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Please visit [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk) or telephone: 020 3961 3300  
and nominate **Ivel Valley Walkers** as your local group

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# Ivel Valley Walkers



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## Summer 2020 Walks Programme

[www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk)

Walks on:-  
Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,  
Fridays, occasional Saturdays and Summer  
evenings

New walkers are always made very welcome

# Ivel Valley Walkers

## Walks on:-

**Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,**

**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.

**Tuesday walks** are generally 9-12 miles, conducted at a brisk pace with shorter stops, finishing mid afternoon. Please bring food and drinks for the whole day.

**Wednesday morning walks** are generally 6-7 miles, finishing by 1:00pm.

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

**Friday 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 of 4 - 4.5 miles, on various weekdays and start at either 7:00pm or 7:30pm.

## Notes for walkers:

- Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk; if you are unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first.
- **Please park considerably on the road if there is no dedicated car park.**
- Most Ramblers' walks are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing; leaders may not 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 organiser, 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 minimize the potential for accidents to occur.
- If you wish to bring a dog on any walk, please contact the leader before you walk to check suitability.
- Most walks have a refreshment break; please bring packed lunch if out all day.
- Please be aware that our walks always depart at the time stated.
- The walks are free, but if you walk regularly with us we would like you to join the Ramblers Association.

## Event payment details

Please send slips with payment method a.s.a.p. to the organiser.

**Please note: we cannot accept cash.**

BACS Payment Details, Ivel Valley Social Account

Acc No....20201274

Sort code...60-83-01

Please make Cheques payable to **RA Ivel Valley Social Account**

## Paying for IVW trips and events by bank transfer (BACS)

IVW has introduced this facility for members to pay for trips and events by direct bank transfer (BACS).

For the bank transfers to work smoothly members are requested to follow a few simple guidelines:

- ♦ Make separate transfers when booking more than one trip or event at one time
- ♦ Enter the name of the trip or event (not your own name) in the reference field, bearing in mind that the field size is limited to 18 characters including spaces See booking Slip for reference codes

If you are unsure of the procedure please contact our Treasurer Garry Wallace at treasurerivelvalley@gmail.com or ring 07896 041164

**If you require additional copies of anything in this programme including events details or booking slips please visit  
[www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk)**

## Booking Slips for Events in 2020

### Long Weekend–Wells - Friday 2nd October to Monday 5th October

Cost £10.00 per person Number required \_\_\_\_ Total payment £ \_\_\_\_

BACS payment Yes/No **or** Cheque enclosed £ \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the use of the above details for the sole purpose of organising this event.

Reference Code: Wells

Please return this booking slip and cheque to:-

*Roy Carter, 62 The Birches, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7TT*

### Coach trip to Rochester– Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Cost £20.00 per person Number required \_\_\_\_ Total payment £ \_\_\_\_

BACS payment Yes/No **or** Cheque enclosed £ \_\_\_\_

Pick-up location, please indicate *Bedford* or *Sandy*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the use of the above details for the sole purpose of organising this event.

Reference Code: Rochester

Please return this booking slip and cheque to:-

*Barry Ingram, 67 Avon Drive, Bedford, MK41 7UP*

## Ivel Valley Walkers

This Walks Programme contains full details of IVW walks during the May to August 2020 period with more general descriptions of the various walk types on page 2. Planned trips and events for 2020 include a City Break in Bath and Bristol, coach trip to Ironbridge, river kayaking, Yomp and Chomp Pork Roast, Leaders and Apps and Maps Training Courses. Long Weekend to Wells, Somerset, Evening at the Auction. For more information on this year's trips and events please see pages 13 to 16 with booking slips on page 17. & 18 Payment details on page 19.

*Alan Rowland Programme Secretary [programmeivw@gmail.com](mailto:programmeivw@gmail.com)*

### **RIPPLE: Activities to Restore and Improve Public Paths for Leisure and Enjoyment**

As usual, Barry will circulate full details when arrangements for each work party are finalised. This information can also be found at [ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk) on the RIPPLE page. Please contact Barry if you would like to get involved.

