

VERWOOD & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
PROGRAMME: DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2009

WEB SITE: www.verwoodramblers.org.uk

All leaders must carry a First Aid Kit when leading a walk. These kits are the property of the club (one for each walk day). Leaders can get First Aid Kits from Geoff Batts, David Lanigan, Graham Jakes (Membership Secretary) or Hazel Crowe and return them after their walk.



LONG WALKS' DINNER – WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2009

Ron Johnstone is organising the Long Walks' dinner and has sent out invitations to all who walk on Fridays or Saturdays. If, however, you are one of these people, have not received the invitation and would like to attend please telephone Ron asap.

DEADLINES FOR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME

To the Programme Secretary:

by Post/Telephone: must arrive by TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2009

Address: 50 Bridle Way, Colehill, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 2UE

by email: must arrive by FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2009

email:

Please also include the relevant two letters in your Grid Reference, eg G.R. SY 904 816 as these are required by those members who use the Ordnance Survey web site to ascertain the start point of the walk. Thank you.

(Advanced notice of deadline for the June, July, August 2009 Programme = 23 April 2009).

NB: Meeting at Morrison's Car Park, Verwood is an opportunity for car sharing, but it cannot be guaranteed that anyone will be there. ("Leader at start" means the leader/s will not be at Morrisons.) The time given is the latest departure time; please arrive at least a few minutes before.

2008 **DECEMBER**

- Tues 2nd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HURN FOREST CP, BOUNDARY LANE, ST LEONARDS 10:00. GR SU 105023.** Under 3 miles, fairly level. Leader at the start.
- Wed 3rd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **APPLESLADE CP 10:00 GR SU185092.** Map OL22. Red Shoot Plain, Linford Bottom, Roe Inclosure, Annie's Corner. Approx. 5 miles. Leaders at start
- Fri 5th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **DAMERHAM VILLAGE HALL C.P. 10:00. G.R. SU 105 161. OL 22.** Walk around Damerham, Rockbourne and Whitsbury. Stiles, lanes, farm and woodland tracks. Could be muddy in parts. 9-10 miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 9th M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE 10.00 GR 056 SU132.** Cranborne village and estate farm. One long incline, no stiles. No dogs. Could be muddy if wet. 3 miles. Option of light lunch or coffee at garden centre.
- Wed 10th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **SHAPWICK C.P. (Adjacent to Church) 10:00. GR ST 936 017.** Explorer 118 Swan Way (Track) Crawford Farm, Bishop's Court Farm. Tracks and minor roads. 5.2 miles. Leaders at start.
- Sat 13th M/SONS CP **09:10** or **The GREYHOUND INN, WINTERBORNE KINGSTON (Park in rear CP) 10:00. GR862977.** Explorer 118. Roman road, Great Coll wood, South Farm, North Farm and Little Coll wood. Two stiles + Mud. Approx 9.5 Miles. Leaders at start.

- Tues 16th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **DROVERS P.H. Gussage all Saints 10:00 GR SU 003 106**. Explorer 118. Tracks and lanes, gentle hills. 3½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Wed 17th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **CRANBORNE SPORTS FIELD 10:00 GR SZ 057134**. Map 118. Christmas walk, funny hats, carols, jokes or short stories. Please bring coffee etc for a short stop to celebrate Christmas. Slopes, mud and stiles. 4 ½ miles.
- Fri 19th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE (Top end of CP) 09:45 GR SU 056132**. Explorer 118. Burwood, Boveridge, Jack's Hedge Corner, Cranborne Farm, Squirrel Corner, Monkton up Wimborne, Wimborne St Giles, Creech Hill. 9 miles
- Tues 23rd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **RAMSDOWN CP, near Hurn 10:00. GR SZ131971**. SOPLEY COMMON: wet heath and woods. 2½ miles. Leader at the start.
- Wed 24th *NO WALK SUBMITTED.*
- Sat 27th NO WALK
- Tues 30th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **UDDENS PLANTATION: use Golf Course CP off A31 Ferndown bypass. 10:00. GR SU071024**. Coffee available after the walk. 3 miles. Leader at the start.
- Wed 31st *NO WALK SUBMITTED*

JANUARY

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Fri 2nd

M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **WEST MOORS – BOND AVENUE / FRYER PLAYING FIELD C.P. 10:00. GR SU 077 034**. Maps Explorers 118 & OL22. Holt Heath, Holt Lodge Farm, Queen's Copse, Broad Bridge, Bowering Water, Clayford Farm. 11 miles. Leaders at start.

Tues 6th

M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **WEST MOORS VILLAGE CP 10:00. GR SU080027**. West Moors Plantation. No hills. 2½ -3 miles. Leader at the start.

Tues 6th

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Wed 7th

M/SONS C.P. **09:45** or **POTTERNE PARK 10:00** - park adjacent to the tennis courts. **G.R. 095076**. Boundaries and Byeways No. 3 : Noon Hill, Ringwood Forest and Stephens Castle. (Exact mileage not available at time of going to press, but is the usual sort of distance for Wednesday walks.) Leaders at the start.

