

## Special Events in 2015

- Sun 10.5** **5 night break in Hartington - Derbyshire Peak District.**
- Fri 15.5** Hartington is in the heart of the White Peak area of the Peak District with its wonderful countryside and excellent walking opportunities. The planned walks are varied and go through the villages and dales. It is hoped to visit the Well Dressing at Tissington at the end of the week. Accommodation available ranges from campsites and self-catering to bed & breakfast and should suit all budgets.
- The holiday is now fully booked.** Please contact Bob and Celia to enquire if there have been any cancellations.
- Those on the list who have already expressed interest will be emailed a booking slip
- Organisers Bob and Celia on 01234 768011 or email: robertwallace@ntlworld.com
- Sun 14.6** **Coach trip Amesbury to Salisbury.**
- Enjoy the delightful valley of the Wiltshire Avon. Starting near Amesbury a morning walk of 4.5 miles brings us to the village of Upper Woodford for a lunchtime stop. The coach will pick up for those wishing to spend an afternoon exploring Salisbury. The afternoon walk of 6.5 miles takes us on down the valley, taking in the classic "Rotten Borough" of Old Sarum.
- See booking slip. Cost £22.
- Organiser Tony; Tel: 01234 831388 or email: tony.sheward@btinternet.com
- Sun 28.6** **30 year IVW Anniversary Walks.**
- There will be 3 walks to choose from., 30 km starting 08:00, 20km starting 10:00, and 10km starting 12:00.
- And there will be a Buffet Lunch at Pirton Village Hall after the walks finish at around 15:30.
- A charge of £6.00 will go towards the cost of the food.
- If you wish to take advantage of the Buffet, booking in advance will be necessary.
- See the booking slip.
- Organiser Jim 01525 405344 or email: j\_middlemiss@hotmail.co.uk
- Fri 18.9** **Long weekend in Church Stretton - Shropshire Border country.**
- Mon 21.9** Church Stretton nestles in a beautiful wooded valley between the Long Mynd and the surrounding Stretton hills. The town has a picturesque centre with a range of traditional shops, tea rooms, pubs and restaurants. The town also boasts a unique 4 story antiques emporium and a railway station. Services to Ludlow (15 min) and Shrewsbury (20 min) are available from the station and run at roughly hourly intervals. 4 medium walks of 6 - 8 miles are planned for Fri PM and Sat AM to Mon AM inclusive, with the addition of longer, all day walks of 11 - 13 miles for Sat and Sun.
- Admin fee £10 (see the booking slip)
- Organiser Mike C. on 07815 939549
- Or email: tomykcon@yahoo.com

## Officers and Committee

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- Committee:**  
Eric Cartwright, Graham Mills, Roger McLeod.
- 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.
- The Ramblers' Association is a registered charity (England & Wales no 1093577, Scotland no SC039799) and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales (no 4458492). Registered office: 2nd Floor, Camelford House, 87-90 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TW.*



# Ivel Valley Walkers

Bedfordshire Area

# SPRING

# 2015

# WALKING

# PROGRAMME

For the latest updates see [www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](http://www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk)

## Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Spring 2015

- Thu 1.1 10:00 am **New Years Day Walk.** Clophill Village Green. TL082376 4.5 Miles. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Sat 3.1 10:00 am Silsoe, Park Avenue, near Church. TL083356 8 Miles. *Scott P 07983 646490*
- Sun 4.1 10:00 am High Green, Abbotsley opposite the Tavern on the Green PH. TL226565 8 Miles. Kevin B 01767 690075 or 07734 100010
- Wed 7.1 10:00 am **Bromham.** Bromham Mill car park. TL010507 6 Miles. *Mary C 01234 781220 or 07963 971710 on the day only*
- Thu 8.1 10:00 am **Pirton Amble.** Walk to Little Offley and Wellbury. Pirton Great Green near Motte and Bailey PH. TL146316 4 Miles. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
- Fri 9.1 11:00 am **Bus to Walk Milton Keynes.** Linear walk. See the parks & canals and unique MK. Milton Keynes, Coachway Bus Station, MK10 9RU SP893404 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station 10:30 X5 bus to MK Coachway. Return by X5 from MK train station. *Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day*
- Sun 11.1 10:00 am A walk in the Marston Vale area. Cranfield, by the Church. SP955420 12 Miles. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*
- Mon 12.1 7:45 pm **Committee Meeting.** Old Warden Village Hall. TL138440 *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Tue 13.1 10:00 am East Bedfordshire villages. Old Warden Church car park. TL136443 12 Miles. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*
- Wed 14.1 10:00 am **Walk from Rowney Warren Wood.** Rowney Warren Wood car park, Sandy Lane, off A600 NW of Shefford. TL123403 6 Miles. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*

## The 30<sup>th</sup> IVW Anniversary Walks and Buffet will be held on 28th June 2015

There will be 3 walks of 30 km, 20km and 10km to choose from, with a buffet lunch at Pirton Village Hall afterwards.