*[barry.ingram74@btinternet.com](mailto:barry.ingram74@btinternet.com) 01234 353704*

Please consider helping Ivel Valley Walkers to reduce costs by receiving your programme by e-mail, or getting it from our website.  
Go to **[ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk)** and click on the Walks Programme page for instructions and downloads.

Post codes and grid references indicate the location of the walk meeting place. For walk queries, please contact the walk leader. For changes and additional information, please check the IVW website, [ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk) for up to date information including start point changes. **Sunday split walks**; please note that the afternoon start time stated is the earliest that the walk will start — if the morning walk over runs, then a delay may be required to allow those walking all day to have lunch.

- Fri 1.5 09:20 **Bedford Bus Station**. Linear. Bus departs at 09.35 to Northampton (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 7.5 miles. Walk starts 10.00. Turvey Green to Oakley with coffee and bus back to Bedford.  
*Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Sun 3.5 09:30 **Ridgmont Village**. Linear. GSRW Day 1. Outside the Rose and Crown PH, coach transfer to start in Leighton Buzzard and walk back to Ridgmont. (MK43 0TY) SP 978 363 14 miles. Booking on the Greensand Trust website essential See page 13 for details *Andrea D 07713 718389*
- Tue 5.5 10:00 **Ashridge Estate**. Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument. (NP4 1LT) SP 970 130 12 miles.  
*Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Wed 6.5 10:00 **Great Offley**. Near Red Lion PH (SG5 3DZ) TL 146 266 6 miles. Use Red Lion CP if dining.  
*Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Thu 7.5 10:00 **Radwell Meadows Country Park**. Car park off Nortonbury Lane, near Letchworth (SG6 1AN) TL 233 349 5 miles. Cowslip Amble.  
*Antony 07857 890829 on the day only*
- Fri 8.5 10:00 **Blunham**. Park respectfully near the church if there is a VE Day service. (MK44 3PL) TL 153 511 7 miles. Two rivers walk via Tempsford and Great Barford.  
*Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day*
- Sat 9.5 09:30 **Leaders Training Course**. Please see page 14 for details.
- Sun 10.5 10:00 **Cambridge**. Madingley Road Park & Ride (CB3 OEU) TL 423 594 13.5 miles. City & country walk, scenic parks, colleges, ancient streets, river, streams & punts with lunch at the Grand Tea Room.  
*Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*

## Events in 2020

### Long Weekend; England's smallest City, Wells, Somerset Friday 2nd to Monday 5th October

Wells is the smallest city in England made famous by the 13th century Cathedral. It remains remarkably unspoilt and has many other historic buildings including the moated Bishop's Palace, Vicar's Close, St Cuthbert's Church, the Market Place and narrow streets with an eclectic mix of building styles that reflect the continuing development of the city throughout the ages. £10.00 per person  
See booking slip on page 18

Organiser: Roy 01234 301182 roycarter367@hotmail.com

### Sunday 20th September Coach trip to Rochester

When Charles Dickens wrote Great Expectations he knew Ivel Valley members would want to visit his home city Rochester with its magnificent castle and impressive cathedral.

Cost £20 pp  
Please see booking slip for payment details on page 18.

Organiser Barry 07860 348347 barry.ingram74@btinternet.com

### Thursday 29th October Secrets of the Auction

An opportunity to visit W.H. Peacock, Bedford, for an informative insight into the world of the auctioneer. A light hearted competition will be held to test your ability to value items in advance of their sale.

£12.00 per person will include glass of wine and cheese board.  
More details and booking slips will follow in the Winter Programme.

Organiser: Roger (socialsecivw@gmail.com)

## Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Summer 2020

Wed 13.5 10:00 **Sharnbrook, Mill Theatre** car park, Hipwell Lane, off Mill Rd. (MK44 1NP) TL 011 591 7 miles. £1 CP donation please.

