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Summer 2018

Walking Programme

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Walks on:-

*Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
occasional Saturdays and summer evenings*

New walkers are always made very welcome

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The heart shaped logo on the front cover of this programme represents the Greensand Country initiative, which aims to put this special island of distinctive, beautiful and loved countryside 'on the map'. In May - June, Ivel Valley Walkers will be supporting the Ramblers Walkabout national event and the Greensand Country Festival with some 9 lead walks, details of these can be found on pages 4 and 5. Further information about Greensand Country can be found at www.greensandcountry.com.

This Summer Programme contains some 90 walks which range from relatively short informative walks and ambles to much longer all day walks. Included are the usual Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday walks with some additional summer evening walks. New for this programme is a series of informative walks which, as the name suggests, will pass places of interest where the walk leader will stop to relay some interesting facts etc.. Full details of the dates, meeting locations, walk distances and the walk leader's contact details are on pages 3 to 12 and more general descriptions of the various walk types are on page 13. Details of the 2018 Bedfordshire Walking Festival are below.

There are several fully planned events during the remainder of this year, details and booking slips for these are on pages 14 and 15. Additionally, Barry has plans for an autumn coach trip to Stratford Upon Avon and also either a mid week or Saturday trip to Birmingham. Following the recent Skid Pan event, several other members have requested that I arrange a second visit, and Roger is seeking expressions of interest for a kayak and canoe 'expedition' on the River Great Ouse through Bedford. Please have a word with myself or Roger (rogermcleod@hotmail.com) if you are interested in either of these proposals.

As many will know, there is currently some uncertainty regarding RIPPLES; Barry will be in touch when he has further details. And, I have decided that this will be my last year in this role, so do please have a chat if you would like to take over.

Andy Knight Programme Secretary programmeivw@gmail.com

Sat 8th to Sun 16th Sept - Bedfordshire Walking Festival 2018

Arrangements are well underway for this annual event. The programme will again include a good selection of shorter walks and the 2 day Greensand Ridge Challenge. See www.bedswalkfest.co.uk

Organiser: Barry 01234 353704 barry.ingram74@btinternet.com

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Please e-mail secretary@ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk to help us in this way.

Event Booking Forms 2018

Send slips with cheques a.s.a.p. to the organiser Note: we cannot accept cash
Cheques should be payable to 'RA Ivel Valley Social Account'

Coach trip to Lincoln - Sun 20th May

Cost £22.00 per person Number required _____ Cheque enclosed for £ _____

Name: _____ Tel No: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please select and tick your pick-up point:-

7.30am Bedford Bus Station 8.00am Sandy Market Square

Please return booking slip and cheque to: -

Tony Sheward, 6 Grange Way, Willington, Bedford, MK44 3QW

5 Night Break in Pembrokeshire - 17th to 22nd June

Admin fee £15.00 per person Number required _____ Cheque enclosed for £ _____

Name: _____ Tel No: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please return booking slip and cheque to: -

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

'Yomp, Chomp and Roll-Up' - 27th June - IVW Summer Hog Roast

Cost £9.00 per person Number required _____ Cheque enclosed for £ _____

Name: _____ Tel No: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please return booking slip and cheque to: -

Mary Morse, 3 The Dairy, Henlow, Beds, SG16 6JD

Long Weekend in South Lincs. Wolds - 5th to 8th October

Admin fee £10.00 per person Number required _____ Cheque enclosed for £ _____

Name: _____ Tel No: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please return booking slip and cheque to: -

Antony Copsey, Flat 3, Icknield Court, Clothall Road, Baldock, SG7 6PS

Events in 2018

Sun 20th May - Coach Trip to Lincoln Area

The 11 mile walk will mainly follow the Viking Way towards Lincoln. Lunch will be taken in the village of Coleby at the Tempest Arms PH from where there will be the option of being picked up to spend the afternoon in Lincoln. The afternoon walkers will continue on to Bracebridge Heath just outside the city to be picked up for tea in the city before leaving for home.

Cost £22.00 per person

Organiser: Tony 01234 831388 tony.sheward@btinternet.com

Sun 17th to Fri 22nd June - 5 Night Break in Tenby, Pembrokeshire

The Pembrokeshire coast is best known for its footpath which winds around the magnificent bays and spectacular headlands of the only coastal National Park. Away from the coast, the hills, ancient woodlands and valleys are reputedly just as spectacular. Details will be available very soon.

