

Soups and Puds Walk Wednesday 25th November 2009

After the Birdingbury walk, Jackie has again offered to provide soups and puds. The cost will be £6. The proceeds again will go to charity. As there are only 35 limited places would you let me have your name together with the £6 (cash preferably) by the 15th November 2009 to 16, Napton Rise, Southam. The first 35 will be successful. Parking will be available behind the club and there will be a bar.

Isobel Whittaker

Sponsored Charity Walk .

Richard Lillystone, Ron Large and I registered to go on a sponsored walk to raise money for the Help for Heroes Charity. The walk was organised by a member of the RAF who is based at Lyneham in Wiltshire, where, most people will know, is the place where casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan are returned to the UK. The walk took place over the Malvern Hills on 6th.



September and was about nine or ten miles long – more for us as we got lost – twice! The money raised will go to help the casualties from all services and their families. Some Wednesday walkers have already pledged a donation, but if there is anyone else who would like to make a donation, please let us know. Any one of us would be happy to pass it on to the charity.

Larry, Curly and Moe???

John Bushnell

Did you hear about Maisie's first day at school?

Well, the teacher handed out pencils and paper and asked the children to draw anything they liked. She then went round the class, talking to each child about what was being drawn.

She came to Maisie and said,
"Hello Maisie and what are you drawing?"

Maisie replied "God, Miss."

"But Maisie, no one knows what God looks like", said Teacher.

"They will now" said Maisie, confidently.

I am indebted to Alan Fearn for that little story. As you have probably realized, I'm struggling to find something to fill up the space!

John Bushnell



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Editorial

I learnt, during my National Service in the Army, that a survival technique was to stand at the back, not cause trouble and to volunteer for nothing. That way meant that whenever an NCO wanted someone to do an unpleasant job, the first name he thought of could not be yours, because he didn't know it! It came as a recent surprise, therefore, that when I agreed with Harry Green to take on the task of News Letter Editor, I effectively became a volunteer. It was as such, that the Ramblers' Association sent me a letter regarding a new area on their web site offering help and advice to volunteers. At first, I thought that it didn't apply to me, because to be one was against my religion. However, it was when I accessed the site and found a section especially for news letter editors, giving advice on the new logos, fonts and fields to be used in news letters, that I realized I was, in fact, a volunteer. The purpose of these ramblings is to introduce my effort at a new news letter heading, which conforms with the association's advice. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know.

Southam Ramblers' is again approaching a crisis. Not only do we have no Chairman or Social Secretary, but now our much respected Treasurer, Lis Kirkwood, is moving to the Tamworth area at the end of September. We desperately need someone to take on this critical function before Lis leaves. If you are able to carry out this task and have a little time to spare, we would all be extremely grateful if you could let Colin Haywood, or any other committee member, know.

We very much appreciate Lis' work as Treasurer and thank her warmly. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her all the very best in her new home.

John Bushnell

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Ramblers' Christmas Lunch

This will take place at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club on Nov. 8th.; 12-30 for 1-00, at a cost of £17-00; the same as last year.

I'm sorry that it is more "Guy Fawkes" than Christmas, but they are busy on other Sundays with golf matches. As we had such a good time last year, I felt that we could repeat it – even if the date was a little early. I do hope those that came last year will be with us again and that a few more will join us. There may be one or two surprises. Please book early as I have to pay two weeks before the event, so that the cheque gets cleared. In the mean time, happy walking.

Di Weaver

Rambling on Sunny Days

In the middle of August the Sunday team met at Wood Street car park and went to Radway at the bottom of Edge Hill. We parked up a leafy lane, opposite the church; then going South; we left via Church Farm and followed the footpath that goes through a number of pasture fields parallel with the Radway / Tysoe road and the ridge of Edge Hill, coming out at the bottom of Sunrising Hill.

We continued South West to Tysoe village, going past the Natural Burial Ground – what a lovely place to be laid to rest if you have no strong religious beliefs. A few of us took away leaflets we were so impressed.

Arriving at Tysoe, we took the first left up the track by Hopkins Farm, then turning North East to take the path that comes at the top of Sunrising Hill. What views! All over South Warwickshire and beyond! We then followed the MacMillan Way, North all the way through the woods; the day was warm and sunny; the woods were clear and fresh – quite lovely.

At one point, we should have gone right and visited Ratley village, but the call of the Castle Inn was too strong, so we went there and drank to a new grandchild that had arrived two days before.

We then dropped down the hill and in no time at all, we were back at the cars and on our way home.

Thanks John for a great walk.

The next Wednesday, again from Wood Street car park, we travelled to Wellesbourne on another lovely day. We took a different route to Charlecote Park going North. The deer were near the road with a lovely white stag which had a fantastic set of antlers. By the mill, we turned right and did a large loop back to Hampton Lucy for a coffee break by the church. We then returned via Charlecote, past the garden centre and, following the river, back to Wellesbourne. A very pleasant, gentle walk, enjoyed by 20 or more people on a lovely sunny day

Thanks to Joan for this one.

Di Weaver



Sunday Walkers on a Sunny Day.

(I'm cheating a bit. This was taken on a Sunday, but a year ago, outside the little church opposite the Charlecote Pheasant - we didn't go in, honest!)



Three little maids from ----???? Four little maids from school are we.....
Wednesday walkers on a not so sunny day, taking a coffee break on a walk from Kenilworth on 17th. August last year