



PROGRAMME MARCH, APRIL, MAY 25

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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.

“TRY BEFORE YOU BUY” - WHY NOT JOIN US FOR A TASTER



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	
1 Sat	KEYHAVEN Exp OL22 GR SZ 300 909 Meet at footbridge at junction of New Lane and Saltgrass Lane parking either side 10 mls sea breezer - Keyhaven Nature Reserve and Marshes and Lymington Sea Walls.
4 Tues	WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP Exp OL22 GR SU 078 032 4 mls Uddens and Holt Heath circular via footpaths and bridleways. There will be some mud and puddles. No stiles, level.
5 Wed	BOLTON'S BENCH CP Exp OL 22 GR SU 303 081 w3w//countries.meaty.finishers Meet at War memorial at junction of Beaulieu Road & A35 just East of Lyndhurst town centre 6 mls walk along The Ridge, then through mixed woods of Denny and Parkhill Inclosures to the East of Lyndhurst, Park Pale and return by Beechen Lane.
7 Fri	CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE CP Exp 118 GR SU 055 131 Please park at the far end and consider taking refreshments on return. 8.5 mls Cranborne and the Allen Valley. Across country, Jacks Hedge, Monkton Drove, skirt Wimborne St Giles. Expect it to be muddy.
9 Sun	FRITHAM CP on the left just past Royal Oak Exp OL22 GR SU 230 141 7 mls via Rakes Brakes Bottom, Holly Hatch Cottage, Splash Bridge, Hallickshole Hill, Hampton Ridge, Amberwood Inclosure, Thorns Inclosure. Lunch stop.
11 Tues	CORFE MULLEN RECREATION GROUND CP Exp 118 GR SU 987 982 3.3 mls to Happy Bottom and the old railway line.
12 Wed	WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP Exp OL22 GR SU 078 032 6 mls Whitesheet, Higher Row, Holt Heath circular via footpaths and bridleways. There will be some mud and puddles. No stiles, some inclines.

15 Sat	WORTH MATRAVERS Parking donation requested (toilets) 9.5 mls via southwest coast path to Durlston Head for lunch & toilets, returning along Priests Way. Undulating, 700ft cumulative ascent and likely still to be muddy in places.	Exp OL 22 GR SY 974 777
18 Tues	PAMPHILL GREEN CP 3.8 miles Abbott Street Copse, back of Kingston Lacy, Stour Valley Way, Cowgrove. A few squeeze stiles. Good paths but may be mud.	Exp 118 GR ST 990 007
19 Wed	DRUSILLA'S INN , pub car park. Please consider taking refreshments in the pub on return 5 mls round walk out and about up to Horton Tower and back. A few stiles and mud likely	Exp 118 GR SU 039 075
21 Fri	WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL CP 10 mls Holt Woods, Horton Tower, Holt Heath. On footpaths, bridleways and tarmac. Some mud and puddles very likely. Several stiles, some inclines	Exp OL22 GR SU 078 032
23 Sun	MARTIN DOWN NATURE RESERVE CP 10 mls Vernditch Chase, Cowley, Cow Down, Ox Drove and back along the old Roman Road.	Exp OL22 GR SU 037 200 w3w///flip.tenses.cemented
25 Tues	POTTERNE PARK , by tennis courts 3.8 mls loop through Moors Valley Country Park & Forest	Exp OL 22 GR SU 096 074
26 Wed	BERE REGIS , Town CP off Turberville Road 5.3 mls along the Hardy Way to Turners Puddle then along tracks and some road walking to Stanford Bridge, along Sopers Lane, tracks and footpaths through watercress beds.	Exp OL 15 GR SY 846 948 w3w///escalates.piano.froth
29 Sat	WEST LULWORTH Church Road. Park roadside and meet near church 9 mls Mupe Bay and along the coast to Fossil Forest (tide permitting) Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door.	Exp OL15 GR SY 823 807
APRIL		
1 Tues	LINFORD BOTTOM CP 3.5 mls figure of eight walk, mostly flat with one hill half way round. During wet periods the first 1/2 mile can be muddy with some standing water so using walking poles and gaiters advised. 180 ft cumulative ascent.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 181 072
2 Wed	POTTERS WHEEL CP 5.5 mls clockwise loop through Ringwood Forest heading out over Stephen's Castle viewpoint, north to the phone mast then SW through the middle of the forest to Plumley Wood returning along the north edge of town so opportunities to drop off. All gravel tracks but ditch to cross re-entering Stephen's Castle.	Exp 118 GR SU 087 091
4 Fri	BOLTON'S BENCH CP 9.8 mls loop to Balmer Lawn, Bank and Lyndhurst. May be muddy.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 303 081
6 Sun	HIGHER BOCKHAMPTON CP 9.1 mls walk around Hardy Country. From Thomas Hardy's birthplace, through Puddletown forest to Stinsford. Dorset countryside walk in landscape which inspired Hardy.	Exp 117 GR SY 725 922 w3w///sheepish.tinned.plodded
8 Tues	KINGSTON LACY NT CP meet inside the grounds at the entrance to the cafe (by wc's) 3.2 mls walk around the gardens and woods before returning for refreshments at cafe.	Exp 118 GR ST 977 014 w3w///enable.coast.blotchy
9 Wed	BEACHCOMBER CAFE , Barton on Sea Triangular area where Marine Drive becomes Marine Drive East. Roadside parking or CP 5.5 mls along the beach and the cliff path then out to Downton and back over the golf course.	Exp OL22 GR SZ 239 929
12 Sat	BRANSGORE CP 7.1 mls circular walk starting from centre of Bransgore, farmland tracks, lanes around Ripley.	Exp OL22 GR SZ 187 980 w3w///crouches.parrot.depended
15 Tues	WHITESHEET CP 3.5 mls around Holt Heath	Exp 118 GR SU 047 036

