

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
8th May	Southam Holt	3	Vib Clarke	815790
22nd May	Ufton Woods	4	Bob McAulley	01788 817136
5th June	Ladbroke	4	Bill Pease	813873
19th June	Bascote	5	Richard Lilleystone	817529
3rd July	Stockton/Blue Lias *	5½	Nigel Chapman	813765
17th July	Bascote	4	Sheila Goatley	811645
31st July	New Zealand/Stockton	4	John Bushnell	814409
14th August	Stoneythorpe Estate	3	John Gymer	813646

* The walk on 3rd July may have a short break at the Blue Lias

Organised by Bill Pease

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Wednesday Walks Programme. Summer 2014

All Walks start from Wood St. car park at 9:30 am

Date	Leader	Area	Tel No.
02/Apr	Nigel Chapman	Newnham & Little Everdon	813765
16/Apr	Peter Mason	Stockton	815073
30/Apr	Alison Cragg	Boddington	817516
14/May	Peter Webster	Long Itchington	814063
28/May	John Maughan	Chipping Warden	612901
11/Jun	John Bushnell	Eydon	814409
25/Jun	John Gymer	Wappenbury	813646
09/Jul	Jeff Round	Badby	817734
23/Jul	Mike Newsham	Kenilworth Area	813621
06/Aug	Vib Clarke	Flore	815790
20/Aug	Alan White	Hampton Lucy	01327 311078
3/Sept	Pam Bunker	Long Lawford	812016
17/Sept	Richard Lillystone	Farnborough	817529

Organised by Nigel Chapman

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.



Editorial

For this issue, the walks programmes have been placed together on the last page. Hopefully, it will make it easier to refer to and more convenient to pin up somewhere. It certainly makes it easier for me to compile the news letter.

Nigel Chapman has taken over the task of arranging the Wednesday walks programme and he has done well in arranging a full programme with everyone committing to a location – I have just this instant noticed that there are no distances stated. However, it has become traditional that our Wednesday walks are 5 miles. I am sure that the leaders will aim for that distance and we can expect only a small deviation from that figure.

Nigel has asked that a reminder be included that he holds a large collection of Ordnance Survey maps and local walks leaflets. He also has the high vis jackets, first aid kits and even a miserable dog deterrent; all of which are available to walk leaders. If anyone, not just leaders, wishes to consult the literature, just contact Nigel or Kath Chapman on 813765 or email nigel.chapman@hotmail.co.uk

I have recently received my new RA membership card and see that members can obtain a 15% discount on purchases from "Cotswold Outdoor". A reminder seems timely that, on presentation of a membership card, we can also get a 10% discount from Lockwoods in Leamington and 15% from White and Bishop Ltd. in Rugby. Although, the RA encourages us to purchase from Cotswold Outdoor because the RA also benefits.

At our AGM, Ann Hayes, our Treasurer, stated that funds were available to pay a mileage allowance for car expenses incurred by leaders when reconnoitring walks for the programme and that leaders should be

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encouraged to make a claim. Forms are available from Ann, telephone no. 01926 813036. Alternatively, if you could let me know during a walk (I don't miss many), I will arrange somehow for you to receive one.

John Bushnell

Winter Dinner

Di Weaver organized a change of venue this year and very successful it was too. Some 25 or so members and friends assembled at The King's Head at Napton on the evening of 27th. February, 2014, to sample dishes pre-ordered from the imaginative menu. Everyone I have spoken to agreed that the quality was very good indeed. We had the usual "good bit chat" and a chance to win some money with free scratch cards. Thank you Di for arranging the most enjoyable evening. I'm already looking forward to next year's and hoping that Di can be persuaded to do it again.

John Bushnell

Two Wednesday Walks.

The weather, this Winter, has made finding a walk which avoids deep mud particularly difficult. Fortunately, the leaders have managed to find routes so that we have not lost a single walk day. For his walk on 22nd. January, Richard pre-walked at least four routes out of Farnborough, before taking 24 of us on a most enjoyable walk which kept our boots clean until the last field. It's five miles, so this is the way we went. Parking by the houses at the North end of the village, we took the path across the fields to the South of them; on to A423 road; across to the track and past the poultry farm to the railway line. I had often wondered where this track lead to. I know now, Clayden. Walking to the village, we took the road out that leads due North to the Oxford canal. We took the towpath North East as far as Wormleighton reservoir – a lovely spot. Here we turned South West, over the railway, under the disused railway to the lane. There, straight across, following the footpath back to the A423 and crossing to the cars. This walk is on OS map Explorer 206.

Our walk on 5th. February was planned for Baddesly Clinton, but because of the state of the paths, John had to completely rethink and, fortunately, managed to organize a very enjoyable alternative around Napton, using map 222. Driving to Crossroads Garage on the A425, we took the left turn then kept right to the sign to Napton reservoir, where we parked. 20 of us went round the North end of the ressy to the nearest pair of lock gates. Crossing these we went South along the canal. Turning right at Napton Junction, we kept along the towpath until we came to the exit by the little industrial estate. We then took the road going East to the village. Here you will pass the spot where the photograph on the front of the OS map was taken. The views, even on a poor day, are lovely. At the end of the Poplars Road, we turned left, up to the church. What a lovely place to be. A great friend of mine was buried here after Christmas. He always said that he would love the view! After a refreshment break in the porch, out of the wind, we took the road down to the A423. There is a footpath going across the fields, back to the

cars, but as the fields were flooded, we just kept on the road back to the reservoir and the cars.

Many thanks, Richard and John, for two very enjoyable walks in spite of the difficult conditions.

Di Weaver



And this is one of the good paths!

Alan and Alison on a re-organised walk lead by Bob McAuley on 8th. January, this year. I can't remember where it was and the programme just says TBA.?

Now! How am I going to fill this little space? I know, I have a little story that I heard on television. It's not too rude.

It seems that there was this elderly Doctor doing the ward rounds in hospital and he had a thermometer tucked behind his ear. He and his entourage were about halfway round the first ward, when a young nurse said, "Excuse me Doctor, but why have you got a thermometer behind your ear?" He looked at it. "Oh!!" he exclaimed irritably, "Some bum's got my pencil! ".

Well, it nearly filled it!

John Bushnell