RIPPLE.** Details from *Barry 01234 353704*
2.6 *or email: walking@madasafish.com*
- Fri 10:33 am **Bus walk - fine ridge walking to**
3.6 **Cranfield.** Linear. Bromham, Stagsden Road
opposite Budgens shop (MK43 8PU).
TL 003 505 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station,
No 41 departs 10:15am for Northampton.
Martin W 01234 767876
or 07761 209981 on the day
- Sun 10:00 am **Baldock.** Park in High St., meet by
5.6 Library in Simpson Drive (off High St).
TL 245 337 13 miles.
Graham M 01462 711751 or 07776 430750
- Tue 10:00 am **Historic town of Kimbolton.** High St
7.6 (castle end). TL 099 677 10 miles. Nice cafes
and cake shops. *Marcus 01462 812005*
or 07417 498199 on the day
- Wed 10:00 am **The start of the Chilterns.** Pegsdon,
8.6 The Live & Let Live PH. TL 121 303 6.5 miles.
If eating, use PH car park. *Carol 01582 882628*

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- Thu 10:00 am **Amble - Hangar views at Water**
9.6 **End.** Willington, park on grass verge near
Dovecote. TL 106 499 5 miles.
Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829
on the day
- Sun **5 Night Break in Cornwall starts.**
12.6
- Also
- Sun 10:00 am **Morning walk - Shefford.** Town car
12.6 park, Old Station Way. TL 142 391 7 miles.
Mike T 01462 850415 or 07981 900620
- Wed 10:00 am **A better bit of Bedford.** Mowsbury
15.6 Park car park, Kimbolton Road. TL 060 528
7 miles. Mowsbury to Clapham.
Veronica C 01234 304337 07890 830427
- Fri 10:45 am **Bus walk - delightful villages and**
17.6 **countryside from Turvey to Bromham.**
Linear. Meet Brian near Turvey Church.
SP 941 525 7 miles. Bedford Bus Station,
No 41 departs 10:15 for Northampton.
Brian G 01234 823603
- Sat **RIPPLE.** Details from *Barry 01234 353704*
18.6 *or email: walking@madasafish.com*
- Sun 10:00 am **Morning walk.** Ampthill Park, west
19.6 car park. TL 024 382 7 miles.
John H 01525 840278 or 07768 252461
- Tue 10:00 am **The Millennium Walk.** Woburn, Park
21.6 Street free car park. SP 950 332 14 miles.
A Let's Go walk.
Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281
- Wed 10:00 am **NBHT - Day 3.** Harrold Odell
22.6 Country Park car park. SP 956 566 8 miles.
Harrold to Sharnbrook and return.
Tony S 01234 831388
- Thu 10:00 am **Amble - Tempsford.** Church End,
23.6 past Wheatsheaf PH. TL 162 531 4.5 miles.
Towards Blunham.
Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595
- Also
- Thu 7:30 pm **Evening walk - St Neots.** Riverside
23.6 car park. TL 179 600 3.5 miles.
Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595

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- Sun 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Big views and small**
26.6 **climbs in Herts.** Whitwell, Recreation
ground, Bradway, off Horn Hill. TL 183 209
7 & 5 miles.
Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691983
- Tue 7:30 pm **Evening walk - Ampthill.** Gates to
28.6 The Alameda, Woburn Street. TL 034 381
4 miles. Small car park or use lay-bys along
Woburn Street. *Nichola H 01525 840278*
or 07952 524610
- Wed 10:00 am **Living Elms of Boxworth.** Golden
29.6 Ball PH, overflow car park. TL 344 640
6.5 miles.
Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Fri 10:00 am **Bus walk - very pleasant**
1.7 **countryside.** Wilden, Victoria Arms PH.
TL 095 552 8 miles. Bedford Bus Station,
No 27 departs 9:35am.
Garry W 01234 219096 or 07896 041164
- Sun 10:00 am **Buntingford.** Bowling Green car
3.7 park (SG9 9BT). TL 356 295 12 miles.
Mike T 01462 850415 or 07981 900620
- Tue 10:00 am **Digswell, Tewin and Bull's Green.**
5.7 Start at Datchworth (SG3 6RG). TL 267 193
12 miles. Park considerably near church.
Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443
- Also
- Tue 7:00 pm **Evening walk - Matters of Life and**
5.7 **Death.** Bedford, Wentworth Drive near
Church Lane roundabout. TL 076 521
4 miles. *Barry 01234 353704*
or 07860 348347 on the day
- Wed 10:00 am **Along the riverside - Blunham.**
6.7 Near church in Park Lane. TL 153 511
6.5 miles. *Chris D 07585 876620*
- Thu **RIPPLE.** Details from *Barry 01234 353704*
7.7 *or email: walking@madasafish.com*
- Also
- Thu 10:00 am **Amble - towards Renhold.**
7.7 Bedford, Go Outdoors parking area.
TL 088 511 5 miles.
Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095