David & Rosemary 07796 178659

Thu 14.5 10:00 **Woburn.** Car park opposite church (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331 5 miles.

David R 01525 714208 or 07305 561430

Fri 15.5 09.50 **Bedford Bus Station.** Bus No 81 departs at 10.00 to Luton (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 5 miles. Walk starts by the Bull PH in Barton-le-Clay at 10.40. Wild flowers and hills.

Carol 01582 882628 or 07707 477373

Sun 17.5 09:30 **Haynes.** Linear. GSRW Day 2. Outside the Village Hall. Coach transfer to start in Ridgmont and walk back to Haynes. (MK45 3QB) TL 101 420 14 miles. Booking on the Greensand Trust website essential. See page 13 for details

Roy C 01234 301182

Tue 19.5 10:00 **Wheathampstead.** East Lane car park, (AL4 8SB) TL 178 139 12 miles.

David R 01525 714208 or 07305 561430

Wed 20.5 10:00 **Irchester Country Park.** Park nr Visitor Centre (not by entrance). (NN29 7DL) SP 909 661 7 miles. River Nene and Wollaston.

Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day

Thu 21.5 10:00 **Biggleswade.** Dan Albone car park, near Sainsburys. (SG18 0BQ) TL 187 452 5.5 miles.

Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day

Sun 24.5 09:00 **Leighton Buzzard.** Linear. Train station, (LU7 2LY). 9.18 train to Tring. £6.30 off peak. Free Parking West Street Car Park (LU7 1DD) 15 min walk SP 911 250 12 miles.

Woodland, hills, farmland and towpaths along with a lunch time pub stop.

Tony D 01582 604906 or 07786 676565

Mon 25.5 10:00 **Wingrave.** Parish Church main entrance (HP22 4PF) SP 869 190 12.5 miles. Pretty villages and the Grand Union Canal

Roger M 01234 216639 or 07989 307046

Tue 26.5 19:30 **Baldock - Evening Walk.** Meet in Tesco car park (SG7 6BN) TL 248 333 4 miles. Please use rear car park.

Antony 07857 890829 on the day only

## Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Summer 2020

- Wed 27.5 10:00 **Ardeley**. Church Farm, entrance opposite Jolly Waggoner PH (SG2 7AH) TL 309 270 6 miles.  
*Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Fri 29.5 09:25 **Bedford Bus Station**. Linear. Bus No X50 departs at 09.36 to Rushden. (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 8 miles. Walk starts in Sharnbrook by the Swan with Two Nicks, High St.  
*Veronica C 01234 304337 07890 830427*
- Sun 31.5 09:30 **Gamlingay**. Linear. GSRW – Day 3. Gamlingay Eco Hub. Coach transfer to start in Haynes and walk back to Gamlingay. (SG19 3JR) TL 239 520 14 miles. Booking on the Greensand Trust website essential. See page 13 for details.  
*Andy K 07879 691893*
- Tue 2.6 10:00 **Anglesey Abbey**. Lode. NT car park is free (CB25 9EJ) TL 530 622 12 miles.  
*Antony 07957 890829 on the day only*
- Wed 3.6 10:00 **Woburn**. Car Park near Church (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331 6.5 miles.  
*Colin and Jackie 07787 413957*
- Thu 4.6 10:00 **Bedford**. Mewsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road (MK41 8YR) TL 060 528 15 miles. Towards Clapham and back.  
*Veronica C 01234 304337 07890 830427*
- Sun 7.6 07.30 & 07.50 **Ironbridge Coach Trip**. Pick up points; Sandy Market Square 07.30 (SG19 1HU) TL 173 492 and Bedford Bus Station 07.50 (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499 respectively. Further details on page 14.  
*Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day*
- Mon 8.6 19:30 **Eaton Socon**. St Mary's Church, Great North Rd, Eaton Socon, St Neots (PE19 8EJ) TL 169 588 4.5 miles.  
*Linda T 01480 350345*
- Tue 9.6 10:00 **Harrold** Harrold Odell Country Park car park (MK43 7DS) SP 956 566 13 miles. North Beds villages and River Ouse.  
*Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Wed 10.6 10:00 **Dunstable Downs**. Chiltern Gateway Centre, National Trust CP. £3.50 for non members. (LU6 2GY) TL 008 194 7 miles.  
*Dave P 07941 972887*

## Events in 2020

### Saturday 4th July River Great Ouse Kayaking

Ahoy!