Admin Fee £15.00

Organiser: Roy 01234 301182 roycarter367@hotmail.com

Sat 2nd June - Map Reading Course

Would you like to learn how to read an OS map? This course will be held at the Working Woodlands Centre (MK45 3UZ) TL 073 394. Park in layby off A6 north of Clophill. Start time 10:00 am.

Cost £10.00 per person

For further details contact Nick : bedswalkfest@gmail.com

Wed 27th June - 'Yomp, Chomp and Roll-Up' - IVW Summer Hog 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 hog roast lunch followed by the opportunity to try your hand at lawn bowls.

Cost £9.00 per person

Organisers: Bernard and Mary: 07885 778228 bjmorse1@aol.com

Fri 5th to Mon 8th October - Long Weekend in South Lincs. Wolds

This is a follow on event from the very successful weekend in the North Lincolnshire Wolds back in April 2016. Details will be available soon.

Admin Fee £10.00

Organiser: Antony 01767 601969 antonymcosey57@gmail.com


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- Tue 1.5 10:00 am **Great Offley**. Near The Red Lion PH (SG5 3DX) TL 146 266. 12 miles. No dogs please.
Pauline S 01480 477188 or 07504 751554
- Wed 2.5 10:00 am **Ashridge**. Estate Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument (HP4 1LT) SP 970 130. 6 miles. Hopefully see some late bluebells.
Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443
- Thu 3.5 10:00 am **Amble - Souldrop**. Park carefully in the High Street and meet on the village green (MK44 1EX) SP 985 618. 4 miles.
Mary C 01234 781220 or 07963 971710 on the day only
- Sun 6.5 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Ayot St Lawrence**. Park on road by The Brocket Arms PH (AL6 9BT) TL 194 166. 7 & 5 miles. Parking space is limited, please consider car sharing.
Mandy 01234 740829 or 07827 330843
- Mon 7.5 10:00 am **Ashridge**. Early May Bank Holiday. Estate Visitor Centre, near Bridgewater Monument (HP4 1LT) SP 970 130. 16 miles. The joining of 3 long distance paths; Ashridge to Wendover Woods on the Chiltern Way, Icknield Trail & Ridgeway.
Nick M 07803 125876
- Wed 9.5 10:00 am **Radwell Meadows Country Park**. Car park off Norton Bury Lane, near Letchworth (SG6 1AN) TL 233 349. 7 miles. Cowslips in profusion, if we're lucky.
Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day only
- Thu 10.5 10:00 am **Informative Walk - Bedford**. Park gates opposite De Parys Avenue (MK40 2JZ) TL 050 508. 3.5 miles. Bedford Cemetery and Clapham Park - an illuminating and fascinating history of this oasis and the souls within.
Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day
- Fri 11.5 10:05 am **Bus Walk - Bedford**. Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT), No 81 for Luton departs 10:15 am. Walk starts at 10:30 am from The Red Lion PH bus stop in Elstow. TL 047 499. 6 miles. A 'Bedford Blue Plaque Walk' with interesting sights and places on the route back to Bedford.
Veronica C 01234 304337 or 07890 830427
- Sun 13.5 10:00 am **Dunstable Downs**. Chiltern Gateway Centre (LU6 2GY) TL 008 194. 12 miles. Car park charge (free to NT members).
Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day


For the latest updates please see

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- Tue 15.5 8:45 am **Amphill Park for Wendover Woods**. Shared transport from west car park (MK45 2GU) TL 024 382. 12 miles. Walk starts at 10:00am from Wendover Library car park (£1.50), off High Street (HP22 6DU). Wendover hills, woods and canals. *Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443*
- Wed 16.5 10:00 am **Tempsford**. Church End, past The Wheatsheaf PH (SG19 2AT) TL 162 531. 7 miles. *Colin 07787 413957*
- Thu 17.5 10:00 am **Amble - Pirton**. Great Green, near The Motte and Bailey PH (SG5 3QD) TL 146 316. 4.5 miles. *Paul W 01462 712529 or 07967 737513*
- Sun 20.5 7:30 am & 8:00 am **Coach Trip to Lincoln area**. Linear. Morning pick-up points at Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499 and Sandy Market Square (SG19 1HU) TL 173 492 respectively. 11 miles. Further details on page 14 *Tony S 01234 831388*
- Wed 23.5 10:00 am **Silsoe**. Park Avenue, near Church (MK45 4EH) TL 083 356. 7 miles. *Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day*
- Thu 24.5 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Lidlington**. Railway Station (MK43 0RU) SP 989 391. 4 miles. *Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338*
- Fri 25.5 10:30 am **Bus Walk - Bedford**. Circular Walk starts at 10:30am from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. 6 miles. Following the river to Kempston Mill and returning through the Meadows. *Marcus 01462 812005 or 07417 498199 on the day*
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- Sat 26.5
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- Sun 27.5 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Woburn**. Car park opposite the church (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331. 7 & 5 miles. *Nick M 07803 125876*
- Mon 28.5 10:00 am **Northill**. Spring Bank Holiday. Near the church (SG18 9AA) TL 149 465. 7.5 miles. A 'figure of 8' walk passing Deadman's Oak ...!
Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691893
- Tue 29.5 10:00 am **Amphill Park**. West car park (MK45 2GU) TL 024 382. 12 miles. Part of the Greensand Ridge via Maulden Woods, Clophill and Flitton. *Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281*

