



## PROGRAMME MARCH, APRIL, MAY 24

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### **GENTLE EXERCISE FRESH AIR GOOD COMPANY**

Our club, formed in 1972, offers three walks of 3-4 miles, 5-6 miles, and 9-10 miles, each week, enjoying the stunning downland of Cranborne Chase, woodland and heath in the New Forest, and coastal paths of the Purbecks and World Heritage Jurassic Coast.

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**NB1:** People should be aware of their own fitness levels and ability to complete a walk before they start out. Walkers should be appropriately dressed and prepared for a wide variety of terrain and weather conditions.

**NB 2:** Dogs are not allowed.

**NB 3:** All walks start at 10:00 unless shown otherwise.

#### **All Mileages are approximate**

MARCH	
<b>2 Sat</b>	<b>WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP</b> <span style="float: right;">Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 078 032</b></span> <b>9 mls</b> Holt Heath and environs farms circuit. Clayford, Candlewick, Crooked Withies, Paradise, Holt Lodge, Earleys, Newmans Lane farms. Woodland, heath and farmland. Via footpaths, bridleways, some tarmac. Some mud very likely. 2 stiles.
<b>5 Tues</b>	<b>WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP</b> <span style="float: right;">Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 078 032</b></span> <b>4.2 mls</b> Lions Hill nature reserve loop via Castleman Trailway, Moors River railway bridge and farm level crossing. Return partly back along trailway and then via West Moors plantation. Mostly level walking on gravel and some tarmac through village, with the exception of a circa 30 ft uphill rise footpath around Lions Hill wood. No stiles.
<b>6 Wed</b>	<b>BEACHCOMBER CAFE, Barton on Sea</b> <span style="float: right;">Exp OL22 GR <b>SZ 239 929</b></span> Triangular area where Marine Drive becomes Marine Drive East. Roadside parking or CP <b>5.5 mls</b> along the beach and the cliff path then out to Downton and back over the golf course.
<b>8 Fri</b>	<b>POTTERS WHEEL CP</b> <span style="float: right;">Exp 118 GR <b>SU 087 091</b></span> <b>9.5 mls</b> up and over Stephens Castle, meander through Ringwood Forest crossing over into Moors Valley at Ebblake South heading for lunch at the lookout. Returning through the park, Potterne Wood, Ebblake Ind Estate, to Noon Hill and back thru' Stephens Castle.
<b>10 Sun</b>	<b>SHELL BAY NT CP &amp; Toilets</b> <span style="float: right;">Exp OL22 GR <b>SZ 034 862</b></span> <b>8 or 10 mls</b> following the 600 mile SW Coast Path from its start at South Haven Point for its first 8 miles to Swanage sea front, then return by bus to the walk start point. See below for further details **

