

VERWOOD & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
PROGRAMME: MARCH, APRIL, & MAY 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.

AGM

will be held on Tuesday 28 April 7:15pm at The Parish Centre, St Michael & All Angels Church. The speaker will be Dave Ackerley from the Rights of Way Dept, Dorset County Council.

In view of the wastage of food in previous years, we are going to experiment by having a *Coordinated Finger Buffet* after the AGM this year. Usually around 80 people attend the AGM and the quantities required for this number of people are: 5 or 6 dozen rounds of sandwiches (cut into quarters), 8 quiches (cut into eighths), up to 20 dozen other savouries* and about 5 or 6 dozen pieces of dessert. (*Other savouries could include, for example, sausage rolls, cheese & pineapple on sticks, crudités, cherry tomatoes, pizza squares, dips, etc.) You can be as imaginative as you like; the only stipulation being that whatever you bring must be capable of being eaten *without* using knife, fork or spoon. Please ring me, Joanna Booth, on the telephone number below by 16th April to let me know what you propose to bring. I will keep a list and running total of who is bringing what. There may be times when a surfeit of a particular type of food has already been offered, so I do hope you will not be offended if, in such circumstances, I ask if you would be kind enough to bring something else. I hope you will not object to this experiment, and that we manage to achieve far less wastage this year. Tea & coffee will be available with the supper. Volunteers will be required to serve it and to wash up.

Please remember that membership fees of £2.50 are due for renewal at the AGM. CASH ONLY PLEASE in a sealed envelope with the member(s) name(s), *email address, postal address and telephone number on the outside.** (*Email addresses will be used solely for sending out programmes, advising dates still available for the next walks' programme, subsequent changes to programme entries and other such Verwood Ramblers matters.)

Graham Jakes (Membership Secretary) and John Bettell (Treasurer) are not standing for re-election to the committee. David Lanigan standing down as Secretary. Nominations for new committee members should be sent, using the slip at the end of the programme, to David Lanigan by 3 April 2009.

NB: Please see the important note from Peter Walker, our Chairman, accompanying this Programme regarding the need to increase our Civil Liability insurance cover; and details of nominations required regarding committee vacancies to be filled at the AGM.

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.

2009 **MARCH**

Tues 3rd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MARTIN DOWN C.P.10:00 off A 354 G.R. SU 037 200.** Explorer 118. Old Roman Road, downland & Bokerly Dyke. No stiles. 3½ miles approx. Leader at start.

Wed 4th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ABBOT'S WELL C.P. 10:00 G.R. SU 178 129.** OL.22 Hampton Ridge, Pitts Wood Inclosure and Godshill. 6mils. Approx.

Sat 7th *No walk submitted.*

- Tues 10th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BROADCHALKE CHURCH C.P. 10:05. G.R. SU 043 254** Explorer 130 Chalke Pyt Farm, watercress beds, (possible to buy 35p-40p per bunch - bring plastic bag), Mount Sorrell Farm. 3½ miles approx. No stiles. Leader at start.
- Wed 11th *No walk submitted.*
- Fri 13th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **The MOOT, DOWNTON 10:10. G.R.SU180 214.** Explorer 130. Charleton All Saints, Barn Down, Wick Down, Wick Farm Lane. Approx.9 miles
- Tues 17th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ROCKFORD COMMON N.T. C.P. 10:00 GR SU164083.** Easy walk round Blashford Lakes & Wildlife Reserve. *No dogs.* 4 miles approx.
- Wed 18th *No walk submitted.*
- Sat 21st M/SONS C.P. **09:00** or **WINFRITH NEWBURGH CHURCH C.P.10:10. G.R. SY 805 844.** OL15 (Purbeck). Coombe Keynes, Daggars Gate, Chaldron Herring. 10 miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 24th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **WICK FERRY CAR PARK, CHRISTCHURCH 10:00 GR SZ 156922.** Map OL22. Hengistbury Head. Coffee optional at Hiker cafe. 3½ miles approx. Leaders at start.
- Wed 25th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **POTTERNE PARK, Verwood 09:45** - note time – (park by tennis courts). **GR 095 075.** Map OL22. Woolsbridge, Three Legged Cross, Horton Common. Can be wet in places. Approx. 5 miles. Leaders at the start.
- Fri 27th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **YEW TREE INN ODSTOCK 10:15. GR SU145260.** Map 130. Nunton, Clearbury Ring and Homington. Hills, stiles & mud. 8 miles.
- Tues 31st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BRAEMORE CHURCH (park close to wall) 10:00 GR154189.** Map OL22 map. Steeple Lane, Whitsbury Wood. 3-3½ miles.