By popular demand we are repeating our Kayaking Day, on the Great Ouse from Bedford, near the Butterfly Bridge returning at 15.00. Meet at the bridge at 09.30. To book your chosen vessel, a variety are on offer, please use the link below and make your reservation, making your selection from the alternatives shown in the drop down box, paying Canoe Trail directly. They in turn will inform me of those who have booked and total number.

Do bring a packed lunch for a riverbank picnic en route. As before, those who wish to follow the riverside course on foot, hoping to witness the odd shipwreck, are welcome, but please let me know if you are coming.

Looking forward to seeing a great mob of Bold Buccaneers on the day!

Organiser: Jolly Roger ([socialsecivw@gmail.com](mailto:socialsecivw@gmail.com))

<https://shop.canoetrail.co.uk/roger-mcleod-paddle-day-4th-july-838-p.asp>



### Wed 8th July - 'Yomp, Chomp and Roll-Up' - IVW Summer Pork Roast

This summer 'extravaganza', based at Langford Village Hall, will start in the morning with the choice of a 7 mile walk or 4 mile amble. On return, there will be a pork roast lunch followed by the opportunity to try your hand at lawn bowls.

Soft, flat shoes or trainers please.

Cost £9.00 per person Please see booking slip on page 17

Organisers: Bernard and Mary: 07885 778228 [bjmorse1@aol.com](mailto:bjmorse1@aol.com)

Courtesy of Langford Bowls Club

## Events in 2020

### Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May - Walk Leaders Training Session

At The Working Woodland Centre, Maulden Woods, Haynes West End MK45 3UZ. Have you ever thought about leading a walk or are you an experienced leader who would like to improve your knowledge? This session is open to new and experienced walk leaders and will offer participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss "how to lead a walk". All courses cost £10 per person and start at 09.45.

Bookings can be made via <https://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/whats-on-in-2020> For further details contact Nick M ([bedswalkfest@gmail.com](mailto:bedswalkfest@gmail.com)) or Tel: 07803 125876

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Coach trip to Ironbridge

Departing Sandy Market Sq. at 07:30 and Bedford Bus Station at 07:50. Visit the cradle of the Industrial Revolution in the Ironbridge Gorge. Morning walk on the Shropshire Way from Much Wenlock to Ironbridge. Option to stay on the coach and have the rest of the day in Ironbridge. Afternoon circular walk from Ironbridge exploring Coalbrookdale where Abraham Darby set up his iron works. Further details available from organiser. Cost £20.00 per person. Please see booking slip for payment details on page 17.

Organiser: Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day.  
[tony.sheward@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.sheward@btinternet.com)

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June - Apps, Maps and Compass Training Course

At Keysoe Village Hall, Keysoe Row, Bedford MK44 2HH  
Are you baffled by maps, confused by compasses and daunted by digital devices? Don't worry help is at hand, this one day course will help you get the most out of planning and navigating your next walk.  
All courses cost £10 per person and start at 09.45. Bookings can be made via <https://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/whats-on-in-2020> For further details contact Nick M ([bedswalkfest@gmail.com](mailto:bedswalkfest@gmail.com)) or Tel: 07803 125876

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July City Explorer Break—Bath and Bristol

Tale of "two cities" as we head down to the west country to explore bustling Bristol and beautiful Bath. Cost £20 pp.  
Please see booking slip for payment details on page 17.  
Organiser Barry 07860 348347 [barry.ingram74@btinternet.com](mailto:barry.ingram74@btinternet.com)