<b>12 Tues</b>	<b>WHITESHEET CP</b> 3.5 mls circular walk around Holt Heath.	Exp 118 GR SU 048 036
<b>13 Wed</b>	<b>SHAPWICK CHURCH CP</b> 5.7 mls over farmland and droves to Tarrant Crawford returning along the Stour Valley Way. Several stiles.	Exp 118 GR ST 937 017
<b>16 Sat</b>	<b>ASHMORE POND</b> Park roadside near pond. 10.5 mls Well Bottom, Tarrent Gunville and back via Ashmore Wood.	Exp 118 GR ST 913 178 w3w///masterful.worth.sagging
<b>19 Tues</b>	<b>PAMPHILL GREEN CP</b> 3.5 mls anti-clockwise loop passing Lacy Church, a section along the river Stour and incorporating open Meadowland,. Mostly flat with 5 'V' shaped stiles. Can be muddy after rain.	Exp 118 GR ST 990 007
<b>20 Wed</b>	<b>POTTERNE PARK CP</b> (Tennis Courts) 5 mls taking in MV Viewpoint and Visitor Centre.	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
<b>22 Fri</b>	<b>SHAFTESBURY, LINDEN PARK</b> Park roadside Linden Park/Mampitts Road 9.2 mls Wincombe Park and the Donheads.	Exp 118 GR ST 871 228
<b>24 Sun</b>	<b>CHIP SHOP BUS STOP</b> , Manor Road, Verwood Park in Morrisons CP or Springfield Road 7.5 mls linear walk to Ringwood via Three Cross pub, through Woolsbridge Industrial Estate and on into Ringwood via Castleman Trailway. Back by X6 bus from Meeting House Lane 1.50 or 3.50.	Exp OL22 GR SU 088 083
<b>26 Tues</b>	<b>POTTERNE PARK CP</b> (Tennis Cts) 3 mls linear walk into West Moors with the option to visit a cafe, then return via X6 bus to Potterne park. Don't forget your bus pass.	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
<b>27 Wed</b>	<b>JANESMOOR POND CP</b> 5.5 mls Fritham, Anses Wood, Cadman's Pool, South/North Bentley Inclosures. Some stiles.	Exp OL22 GR SU 247 135
<b>30 Sat</b>	<b>WALK NOT SUBMITTED</b>	
	<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>2 Tues</b>	<b>KINGFISHER BARN CP</b> , Granby Road, Bournemouth 3.2 mls around Throop and Stour Valley Nature Reserve	Exp OL22 GR SZ 096 958
<b>3 Wed</b>	<b>RIVERLANDS CP, Wick Lane, Christchurch</b> Parking £4 for 4 hrs or free parking in adjacent side streets 5 mls along the river then over Wiick fields to join the path up and over Hengistbury Head then back across the fields.	Exp OL 22 GR SZ 152 921
<b>5 Fri</b>	<b>WEST LULWORTH</b> Church Road. Park roadside and meet near church 8.5 mls Daggers Gate, Beacons, Durdle Door, Stair Hole and Lulworth Cove.	Exp OL15 GR SY 823 807
<b>7 Sun</b>	<b>AVEBURY Ave/NEW Rd JUNCTION</b> , Ensbury Dispersed parking along Avebury Ave, <b>BH10 7EB</b> , w3w///occurs.wings.brands 6.7 mls anti-clockwise loop of the Stour Valley Way to Throop Mill then skirting the airport and golf club through Parley Court with no stiles and flat but muddy if wet.	Exp OL22 GR SZ 082 967
<b>9 Tues</b>	<b>POTTERNE PARK CP</b> (Tennis Cts) 3.7 mls circular walk to Three legged Cross via the horse paddocks, bridleway etc.	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
<b>10 Wed</b>	<b>CRANBORNE GARDEN CTR</b> (at top end) (Consider a coffee or drink on return. Car share if possible) 5.0 mls Burwood, Boveridge, Jack's Hedge Corner, Cranborne Fm, Manor Fm. Moderate undulating	Exp 118 GR SU 056 132
<b>13 Sat</b>	<b>BADBURY RINGS CP</b> (no charge for NT members) 10.4 mls north along tracks and footpaths to Manswood returning via Witchampton, King Down and the rings.	Exp 118 GR ST 960 031