The walks should start at 08:00, 10:00 and 12:00, and all walkers should be back in Pirton by 15:30.

A charge of £6.00 will go towards towards the cost of the food.

If you wish to take advantage of the Buffet, booking in advance will be necessary. See the booking slip for details.

## The position of Publicity Officer on the committee is still unfilled.

The job of the Publicity Officer is to promote Ivel Valley Walkers in as many ways as possible. This could be by: writing articles or regular features for the local media; writing articles for South East Walker (Ramblers newsletter distributed with Walk magazine); finding new outlets for display of posters and programmes and organising publicity stands at local fairs (e.g. Bedford River Festival).

If you think you could give some of your time to help promote our group, please talk to one of the members on the committee or email Andy Nunn at [chairman@ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk](mailto:chairman@ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION AND PHOTOS, LINKS AND GUIDANCE ON REPORTING RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES AND MUCH ELSE ARE TO BE FOUND ON IVEL VALLEY

WALKER'S OWN WEB SITE AT:

[WWW.IVELVALLEYWALKERS.CO.UK/](http://WWW.IVELVALLEYWALKERS.CO.UK/)

## Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Spring 2015

- Fri 10.4 10:10 am **Shefford Bus to Walk.** Rivers, lakes and nature reserves. Shefford Church, in High Street. TL143390 9 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 9:35 bus no 71. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Sun 12.4 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Mowsbury Park.** Morning walk to Clapham, Oakley, Twinwoods, North Bedfordshire Country Park, moderate walking. Afternoon walk to Mowsbury Castle, Ravensden, Renhold, Mowsbury Park, easy walking. Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road. TL060528 8 & 4 Miles. *Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day*
- Tue 14.4 10:00 am Marston Moretaine, Marston Vale Forest Centre. TL004418 12.5 Miles. *Val B 07527 052095 or 07870 950124*
- Wed 15.4 10:00 am Ayot St. Lawrence, Herts. Park on road by Brocket Arms, AL6 9BT. TL195168 6 Miles. *Richard C 07737 356563*
- Thu 16.4 10:00 am **Preston Amble.** Preston nr Hitchin, Village Green. TL180247 4 Miles. Park in village, meet in front of Red Lion PH. *Margaret H 01582 564929*
- Fri 17.4 11:00 pm **Ickleford Bus to Walk.** Cross the border to Hertfordshire. Ickleford, near Hitchin, bus stop near Church. TL182316 6.5 Miles. Bedford Bus Station 10:05 no 72 Hitchin bus to Ickleford. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
- Sun 19.4 10:00 am **Barton-le-Clay walk to Warden Hills and Lilley.** Barton-le-Clay, Old Road, near Recreation Ground. TL083304 12 Miles. Sandra 01525 222676 or 07789 777060

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- Wed 25.3 10:00 am Olney, Long Stay C.P. East St. parallel to High St. SP891516 6.5 Miles. *Brian G 01234 823603*
- Sun 29.3 10:00 am & 2:00 pm Woburn Sands, Russell Street car park. SP930358 7 & 5 Miles. *Scott P 07983 646490*
- Tue 31.3 10:00 am Cockayne Hatley, near Church. TL255496 12 Miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Wed 1.4 10:00 am Sutton. High Street near John O'Gaunt PH. TL223473 7 Miles. Please park considerably. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Thu 2.4 10:00 am **Weekday Amble**. Harrod Odell Country Park car park. SP956566 4.5 Miles. *Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595*
- Fri 3.4 10:00 am **Rushmere Country Park Good Friday Walk**. Heath & Reach, Rushmere Country Park car park, off Old Linslade Rd, jctn Bragenham Lane. SP911284 8 Miles. Car parking charge of £2 applies (please bring exact change). *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Sun 5.4 10:00 am **Huntingdon Circular**. Huntingdon Riverside car park. TL245719 12 Miles. PE29 1WF. *Steven W 07757112898*
- Mon 6.4 8:30 am **Ickenham to Rickmansworth Easter Monday Linear Walk**. A West Middlesex Odyssey. Bedford Railway Station. TL041497 13 Miles. The Group Save fares for four persons has been increased to £13.20 pp. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Wed 8.4 10:00 am Haynes Village Hall car park, Northwood End Road. TL101420 7 Miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Sat 11.4 **Ripple**. Details to follow. *Michelle Flynn (South)*

