

**VERWOOD & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB**  
**PROGRAMME: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2009**

WEB SITE: [www.verwoodramblers.org.uk](http://www.verwoodramblers.org.uk)

All leaders must carry a First Aid Kit when leading a walk.

**DEADLINES FOR WALKS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME**  
To the Walks Secretary:  
**by THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2009**

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.

**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**      **SEPTEMBER**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>      M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HOLT HEATH from C.P. of "CROSS KEYS" PUB, MANNINGTON 10:00. GR SU067 048** Map OL22. Summerlug Hill to Newman's Farm, board walk across bog, up hill to start. Can be muddy. 3 miles approx. Coffee/lunch available at pub. Leader at start.

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>      M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS CHURCH 10:00. GR ST 998 108** Explorer 118. Tenantry down Gussage Hill 5 miles. Parking limited. Leader at Start.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>  
*Isle of Wight.*  
*Choice of 3 walks: 4½, 10 or 6 miles.*  
**M/SONS C.P. 08.15** or **LYMINGTON FERRY TERMINAL 09.00 GR SZ 333 955** Map OL22 to **catch the 09.25 ferry.**  
There is a choice of 3 walks on the Isle of Wight .  
Walks 1 and 2 *only* will leave from Yarmouth on the 11.00 bus (*bring your bus pass otherwise £3*).  
**Walk 1 – Calbourne to Chessell:** 4½ miles approx. Fairly flat but many stiles. Visit to Pottery for tea. Return to Yarmouth by bus (fare £3.50).  
**Walk 2 – Calbourne to Yarmouth:** 10 miles approx. Some steep inclines in parts. Tea stop at "End of the Line" tea rooms.  
**Walk 3 – From Yarmouth:** a circular walk via Freshwater, Golden Hill, Victoria Country Park including coffee stop. 6 miles approx. Afternoon free to explore.

Car Park charge £5.30 (up to 16 hours). Standard ferry fare for Seniors £9 return, but could be cheaper depending on offer at time of purchase (see below). *Prices are as at May 2009.*

*Please register your interest with the appropriate leader in advance in case any of the above times alter . **Do not go to Lymington in the event of bad weather; phone your chosen walk leader before leaving home.*** The ferry terminal telephone no. is 0871 376 1000. Details are available on the Wightlink web site

Wight Link is doing a 2 for 1 Foot Passenger offer via the internet until 6 September:

<http://www.wightlink.co.uk/special-offers/offers/2for1-foot-passenger-return.aspx>

*It is necessary to print out the page and hand it to the ticket office when buying tickets.*

NB: If you do not have access to the internet but are planning to do an Isle of Wight walk, you could have a word in advance with your fellow walkers to see if someone would print out the page for you to hand in at the ticket office.

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>      M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MARTIN DOWN C.P. 10:00. GR SU 037 201** Map OL 22. A walk round the Down. One incline. 3 miles approx. Leaders at start.

- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BADBURY RINGS CP 10:00. GR ST 962 032** Explorer 118. Avenue of beeches, King Down, The Oaks. 5 miles approx Leader at Start
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> M/SONS CP **09:15** or **WINGREEN CP 10:00. GR ST 923 205** Explorer 118. Ashcombe Bottom, Tollard Royal, Tinkley Down, Woodcutts Common, Shire Rack, Chase Woods, Ox Drove 9-10 miles (Moderate/Strenuous)
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> **NOTE POTTERNE PARK 10.00 GR SU 095 075** Walk around Moors Valley with a coffee stop at the Visitor Centre. Leader at start.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30 WILVERLEY INCLOSURE CP 10:00 G.R. SU 253 007** Wilverley Plain, Wilverley Post, Clay Hill, Duck Hole. Leader at start.
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ABBOTS WELL C.P. 10:00. GR SU 178 128** Map OL22. Hampton Ridge, Pitts Wood, Godshill, and Stucton. Mainly forest tracks, footpaths, stiles and streams to cross. Approx 9½ miles.
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> *No walk submitted.*  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> *No walk submitted.*
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **CADMAN POOL CP 10:00. G.R. SU 229123** Map OL22. Rakes Bottom, Island Thorns Inclosure, Hampton Ridge, Alderhill Bottom, Hasley Hill, Broomy Lodge. 8½ miles. Leader at start
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HOLMSLEY WALK C.P. 10:00. GR SZ 210992.** Map OL22. Forest circular. 5 miles. Leader at the start.