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APRIL

- Wed 1st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ANDERWOOD CP 10:00. GR SU249 058.** OL22. Forest Circular. 5 miles. Leader at start.
- Sat 4th M/SONS C.P. **09:20** or **BULBARROW C.P. 10:15 G.R. ST 783 059 Explorer 117.** Heath Bottom, Houghton South Down, Milton Park Wood, Milton Abbas, Milton Abbey and Green Hill Down Reserve. Two inclines, some mud possible. Approx 9 miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 7th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or the **WHITE HART P.H. BISHOPSTONE 10:10. G.R. SU 068 258** Explorer 130. Minor road, one gradual hill up to downland. No stiles. 3½ miles approx. Leader at start.
- Wed 8th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ABBOT'S WELL C.P. 10:00 G.R. SU 178 129. OL.22.** Blissford, North Gorley, Dorridge Hill and Ogdens. 6mils. approx.
- Fri 10th *No walk submitted.*
- Good Friday
- Tues 14th **M/SONS C.P. 09:40.** Catch No 37 bus (bring bus passes) at 09.58 to Three-Legged Cross and walk back to Verwood via Redman's Hill and Dewlands Common. Could be muddy. No stiles. 3 miles approx.
- Wed 15th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MARTIN DOWN C.P. A354 10:00. GR SU 038219.** A 5-mile stroll round the down. Two hills. 5 miles.
- Sat 18th M/SONS C.P. **0930** or **DRUSILLAS INN C.P. HORTON 10.00. GR SU 039 075 Explorer 118 (Park at north end of car park).** Haythorne, North Farm, Matterly Drove Crichel Mill, Crichel Lake, New Town, Chalbury, Linen Hill Farm, Priors Copse. 9-10 miles.
- Tues 21st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HIGH CORNER C.P. 10:00. GR SU 200 104.** Forest walk with no stiles and slight inclines. 3 miles.
- Wed 22nd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ABBOTS WELL CP 10:00. GR SU 177 128.** Map OL22. Forest Circular. Some hills. 5 miles. Leader at start.

Thurs 23rd

Deadline for receipt of walks for the next programme.

Fri 24th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **GREENACRES 10.00. GR 103236** Map 130. Homington, Dogdean Farm, Coombe Bisset. Hilly in parts. 8 miles approx.

Tues 28th

No walk submitted.

Wed 29th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30 WILVERLEY INCLOSURE CP 10:00 G.R. SU 253003.** Wilverley Plain, Wilverley Post, Clay Hill, Duck Hole. Leader at start

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Sat 2nd

M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **LOWER KINGCOMBE – POUND 10.30. GR SY 555991** Explorer 117. Jubilee Trail west to Deakennorth, Coltleigh Farm, St Francis Farm and Kingcombe Barn. Undulating. 9 miles. Leaders at start.

Tues 5th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **UPTON COUNTRY PARK 10:15 GR SY992930.** OL15. Walk around the park. Coffee stop. 2 to 3 miles. (Free parking).

Wed 6th

M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **CANFORD VILLAGE CHURCH 10:00. GR SZ 032 988.** Map Explorer 118. Oakley, Lake Gates, the weir, Wimborne. Limited parking. Could be wet; some stiles; suspension bridge at end of walk. 5 miles. Leaders at the start.

Fri 8th

M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **CRANBORNE MANOR GARDEN CENTRE CAR PARK (top end) 10:00. GR SU056132.** Map Explorer 118. Manor Farm, Jack's Hedge Corner, Salisbury Plantation and Bowdish Pond. Hopefully, wild flowers. Approx 8 miles.

Tues 12th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MANSWOOD PLAY AREA 10:00. G.R. ST 983 080.** Explorer 118. Chetterwood, Six Crossways. Hopefully Bluebells. .No stiles. 3¾ miles. Leader at start.

Wed 13th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MARTIN DOWN C.P. A354 10:00. GR SU038219.** Bokerley Ditch – Penbury Knoll. Steep climb. 5½-6 miles.

Sat 16th

M/SONS C.P. **09:20** or **MARTIN VILLAGE C.P. (end of Sillen Lane) 10:00. GR SU 058 191.** OL22. Martin, Windmill Hill, Damerham Knoll and Blackheath Down. Lanes, hills and stiles - could be muddy. 9½ miles approx.

Tues 19th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BROCKHILL (OFF RHINEFIELD DRIVE) 10 a m GR SU267 058** Pondhill enclosure, arboretum. Flat no stiles 2.5.

Wed 20th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BURBISH HILL CP 10:00. GR SU 202018.** Map OS22. Bisterne Commom, And Whitton Pond. Two short inclines. Approx. 5.0 miles Leaders at start

Fri 22nd

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BROADCHALKE: park CHURCH BOTTOM LANE** (limited parking). **10:15. GR SU 043251.** OL130. Stoke Down & Compton Down. Several stiles. 9 miles approx. Leaders at start.

Tues 26th

M/SONS C.P. **09:45** or **POTTERNE PARK CAR PARK 10:00. GR SU 095075.** Map OL22. To Moors Valley country park, coffee optional 3 miles approx. Leaders at start.

Wed 27th

M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BURGATE SCHOOL LAYBY 10:00. GR SU153153.** Map OL22. Avon Valley. Slopes stiles & mud. 5 miles.

Sat 30th

M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **GARSTON WOOD CP 10.00 GR 004195** Explorer 118. Shermel Gate, West End, Ebbesbourne Wake, Hill Farm, Dank Wood Corner. Fairly strnuous. Approx. 9.5 miles. Leaders at start.

NEW LEADERS are always welcomed and needed