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- Thu 11.6 10:00 **Clophill - Interest walk.** Circular. Junction of Old Church Path and High Street, Clophill; adjacent to 125 High Street. (MK45 4BJ) TL 092 382 3.5 miles. Please park considerately in or near the High Street. 'Historical and other features around and near Clophill.'  
*Michael B 01525 860370 or 07443 656840 on the day*
- Fri 12.6 10:15 **Sandy Bus Walk** Market Square. Linear. 10:15. Bus No 188 departs at 10:25 to Wrestlingworth (SG19 1HU) TL 173 432.7 miles. Connecting Bus No 73 departs from Bedford Bus Station at 9:45. Walk starts from the Chequers PH, High Street, Wrestlingworth at 10:55 to Sainsburys Biggleswade via the Common and River Ivel. Return to Sandy/Bedford on Bus No 73 7 miles.  
*Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day*
- Sun 14.6 09:30 **Maps Training course.** Please see page 14 for details.
- Sun 14.6 10:00 & 13:30 **Rushmere Country Park.** Heath and Reach car park. Access is off Old Linslade Road, (LU7 0EB) SP 911 284 7 & 5 miles. Car parking charge of £3 on exit - please bring exact change.  
*Graham B 01234 741494*
- Tue 16.6 10:00 **Riseley.** Parking in orchard adjacent to the church, (MK44 1ER) TL 039 630 12 miles. Undulating with villages, views, history and re-wilding.  
*John C 01234 709439 or 07350 103528*
- Wed 17.6 10:00 **Bedford.** Mowsbury Park CP, Kimbolton Road. (MK41 8BD) TL 060 528 7 miles.  
*Veronica C 01234 304337 07890 830427*
- Thu 18.6 10:00 **Tempsford.** Church End past Wheatsheaf PH, (SG19 2AT) TL 162 531 5 miles.  
*Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595*
- Sun 21.6 10:00 **Redbourn.** Redbourn Common, (AL3 7ND) TL 101 115 13 miles. Ver Valley, The Tree Bury Walk.  
*Dave C 07718 587940*
- Mon 22.6 19:30 **Blunham - Evening Walk.** Near Church. (MK44 3PL) TL 153 511 4 miles.  
*Tony S 01234 831388 or 07745 655938 on the day*
- Wed 24.6 10:00 **Pegsdon.** Nr Live and Let Live PH. Use PH car park if dining. (SG5 3JX) TL121303 7 miles. Pegsdon Hills.  
*Rob R 07946 577654*

## Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Summer

- Thu 25.6 10:00 **Wolverton - Interest Walk.** Car park on left (west) just before Haversham Road Bridge over the Great Ouse, (MK19 7AU) SP 817 422 5 miles. Canal and railway works history.  
*Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Fri 26.6 09:20 **Bedford Bus Station.** Linear. Bus No 9B departs at 09.30 to Hitchin (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 8 miles. Walk starts at the Greyhound PH in Haynes. Greensand Ridge to Ampthill for coffee and cakes. Bus back to Bedford from Ampthill.  
*Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day*
- Sun 28.6 10:00 & 13:30 **TBA.**
- Mon 29.6 **City Break.** Bath & Bristol. Please see page 14 for details .
- Tue 30.6 10:00 **Astwood.** Park on the Cranfield Road, just round the corner from the Old Swan PH, (MK16 9EJ) SP 952 473 13 miles.  
*Garry W 07896 041164*
- Wed 1.7 10:00 **Wilstead.** War memorial near church in Pollards Close, (MK45 3HA) TL 062 435 7 miles. Please park considerately in nearby roads.  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Thu 2.7 10:00 **Whitwell.** Recreation ground car park, Bradway, off Horn Hill, (SG4 8BE) TL 183 209 4 miles.  
*Carol 01582 882628 07707 477373*
- Sat 4.7 **Great Ouse Kayaking.** Please see page 15 for details
- Sun 5.7 10:00 **Risley.** Fox & Hound PH, (MK44 1DT) TL 040 627 12 miles.  
*Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Tue 7.7 10:00 **Silsoe.** Please avoid parking by the church in Park Avenue and park considerately in the village in Barton Rd meet outside of the church (MK45 4DR) TL 082 355 12 miles.  
*David R 01525 714208 or 07305 561430*
- Tue 7.7 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk.** Brickhill, bus stop on Waveney Avenue opposite Catholic Church Brickhill, (MK41 7BU) nearest TL 056 521 miles. Approximately 2 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 8.7 10:00 **Langford.** Village Hall. Yomp, Chomp and Roll up. (SG18 9QY) TL 184 412 6.5 miles. Walk and Pork Roast.  
*Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*

