

HIGHWORTH RAMBLING CLUB

PROGRAMME of WALKS for SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2006

Highworth Rambling Club hold walks fortnightly, as well as 2 – 3 walking weekends, spring Dawn Walk, summer Evening Walk, and social events. For further information contact Annette Nielsen, 01793 879463

Sunday Walks: Meet at 9.30am in Brewery Street Car Park, Highworth.

Wednesday Walks: Meeting at 10.00am in the Recreation Centre Car Park, The Elms, Highworth.

If going direct to start of walk, please inform the leader for that walk in advance. Unless stated otherwise, bring a packed lunch and enough to drink. Suitable weather clothing and footwear are recommended. Sorry no dogs!

Walk Grading 1 Very easy (flat); 2 Easy (gentle slopes); 3 Moderate (including hills); 4 Hard (steep climbs)

Date	Walk start point, O S Map Number, Start point grid ref, route, points of interest, grading	Leader Tel Nos.	Dist. Miles	Fare Guide
Sun 10 Sept	Fulbrook Car park LR63, 253123. Windrush Valley, Swinbrook, Asthall Grade 2	Sue Morgan 01793 764672 07891 354751	9	£2.00
Sun 24 Sept	Culham, carpark at river LR164, 509949. Thames Path to Wallingford. Linear walk Grade 1	Annette Nielsen 01793 879463 07817400346	10.5	£2.50
Sun 8 Oct	Rockley at Byeway LR173, 158719. Manton Down, Rockley Down. NO PACKED LUNCH NEEDED Grade 2	Mike Suter 01793 764811	5.5	£2.00
Sun 22 Oct	Chedworth, layby at LR163 039131. Roman villa, Chedworth village, woods, fields Grade 2/3	Chris Godwin 01793 766218 07789 944770	7	£2.00
Sun 5 Nov	Bibury, by river. OL45, 116066. New Covert, Gambra Hill, Ablington. Possibility of pub stop. Grade 2	Eric Crichton 01793 762904 07740 470728	8	£2.00
15 NOV	NOTE: REMINDER FOR LEADERS Deadline for walks in next programme Jan-April 2007. To: Chris Godwin, 84 Westrop, Highworth, SN6 7HJ Tel: 01793-766218 E: chris.godwin@esrc.ac.uk			
Sun 19 Nov	Elkstone LR163 969125. Upper Coberley, Stockwell Grade 3	Mike Goodwin 01793 345833 07947 000578	7.5	£2.00
Sun 3 Dec	Marsh Benham, verge nr Red House Restaurant EXP 158: 425677 Hamstead Park, Newbury. Enborne, canal, Benham Park. Grade 2	Berwyn Jones 01793 763262 0779 053 1980	8	£2.00
Sun 17 Dec Christmas Lunch Walk	XMAS LUNCH WALK. Marlborough High Street, Hyde Lane, Hughenden Car Park. LR173 SU 186689 White Horse Trail, Marlborough College, Marlborough Common, Wessex Ridgeway, Manton House Farm. Lunch at The Sun Inn PLEASE ORDER YOUR MEAL WITH ANNETTE NIELSEN BY FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER Grade 2	Annette Nielsen 01793 879463 07817400346	4	£1.50
MON 1 JAN	NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK details to follow			