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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, finishing mid afternoon.

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.
- 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 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 before 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.

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- Thu 30.8 10:00 am **Informative Walk - Shillington.** Memorial Playing Field car park, Greenfields, Hillfoot End (SG5 3NX) TL 124 344. 2.5 miles. A Short History of Shillington.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Fri 31.8 9:45 am **Bus Walk - Bedford.** Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. X5 Stop O for Cambridge departs 09:56am. Walk starts at 10:20am from bus stop at Bedford Road, Roxton. 7 miles. Walk to Sandy via Tempsford and Blunham.
Tony S 01234 831388

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- Wed 30.5 10:00 am **Rowney Warren Wood.** Car park at Sandy Lane, off A600 NW of Shefford (SG17 5QB) TL124 404. 7 miles.
Gillian W 07890 232685
- Thu 31.5 10:00 am **Amble - Maulden Woods.** Car park off A6 north of Clophill (MK45 3UZ) TL 073 394. 4 miles. The many faces of the Greensand Ridge.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Fri 1.6 9:35 am **Bus Walk - Bedford.** Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT), No 42 for Dunstable departs 09:45am. Walk starts at 10:15am from The Prince of Wales PH bus stop in Ampthill TL 047 499. 8 miles. Walk to Haynes then bus back to Bedford from The Greyhound PH.
Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day
- Sat 2.6 10:00 am **Map Reading Course.** Further details on page 14
- Sun 3.6 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Sandy.** Town centre car park (SG19 1AG) TL 174 492. 7 & 5 miles. If car park is full, please use St Swithun's Road.
Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691893
- Sun 3.6 **Ramblers Walkabout and Greensand Country Festival ends.**
- Mon 4.6 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Shillington.** Memorial Playing Field car park, Greenfields, Hillfoot End, (SG5 3NX) TL 124 344. 4 miles.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Wed 6.6 10:00 am **Milton Keynes.** Caldecotte South Lake car park (MK7 8NB), off Bletcham Way (westbound) SP 892 355. 7 miles. Walk to Woughton on the Green.
Tony S 01234 831388
- Thu 7.6 10:00 am **Informative Walk - Totternhoe.** Knolls car park (LU6 1QG) SP 986 217. 4 miles. Neolithic and Iron Age settlements, Norman castle and Victorian railway engineering.
Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443
- Fri 8.6 9:50 am **Bus and Train Walk - Bedford.** Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. No C10 at Stop P for Cranfield departs 10:02 am. Walk starts from Cranfield War Memorial near the church. 6 miles. Following the Bunyan Trail to Ridgmont Station and then return to Bedford by train.
Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day
- Sun 10.6 10:00 am **Wootton.** Village Hall car park, Church Road (MK43 9EU) TL 007 449. 12 miles.
Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545