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- Wed 22.4 10:00 am Hexton, near Raven PH. TL106307 6 Miles. *Julia 01462 672321 or 07840 707924 on the day*
- Thu 23.4 **Ripple**. Details to follow. *Drew Gwillam (East)*
- Fri 24.4 10:50 am **Roxton to Willington Linear Bus Walk**. Roxton, bus stop on the Bedford Rd opposite Park Rd. TL149546 6.4 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 10:26 X5 bus direction Cambridge. Buses return every half hour from Willington. *Val B 07527 052095 or 07870 950124*
- Sun 26.4 10:00 am & 2:00 pm **Breachwood Green Bluebell Walk**. Breachwood Green Village Hall car park, SG4 8NX. TL150219 8 & 5 Miles. *Mike C 01462 491032 or 07815 939549*
- Tue 28.4 10:00 am Cranfield, by the Church. SP955420 12 Miles. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Wed 29.4 10:00 am **Wooton Bluebell Walk**. Wooton. Park carefully on road near Chequers PH, Hall End Road. (MK43 9HP). TL001457 6.5 Miles. Use pub car park if eating or drinking. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Thu 30.4 10:00 am **Cowslip Amble**. Radwell Meadows Country Park car park (off Nortonbury Lane nr Letchworth). TL234349 5 Miles. SG6 1AN. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*

For further information on 'the Ramblers'

visit the web-site at '[www.ramblers.org.uk/](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/)'

or telephone: 020 7339 8500.

Remember to nominate Ivel Valley Walkers as your local group when you decide to take out membership.

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- Fri 16.1 10:15 am **Astwood Bus to Walk**. Astwood to North Crawley circular. The Old Swan PH, Main Rd. Astwood, Bucks. MK16 9JS. SP952473 8.5 Miles. Bedford Bus Station 9:45 bus no 40 to Astwood, Old Swan Inn. *Garry W 01234 219096 or 07896 041164*
- Sun 18.1 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Pegsdon**. Morning walk direction Pirton. Afternoon around Tingley Wood. Pegsdon, near Live & Let Live PH. TL121303 7.5 & 4.5 Miles. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Wed 21.1 10:00 am Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument. SP970130 7 Miles. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Thu 22.1 10:00 am **Shillington Amble**. Shillington, Musgrave Arms PH. TL122327 4.5 Miles. *Derek 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Fri 23.1 10:00 am **Great Barford to Bedford Linear Bus Walk via Renhold**. Great Barford, outside Golden Cross Restaurant, Bedford Rd. TL127523 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station 9:56 X5 bus to Great Barford. *Nick W 01234 210437 or 07914 017730*
- Sun 25.1 10:00 am Keysoe Row Village Hall. TL083612 13 Miles. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Tue 27.1 10:00 am Maulden Woods. Car park off A6 north of Clophill. TL073394 12 Miles. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
- Wed 28.1 10:00 am Orwell, Cambs. Village car park, east of church. TL362504 7 Miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Fri 30.1 10:00 am **Bus to Walk**. Some of the best of Mid-Beds. Clophill Village Green. TL082377 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, bus J1 at 9:30. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*

The new Ramblers Group Walksfinder can be found at:

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-walk-or-route.aspx>

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- Sun 1.2 10:00 am & 1:45 pm Weston, Herts. (near A1M Jn 9). Maiden Street near duck pond. TL259301 7 & 5 Miles.  
*Mike C 01462 491032 or 07815 939549*
- Wed 4.2 10:00 am Weston Nr Baldock. Holy Trinity Church car park. TL266299 6.5 Miles.  
*Sheila 01480 392223 or 07885 615595*
- Thu 5.2 10:00 am **Amble**. Walk around Lilley Hoo. Lilley, Cassel Memorial Hall car park, near church. TL119263 5 Miles. Park to left of CP entrance. *Carol 01582 882628*
- Sun 8.2 10:00 am A walk around Grafham Water. Grafham Water Sailing Club, near village of Perry. TL150672 9.4 Miles. Car park free, but use facilities for a drink. Toilets available. *Linda T 01480 350345*
- Tue 10.2 10:00 am Bedford. Beauchamp Middle School, Hawk Drive, Brickhill, Bedford. TL 055517 12 Miles. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*
- Wed 11.2 10:00 am Croydon, Cambs. High Street nr Queen Adelaide pub. TL313493 6.5 Miles.  
*Tony S 01234 831388*
- Fri 13.2 10:15 am **Stagsden to Turvey Linear Bus Walk**. Ancient villages of North Beds. Stagsden, near Royal George PH, MK43 8SG. SP982489 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 9:45 bus no 40 at QD1 stop in Greyfriars. *Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Sun 15.2 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Willen Lake, Milton Keynes**. Willen Lake South car park. SP876398 7 & 5 Miles.  
*Nick M 07803 125876*
- Wed 18.2 10:00 am Lilley, Cassel Memorial Hall car park, near church. TL119263 6.5 Miles. Park to left of car park entrance.  
*Carol 01582 882628*

