

Special Events in 2012

- Sun 10.6 More London Hidden Gardens and Squares.**
8.30am meet Bedford Railway Station, TL041497 to catch 8.50am train from Bedford (Flitwick 9.00am), to transfer to the Victoria Line to Pimlico (approx. 10.30). Rail fare circa £10-£15, with either Group Save or Railcard, (you will need a ticket that allows you access to the Underground). Access to all the Gardens is £12, payable at the 1st garden, or £9 if ordered in advance from <http://opensquares.eventbrite.co.uk/>. Walk distance 7 miles
Organiser: David 01234 350644
- Sun 17.6 – Fri 22.6 Five Night Break at Alston in the North Pennines**
Enjoy a five night break based at Alston in the North Pennines, the highest market town in England. The walks will take in Cross Fell, Hadrian's Wall, High Force waterfall and the South Tyne Trail from its source to Haltwhistle. Easier alternative walks will be available. Book your own B&B. Synopsis of walks and accommodation available on request from the leader or can be downloaded from the Ivel Valley website. Administration charge £10 per head. Deadline for bookings 21st May 2012.
Organiser: Tony 01234 831388 or e-mail tony.sheward@btinternet.com
- Sat 8.9 – Sun 16.9 Bedfordshire Walking Festival**
The 2012 festival offers an ideal opportunity to encourage new people to experience a walk with a friendly group. Walking opportunities are available across the county for 9 days with walks from short interest walks and ambles, morning and afternoon, and full day walks of up to 15 miles. The Greensand Ridge walk 2 day challenge can be done either as a challenge and/or to raise money for your favourite charity. Please get involved and encourage others.
- 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.
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

Officers and Committee

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Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk you intend to join. If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first. Most Ramblers' walks are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing for the walk you intend to join. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. For your own and others' safety please read and abide by any advice and guidelines issued by the organisers, and the instructions of the walk leader. Though walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities, no activity is completely without risk and it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and to minimise the potential for accidents to occur. If you wish to bring a dog on any walk, please contact the leader beforehand to check suitability. Most daytime walks have a break for refreshments. Please also bring a packed lunch if out all day. Please be aware that our walks always depart at the time stated.

Sunday walks are either: two half days, usually with a morning walk of 7 miles and an afternoon walk of about 5 miles; or one full day of 12+ miles; (ending about 4.00pm).
Wednesday morning walks are generally 6-7 miles, finishing by 1.00pm.
Weekday long walks are generally 9-12 miles, finishing mid afternoon.
Weekday ambles are short walks (5 miles or less) conducted at a leisurely pace and may be of particular interest to those new or returning to walking.
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

2012 Summer Programme

This Summer Programme has all the usual walks. Sundays are either a full day or 2 half day walks, morning walks every Wednesday, full day walks on alternate Tuesdays, shorter ambles on Thursdays, and evening walks once a week. Two of these walks are taken from our own book of 25 walks, still available from all good booksellers. We also have two further walks along the North Bedfordshire Heritage Trail, and a further opportunity to visit some more of London's Hidden Gardens and Squares.

We are celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee with 5 consecutive days walks, and we have a 5 night break in Alston.

These away breaks, and coach trips are always very popular – if you have an area you know and love away from Bedfordshire, do consider putting on either a coach trip or weekend away. The committee and other members will be pleased to help.

Do come and join any of our walks, there is no need to book. If you have any queries about any of our walks, please call the leader.

We look forward to seeing you.

David Stark, Chairman

P.S. for the latest update on any of our walks or events, please refer to www.ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk

For further information on 'the Ramblers'
visit the web-site at '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.

Ivel Valley Walks Programme: Summer 2012

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| Tue 1.5 | 10:00am Sharnbrook car park opposite Post Office SP995596 10 miles. Bob 01234 823974 |
| Wed 2.5 | 10:00am Coffee at Danish Camp. Cople near Church TL103484 6.5 miles. Marcus 01462 812005 |
| Sun 6.5 | 10:00am & 2:00pm Great Staughton, Park nr sundial in High Street. TL131646 7 & 5 miles. Val 01480 218872 |
| Mon 7.5 | 10:00am Sutton, High Street near John O'Gaunt PH TL223473 13 miles. Please park considerately. Eric 01234 315181 |
| Wed 9.5 | 10:00am Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road TL060528 6.5 miles. Mary 01234 781220 |
| Thu 10.5 | 10:00am Weekday Amble. William (nr Letchworth, Herts.). Manor Wood Car Park TL223302 5 miles. Past Manor Farm, down Roxley Court Road, a few hundred yards on the right. Julia 01462 672321 |

