

Special Events in 2012 & 2013

Sat 8.9 Bedfordshire Walking Festival

- Sun 16.9 The 2012 festival offers an ideal opportunity to encourage new people to experience a walk with a friendly group. See the separate programme for a complete list of the many and varied walks available from a variety of groups. Please get involved.

Sun 7.10 Coach trip to Rochester

Rochester has been one of Britain's great cities for many centuries. It has a magnificent castle and the second oldest cathedral in the country.

Our trip offers walks along sections of the wonderful North Downs as we make our way to Rochester in time for some exploring and refreshment (not included in the price) before heading home. Opportunity to spend the afternoon or the whole day in Rochester, Charles Dickens' favourite town. Cost £18.00 per person.

Organiser: Barry Tel 01234 353704

Sat 27.10 Barn Dance 7.30pm – 11.00 pm Southill Village Hall.

Dancing to the Ivel Valley Band. Cost £8 per head to include Ploughman's supper. Tickets available on walks or by returning booking slip by 1st October. Bring your own drinks.

Organisers: Tina Tel. 01480 472108 and Val 07527 052095

Sat 10.11 Area AGM

10:00am - Tea/coffee & welcome, followed by a 4.5 mile walk

12:30pm -Light lunch

1:30pm – Presentation from Sam Newby-Ricci

2:15- Area AGM

Sun 19.5 Coach trip Avebury Rings and Marlborough

Enjoy the open vistas of the Marlborough Downs in Wessex. Starting near Calne, a morning walk of 4.5 miles brings us to the village of Avebury with its ring of Neolithic Stones said to be older than nearby Stonehenge.

Lunch will be taken here with time to view the Stones. The afternoon walk of 6 miles follows the Wessex Ridgeway to the town of Marlborough, where there will be time for tea before returning. Option to spend the afternoon exploring Marlborough.

Organiser: Tony 01234 831388

Sun 16.6 5 night break in Yorkshire Dales

- Fri 21.6 Grassington in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales is surrounded by wonderful countryside and excellent walking opportunities. Accommodation ranges from Campsites to Self-catering to Bed & Breakfast and should suit most budgets. Admin fee £10

For more details contact Barry Tel 01234 353704

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Eric Cartwright, Mary Morse, Nick Markham, Mike Tenwick.

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.

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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Ivel Valley Walkers

Bedfordshire Area

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

Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Autumn 2012

Sun 2.9	10.00am Beeston Green, near Sandy TL168481 12 miles. Lynda 01234 740788
Tue 4.9	10.00am. Swineshead High Street, near Church TL058658 12 miles. Sue and Bob 01234 823974
Wed 5.9	10.00am Clifton near Church TL166392 7.5 Miles. Marcus 01462 812005
Fri 7.9	Bus to Bedford - 10.30am meet St Paul's Square outside Corn Exchange TL049497 6 miles. River walk to Kempston Mill. Bus use optional. Marcus 01462 812005

BEDFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

Sat 8.9	10.00am & 14:00 Clophill Village Green TL082377 7 & 5.5 miles. Park Village Hall, Kiln Lane TL086384, start Village Green. Nick M 07803 125876
Sun 9.9	10.00am & 14:00 Sandy, town centre car park TL174492 7 & 5 miles. Figure of eight, join am or pm or do both. Marcus 01462 812005
Mon 10.9	2.00pm John Bunyan Interest Walk - meet Bedford Bus Station, bring bus pass TL047498 4.5 miles. To visit John Bunyan's 'City of Destruction' and birthplace, & return to the 'Celestial City'. Barry 01234 353704
Tue 11.9	9.00am Kingfisher Way - meet Biggleswade Bus Station TL190446 11 miles. Linear Walk with free bus transport-please book. CBC Countryside 01234 353704
Wed 12.9	10.00am Icknield Way Streatley - meet near to the Chequers PH TL070287 6.5 miles. Walkers having lunch in the pub, may park in the car park. Carol 01582 882628
Also	
Wed 12.9	6.30pm Ghosts and Macabre Happenings in Bedford. Meet St. Paul's Square, by statue of John Howard TL050496 Two hour miscellany of ghosts and macabre happenings in Bedford (car parking free in town centre). Barry 01234 353704
Thu 13.9	10.00am Meppershall Amble -meet Meppershall, by the Church TL134359 4.5 miles. Julia 01462 672321
Also	
Thu 13.9	1.30pm Three Hills Circular Walk - meet Ridgmont Train Station (limited parking) SP965373 6 miles. Catch 12:55 Marston Vale Line train from Bedford, £2.85 with Rail Card/Bus Pass. Barry 01234 353704
Fri 14.9	9.00am Kingfisher Way Part 2 - Biggleswade to Tempsford. Meet Biggleswade Market Square TL190446 9 miles. Linear Walk with free bus transport-please book. CBC Countryside 01234 353704

See also walk on same day, next page.