16 Wed	UPTON HOUSE CP 6 mls Castleman Trailway, Upton Heath (Dorset Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve), Corfe Mullen's stables & paddocks & back via Upton Heath with views of Poole Harbour. No stiles, a few ascents.	Exp OL 15 GR SY 992 928
18 Fri	CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE CP Please park at the far end and consider taking refreshments on return. 9 mls through Cranborne to Castle Hill then on to Boys Wood, Maldry Wood and Edmondsham. Hopefully the best bluebells in the area. Stiles and maybe still muddy.	Exp 118 GR SU 055 131
20 Sun	STOURHEAD NT CP £4.50 for non-members Meet in front of the Visitor Centre and leader shall wear bright orange gilet. 6.0 mls walk passing through the parkland and woodland surrounding the Stourhead estate. It encompasses an Iron Age hillfort on the way to Alfred's Tower, a 49m high folly, and returns to the estate centre passing the old waterwheel and waterfall. There are a couple of short but steep sections, including some steps, and several stiles..	Exp 142 GR ST 778 339 w3w/// nurses.famines.dividers
22 Tues	GARSTON/PRIBDEAN WOOD CP 3 mls Upwood, Deanland, Newtown, Shermel Gate. Undulating woods and Fields.	Exp 118 GR SU 00 3195 w3w/// flaking.react.convey
23 Wed	SETLEY POND CP 6 mls Sandy Down, Boldre, Boldre Church, Roydon Woods Nature Reserve, Fluder's Clump. 6 stiles.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 303 993
24 Thur	CERNE VALLEY TRAIL - Walk 1 Dorchester centre to Cerne Abbas,	
26 Sat	APPLESLADE CP 8.5 mls Red Shoot Woods, Linford Bottom, Rockford Common and Ibsley Common	Exp OL 22 GR SU 184 092
29 Tues	BROOMY WALK CP 3.25 mls Woodford Bottom, Black Barrow, Lin Wood	Exp OL22 GR SU 197 100
30 Wed	EXBURY GARDENS CP 09.30 start (if main entrance still closed drive on and enter through the exit) 6 mls walk along quiet lanes, meadow and field edges to Lepe then along the beach (can be by-passed along the road) before turning back inland. Toilets are accessible from the CP. Followed by optional group tour of the gardens	Exp OL22 GR SU 424 006
MAY		
2 Fri	PORTLAND HEIGHTS HOTEL Park in New Ground CP follow brown sign saying High Angle, Batteries (Charges apply) 9 mls clockwise walk around the island's coast via The Verne down to Portland Bill and back via the South West Coast Path ending with the Tout Quarry and sculpture park. A rugged and interesting walk over hard rock ways - not for the soft soled. Muddy if wet.	Exp OL15 GR SY 690 730
4 Sun	ABBOTSBURY CP 8.5 mls Chapel Coppice, Chessil Beach, West Bexington, Wears Hill.	Exp OL15 GR SY 578 852 w3w/// prices.collision.november
6 Tues	CRANBORNE GARDEN CENTRE CP Please park at the far end and consider taking refreshments on return. 3.4 mls to Norman castle remains	Exp 118 GR SU 055 131
7 Wed	GREENACRES FARM , Coombe Bissett, lane parking. 5.4 mls Circular walk via Whitsbury. May be muddy.	Exp 130 GR SU 103 236
10 Sat	1st SCHOOL MARGARDS LANE , Verwood. Park in the lane near school 8.7 mls Walkabout 7 through Crane Valley and Remedy Oak golf courses, Haythorn and Horton up to Horton Tower returning through Ferndown Forest, Horton Wood, Knobb's Crook and Bridge Farm. Likely to be still muddy in places.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 082 081
13 Tues	ABBOTS WELL CP 3.8 mls Dorridge Hill, Ogdens, Hyde Common.	Exp OL22 GR SU 178 128. w3w/// overtones.breed.below

