

Southam & District Walks Programme. Winter 2015-2016

Date	Leader	Location	Dist (miles)	Tel No
07/Oct	Nigel Chapman	Radford Semele	4.5	813765
21/Oct	Jeff Round	Farnborough	4.8	7799771778
04/Nov	Bob McAuley	Cropredy (Battlefield)	4.5	01788 817136
11/Nov	Shirley Bird & Vib Clarke	Welford, Northants. §	8 – 9	01788 823830
18/Nov	Isobel Whittaker	Soup 'n Puds ??		814234
02/Dec	Alan White	Bishop's Itchington	5	01327 311078
16/Dec	John Gymer	Sherry Walk		813646
30/Dec				
06/Jan	John Maughan	tba		612901
13/Jan	Peter Mason	tba		815073
27/Jan				
10/Feb	Bob McAuley	tba		01788 817136
17/Feb	Kath & Nigel Chapman	A loopy Southam walk **		813765
24/Feb	Bill Pease	Warwick from Leamington	4.5	813873
09/Mar	John Bushnell	tba	~ 5	814409
23/Mar	Peter & Jay Webster	tba		814063
30/Mar				
06/Apr	Richard Lillystone	Edgehill	~ 5	817529
13/Apr	John Gymer	Southam to Leam'ton	8	813646

§ **Meet at Wood Street, Southam, or Wharf, Welford NN6 6JQ**

?? Awaiting decision from new management at Bidingbury Club

** A walk around Southam, assuming that it will be snowy, icy or generally awful.
A series of loops around the built area using backways, ginnels or whatever they're known as. Includes a coffee stop at one of the cafes in town

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 and District Group

News and Views

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Editorial

In spite of the generally peaceful and picturesque time of year, this issue of the newsletter is, unfortunately, rather negative.

The walks programme appears on the back page and you will see that there are a significant number of blank spaces. Nigel is having difficulty in finding volunteer leaders. Hopefully, members will come forward in time to fill the gaps. If you have not lead a walk previously and are prepared to try, there are experienced members available who would be pleased to help and accompany you on prewalks. Please let Nigel know and I'm sure he will be able to put you in touch with a member to give you some help.

The Soups 'n Puds walk, which has become a traditional event, cannot be confirmed, because Jackie who organises and prepares the food is still waiting for permission from the new management to hold it at the usual venue. When the details are confirmed, those of you who use a computer will be advised by e-mail. Those who do not and wish to attend, could perhaps give Nigel a call say a couple of weeks before the date?

Our Chairman and Secretary, Colin Haywood has advised the Committee that, due to ill health, he will be standing down at the AGM in December. It will be difficult to find his replacement(s). Colin has been carrying out both duties for a number of years and Secretary since goodness knows when. Please think about nominations for the AGM.

Shelley Mason (1954 - 2015)

The really sad news is that Shelley Mason passed away on the 15th. September, 2015. She was a lovely lady with a ready smile; an ideal walking companion with a fine sense of humour and always up for a laugh. The service at Oakley Wood on 6th. October was a celebration of her life rather than a mourning for her death. The chapel was completely filled with family and her wide circle of friends. She will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Peter and her close family.



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Please note

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A.G.M.

Friday, 4th. December, 2015.

7.30 for 8.00pm. At the “Nelson Club”, Stockton.

Please make every effort to attend. Decisions may be taken which could affect your Group

There will be four vacancies on the Committee at this year's meeting; Chairman (or Chairwoman) and Secretary already mentioned in the editorial and the longstanding unfilled Social Secretary and Area Rep. positions. Please give some serious thought about nominees and whether you can spare the relatively small amount of time to perform one of the positions, especially Chairman or Secretary.

The Big Path-Watch

John Maughan published the following by e-mail. Obviously, the members who do not use e-mail will not have seen it.

“The Big Path-Watch has started ! Those who wish to get involved and adopt one or more 1 kilometer grid-squares need to log on to Big-Pathwatch on Google. The link will take you to ramblers registry which will take your details. Some of the local grid-squares will be easy as we will be very familiar with them”.

An article in the Summer issue of the “Walk” magazine explains what it is about and how to get involved. It is worth repeating Point 5 here;

“From the 13th. July you'll be able to download a free Big Path-Watch app for your iOS or Android smartphone.

- Pick one or more 1km grid squares to survey from the digital OS Explorer map of England and Wales.
- Walk every right of way in the grid square, noting any problems, taking pictures and highlighting the best aspects of the walk as you go.
- Share your experiences with us on social media and spread the word about the Big Path-Watch.

Don't have a smart phone? - No problem – you'll be able to print off a survey card, complete it and upload the results to our website.”

(I've just had a thought – What if you don't have access to a computer??)

I read on the Ramblers' website that about one third of the squares in England had been completed. I wasn't able to find out if any had been surveyed in our area. This project is something that could, and perhaps should, be discussed at our AGM



“Follow My Leader”

Pam Miller leading part of the contingent enjoying the walk from Byfield led by Richard Lillystone on 29th. July

The threatening sky gives the wrong Impression. The day was very warm and we certainly didn't get wet!



“Back Markers”

Kath bringing in the last few on a walk from Chipping Warden led by Nigel Chapman on 26th. August. (The photo doesn't do justice to the beautiful scenery)