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BEDFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL CONTINUED

Fri 14.9	2.00pm Willington & Castle Mill; The John Bunyan Connection. Meet Willington, grass verge near Dovecote TL106499 4.5 miles. The Dovecote and Stables with afternoon refreshments available at the church. Tony 01234 831388
Sat 15.9	10.00am & 14:00 Loop Around Langford. Meet Village Hall car park, Mill Lane TL184412 6 & 5 miles. Eric 01234 315181
Sun 16.9	10.00am, meet Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingley Road TL026355 7 miles. Nichola 01525 840278
Also	
Sun 16.9	2.00pm The History of Amptill Park, Amptill Park West car park TL024382 3 miles. John 01525 840278
Mon 17.9	7.45pm IVW Committee Meeting Mary 01234 781220
Tue 18.9	10.00am Grafham Water Visitor Centre (parking charge) TL167680 12.5 miles. Brian 01234 823603
Wed 19.9	10.00am Royston. Heath Sports Centre car park, Baldock Road TL347405 6.5 miles. Antony 01767 601969
Fri 21.9	X5 bus to Cambridge. 11.30am meet Parkers Piece bus stop, Parkside TL455582 6.5 miles. City walk plus out to Grantchester. Use of bus optional. Marcus 01462 812005
Sun 23.9	10.00am Woburn Millennium circular walk, meet car park opposite Church SP950332 14 miles. Roy 01234 301182
Wed 26.9	10.00am Olney Long stay car park, East St. parallel to High St SP891516 6.5 miles. Brian 01234 823603
Thu 27.9	10.00am Weekday Amble Amptill Park West car park TL024382 4.5 miles. Brian 01234 832603
Sun 30.9	10.00am Dry Drayton, The Green TL380620 12.5 miles. Park considerably in village, no dogs please. Pauline 01480 477188 or 07504 751554 on the day only
Tue 2.10	10.00am Silsoe, Park Avenue, near Church TL083356 12 miles. Jim 01525 405344 or 07966 735318
Wed 3.10	10.00am Bedford Park, Park Avenue TL052509 7.5 miles. Marcus 01462 812005
Fri 5.10	Bus to Hitchin - 10.30am meet Market Square TL183290 6 miles. Walk to Preston. Use of bus optional. Marcus 01462 812005
Sun 7.10	Coach Trip to Rochester See overleaf for details
Wed 10.10	10.00am Sharnbrook near Church SP994596 7 miles. Jim 01525 405344 or 07966 735318
Thu 11.10	10.00am Weekday Amble Preston nr Hitchin, Village Green TL180247 5 miles. Park in village, meet in front of Red Lion PH. Margaret 01582 564929
Sun 14.10	10.00am & 14:00 Barton-le-Clay. Old Road Recreation Ground TL083304 7 & 5 miles. Eric 01234 315181
Tue 16.10	10.00am Stour Valley Path 'Taster 1' meet Stetchworth, Ellesmere Sports Centre car park TL642582 12 miles. Circular walk taking in a short stretch of the Stour Valley. Path Antony 01767 601969
Wed 17.10	10.00am Graveley, Herts. George & Dragon PH, park considerably in village TL231277 6.5 miles. Eddie 01438 226590

