

SOUTHAM SUMMER STROLLERS 2016				
Thursday Evenings				
The walks will start at 7.00 p.m. * from Wood Street Car Park				
All are welcome		No transport required		
Date	Area of Walk	Miles	Leader	Telephone
12th May	Southam Holt	3	Nigel/Kath Chapman	813765
26th May	Ufton Woods	4	Sheila Goatley	811645
9th June	Ladbroke	4		
23rd Jun	Stockton/Blue Lias *	6	Bob McAulley	01788 817136
7th July	Bascote	5	Bill Pease	813873
21st July	New Zealand/Stockton	4	John Bushnell	814409
4th 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				

WEDNESDAY WALKS PROGRAMME – SUMMER 2016				
Date	Leader	Location	Miles	Tel No
6 th April	Richard Lillystone	Edgehill		01926 817529
20 th April	John Maughan	Compton Verney	6	01926 612901
27 th April	John Gymer	Wood St to Leamington	8	01926 813646
4 th May	Ann & Eric Forgan	Gaydon area		01926 642334
11 th May	Alan White	Henley in Arden	7	01327 311078
18 th May	Kath/Nigel Chapman	Leamington Hastings & Broadwell	4.75	01926 813765
1 st June	John Bushnell	Preston Capes	5.4	01926 814409
15 th June	Heather Gerrard	Ratley	5	01926 814226
22 nd June	John Gymer/Jeff Round	Cotswolds day		01926 813646/817734
29 th June	Bill Pease	Priors Marston		01926 813873
13 th July	Di Weaver			01788 890383
27 th July				
3rd Aug	Joint with Cardall	Wormleighton	3.5	01926 813765
10th Aug	John Gymer			01926 813646
24th Aug				
7th Sept				
21st Sept				



Southam Group's AGM.

Our 30th. AGM was held on Friday, 4th. December, 2015 at the Nelson Club, Stockton. The following is unofficial and is intended only to give a flavour of the proceedings. The approved Minutes will be circulated in advance of the next AGM on a date to be agreed.

Colin Haywood, as Chairman, opened the meeting at 8-00 pm by welcoming the twenty members who were present and asking that it be both constructive and informative. Apologies were received from seven members.

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 5th. December, 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Colin presented his report, that had been sent previously to the RA Warwickshire Area Committee for inclusion in their annual report. Colin's report can be found on pages 18 and 19 in the Warwick Area Annual Report and Accounts for 2014/2015, a copy of which will accompany this document by post. E-mail recipients will already have received it on 11th. December 2015.

Ann Hayes gave her Treasurer's Report which indicated that our finances were in a satisfactory state. Ann commented that she had received no claims for walk leader's expenses and that money is available for this purpose. Members thanked Ann for her report and showed their appreciation in the usual way.

John Maughan gave the Footpath Secretary's Report listing the enquiries and problems raised over the last year. They included some six Planning Applications for "green" energy installations and house building; two complaints raised by members of the public about path problems; statements that over 1000km of paths had been checked in Warwickshire as part of the Big Pathwatch project and, surprisingly, that all the RA path objections regarding the HS2 route (in Warwickshire?) have been resolved! The members thanked John for his detailed resumé and showed their appreciation.

Di Weaver had been unable to attend and had sent her apologies. However she had reported that the publicity gained from the descriptions of our walks, that she prepares for printing in the Southam and District Advertiser, have encouraged a few new members to join. Members agreed that the dinner, organised at the King's Head, Napton last February (2015), had again been successful. Nigel Chapman said that he had received an e-mail from Di stating that she was willing to organise the next one. A further conversation took place regarding the provision of a website for the Southam Group. (See below)

Colin Haywood had already announced his intention of standing down from the Chairman and Secretary positions on the Committee. Fortunately, Bill Pease and Joan Foweather agreed to take up the respective posts. There were no nominations for Area Rep or Social Sec. It was agreed that the office of Social Sec be removed. Janet Green stated later that the group should look seriously at someone being appointed as Area Rep., to attend the quarterly Area Council meeting in Warwick and the Area AGM held in February. The following Officers were formally elected

Southam Committee and Officers – 2016

Chairman	Bill Pease 80 Stowe Drive Southam CV47 1NP	01926 813873	wejp@btinternet.com
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*Newsletter Ed	John Bushnell	01926 814409	jjangag.bush@talktalk.net
	Kath Chapman	01926 812820	kathchapman@hotmail.co.uk

Denotes not a committee member

A vote of thanks was extended to Isobel Whittaker, for typing and printing the Minutes, and John Bushnell for his compilation of the walks programme, snippets and photographs and publication of the newsletter.

Janet Green on behalf of the members, thanked Colin for his many years in helping to run the Group in both capacities and reminisced over the years of Sunday walks, weekends away and long distance walks which he had organised. The members showed their appreciation.

Janet then presented him with a bowls bag. Colin thanked everyone for the kind words and said how much he appreciated them and the present, because other than his family, he had two interests: walking which he could no longer do and bowling for which the present would be extremely useful. He said he enjoyed

being Secretary, however, the Chairmanship was different because of the sad loss of Harry Green in 2006. It was a pair of shoes that it was virtually impossible to fill, however, we did our best. Colin said he was pleased that both positions had been filled and he felt the Group was now in safe hands and wished everyone well for the future. The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, extended his best wishes for a happy Christmas and health and enjoyable walking in the New Year and wishing everyone a safe journey home, closed the meeting at 9-47pm.

Soups 'n Puds – 8th. November, 2015

Thirty-three members and friends enjoyed the excellent fare provided by Jackie after our usual enjoyable walk starting from Birdingbury and taking in Long Itchington. This year, money was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis charity. Our thanks go to Jackie for the food and to Isobel Whittaker for organising the event and leading the walk.

Sherry Walk – 16th. December, 2015. - Our thanks to John Gymer and his catering team for the tasty refreshments, the Sherry and an excellent Punch at the half way point on this year's walk. Everyone enjoyed a most successful day and I am sure now is looking forward to the next one. I would like to add my personal thanks for the gluten free goodies.

Winter Supper – 3rd. March, 2016.

We had a change of venue this year and returned to the Countryman at Staverton, where we enjoyed a tasty three course supper. We also had a free scratch card, a quiz, the right amount to drink and, of course, a good natter. I don't think anyone won a life-changing amount of money or took the quiz too seriously. Our thanks to Di Weaver for arranging a most enjoyable night out.

Ted Buckle. 1936 – 2016 - It is my unhappy task to advise the passing of another ex-member. Ted was a very fit, enthusiastic Sunday walker of long standing. He died on 5th. March, 2016 and his funeral took place on 16th. March at Oakley Wood. The Ramblers were represented by some 14 members and ex-members. We extend our deepest sympathy to his close relatives and friends.

Website - Southam Ramblers now publish the Walk Programmes on the Ramblers' website. Entering www.ramblers.org.uk/southam leads straight to the page and clicking on the second panel on the right (Southam Group Walks Programme.....) gives the programme details. The current programme is shown overleaf and will be updated on the website as the blanks are filled. Please let Nigel know if you are able to lead on one of the vacant dates or contact Bill if you can lead the stroll on 9th. June. If you do not use a computer, please ring Nigel for updates.

Walk Leaders – Expenses

The RA provides funds to reimburse walk leaders for costs incurred on pre-walks, notably, transport costs. Claims should be made to Ann Hayes, our Treasurer, on the appropriate form, which is available from her.

John Bushnell