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](mailto:secretary@ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk) if you could help us in this way.

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- Thu 19.2 10:00 am **Tempsford to Blunham Amble**, circular. Tempsford, The Wheatsheaf PH, Church St. TL162528 5 Miles.  
*Richard P 01767 312841 or 07712 073901*
- Fri 20.2 10:45 am **Lavendon Bus to Walk**. Lavendon. Green Man PH. MK46 4HA. SP918535 6 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 10:15 bus no 41. *Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049*
- Sun 22.2 10:00 am Sundon Hills Country Park. TL047286 10 Miles.  
*Tony D 01582 604906 or 07786 676565*
- Wed 25.2 10:00 am Ampthill Park, west car park. TL024382 6.5 Miles.  
*Michael B 01525 860370 or 07443 656840 on the day*
- Fri 27.2 10:00 am **Milton Ernest to Bedford Linear Bus Walk**. Milton Ernest, Queens Head PH. TL017561 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 9:37 bus no 50.  
*Tony S 01234 831388*
- Sun 1.3 10:00 am & 1:45 pm Stoke Goldington, High Street nr Lamb pub. SP838487 7 & 5 Miles. *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Tue 3.3 10:00 am Ampthill Park, west car park. TL024382 11 Miles.  
*Nichola H 01525 840278*
- Wed 4.3 10:00 am Royston. Heath Sports Centre car park, Baldock Road,. TL347405 7.5 Miles. *Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day*
- Thu 5.3 10:00 am **East of Bedford Amble**. Circular walk east of Bedford. Howbury Hall Estate and Renhold. Bedford, Go Outdoors parking area. TL088511 4.5 Miles. MK41 0TA (Permission to park has been given). *Jan 01234 340429 or 07724 998095*
- Sun 8.3 10:00 am Circular walk around Cambourne Country Park and Bourn Country Park. Caxton, small car park off Gransden Rd. TL303580 12.7 Miles.  
*Mandy 01234 740829 or 07827 330843*

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- Wed 11.3 10:00 am Marston Moretaine, Marston Vale Forest Centre. TL004418 7 Miles. Phillip C 01525 404799 or 07747 655557
- Fri 13.3 11:20 am **Renhold to Bedford Linear Bus Walk**. Renhold, The Green. TL101523 6 Miles. Bedford Bus Station, 10:45 bus no 27. *Val B 07527 052095 or 07870 950124*
- Sun 15.3 10:00 am & 1:45 pm **Marston Moretaine**, Marston Vale Forest Centre. TL004418 8 & 5 Miles. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997*
- Tue 17.3 10:00 am **Chiltern Odyssey**. Hudnall Common car park, St. Margarets Lane. HP4 1QN. TL006128 12 Miles. On Herts/Beds border, near Little Gaddesden. *Jan 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Wed 18.3 10:00 am Sandy, town centre car park. (If full, park in St Swithun's Way). TL174492 6.5 Miles.  
*Chris D 07585 876620*
- Thu 19.3 10:00 am **Stagsden Park Amble**. Stagsden, near Royal George PH, MK43 8SG. SP982489 4.5 Miles. Park carefully in village.  
*Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day*
- Fri 20.3 10:20 am **Ampthill Bus to Walk**. Ampthill, bus stop, Prince of Wales PH Bedford St. TL033382 7 Miles. Bedford Bus Station 9.45am number 42 bus to Ampthill. *Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545*
- Sun 22.3 **Biggleswade Green Wheel Walk**. Details as yet unavailable. Email will be sent out when more is known. Launch of Biggleswade Green Wheel.
- Also  
Sun 22.3 10:00 am **Studham walk to Gt Gaddesden and Little Gaddesden**. Studham Village Hall, at junction of Dunstable Rd & Church Rd, LU6 2QG. TL023158 12 Miles.  
*Sandra 01525 22267 or 07789 777060*