16 Tues	<b>CRANBORNE GARDEN CTR</b> (at top end) (Consider a coffee or drink on return) 3.5 mls Garden Centre, Penny's Lane, Mill Lane, Castle Hill Wood, Castle and back.	Exp 118 GR <b>SU 056 132</b> w3w///hung.regretted.thighs
17 Wed	<b>BURLEY CAR PARK</b> (opposite cricket ground) 5.5 mls Turf Hill, Holmsley Ridge, Whitten Pond, Slap Bottom.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 214 029</b>
19 Fri	<b>MIDDLE WINTERSLOW CP</b> , opposite Primary School <b>SP5 1RD</b> 7 mls linear walk along Clarendon Way to Salisbury Cathedral. Back via 88 bus from Endless Street 1.50/2.55/4.00.	Exp 131 GR <b>SU 237 328</b>
21 Sun	<b>WALKABOUT 5 BLUEBELL WALK</b> , Margards Lane, Verwood 6.5 mls Horton Lane to Oakfield Farm then NW through Whitmoor into Boys Wood, over Sutton Common into Maldry Wood (early lunch sat among bluebells) then SE round Birches Copse across Romford over Crane Valley GC and Dewlands Common.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 082 082</b>
23 Tues	<b>PAMPHILL GREEN CP</b> (nearest the church) 3.3 mls clockwise circuit passing St.Stephen's church, Pamphill, the River Stour and hoping to find some bluebells. 5 V stiles, and some steady inclines.	Exp 118 GR <b>ST 990 007</b>
24 Wed	<b>RINGWOOD ROAD</b> , Ashley Heath by pedestrian footbridge Service Road parallel to A31. Please park on one side of road only 5 mls taking in Avon Heath Visitor Centre.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 122 038</b>
27 Sat	<b>MARTIN DOWN NATURE RESERVE</b> 10 mls Via Bower and Broad Chalke. One steep descent down Marleycombe Hill (poles advised if the weather has been wet) otherwise gently undulating and mainly on good tracks.	Exp 118 GR <b>SU 037 202</b>
30 Tues	<b>GARSTON/PRIBDEAN WOOD CP</b> (Limited parking Car share if possible) 3.2 mls Upwood, Deanland, Newtown, Shermel Gate Undulating woods and fields.	Exp 118 GR <b>SU 003 195</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
1 Wed	<b>HAMPTWORTH</b> park opposite Cuckoo Inn (good for lunch) 5.1 mls along paths and farm tracks through woodland past Hamptworth Lodge returning through Langley Wood Nature Reserve.	Exp OL 22 GR <b>SU 244 196</b> w3w///slowness.remaining.intruding
3 Fri	<b>ITCHEN NAVIGATION</b> Park on Chicken Hall Lane, Eastleigh, meet by junction with Tower Lane 9 mls linear, mostly waterside walk to Winchester, return by train (about 3 an hour) or 61 from bus station 2.40 or 3.40	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 463 188</b>
5 Sun	<b>ALLENVIEW WEST CP</b> , Wimborne £3.50 (far right corner) Meet in the car park near Allendale Community Centre w3w///spearing.positions.following 6.6 mls High Hall, Lower Barnsley Farm, Pamphill Green, River Stour. There will be a few stiles and some minor road walking. No lunch stop planned but opportunities for refreshments in Wimborne on return.	Exp 118 GR <b>SU 011 003</b>
7 Tues	<b>BREAMORE FARM SHOP &amp; MUSEUM CP</b> <b>NOTE 10:30 start</b> Please Park furthest from Cafe and consider taking refreshment on return. 3.9 mls Breamore Wood ( Bluebells??), South Charford Drove, Long Steeple Lane.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 151 187</b>
8 Wed	<b>KEYHAVEN CP</b> (opposite the Gun Inn) 5.3 mls loop around Pennington Marshes nature reserve on good tracks. Worth bringing binoculars for bird watching and views of the Isle of Wight. Toilets in car park.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SZ 306 914</b>
11 Sat	<b>BREAMORE FARM SHOP &amp; MUSEUM CP</b> <b>NOTE 10:30 Start</b> Please park furthest away from Cafe and consider taking refreshments on return 8.8 mls via Rockbourne and Whitsbury. Varied terrain.	Exp OL22 GR <b>SU 151 187</b>
14 Tues	<b>WALK NOT SUBMITTED</b>	
15 Wed	<b>WHITESHEET CP</b> 6 mls circular walk around Holt Heath and Holt Forest.	Exp 118 GR <b>SU 048 036</b>

17 Fri	<b>KINGSTON CP</b> 9.0 mls clockwise to SW coast path, down Houns-tout then on to Kimmeridge for an extended lunch break in the vicinity of the <a href="#">Etches Collection</a> for a chance to view the recently discovered Giant Sea Monster fossil (admission £9) then ridge walk back via Swyre Head.	Exp OL 15 GR SY 954 795
19 Sun	<b>SEA ROAD CAR PARK, Milford on Sea</b> Charges apply or free roadside nearby. Toilets in CP w3w/// <b>dragonfly.punch.tour</b> 5.5 or 10 mls walk around the back of Milford up to Newbridge Copse, towards Pennington then across to Keyhaven for lunch. Short walk back to Milford or along the sea wall and back via the marshes.	Exp OL22 GR SZ 291 918
21 Tues	<b>NT KINGSTON LACY HOUSE &amp; GROUNDS</b> (NT membership needed or entry fee will be charged) w3w/// <b>limo.youths.dares</b> 3.2 mls gentle walk around the House's woodland walk.	Exp 118 GR ST 978 039
22 Wed	<b>HAWKHILL CP</b> 6.25 miles across heath to Hatchet Pond, past Furzey Lodge, through Rans Wood, Hawkhill Inclosure and Frame Wood, skirting Ladycross Inclosure and the edge of Beaulieu Heath before returning to Hawkhill.	Exp OL22 GR SU 350 018
25 Sat	<b>HARDY MONUMENT NT CP</b> free to NT members 9.2 mls - Hardy Monument, Black Down Barn, South Dorset Ridgeway, Abbotsbury, Macmillan Way, Tarrents Hill, Littlebrey, Smitten Corner.	Exp OL15 GR SY 613 876 w3w: <b>abundance.solve.headboard</b>
28 Tues	<b>POTTERNE PARK CP</b> (Tennis Cts) 3.1 mls via Potterne Wood and the new trail to Crane Lake and on to Kingsmere Station returning via the boardwalk and causeway through the golf course.	Exp OL22 GR SU 096 074
29 Wed	<b>CHARLTON MARSHALL</b> Lay-by on A350, South of Church, Limited Parking Car share if Possible. If lay-by full, dispersed parking in Church Lane, (opposite the Church) 5.0 mls, Railway Path Spetisbury Rings, Home Plantation, Glebe & Manor Farms. 2 Gentle hills.	Exp 118 GR ST 901 040
31 Fri	<b>CRANBORNE GARDEN CTR</b> (at top end) (Consider a coffee or drink on return) 7 mls through and around Cranborne. Can be muddy.	Exp 118 GR SU 056 132

