

After him, girls..... He's got the great smell of "Brut". (With apologies to Henry Cooper)
Mike Newsham on a walk organized by Nigel Chapman on 27th. February, 2013



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WEDNESDAY WALKS PROGRAMME – WINTER 2013- 2014

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

Date	Area of Walk	Miles	Leader	Tel. No.
9 Oct 2013	Birdingbury-Soups & Puds	5	Isobel Whittaker	01926 814234
23 Oct 2013	Cropredy	5	J Round	
6 Nov 2013	Stockton	5	Pete Mason	01926 815079
20 Nov 2013	TBA		Mike Newsham	01926 813621
4 Dec 2013	Claydon	5	Di Weaver	01788 890383
18 Dec 2013	Sherry Walk	5	John Gymer	01926 813646
8 Jan 2014	TBA		Bob McAulley	01788 817136
22 Jan 2014	Farnborough	5	Richard Lillystone	01926 817529
5 Feb 2014	Baddesley Clinton	5	John Maughan	01926 612901
19 Feb 2014	Offchurch	5	Bill Pease	01926 813873
5 Mar 2014	Napton	5	John Bushnell	01926 814409
19 Mar 2014	Chesterton	5	Alan White	01327 311078
Organised by Richard Lillystone			Tel. No. 01926 817529	

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.

Please take note:

Southam & District Group, Ramblers' Association.

A.G.M.

Friday, 6th. December, 2013.

8.00 pm. At the "Nelson Club", Stockton.

Richard Lillystone will be standing down from his post of Wednesday Walk Organiser as from 31st. December, 2013. We give Richard our warm thanks for carrying out the task for the last six years. It means, however, that we desperately require a volunteer to take over. If no one comes forward, the consequences for the Group will be dire.

We have survived having no Area Representative or Social Secretary and by Colin Haywood carrying out the position of Chairman and Secretary, but without someone to arrange our very core activity, it is difficult to see what the future holds.

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

Remembering Rambling

The latest Oral History CD from the Friends of Southam's Cardall Collection has now been released for sale. Entitled 'Southam Clubs & Societies', it includes a contribution from Loraine James who recounts the happy memories of her many years with the Southam Rambling Association. She remembers how it started and describes the steady expansion and improvement of the Club over the years, remembering some interesting personalities and nostalgic anecdotes along the way.

The CD also includes a contribution from Harry Askew, who was a member of several sports clubs during WW2 and Doreen Smith whose Bank Manager Father, Clement Smith, began several societies during the war in Southam, including the Sparklets and the Village Produce Association. Other memories of wartime are recounted by Joyce Bates, who was a member of the ATS - a society for young girls, where she was trained to fire a rifle. The girls were so well trained that they beat the local boys at shooting competitions.

Len Gale gives a very fascinating account of the formation and development of Southam in Bloom and the erection of the Southam Merestone and also on this hour-long disc is an interview with Chris Cooke of Southam Bowls Club in which some of their many successes are described and Chris looks forward to the new Bowls Club soon to be built in Southam.

Copies of Disc 6 will be available for £3 each at the FoCC AGM at the Southam Sports & Social Club in School Street on September 24th at 7.30pm

and at The FoCC social event at Southam Cricket Club on the evening of October 24th when Kevin Hicks will be giving another of his entertaining historical talks. Look out for them at the FoCC stalls at other public events in Southam too.

Copies of Discs 1 to 5 are also available and can be made to order.

They are also obtainable at £3 each plus postage and packing from the FoCC, by ringing me on Southam 812830 or by e-mailing

cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk

Helen Morris (Oral History Group Leader for Southam's Cardall Collection)

Summer Strollers

When I consulted Harry Green's *Southam Country Walks*, I noticed that Harry started the Thursday evening strolls in 1987 so perhaps we should have celebrated their silver anniversary last year. On the other hand I am sure that Harry would just be pleased that the walks he started are still continuing so thank you to all those who volunteered to lead them this year (even Bob whose walk was rained off!). The average number was around 10 of whom some were regulars, some new faces and some who had not been on the strolls for a number of years.

Bill Pease

Soups and Puds Walk - Wednesday the 9th October 2013

After the Birdingbury walk, Jackie has again offered to provide soups and puds. The cost will be £6. The proceeds again will be going to charity. As there are only 35 limited places would you let me have your name together with the £6 (cash preferably) by the 25th September 2013 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

Ray Prentiss



During our coffee break on Pam Bunker's walk from Byfield, Ray announced that, in effect, he was hanging up his walking boots and would not be joining us on future Wednesdays. We shall miss his company and are very sorry to see him go. We wish him the very best for the future.

John Bushnell

Ray in 2007

Local Walks

Adrian Denham has now put all the local walks leaflets he can find on the SouthamOnline website. To find them you click on "Visiting Southam" and at the foot of that page you find "Walks around Southam and in the area". Unfortunately it is not as easy to find as I would like but it is a start. The direct link to the page is <http://www.southamonline.org.uk/node/1748>.

Bill Pease