

Wednesday Walks – Summer 2017				
Date-2017	Leader	Area	Dist.	Tel. No.
19 th Apr	Heather Gerrard	Broughton Castle	5	
3 rd May	Bill Pease	Bilton & Cawston Woods Bluebell walk		01926 813873
17 th May	Linda Talmage	Badby Bluebell Walk		01327 263419
31 st May	John Gymer	TBA		01926 813646
14 th Jun	Jan & Fos Cooper	Princethorpe, Wappenbury & Eathorpe	4.8	01926 812008
28 th Jun	John Bushnell	TBA	5	01926 814409
12 th Jul	Linda Doyle/ Kath & Nigel Chapman	Ladbroke		01926 813765
26 th Jul	Peter & Jay Webster	Frankton, Birdingbury & Draycote	4.3	01926 814063
9 th Aug	Alan White	Norton & Dodford	5	01327 311078

Walks Programme Organiser :- Nigel Chapman Tel. No. 813765

All walks start at Wood Street car park at 9.30 am.

Please Note:

1. Leaders have full control and are responsible for all arrangements.
2. All members of the Ramblers' Association are welcome. Potential members are invited to attend two walks before membership application is necessary for continued Group activity.
3. Registered Assistance Dogs only, are allowed on rambles.
4. Walks are subject to change if circumstances dictate.

SOUTHAM SUMMER STROLLERS - Thursday Evenings				
The walks will start at 7.00 p.m. from Wood Street Car Park. All are welcome No transport required. Web- www.ramblers.org.uk/southam . Mail- southamramblers@gmail.com				
Date	Area of Walk	Miles	Leader	Telephone
11 th May	Southam Holt	3	Vib Clarke	815790
25 th May	Ufton Woods	4	Sheila Goatley	811645
8 th June	Ladbroke	4	Leader needed	
22 nd June	Stockton/Blue Lias *	6	Bob McAulley	01788 817136
6 th July	Bascote	5	Nigel Chapman	813765
20 th July	New Zealand/Stockton	4	John Bushnell	814409
3 rd Aug	Stoneythorpe Estate	4	John Gymer	813646
* The walk on 23rd June will start at 6.30 p.m. and will have a short break at the Blue Lias				
The first Summer Stroll of 2017 will be on Thursday 11th May, leaving the Wood Street Car Park at 7.00 p.m. Walks will then take place every other Thursday until 3rd August. These walks are open to all and membership of Ramblers is not necessary but no dogs please.				



Warwickshire Area AGM

At our own group's AGM, Ann Forgan and Margaret McAuley indicated an interest in representing Southam at the Warwickshire Area meeting. Accordingly, they attended the Area AGM on 4th February, 2017. Here is what Margaret reported.

There were about 80-100 people at the AGM. From the Question and Answer segment, I would say there was a broad spread across the area.

There was the usual business, followed by the speakers. The open forum questions were after Teri Moore's talk. There were plenty of questions from the floor, which she ably fielded.

We enjoyed a lunch of jacket potatoes/sandwiches/cakes and tea/coffee to sustain us for our walk. Rugby Ramblers, our hosts, were very friendly. Walking with some of them, we found we had lots of things in common.

The town was very popular with the visitors who had never been to Rugby before. Ann and I went on the green walk (as did Teri Moore), which, for someone like myself, who was born and bred in Rugby, I found very interesting. Bonus was it was a lovely afternoon too!!

Ann and I both enjoyed the day – It's always good to get the wider view of the organisation that you belong to.

I think it is always a good idea to go along (at least once) to these meetings as you nearly always pick up at least one idea that you can take forward.

The one interesting thing for me was our other speaker, Barry Dunman, who spoke on behalf of the Millenium Way footpath organisation. They have a very good website, www.walking41club.org, and you can print off any of their 44 circular walks or, if you feel very confident, you do the 100 mile Millenium Way.

Margaret McAuley

Membership Secretary

Janet Green has carried out the duty for more years than I have been a member. With the ever increasing use of emails, it is becoming increasingly inconvenient for her and she is asking that someone else with even basic computer skill to volunteer to take on the task. It is not onerous; it involves receiving and checking the list sent out from Area HQ, then forwarding it to a few other members. If you can spare the little time it would take and are prepared to help out, please contact Bill Pease for more information.

Group Dinner

The dinner this year was held at "The Countryman" at Staverton on Wednesday, 15th. March. As we have come to expect, we had some good food, good company, a good chat and a free scratch card, giving the opportunity to win a money prize. I won £1-00, but my joy was somewhat tempered when I realized it would cost me more to go and collect it. Never mind, it was all good fun. Our thanks go to Di Weaver for organising a most enjoyable event.



"What is he up to now, messing with that flippin' camera again!!"

A somewhat critical Nigel, with other members, on a walk from Charwelton on 11 January, led by Jeff Round.



"I feel a bit down in the mouth like - I thought my scarf would brighten me up"

Mike, contemplating his follies, (they can't touch you for it!) during a walk from Fenny Compton on 25th. January, led by Eric and Ann Forgan.

Special Leamington Spa Walk

It was good to hear that John Gymer was back walking again, after breaking his arm. He was able to lead his 8 mile walk on 12th. April, which was well supported. Eighteen members set out from Southam; four caught the bus back at Ufton; the remainder carried on to Radford Semele, where another four caught a bus back. The final ten went on to Leamington, where they celebrated appropriately before they returned to Southam on the bus.

HS2

Mary Stephens, the British Horse Society Access volunteer for the Southam area, has been in touch to enquire whether Southam Ramblers would be interested in working together with her regarding the impact of HS2 on our local rights of way and the registration of routes on the definitive map for 2026. Mary's hope is that together we can secure and protect routes and continue to enjoy our lovely countryside. Do we have a volunteer who would like to work with Mary on this project? Please contact Bill if you are interested.