**FIND THE WALK START POINT:** Use <http://www.streetmap.co.uk> Enter the Grid Ref e.g. SU962032 in the "GO" box and the map location will appear. To convert to Post Code, what3words or other ref. for SAT NAV click on "here" below white arrow below the Map.

**DISCLAIMER:** A third-party Insurance is held by the Club, which does not cover personal indemnity. The Club or any of its agents acting on behalf of the Club shall not be held responsible for the death, injury, accident or damage, etc to the person or property of any member, guest or any other person, arising from participation in any of the activities advertised in the Club's programme.

**Third Party Damage or Accidents to any person on a walk should be reported immediately to the Club secretary.**

## \*\* DETAILED Information for Sunday 10 March walk from Shell Bay NT CP

### TRAVEL TO THE START.

This is a great walk, but Shell Bay NT CP is a tricky meeting place to get to at the weekend so please allow extra time. The Sandbanks ferry will likely be busy, and cars may have to queue on approach. We meet up in the NT Shell Bay car park adjacent to the toilet block, whether arriving by road via Wareham, via chain ferry by car or by ferry as foot passenger. Entrance off the roundabout by the toll booth.

**FERRY TIMES.** Every 20 mins on the hour, 20 & 40 mins past. Or more frequently at peaks.

Costs. Ferry: car £5.20 each way. Ferry: foot passenger £1 return. Car parking at Sandbanks is NOT recommended. See full price details online. Up to 6 hrs £16.50 Up to 14 hrs £21.60 Another option is to park on a road in the vicinity of Canford Cliffs and walk to the ferry. And finally... If the Shell Bay NT carpark is full, one can park beside the road nearby.

**WALKING CONDITIONS** Variable terrain including beach sand, shallow stream crossings, tracks, cliff paths and some steep uphill stretches to Ballard Down, then steep downhill steps descending towards Swanage. Great views if the weather is fine. Depending on weather conditions, there is likely to be some slippery mud when descending towards Swanage promenade. Strenuous on the steep sections both going up and going down. Several public conveniences en route.

**LUNCH STOP** If weather permits there will be a lunch stop on Ballard Down overlooking the fine views across Swanage Bay and along the coast. Otherwise we will seek a more sheltered spot for a briefer lunch stop.

**OPTIONAL EXTRA 2 MILES** There's an option to return directly to the start point on the next available bus once we reach Swanage. Alternatively, depending on the time available, anyone who wishes to, may

continue to Peveril Point (an additional 2 miles return) by way of Forte's tea shop and/ or The Fish Plaice cafe on the corner of The Square and Mowlem Lane. (Details online) If there are any takers for these options we will decide on the day, and catch a later bus back to Shell Bay CP from the bus station or Banjo Pier stop.

**RETURNING BY BUS** from Swanage sea front to Sandbanks at a time of your choice. Bus Number 50. Six minutes past the hour, all day from Banjo Pier bus stop on Swanage sea front. Or from the nearby bus station in town on the hour. The number 50 stops at Shell Bay CP and goes onto the ferry for onward stops. The chain ferry runs until late.