Sat 10th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **GARSTON WOOD C.P. 10:00 GR SU018194**. Map 118. Shermel Gate, Ox Drove, Chase Wood, Deanlands. 9 miles. Leaders at start.

Tues 13th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **LANGTON ARMS P.H. (Park in overflow car park – field) Tarrant Monkton 10:05. GR ST 944 088**. Explorer 118. One incline 3½ miles approx. Leaders at start.

Wed 14th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **WHITE SHEET HILL C.P. 10.00 GR SU048036**. White Sheet Plantation, Holt Heath. 5 miles. Leaders at start.

Fri 16th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ASHLEY WOOD GOLF CLUB C.P 10:15 G.R. ST 917065** Exp 118. Pimperne, around Blandford Army Camp. Approx 9 miles. Leader at start.

Tues 20th

M/SONS C.P. **09:20** or **AVON RUN C.P. 10:00 GR 189 923**. OL22. Flat walk along cliff path, down cliff steps and along promenade. Steamer Point etc, Mundeford Quay. Café and shop. Car Park should be free. 2½ miles approx. Leaders at start.

Wed 21st

NO WALK SUBMITTED.

Fri 23rd

EMAIL DEADLINE FOR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME.

Sat 24th

M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **PIDDLETRENTHIDE RECREATION GROUND 10:30 GR 706995**. Explorer 117. Watcombe Plain, Hill Wood & Whitcombe. Hills, stiles and mud. 9 miles.

- Tues 27th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **AVON HEATH SOUTH PARK: park in lay-by on Boundary Lane (limited space) 10:00. GU SU120024.** Slight hills. 3 miles. Leader at the start.
- Wed 28th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **GARSTON WOOD C.P. 09:45 GR SU 003195. VERY LIMITED PARKING -it is essential to share cars.** Shermal Gate, Chase Avenue, Shaftsbury, Drow and Hill Coppices. Hilly walk. 5miles. Leaders at start.
- Fri 30th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BALMER LAWN** (next to A337) **10:10. G.R.SU 303 031.** Map OL 22. New Forest circular walk mainly flat. 8 miles approx.

FEBRUARY

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- Tues 3rd M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **WIMBORNE ST GILES limited parking at Post Office 10:00. GR SU 032121.** Explorer 118. Hopefully snowdrops. 3½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Wed 4th M/SONS C.P. **09:45** or **THE VERWOOD HUB 10:00. G.R. 085 091.** Boundaries and Byeways No. 4 : Eastworth Road, Ringwood Forest, Stephens Castle, Bugdens Copse. If you would like lunch at the Hub, please order before the day. (Exact mileage not available at time of going to press, but is the usual sort of distance for Wednesday walks.) Leaders at the start.
- Sat 7th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **FONTHILL LAKE near Tisbury 10:10 GR ST 933 316.** Explorer 143. Fonthill Bishop, Chilmark, Ashley Wood Farm. Hills, woods and lakes - could be muddy. 8 miles approx.
- Tues 10th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ABBOT'S WELL C.P. 10:00. GR 178 129.** OL22. New Forest circular walk with a very steep incline. 3 miles approximately.
- Wed 11th *NO WALK SUBMITTED.*
- Fri 13th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BREAMORE CHURCH (park by wall) 10:00. GR SU 154 188.** Explorer OL22. Outwick, Radnell Wood, Rockbourne, Knoll Farm, Whitsbury, Whitsbury Wood. Undulating. 10 miles approx. Leaders at start.
- Tues 17th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ROCKBOURNE VILLAGE HALL 10:00. Limited parking alongside hall and dispersed parking across road. GR SU 114 184.** Explorer OL22. Walk to Whitsbury Church for hopefully snowdrops. 3½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Wed 18th M/SONS C.P **09:45** or **ALBION INN 10:00 GR 077094 (please don't park in pub car park).** Mount Pleasant Farm, Woodlands, Redmond's Hill, Horton Way. Could be muddy. 5 miles approx. Leader at start.
- Sat 21st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **CRANBORNE CP 10:00 GR SU063134.** Map 118. Pentridge Hill, Ackling Dyke, Harley Gap, Monkton Drove track. 9½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 24th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **UDDENS DRIVE (off Wimborne Road, Ferndown at Old Thatch Pub) 10:00. GR SU052008.** Cannon Hill. Steep hill to viewpoint. 2½ miles. Leader at the start.
- Wed 25th *NO WALK SUBMITTED.*
- Fri 27th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BADBURY RINGS CP 10:00 G.R. ST 959 031 OS** Explorer 118. Kings Down, Chilbridge, Pamphill, Kingston Lacy, High Wood. Approx 9 miles. Leader at start.

NEW LEADERS are always welcomed and needed, PARTICULARLY FOR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WALKS.

Tuesday walks are about 3-3½ miles long and are slower than Wednesday walks, with easier gradients and no stiles unless stated in the programme.

Wednesday walks have stiles, slopes, moderate pace and should be about 4-5½ miles long, in the lower range perhaps where there are known difficulties such as several stiles or difficult terrain. The duration should be 2-2½ hours in duration. These walks are intended for the average walker.

Friday/Saturday walks are for the walker who enjoys the longer distances and are unrestricted.