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- Mon 11.6 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Cople.** Near the church (MK44 3TT) TL 103 484. 4 miles. Please park carefully in village.
Tony S 01234 831388
- Tue 12.6 10:00 am **Turvey.** In layby on A428 north of river (MK43 8EW) SP 937 523. 13 miles. Via Harrold and Three Shires Way.
Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049
- Wed 13.6 10:00 am **Bedford.** Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road (MK41 8YR) TL 060 528. 6 miles. Bedford to Ravensden.
Veronica C 01234 304337 07890 830427
- Thu 14.6 10:00 am **Amble - Streatley.** The Chequers PH (LU3 3PS) TL 070 286. 4 miles. Use PH car park if eating or drinking, otherwise please park carefully on the road.
Carol 01582 882628
- Sun 17.6 **5 Night Break in Pembrokeshire starts.**
Further details on page 14
- Also
- Sun 17.6 10:00 am **Shefford.** Town car park, Old Station Way (SG17 5EF) TL 142 391. 7 miles.
Mike T 01462 850415 or 07504 706906
- Wed 20.6 10:00 am **Edlesborough.** Village Green car park, opposite the village hall (LU6 2HX) SP 974 194. 7.5 miles.
Over to Ivinghoe and up to the Beacon.
Andy K 01582 614644 or 07879 691893
- Thu 21.6 8:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford. The Pheasant PH,** Kimbolton Road (MK41 8YR) TL 059 526. 5 miles. For a drink and chat before heading out at 20:30pm to 'Say Farewell to the Longest Day' finishing about 22:15 pm.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Fri 22.6 9:20 am Bus **Walk - Bedford.** Circular. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. No 50 for Kettering departs 09:32am. Walk starts at 10:30 am from bus stop at Rushden Lakes. 6 miles. See the wildlife lakes and shopping complex.
Sue T 01234 823974 or 07849 827049
- Sun 24.6 10:00 am **Shillington.** The Musgrave Arms PH (SG5 3LX) TL 122 327. 12 miles. Please park on grass beyond car park.
Graham M 01462 711751 or 07776 430750
- Tue 26.6 10:00 am **Barton-le-Clay.** Old Road, near Recreation Ground (MK45 4LD) TL 083 304. 12 miles.
Jim 01525 405344 or 07966 735318

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- Fri 17.8 9:35 am Bus Walk - **Bedford.** Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. No 73 for Sandy departs 09:45 am. Walk starts at 10:16am from the Market Square, Sandy. 7 miles. To RSPB, Biggleswade Common and the River Ivel.
Bob H 01767319116 or 07950 503543
- Sat 18.8 7:30 am **Bedford for Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway.** Linear. Bedford Park gates opposite De Parys Avenue (MK40 2JZ) TL 050 508. 10 miles. Shared transport to Toddington Railway Station (Gloucs.) to catch 10:00 am train to Cheltenham Racecourse Station. Fare £10. Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway walk back to Toddington.
Tony S 01234 831388
- Sun 19.8 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Turvey.** Meet by the church, please park responsibly in the village or in layby on A428 north of river (MK43 8EW) SP 941 525. 7 miles. Traipsing around the village.
Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day
- Tue 21.8 10:00 am **Pitstone.** Pitstone Hill car park (HP23 5RZ) SP 955 149. 12 miles. Ashridge park.
Bob & Celia 01234 768011 or 07474 303545
- Wed 22.8 10:00 am **Woburn.** Car park opposite Church (MK17 9PG) SP 951 331. 7 miles.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Thu 23.8 10:00 am **Amble - Cranfield.** The Cross Keys PH car park (MK45 0JB) SP 957 424. 4 miles. Purchase of a drink/coffee appreciated but not essential. A walk through Marston Thrift.
Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day
- Thu 23.8 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford.** Embankment, by the Butterfly Bridge (MK40 3QF) TL 060 495. 4 miles. A 90 minute mystery evening walk.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Sun 26.8 10:00 am **Waterbeach, Cambs.** Linear. Park around The Green (CB25 9HR) TL 495 655. 12 miles. Walk to Cambridge and return by train (Senior Railcard cost approx. £1.50).
Mandy 01234 740829 or 07827 330843
- Mon 27.8 10:00 am **Riseley.** Summer Bank Holiday. Meet near the Fox & Hounds PH (MK44 1DT) TL 040 627. 9.5 miles. Please park considerately around the village.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Wed 29.8 10:00 am **Dunstable Downs.** Chiltern Gateway Centre (LU6 2GY) TL 008 194. 7 miles. Car park charge (free to NT members).
Jon L 07854 240366