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- Sun 13.5 9:30am **North Bedfordshire Heritage Trail Day 4.** Sandy Town Centre Car park TL174492 or St.Swithuns Way if full 15 miles. Day 4 of the trail takes us from Roxton to Sandy via Potton. Car share to the start at Roxton. Roy 01234 301182
- Tue 15.5 10:00am Thornborough, St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane SP743336 11 miles. Park considerately in the village and meet at the church. Brian 01234 823603
- Wed 16.5 10:00am Westoning, Sampshill Road beyond Railway bridge TL037323 6.5 miles. Tony 01234 831388
- Thu 17.5 7:30pm **Nightingale night.** Paxton Pits Visitor Centre TL195629 3.5 miles. Val 01480 218872
- Sun 20.5 10:00am & 2:00pm Harlington Village Hall Car Park TL037304 7 & 5 miles. Lynda 01234 740788
- Mon 21.5 7:45pm **Committee Meeting.** Host David. Tel. 01234 350644
- Tue 22.5 7:30pm Kempston Mill car park, Riverview Way, off King William Road TL023476 4 miles. Stephanie 01234 840761
- Wed 23.5 10:00am Woburn, Car park opposite Church SP950322 6.5 miles. Geoff 01525 712207
- Thu 24.5 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Turvey, parking May Rd & Norfolk Rd off Carlton Rd SP942527 4 miles. Mary 01234 781220
- Sun 27.5 10:00am Rushmere Country Park, reached off Old Lindslade Road. Signposted from Heath and Reach (brown country park signs). SP911284 13 miles. car parking charge of £2 applies (please bring exact change). Nick M 07803 125876
- Tue 29.5 10:00am **Walk 23 IVW Favourite Walks.** Hexton, near Raven PH TL124339 13 miles. Bernard 01462 700387
- Wed 30.5 10:00am Rowney Warren Wood car park, Sandy Lane, off A600 NW of Shefford TL125404 7 miles. Antony 01462 893284
- Also
- Wed 30.5 7:30pm Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road TL060528 3.5 miles. Brian 01234 823603
- Sun 3.6 10:00am & 2:00pm Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road TL060528 7 & 5 miles. Eric 01234 315181
- Mon 4.6 10:00am **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration.** Potten End (nr Berkhamsted), Village Green TL017088 8 miles. Sandra 01525 222676
- Tue 5.6 9:30am **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration - Lea Valley Linear Walk.** Stanborough Lakes South, Car park TL227110 12 miles. Shared transport to start at Stanstead, St. Margarets (aka St. Margarets). Tony 01234 831388
- Wed 6.6 10:00am Tempsford Church End, past Wheatsheaf P.H. TL162531 6.5 miles. Sheila 01480 392223
- Thu 7.6 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Coterred, Herts. John the Baptist Church, Warren Lane TL317292 5 miles. Park in lane by west wall of churchyard. Antony 01462 893284
- Also
- Thu 7.6 7:30pm Sandy town centre car park TL174492 through RSPB reserve, 3.5 miles. Val 01480 218872
- Sun 10.6 **More London Hidden Gardens and Squares.** See overleaf for details. David 07887 562514
- Tue 12.6 10:00am Marston Moretaine, Marston Vale Forest Centre TL 004418 12 miles. Eric 01234 315181 or 07761 589281

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- Wed 13.6 10:00am Harrold Odell Country Park SP956566 6.5 miles. Marcus 01462 812005
- Thu 14.6 7:30pm Waresley Woods car park. Off Waresley to Great Gransden road. TL256550 3.5 miles. Sheila & Clive 01480 392223
- Sun 17.6 to Fri 22.6 **5 night Alston break.** See overleaf for details. Tony 01234 831388
- Sun 17.6 10:00am Ampthill Park West car park TL024382 8 miles. Nick M 07803 125876
- Wed 20.6 10:00am **Walk 9 IVW Favourite Walks.** Everton, St Mary's Church TL202512 6.5 miles. Bernard 01462 700387
- Also
- Wed 20.6 7:30pm Sharnbrook, near the Church SP994596 3.5 miles. Mary 01234 781220
- Thu 21.6 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Maulden, The Brache. Park near recreation ground SP950332 4.5 miles. Bruce 01525 402885
- Sun 24.6 10:00am Kimbolton, High St near Church. TL099678 11.5 miles. Shared cars for 5 miles. Undisclosed destination. Kings & Kites Mystery tour. Val 01480 218872
- Tue 26.6 10:00am Turvey near the Church SP941525 11 miles. Bob & Celia 01234 768011
- Wed 27.6 10:00am Hexton, near Raven PH TL106307 7 miles. Jim 01528 405344
- Thu 28.6 7:30pm Ampthill Park West car park TL024382 3.5 miles. Jim 01528 405344
- Sun 1.7 10:00am & 2:00pm Pirton, The Green TL146316 8 & 5 miles. Morning walk goes past Cadwell Lavender fields. Lynda 01234 740788
- Tue 3.7 7:30pm Maulden, Church car park TL058380 3.5 miles. Carol 01582 882628
- Wed 4.7 10:00am Dunstable Downs - Chiltern Gateway Centre TL008194 6.5 miles. £2.00 parking. Free to National Trust members. Marcus 01462 812005
- Thu 5.7 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Old Warden Village Car Park TL138440 5 miles. Sheila 01480 392223
- Sun 8.7 10:00am Charlton, near Hitchin, Herts. Park near Windmill PH TL179282 13 miles. Park on Road nr Windmill PH. Marcus 01462 812005
- Tue 10.7 10:00am Maulden Woods. Car park off A6 north of Clophill TL073394 12.5 miles. Marcus 01462 812005
- Wed 11.7 10:00am Steeple Morden Recreation Ground car park (beyond village hall) TL285427 7 miles. Antony 01462 893284
- Thu 12.7 7:30pm Bedford, Mowsbury Park car park, Kimbolton Road TL060528 3.5 miles. Eric 01234 315181
- Sun 15.7 10:00am & 2:00pm Harrold Odell Country Park car park SP956566 7 & 5 miles. Val 01480 218872
- Wed 18.7 10:00am Lilley, Cassel Memorial Hall car park TL119263 6 miles. Park to left of car park entrance. Ian 01462 812294 or 07866389443
- Also
- Wed 18.7 7:30pm Wrestlingworth, near church TL259474 3.5 miles. Tony 01234 831388
- Thu 19.7 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Ickleford, Chambers Lane. Near Village Green TL183317 4.5 miles. Margaret 01582 564929

