

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

Date **Area of Walk** **Miles** **Leader** **Telephone**

2 nd May	Southam Holt	3	Vib Clarke	815790
16 th May	Ufton Woods	4	John Bushnell	814409
30 th May	Ladbroke	4	Richard Lillystone	817529
13 th June	Bascote	5	Nigel Chapman	813765
27 th June	Stockton/Blue Lias *	5½	Bob McAuley	01788 817136
11 th July	Bascote	4	Sheila Goatley	811645
25 th July	New Zealand/Stockton	4	Bill Pease	813873
8 th August	Stoneythorpe Estate	3	John Gymer	813646

*The walk on 27th June may have a short break at the Blue Lias

Organised by Bill Pease

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Brave lady members probably wondering what on earth they are doing out on a cold and frosty morning like this! Walk lead by Bob McAuley 16th. Jan. 2013



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WEDNESDAY WALKS PROGRAMME – SUMMER 2013

All walks start from Wood Street car park at 9-30am, unless stated otherwise.

Date	Area of Walk	Miles	Leader	Tel No.
10 Apr 13	Budbrooke	5.5	Bob McAuley	01788 817136
24 Apr 13	Stockton	5	Pete Mason	01926 815079
8 May 13	TBA		Nigel Chapman	01926 813765
22 May 13	Moreton Morrell	5	Alison Cragg	0926 817516
5 Jun 13	TBA		John Maughan	01926 612901
19 Jun 13	Windmill Hill	5.5	Richard Lillystone	01926 817529
3 Jul 13	TBA		John Gymer	01926 813646
17 Jul 13	TBA		Di Weaver	01788 890383
31 Jul 13	Shutford	4.5/5.5	Alan White	01327 311078
14 Aug 13	Cropredy	5	Mike Newsham	01926 813621
28 Aug 13	Southam	5.2	Bill Pease	01926 813873
11 Sep 13	Byfield	5	Pam Bunker	01926 812016
25 Sep 13	Combrook	5	John Bushnell	01926 814409

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.

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Winter Dinner

On a windy, wet night in January, our annual dinner took place again at The Countryman at Staverton. Twenty-six members and friends attended to enjoy a choice of excellent food, lively conversation and Pam Miller's recital of humorous rhymes and anecdotes. We also had a chance to win some money with a free scratch card. A relaxed atmosphere, good food, a little drink, a good laugh and a good bit chat (I like that expression), what more could you want? Our thanks go to Pam for the laughs and Di Weaver for organising the event.

John Bushnell

Stoneton Wind Farm

Proposal

Erection of 9 wind turbines up to a maximum tip height of 125 metres, and other ancillary development including a new vehicular access from the A423 south of Fenny Compton Wharf, access tracks, vehicular access from the C35 east of Wormleighton, crane hardstandings, bridge crossing of the Oxford Canal, control building, cabling, construction compound and permanent meteorological mast.

Objection from Warwickshire Ramblers (To Stratford-on-Avon Council)

The Ramblers' Association is a National Charity, working to safeguard footpaths, the countryside and places where people go walking, and to encourage more people to take up walking. The Ramblers want Britain to be a place where people choose to go walking, and where it is easy and enjoyable to do so.

In pursuit of these aims, one of our four charitable objectives is the protection and enhancement of the beauty of the countryside. We would therefore contend that the scale of this development – with its imposition of nine 125 metre tip height, solidly intrusive industrial turbines, into this quiet corner of rural Warwickshire – would do nothing to protect or enhance either the beauty or anyone's enjoyment of the surrounding countryside. For this reason alone, Warwickshire Ramblers feel that we must strongly oppose this development.

Despite assertions in the Environmental Impact Assessment that the turbines will not overhang any public rights of way, it is evident from the plans that turbines 4, 6 & 9 have been sited so closely alongside public footpaths SM200, SM116a & SM101 respectively, that (on the scale of mapping provided with the application) these three paths appear to lie on the very boundary of the area swept by the rotors of these turbines. Consequently these particular turbines are going to tower intimidatingly above users of these paths. The same could also be said of turbines 7 & 8 and their proximity to the Oxford Canal and its tow path walk. Similarly, the proximity of bridleway SM116, lying within 200m of turbine 1, would surely be too close for the wellbeing of horse riders. We would contend therefore that little consideration seems to have been given to the safety or convenience of path users in the siting of these turbines, and for this reason too, we would also object to this application.

11 March 2013
Michael Bird

Hon Footpath & Countryside Secretary

Richard Shaw.

It is again my unhappy task to report the passing of a long term member of the group. Richard died unexpectedly on 30th. January and his funeral took place on 19th. February, 2013 at Oakley Wood. He had been an enthusiastic member, taking part in both the Sunday walking and the social activities since he joined the Group in 1989 until recently, when he stopped walking to look after his wife, Sue. He had an extraordinary memory for facts and entertained his fellow walkers throughout the pub break on many a pre-walk. Besides walking, he was passionate about aircraft and tractors. His family arranged for "The Dambusters' March" and the "633 Squadron Theme" to be played at the Service and for him to be brought to the Service by his beloved tractor, which he had painstakingly restored. It was a fitting send-off. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends.



John Bushnell

Committee Meetings.

Since its foundation, the Group has held meetings four times a year. Our Chairman, Colin Haywood, has sought advice regarding any rules governing the frequency of such meetings. The advice he received was "as few as possible". Accordingly, at the last meeting, because with the lack of any social activity, other than the Winter Dinner, there is little requiring the committee's attention, it was decided to reduce the number to three per year. One of these will be the AGM. If you have any comments, about anything, please let Colin know.



Cheerful members on a bright, frosty morning in January, crossing the canal near Braunston on a walk lead by Di Weaver