## **2009**      **OCTOBER**

- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **STUDLAND NATIONAL TRUST C.P. 10:00. GR SZ 038826** Map OL15. Car park charge for non NT members. Hills, stiles & mud. Old Harry rocks, Ballard Down, Kingswood Heath. 8miles.
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE 10:00. GR SU056 132** Explorer map 118. 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 7<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **FERNDOWN – Wimborne Road (opp Colonial Garage) 10:00. GR SU065 008** Map OL22. Ferndown Common, Longham, Hampreston, Knoll. 2 stiles. 4½ miles. Leaders at the start.
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:00** or **SOUTHDOWN N T CP 10:00. GR SY 759 823** Map OL15. Strenuous coast-path, steep ups & down. White Nothe, Durdle Door, Lulworth, Newlands Farm. Approx 10½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **LINFORD BOTTOM CAR PARK 10:00. GR SU181072** Map OL22. Approx 3 miles. Can be muddy. Leaders at start.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **MILIFORD BRIDGE CP 10:00. GR SU 268078** Map OL22. Forest walk by Portuguese, fireplace, Knightswood Oak and Reptillary. Approx 5 miles. Leaders at start.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **GARSTON WOOD CP 10:00. GR SU004 195** Explorer map 118. Middle Chase Farm, Ox Drove track, Hut Farmhouse, Roman Road, Chettle Head Copse, West Woodyates manor. 9 miles approx. Leaders at start.
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> *No walk submitted.*

- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:35** or **WHITE SHEET 10:00. GR. SU 048 036** Explorer map 118. Claford Farm, Cannon Hill, Pilford Farm. 5½ miles approx. Leaders at start.
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **WITCHAMPTON SHOP/CLUB 10:05. GR SU989 066** Explorer map 118. King Down, Abbeycroft Down, Bratch Lane, Manswood, Approx. 9 miles. Leader at start.
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **PARLEY COMMON – park at end of Lone Pine Drive (off Golf Links Road) 10:00. GR SZ006 991.** Can be muddy. Slight hills. 2½ miles. Leader at the start.
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BURGATE SCHOOL LAYBY 10:00. GR SU 153 153** Map OL22. (Rained off in May better luck this time.) Avon Valley, hills, stiles & mud. 5 miles.
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **CRANBORNE SURGERY C.P 10:00. GR SU057 134** Explorer 118. Jubilee Trail, Ackling Dyke, Monkton up Wimborne. Hills and mud. 10 miles approx. Leader at start

## **2009**      **NOVEMBER**

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BADBURY RINGS C.P. 10:00. GR ST959 031** Explorer map 118. 3 miles around the Rings. Leaders at start.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> *No walk submitted.*
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:10** or **AFFPUDDLE C.P & Picnic Area (beside B3390 one mile south of village.) 10:00. G.R. SY 804 924** Explorer map 117. Affpuddle, Athelhampton, Tolpuddle and Briantspuddle. Field/farm tracks, woodland paths and village streets. Muddy in places. Approx 9½ miles. Leaders at start.
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HIGH CORNER CP 10:00. GR SU 200 104** Forest walk with no stiles and slight inclines. 3 miles.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **SAINSBURY'S C.P. ALDER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH 10:00. G.R. SZ063 935** Map OL22. Talbot Heath, Coy Pond, Upper Gardens – circular route. 5½ miles approx. Leaders at the start.
- Directions to start : via W. Parley to Kinson; cross 2 traffic lights then next main left turning (Kinson Road). Continue over roundabouts to Alder Road and straight on through to Sainsbury's. Park adjacent to pub.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:00** or **THORNCOMBE WOOD/BLACKHEATH C.P. 10:00. GR SY 725 923**  
*Choice of 9 mile walk or 7½-mile walk*  
Explorer OL15. Thorncombe Wood, Hardy's Cottage, Tolpuddle Hollow, Ridge Way, Little Cheam, Stinsford, Bhompston Farm. Approx 9 miles. Moderate/Strenuous with 7½ mile option.
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> *No walk submitted.*
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **LINFORD BOTTOM CP 10:00. GR SU 181072** Map OL22. Forest Circular. 5 miles. Leader at the start.
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:00** or **CHALLOW HILL WALKERS C.P. (limited parking ) 10:00. GR SY964 822** Map OL 15  
*Choice of either an 8-mile walk or a 6-mile walk.*  
**Walk 1:** A final attempt to find the path through Quarr Farm by walking the route in reverse taking in New Barn, Knitson Farm, Nine Barrow Down and Rollington Hill. Hilly in parts. 8 miles approx.  
**Walk 2:** Meet at Challow Hill Walkers' CP, walk to the bus stop in East St, Corfe Caste, then take the 10:19\* bus (Route 40) to Swanage. Walk back to car park, hilly in parts. *Don't forget your bus pass.* 6 miles approx.  
(\*correct at time of going to press)
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **RAMSDOWN HILL C.P. 10:00. GR SZ130 971.** Steep hill up and steps down. 2½ miles approx. Leader at the start.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **DROVERS INN GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS 10:00. GR SU 003 107**  
Explorer 118. Harley Down, Ackling Dyke, Harley Lane 5 miles approx. Leader at Start

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **PAMPHILL C.P. 10:00. GR. SU 990 007** Explorer 118. King Down,  
Witchampton, Birch Coppice, Badbury Rings. Mostly flat walking, very small hills. 8½ miles  
approx. Leaders at start.

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## NEW LEADERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOME

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### \*\*\*\*\* CLUB NOTICES \*\*\*\*\*

At the AGM in April the motion to increase the Civil Liability insurance to £10m was carried. The subscription from March 2010 will, therefore, be £4 per person.

Sheila Lewis has been co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy on the committee.