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- Sun 22.7 9:30am **North Bedfordshire Heritage Trail Day 5.** Bedford Riverside Square car park TL048496 16 miles. Day 5 of the trail ends our 70 mile journey at Bedford St Pauls. Car share to take us to the start at Sandy car park. Roy 01234 301182
- Tue 24.7 10:00am Weston Nr Baldock. Holy Trinity Church car park TL266299 12 miles. Antony 01462 893284
- Wed 25.7 10:00am Ampthill Park West car park TL 024382 6.5 miles. Carol 01582 882628
- Thu 26.7 7:30pm Ampthill Park West car park TL024382 3.5 miles. Geoff 01525 712207
- Sun 29.7 10:00am & 2:00pm Sandon, on the Green TL322345 7 & 5 miles. Tony 01234 831388
- Tue 31.7 7:30pm Renhold, Three Horseshoes PH Top End TL095527 3.5 miles. Nick W 01234 210437
- Wed 1.8 10:00am Breachwood Green Village Hall TL150219 6 miles. Julia 01462 672321
- Thu 2.8 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Streatley The Chequers P.H TL070287 5 miles. Walkers having lunch in the pub, may park in the car park. Carol 01582 882628
- Sun 5.8 10:00am Whipsnade Tree Cathedral car park TL008180 12 miles. Nick M 07803 125876
- Tue 7.8 10:00am Henlow Church TL177387 12 miles. Park at end of Gardeners Lane/other parking in Church Road. Ian 01462 812294 or 07866389443
- Wed 8.8 10:00am Whitwell Herts , Recreation Ground, Bradway off Horn Hill TL183209 6 miles. Margaret 01582 564929
- Also
- Wed 8.8 7:00pm Bedford Embankment, by Butterfly Bridge TL060495 3.5 miles. Barry 01234 353704
- Sun 12.8 10:00am & 2:00pm Wilden, near Victoria Arms PH TL095552 7 & 5 miles. Roy 01234 301182
- Tue 14.8 7:00pm Shefford, town car park, Old Station Way TL142391 3.5 miles. Gill 01462 814959
- Wed 15.8 10:00am Northill Church TL149465 7.5 miles. Ian 01462 812294 07866389443
- Thu 16.8 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Meppershall Church TL134359 4.5 miles. Julia 01462 672321
- Sun 19.8 10:00am Wimpole Hall Car Park TL338509 12 miles. Parking £2 (Free to National Trust Members) redeemable against café & shop purchases. No dogs please. Pauline 01480 477188 or 07504 751554 on the day only
- Tue 21.8 10:00am Wendover Woods car park SP888090 10 miles. Pay and display. Sue and Bob 01234 823974
- Wed 22.8 10:00am Weston Nr Baldock, Holy Trinity Church car park TL266299 7 miles. Antony 01462 893284
- Sun 26.8 10:00am & 2:00pm Old Warden Village Hall TL138440 8 & 5 miles. Marcus 01462 812005
- Mon 27.8 10:00am Stockgrove Country Park, car park SP920294 8 miles. Sandra 01525 222676
- Wed 29.8 10:00am Yardley Hastings near Red Lion. Considerate parking in road. SP865566 6 miles. Those having lunch or drinks park in pub car park. Martin 01234 767876
- Thu 30.8 10:00am **Weekday Amble.** Pirton Great Green Nr Motte & Bailey P.H TL146316 4.5 miles. Margaret 01582 564929