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- Thu 27.8 10:00 **Arlesey.** Outside Etonbury Academy, Stotfold Rd, (SG15 6XS) TL 204 372 4.5 miles. Park along road.  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Sun 30.8 10:00 **Roxton.** Near the village Hall (MK44 3EB) TL 152 545 12 miles. Please bring refreshments for the whole walk as there is no pub or café at the lunch stop  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Mon 31.8 10:00 **Stoke Hammond** Three Locks picnic site (MK17 9DD) SP 911 284 8 miles. Sandra 07789 777060

## Events in 2020

### Three Sundays – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May – Walk the Greensand Ridge ‘End to End’

This Greensand Trust organised event will consist of 3 separate Sunday linear walks within the Greensand Country Festival through the beautiful mix of woodland, meadows, fields and heaths between Leighton Buzzard and Gamlingay. Each day, participants will park at the end location for that day and board a coach for transfer to the walk start – see below.

**Day 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – 09.30 meet in Ridgmont village for coach transfer to Leighton Buzzard - walk back to Ridgmont. Walk leader Andrea D

**Day 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> May** – 09.30 meet in Haynes for coach transfer to Ridgmont - walk back to Haynes. Walk leader Roy C

**Day 3 – 31<sup>st</sup> May** – 09.30 meet at the Gamlingay Eco Centre for coach transfer to Haynes - walk back to Gamlingay. Walk leader Nick M

Each of the 3 walks will be approximately 14 miles long and undertaken at a moderate pace led by experienced Greensand Trust and Ramblers walk leaders.

Please note that these will not be challenge walks, but participants will need to carry all of their food and drink requirements since there will be no café or pub stops during the walk, although there will be a pub near the end of each walk.

Also, please be aware that since the walks will pass through typical Greensand Country landscapes, public toilets will be few and far between.

Please see further information and booking details on [www.greensandtrust.org](http://www.greensandtrust.org)

Organiser: Andy Knight 07879 691893 [andy.knight2@ntlworld.com](mailto:andy.knight2@ntlworld.com)

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- Thu 13.8 10:00 **Woburn**. Car park opposite church, (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331 3.5 miles.  
*Liz W 07762 340385*
- Sun 16.8 08:30 **Bedford - Railway Walk**. Linear. Railway Station (MK40 1DS) or meet at 10:00 Farringdon, TL 041 497 11 miles. Catch 08.49 Thameslink to Farringdon arriving at 10:00. Walk to churches in the rhyme of Oranges and Lemons. Return to Farringdon £10.65 with railcards.  
*Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day*
- Tue 18.8 10:00 **Bedford—Evening Walk**. Mowsbury Park, car park, Kimbolton Road entrance. (MK41 8YR) TL 060 527. Urban Greenspace walk.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 19.8 10:00 **Wilden**. Meet at The Green, nr Victoria PH, (MK44 2PB) TL 095 552 8 miles. Park considerably in village.  
*Bridget & Paul 07807 931274 or 07824 429285*
- Thu 20.8 10:00 **Bedford - Interest Walk**. Near La Piazza café, St Paul's Square. (MK40 1SQ) TL 050 496 5.5 miles. Who Lived Where? The blue and brown plaques of Bedford Town.  
*Jan 01234 340429 or 07895 045410*
- Fri 21.8 09:50 **Bedford Bus Station**. Linear. Bus No 41 departs at 10.05 to Northampton, (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 7 miles. Walk starts at 11.04 from Brafield on the Green walking to Northampton. Countryside islands and lakes. Return No 41 to Bedford.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Sun 23.8 10:00 & 13:30 **Gt Offley**. Near church and Red Lion PH, (SG5 3DX) TL 146 266 7 & 5 miles.  
*Mike C 01462 491032*
- Tue 25.8 10:00 **Castle Ashby** Northants. Parking area for Castle Ashby rural shops, (NN7 1LF) SP 860 594 12 miles. River Nene, Grendon and pretty hamlets.  
*Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Tue 25.8 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk**. "A mystery walk." The Butterfly Bridge, the Embankment. (MK40 3TR) TL 059 494. Approximately 90 minutes.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 26.8 10:00 **Dunsbridge Turnpike**. By Green Man PH, (SG8 6PB) TL 396 465 7 miles.  
*Antony 07857 890829 on the day only*