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- Tue 7.8 10:00 am **Northill**. Circular. Near the church (SG18 9AA) TL 149 465. 11.5 miles. Via Old Warden, Shuttleworth and Beeston.
Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day only
- Wed 8.8 10:00 am **Toddington**. Corner of Market Square near The Bell PH (LU5 6BP) TL 009 289. 7 miles.
Derek T 01462 712462 or 07410 973338
- Thu 9.8 10:00 am **Amble - Biggleswade**. Circular. Dan Albone car park, near Sainsburys (SG18 0BQ) TL 187 452. 5 miles. Broom Lakes and the Ivel.
Bob H 01767319116 or 07950 503543
- Also
- Thu 9.8 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Circular. Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road (MK41 8YR) TL 060 528. 4.7 miles. A walk of highs and lows. Cleat Hill, Ravensden Castle and Junction, and Mowsbury Park.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Sun 12.8 10:00 am **Weston Turville**. Village Hall car park, Main Street (HP22 5RW) SP 856 110. 12 miles. The Wendover arm of the Grand Union Canal.
Sandra 01525 222676 or 07789 777060
- Mon 13.8 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Riseley**. Fox & Hounds PH (MK44 1DT) TL 040 627. 3.5 miles.
Linda T 01480 350345
- Wed 15.8 10:00 am **Great Offley**. Near The Red Lion PH (SG5 3DX) TL 146 266. Use PH car park if eating/drinking; otherwise park considerably nearby; but not directly outside the church. 6 miles. Walk through Mangrove Green.
Martin W 01234 767876 or 07761 209981 on the day
- Thu 16.8 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Circular. Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road (MK41 8YR) TL 060 528. 4 miles. Pathways and green spaces of Putnoe, Woodside and around Norse Road; returning along the brook with a possibility of seeing a kingfisher and damselflies.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day

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

Cost less than £2 a month, 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 take out membership.

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- Wed 27.6 10:00 am **Langford**. Village Hall car park, Mill Lane (SG18 9QY) TL 184 412. 7 miles. 'Yomp, Chomp and Roll-Up' - walk, hog roast and bowls taster session - see page 14 for more details.
Walk leader - Ian 01462 812294 or 07866 389443
Event organisers - Bernard and Mary 07885 778228
- Also
- Wed 27.6 10:30 am **Amble - Langford**. Village Hall car park, Mill Lane (SG18 9QY) TL 184 412. 3.5 miles. Alternative walk followed by 'Yomp, Chomp and Roll-Up' as above.
Mary M 07305 223747 on the day only
- Thu 28.6 10:00 am **Amble - Whitwell, Herts**. Recreation ground car park, Bradway off Horn Hill (SG4 8BE) TL 183 209. 4 miles. Over the River Mimram to St. Paul's Walden Bury.
Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day only
- Sun 1.7 10:00 am **Bozeat**. Playground car park in Dychurch Lane, off Harrold Road (NN9 7LB) SP 911 592. 13 miles. A walk around the heritage of shoe making in Wollaston.
Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day
- Mon 2.7 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Ampthill Park**. West car park (MK45 2GU) TL 024 382. 4 miles.
John H 01525 840278 or 07768 252461
- Wed 4.7 10:00 am **Wimpole, Cambs**. Wimpole Hall car park (SG8 0BW) TL 338 509. 7 miles. Car park charge (free to NT members).
Chris T 07710 284115
- Thu 5.7 1:30 pm **Informative Walk - Bedford**. Aspects Leisure Centre car park, Newnham Avenue Bedford (MK41 9LN) TL 066 494. Park near the river. 2 hours. 'Famous people behind the gardens' - A look at some gardens originating from people who influenced the development of Bedford including a stop on route where refreshments may be purchased. Note, this is an afternoon walk.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Also
- Thu 5.7 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Bus stop on Waveney Avenue opposite the Catholic Church (MK41 7BX) TL 056 521. 2 hours. Visiting urban meadows and green spaces.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Fri 6.7 9:35 am **Bus Walk - Bedford**. Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. No 26 for Rushden departs 09:45 am. Walk starts at 10:30 am from bus stop at Park Farm, Hinwick. 6.5 miles. Walk to Rushden via Podington and Wymington then return to Bedford on bus No 50.
Roy 01234 301182 or 07784 208997 on the day