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Fri 19.10	Bus to Amptill - 10.30am meet bus stop Prince of Wales PH, Bedford St TL033382 6 miles. Use of bus optional. Marcus 01462 812005
Sun 21.10	Cambridge Guided Bus - Histon to St Ives. 9.30am meet bus stop St. Ives Park & Ride, off Meadow Lane, east of the A1096 (Harrison Way) PE27 4LG for 9:40 bus to Histon TL319708 12 mile walk back via Longstanton and Swavesey; fare £4 or free with bus pass. Tony 01234 831388
Wed 24.10	10.00am St Pauls Walden, car park near Church TL192222 7 miles. Antony 01767 601969
Thu 25.10	10.00am Weekday Amble Sharnbrook, Fordham Arms PH TL001595 4 miles. Mary 01234 781220
Fri 26.10	Bus to Bedford - 10.30am meet St Paul's Square outside Corn Exchange TL049497 7 miles. Walk to Priory Country Park & Cardington. Use of bus optional. Marcus 01462 812005
Sat 27.10	7.30pm Barn Dance Southill Parish Hall, Stanford Rd, Southill TL155420 See overleaf for details
Sun 28.10	10.00am & 13:45 Turvey, Three Fyshes PH car park SP939523 7 & 5 miles. Roy 01234 301182
Tue 30.10	10.00am St Pauls Walden, car park near Church TL192222 12 miles. Ian 01462 812294
Wed 31.10	10.00am Felmersham Church SP991578 6 miles. Tony 01234 831388
Sun 4.11	10.00am Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road TL060528 12 miles. Eric 01234 315181
Tue 6.11	7.30pm Ivel Valley AGM Old Warden Village Hall TL138440 See AGM Notification slip for details
Wed 7.11	10.00am Pirton Green near Motte & Bailey PH TL146316 6 miles. Julia 01462 672321
Thu 8.11	10.00am Weekday Amble Harrold Odell Country Park car park SP956566 4.5 miles. Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595
Fri 9.11	Bus to Biggleswade - 10.30am meet Market Square TL190446 7.5 miles. Scenic walk to & around RSPB. Use of bus optional. Marcus 01462 812005
Sat 10.11	10.00am Area AGM Old Warden Village Hall TL138440 4.5 miles. See overleaf for details. Barry 01234 353704
Sun 11.11	10.00am & 13:45 Dunstable Downs - Chiltern Gateway Centre TL008194 7 & 5 miles. Car park charge (free to National Trust members). Sandra 01525 222676
Tue 13.11	10.00am Stockgrove Country Park car park, off Great Brickhill Rd SP919294 12 miles. Possible £2 parking fee Celia and Bob 01234 768011
Wed 14.11	10.00am Turvey, Three Fyshes PH car park SP939523 6.5 miles. Mary 01234 781220
Sun 18.11	10.00am Maulden Woods car park, off A6 north of Clophill TL073394 12 miles. No dogs please Nichola 01525 840278
Wed 21.11	10.00am Cardington Village Hall TL087478 7 miles. Nick W 01234 210437
Thu 22.11	10.00am Weekday Amble Steppingley, near French Horn PH TL011354 5 miles. Bruce 01525 402885

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Sun 25.11	10.00am & 13:45 Caldecott Lake North Car Park SP887355 7 & 5 miles. Nick M 07803 125876
Tue 27.11	10.00am Stour Valley Path 'Taster 2' meet Stetchworth, Ellesmere Sports Centre car park TL642582 11.5 miles. Linear walk shared transport to Reach. Walk the entire length of the Devil's Dyke. Antony 01767 601969
Wed 28.11	10.00am Wilden, near Victoria Arms PH TL095552 6.5 miles. Tony 01234 831388
Sun 2.12	10.00am Meet St Neots, Riverside car park TL179600 10 miles. Shared transport to start point at Caldecote, Cambs. Val 01480 218872
Wed 5.12	10.00am Christmas Walk & Buffet Lunch. Maulden, Dog & Badger PH TL072376 6 miles. Buffet £11 per head, book & pay Mary Morse (tel 01462 700387) by 7th November. Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595
Thu 6.12	10.00am Weekday Amble Letchworth, Wilbury Hills Picnic Site car park TL200326 4 miles. Stotfold Road near junction with Icknield Way and Wilbury Hills Road. Antony 01767 601969
Sun 9.12	10.00am & 13:45 Croydon, Cambs. High Street nr Queen Adelaide pub TL313493 7 & 5 miles. Tony 01234 831388
Tue 11.12	10.00am Maulden Woods, car park off A6 north of Clophill TL073394 12.5 miles. Marcus 01462 857895
Wed 12.12	10.00am Great Offley Red Lion P.H. parking in pub if eating or drinking TL146266 6.5 miles. Martin 01234 767876
Sun 16.12	10.00am Mulled Wine Ramble Silsoe Village Hall, High St, junction Amptill Rd MK45 4DY TL082357 6 miles. Bring & share snacks. Cost £2.00 on the door. Laurie 01525 403950
Wed 19.12	10.00am Breachwood Green Village Hall car park, SG4 8NX TL150219 6 miles. Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389433
Thu 20.12	10.00am Weekday Amble Dunstable Downs, Chiltern Gateway Centre TL008194 4.5 miles. Car park charge £2 (Free to NT members). Carol 01582 882628
FESTIVAL OF WINTER WALKS	
Tue 25.12	10.00am Welwyn, Lockleys Drive car park TL232162 6.5 miles. From A1, junction 6 exit, Lockleys Drive off Welwyn Bypass Rd. Eddie 01438 226590
Thu 27.12	10.00am Pegsdon, near Live & Let Live PH TL121303 4.5 miles. Julia 01462 672321
Sun 30.12	8.30am London Walk - meet Bedford station to catch 8:50 to London St Pancras (8:58 from Flitwick) TL041497 Travel tickets should include underground travel. Price £10-£15 with either group save or rail card. Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
Tue 1.1	10.00am Amptill Park West car park TL024382 9 miles. Nick M 07803 125876
Wed 2.1	10.00am Pitstone Hill car park SP955149 10 miles. Take B488 SE of Ivinghoe, then road to Aldbury (Stocks Rd). Ian 07866 389443 or 01462 812294
Sun 6.1	10.00am & 13:45 Paxton Pits Visitor Centre TL195629 7 & 5 miles. Val 01480 218872