14 Wed	FERNDOWN SPORTS CENTRE CP 5.2 mls over Ferndown Common to the Old Thatch, across the A31 to Cannon Hill and Uddens Plantations, following the Castleman Trailway. Back along Ameysford Road.	Exp 118 GR SU 068 007
16 Fri	ST GILES ESTATE CARRIAGE RIDE estate CP off Park Lane 11 mls (no hills, no stiles) all on private estate land, by kind permission of the Earl of Shaftesbury. In addition to the usual 'banana' and lunch break, there will be frequent stops for talks about the history around the walk that ranges from the Bronze Age through to recent years.	Exp 118 GR SU 035 118 w3w// contained.motored.clicker
18 Sun	KNIGHTWOOD OAK CP 7 mls Knightwood Inclosure, Anderwood Inclosure/Deer Park, Holmhill Inclosure, Portuguese Fireplace, Holidays Hill Inclosure and visiting the Knightwood Oak. Lunch stop.	Exp OL22 GR SU 265 065
20 Tues	FERDOWN LEISURE CENTRE CP. 3.5 mls via Ferndown Common and Longham Lakes return by x6 bus to Ferndown.	Exp 118 GR SU 072 107
21 Wed	OAKLEY CP 5.9 mls through Berry Wood, Soarly Beeches turning south at Blackensford Hill skirting Burley Outer Rails and New Inclosures. Typical New Forest tracks and trails.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 225 046 w3w/// skills.habits.fiction
22 Thur	CERNE VALLEY TRAIL - Walk 2 Cerne Abbas to near Sydling St. Nicholas.	
24 Sat	DIBDEN INCLOSURE CP 10.1 mls to Furzey Browe.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 406 058
27 Tues	1st SCHOOL MARGARDS LANE , Verwood. 3.2 mls Manor Farm, Crab Orchard, Redman's Hill, Horton Way. May be wet/muddy.	Exp OL 22 GR SU 082 081
28 Wed	MILBURN RD CP Westbourne 6 miles River Bourne to seafront through Bournemouth Gardens, walk along the promenade and up through the Chines into Westbourne. Plenty of toilets and drinks opportunities en route.	Exp OL 22 GR SZ 069 915
30 Fri	ASHMORE POND 8.5 mls Compton Abbas Airfield, Fontmell Down and Woods, Ashmore Woods	Exp 118 GR ST 886 186

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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.

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