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- Sun 8.7 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Tempsford**. Church End, past the Wheatsheaf PH (SG19 2AT) TL 162 531. 7 & 5 miles.
Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281
- Tue 10.7 10:00 am **Wilstead**. Car park in Whitworth Way (MK45 3JN) TL 066 435. 12 miles.
Graham B 01234 741494 or 07399 881460
- Wed 11.7 10:00 am **St Neots**. Paxton Pits Visitor Centre (PE19 6ET) TL 195 629. 7 miles.
Alan R 01462 814215 or 07885 816192
- Thu 12.7 10:00 am **Amble - Dunton**. Near the church (SG18 4RS) TL 237 442. 4.5 miles. Towards Sutton and back.
Jan 01234 340429 or 07895 045410
- Thu 12.7 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Church Lane roundabout at junction of Church Lane, Wentworth Drive, Hookhams Lane and Norse Road (MK41 0PH) TL 077 521. 4.7 miles. We find out how the colour of your eyes can affect the way you see things on this 2 hour walk.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Sun 15.7 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Buntingford**. Bowling Green Lane car park (SG9 9DF) TL 359 296. 7 & 5 miles.
Mike T 01462 850415 or 07504 706906
- Wed 18.7 10:00 am **Steeple Morden**. Recreation ground car park, beyond village hall (SG8 0PD) TL 285 427. 7 miles. To Ashwell and back.
Antony 01767 601969 or 07857 890829 on the day only
- Thu 19.7 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Meppershall**. By the Church (SG17 5NA) TL 135 360. 4 miles.
Alan R 01462 814215 or 07885 816192
- Fri 20.7 9:45 am **Bus Walk - Bedford**. Circular. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. X5 for Cambridge departs 09:56 am. Walk starts at 10:15am from the Golden Cross in Great Barford. 7 miles. A walk to Blunham, Jan will meet walkers at Great Barford.
Jan 01234 340429 or 07895 045410
- Sun 22.7 10:00 am & 1:30 pm **Stoke Hammond**. Three Locks picnic site (MK17 9DD) SP 893 283. 7 & 5 miles. To Rushmere Park and Soulbury.
Tony S 01234 831388
- Tue 24.7 10:00 am **Marston Moretaine**. Marston Vale Forest Centre (MK43 0PR) TL 004 418. 13 miles.
Sara W 01525 872266 or 07850 665454 on the day

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- Wed 25.7 10:00 am **Great Linford, Milton Keynes**. Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Road (MK14 5AT) SP 843 423. 7 miles.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Thu 26.7 10:00 am **Amble - St Neots**. Paxton Pits Visitor Centre (PE19 6ET) TL 195 629. 4.5 miles. A Walk around the reserve.
Sylvia H 07434 406232
- Thu 26.7 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Playing fields car park on Ashmead Road, off Tyne Crescent (MK41 7GE) TL 052 532. 5 miles, approximately 2.5 hours. It's Aunt's and Uncle's day so why not bring the relatives on this lovely rural ramble exploring the area to the north of Brickhill Country Park.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Sun 29.7 10:00 am **St Pauls Walden**. Car park behind The Strathmore Arms PH, off B651 near the church (SG4 8DN) TL 193 222. 12 miles.
Eric C 01234 315181 or 07761 589281
- Mon 30.7 7:30 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Little Park Farm, Hawk Drive, Brickhill (MK41 7JF) TL 050 523. 4 miles.
Fran S 07811 007326
- Wed 1.8 10:00 am **Amphill Park**. West car park (MK45 2GU) TL 024 382. 7 miles.
Jim 01525 405344 or 07966 735318
- Thu 2.8 7:00 pm **Evening Walk - Bedford**. Circular. Playing fields car park on Ashmead Road, off Tyne Crescent (MK41 7GE) TL 052 532. 4.5 miles, just over 2 hours. 'Going west with a round of applause'. A walk of highs and lows to Cleat Hill, Ravensden Castle and Junction, and Mowsbury Park. Stile free with a mixture of surfaces.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Fri 3.8 9:50 am **Bus Walk - Bedford**. Linear. Bus from Bedford Bus Station (MK40 1LT) TL 047 499. UNO C10 for Newport Pagnell departs 10:02 am. Walk starts at 11:25 am from Market Hill, Newport Pagnell. 7 miles. Walk to Wolverton - ancient routes, romantic church and graceful parkland.
Barry 01234 353704 or 07860 348347 on the day
- Sun 5.8 8:30 am **Bedford for London**. Linear. Railway Station (MK40 1DS) for the 8:50 train to Farringdon TL 041 497. 8 miles. The Historic Wholesale Markets of London. A leisurely walk stopping at Smithfield's, Leadenhall, Billingsgate, Spitalfields, Covent Garden and Borough wholesale markets.
Roger M 01234 216639 or 07989 307046