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- Wed 8.7 10:30 **Langford** Village Hall. Yomp, Chomp and Roll Up. Amble, (SG18 9QY) TL184412 4 miles. Walk and Pork Roast.  
*Mary M 01462 700387 or 07885 778228*
- Thu 9.7 10:00 **Broom**. The Green, (SG18 9NP). Please park considerably around or near The Green. TL 172 428 5 miles. Local countryside.  
*Jim M 07711 885709*
- Fri 10.7 09:50 **Bedford Bus Station**. Linear. Bus No 41 departs at 10.05 to Northampton, (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 7.5 miles. Walk starts Lavendon war memorial at 10.45, country walk to Olney with Café. Bus back to Bedford from Olney.  
*Brian G 01234 823603*
- Sun 12.7 10:00 & 13:30 **Ashridge Estate**. Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument, (HP4 1LT) SP 970 130 7 & 5 miles.  
*Lucy T 07947 412215*
- Tue 14.7 10:00 **Ashwell**. Meet near the Church, (SG7 5LY) TL 267 398 13 miles. Parking is limited, please consider car sharing or park in the High St. near the Springs/Three Tuns (SG7 5NL).  
*Karen and Tony 07875 210926*
- Tue 14.7 19:00 **Bedford-Evening Walk**. Church Lane roundabout (junction of Church Lane, Wentworth Drive). (MK41 0PH) nearest TL077 521. Approximately 2 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 15.7 10:00 **Eltisley**, Cambs. By the Gade Pavilion on Village Green, (PE19 6TN) TL 271 596 7 miles.  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Thu 16.7 10:00 **Riseley**. Fox & Hounds PH, (MK44 1DT). Please park considerably in the village. TL 040 627 4.5 miles.  
*Jan 01234 340429 or 07895 045410*
- Sun 19.7 10:00 **Buntingford**. Bowling Green Lane car park, (SG9 9DF) TL 359 296 11 miles. Buntingford with lunch time stop at Cotted.  
*Mike C 01462 491032*
- Mon 20.7 19:30 **Meppershall - Evening Walk**. Village Hall car park, Walnut Tree Way, (SG17 5AB) TL 139 368 4 miles.  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Tue 21.7 10:00 **Rowney Warren**. Car park at Sandy Lane, off A600 NW of Shefford, (SG17 5QB) TL124 404 12 miles.  
*Sara Waldron 01525 872266 or 07850 665454 on the day*

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- Tue 21.7 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk.** Church Lane roundabout (junction of Church Lane, Wentworth Drive). (MK41 0PH) nearest TL 077 521 . Let's get more adventurous Approximately 2 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 22.7 10:00 **Woburn.** Car Park near the Church (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331 6.5 miles.  
*Philip C 07747 655557*
- Thu 23.7 10:00 **Upper Gravenhurst - Interest Walk.** Village hall car park, Recreation Rise, (MK45 4JG) TL 110 358 2.5 miles. History of a small village.  
*Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Fri 24.7 10:00 **Bedford Bus Station.** Linear. Bus No 25 departs at 10.10 to Rushden. (MK40 1LX) TL 047 499 7 miles. Walk starts at 10.45 from Harrold Odell Country Park. Scenic North Beds. Return from Oakley, bus every 30 mins.  
*Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Sun 26.7 10:00 & 13:30 **Eaton Bray.** Car Park, School Lane (LU6 2DT) SP 975 206 7 & 5 miles. Please bring refreshments for the whole walk as there is no pub or café at the lunch stop.  
*Sandra 07789 777060*
- Tue 28.7 10:00 **Steeple Morden.** Recreation ground car park, Hay Street, beyond village hall, (SG8 0PD) TL 285 427 12 miles.  
*Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Tue 28.7 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk.** "Going west with a round of applause." Playing fields car park on Ashmead Road, Woodlands Estate (off Tyne Crescent). (MK41 7GE) TL 051 531 miles. Approximately 2.25 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 29.7 10:00 **Wicken Fen NT.** £3 parking charge for non-members, (CB7 5XP) TL 564 705 7 miles. Off A1123 from Huntingdon to Soham.  
*Antony 07857 890829 on the day only*
- Thu 30.7 10:00 **Pegsdon.** Near Live & Let Live PH, (SG5 3JX). Use pub car park if eating/drinking after walk. TL 121 303 5 miles. Hills, views and a nature reserve.  
*Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Sun 2.8 10:00 **Pitstone.** Pitstone Hill car park, (HP23 5RZ) SP 955 149 12 miles. Around the Ashridge Estate.  
*Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*

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- Mon 3.8 19:00 **Odell - Evening Walk.** The Bell PH, 81 High Street, Odell, (MK43 7AS) SP 965 577 4 miles.  
*Fran S 07811 007326*
- Tue 4.8 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk.** "Get out into the Country." Playing fields car park on Ashmead Road, Woodlands Estate (off Tyne Crescent), (MK41 7GE) TL 051 531. Approximately 2 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Tue 4.8 10:00 **Wootton.** Wootton Village Hall car park (MK43 9EU) TL 007 449 12 miles.  
*Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*
- Wed 5.8 10:00 **St Neots.** Paxton Pits Visitor Centre, (PE19 6ET) TL 195 629 7 miles.  
*Alan R 01452 814215 or 07421 464300*
- Thu 6.8 10:00 **Digswell—Interest Walk.** Cowper Arms PH, Station Road, Digswell, near Welwyn North railway station, (use pub car park if eating/drinking after the walk). (AL6 0EA) TL 246 153 5 miles. The Welwyn Viaduct and Digswell Tunnels on the East Coast Main Line.  
*Antony 07857 890829 on the day only*
- Fri 7.8 09:45 **Bedford St Johns Rail Station.** Linear. Melbourne St, (MK42 9AN) 9.59 train to Stewartby. (9.50 train from Bedford main station). Return by train to Bedford from Ridgmont. Possible café stop at Ridgmont. TL 050 490 7 miles. Train walk, Stewartby to Ridgmont.  
*Jan 01234 340429 or 07895 045410*
- Sun 9.8 10:00 & 13:30 **Ware.** Kibes Lane car park, (SG12 9BX) TL 360 143 7 & 5 miles. Exploring The Upper Lea Valley.  
*Nick M 07803 125876*
- Tue 11.8 10:00 **Barton-le-Clay.** Old Road, near Recreation Ground, (MK45 4LD) TL 083 304 12.5 miles. If needed, please park considerately in nearby streets.  
*Dave P 07941 972887*
- Tue 11.8 19:00 **Bedford - Evening Walk.** "What goes up also comes down." Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road entrance. (MK41 8YR) TL 060 527. Approximately 2.25 hours.  
*Barry 07860 348347 on the day*
- Wed 12.8 10:00 **Amphill.** West Car Park, (MK45 2GU) TL 024 382 7 miles.  
*Jon L 07854 240366*