WALKERS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK

Date	Walk start point, O S Map Number, grid reference, route, points of interest and grading	Leader Tel No.	Dist. Miles	Fare Guide £
Wed 6 Sept	Sugar Hill Layby – B4197 Aldbourne Road EXP 157 SU 230786 – Sugar Hill- Four Burrows – Aldbourne – Peaks Wood – Sheepwalk Plantation Grade 3	Ed Meech 01793-762957 07788408318	8	1.00
Wed 13 Sept Short Walk	Ridgeway Car Park, top of Ashbury Hill EXP 170 SU273843 – Wayland’s Smithy – Ashbury, Kingstone, Winslow. Possible pub stop at Rose & Crown, Ashbury Grade 3	Mike Hotchkiss 01793-763074 07966767066	5.2	0.50
Wed 20 Sept	Painswick Car Park EXP 179 SO 866097 Painswick - Sheepscombe – Slad – Painswick – lovely town – Slad where Laurie Lee lived – visit grave Grade 3	Diana Merriman 01793-763209 07753178085	8.5	2.50
Wed 4 Oct	Marlborough – Chopping Knife Lane EXP 157 SU 204689 – Cock a Troop Lane – Hens Wood – Axford – Mildenhall Woods and River Grade 2	Paul Turner Debby Turner 01793 –727893	7.5	1.50
Wed 11 Oct Short Walk	Cricklade Leisure Centre Car Park EXP 169 SU 093937 Cerney Wick – Canal Towpath – Cricklade’s ancient North Meadow and the Thames – disused railway and several lakes Grade 1	Mike Hotchkiss 01793-763074 07966767066	4.7	£1.0
Wed 18 Oct	Chaddleworth – Wick Lane EXP 158 SU 416771 Brightwalton – Peasmore – Leckhampstead – Wick Lane (Track) – Chaddleworth House Grade 3	Ed Meech 01793-762957 07788408318	8.5	1.50
Wed 1 Nov	Highworth Rec. Car Park EXP 169 – Highworth – Hannington Hall – Blunsdon Castle Hill - Stanton Fitzwarren Grade 2	John Richer 01367-253495 07808814842	7	N/A
Wed 8 Nov Short Walk	Stanford Road, Faringdon, close to path to the Folly EXP 170 SU 293955 Faringdon Folly – Wadley Manor – Wicklesham Lodge Farm Grade 2	Mike Hotchkiss 01793-763074 07966767066	4.5	0.50
Wed 15 Nov	East Tytherton Village Hall Car Park EXP 156 ST 966750 – Maud’s Causeway – Ratford – Stanley Maud Heath’s Monument Grade 3	Joan Crosbee 01672-861359 07709582477	7	2.50
15 Nov	NOTE; REMINDER FOR LEADERS, Deadline For inclusion of walks in next programme Jan-Apr To:Ed Meech,10 Knowlands, Highworth SN6 7NB Tel: 01793-762957			
Wed 29 Nov	Hungerford Municipal Car Park – EXP 158 SU 337683 Canal - Standen Manor – The Heath – Hungerford Common – Tow Path – Field Paths and Tracks Grade 3	John Lodge 01285-861445 07967153042	8	1.50
Wed 13 Dec Christmas Lunch Walk	The Horse & Jockey, Ashton Keynes –EXP 16 SU 043939– The infant Thames and many lakes. PLEASE ORDER YOUR MEAL WITH MIKE HOTCHKISS BY FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER. Grade 1	Mike Hotchkiss 01793-763074 07966767066	4	1.00

WALK HIGHLIGHTS

It is good to see leaders responding to a request, made at the AGM in January, for more short walks.

Mike Hotchkiss has kindly volunteered to put on three short walks, extra to the regular Wednesday walk programme.

The first is from the Ridgeway at Ashbury Hill, the second from Cricklade and the third from Faringdon and all are four or five miles in length.

For the Sunday Programme, Mike Suter has been good enough to submit a five mile walk starting from Rockley deep in the Marlborough Downs and the Christmas walk, to be led by Annette Nielsen, starting from Marlborough is also only four miles.

It would therefore, be greatly appreciated if those of you who expressed a desire for shorter walks, would show your support to the leaders by coming along. Hope to see you there.

LEADERS

Our many thanks to all the leaders for their contributions and to Chris Godwin and Ed Meech for putting it all together. However, this often entails them having to do a considerable amount of last minute chasing. So would all regular and occasional leaders alike, please be good enough to get those walks in by the due date. This would make, an already difficult task, so much easier. Thank you.

The club is always in need of leaders for walks so we would love to see new names on the next programme. You now have four months to prepare so please, take heart, get out those walk books and maps and plan your next walk for the club. It would be so appreciated by everyone.

SUBS

Would any members who have not yet paid their subs for 2006 but who still wish to receive future Walk Programmes, please be good enough to send the membership fee - £6.00 per person – to:
Mike Goodwin, 22 Bellver, Toothill, Swindon, SN5 8JU.

If you no longer wish to receive Walk Programmes, would you please be good enough to inform Mike Goodwin (tel: 01793-345833 e-mail: mike.goodwin22@ntlworld.com) so that your name can be removed from the mailing list. Thank you.

SOCIAL EVENTS

HIGHGROVE

On 17 August 2006, twenty four members of the club took part in a visit to Highgrove. In spite of the high security it all went very smoothly and none of us got arrested! The gardens were fabulous and were well described by our Garden Tour Guide. It was just a pity that for the duration of our tour, the heavens opened and we all got pretty soaked. It was, therefore, especially welcome at the end, to be served tea and biscuits in a posh tea-room. We then enjoyed a mooch around the Highgrove gift shop, by which time the skies had cleared and we were able to enjoy a few minutes of sunshine before boarding the coach for the return journey to Highworth. I think rain or no rain, everyone enjoyed the day and the privilege of seeing these most unusual gardens. Many thanks to our Chairman, John Richer, for initiating this visit.

SOUTH WEST COAST PATH CELEBRATION - 29 SEPTEMBER

Mike Goodwin is arranging a celebration dinner at Wrag Barn on 29 September 2006 for all those who have taken part in the walk over the years.

QUIZ EVENING – 10 NOVEMBER

Anne Drew and Linda Foote have very kindly offered to organise a fun Quiz Evening for us. The date for this evening will be Friday 10 November 2006 and will take place in the Highworth Community Rooms at 7.30pm.

We hope as many of you as possible will join us for this fun social event so please make a note in your diaries.

The evening will include a Chilli Con Carne supper and a Vegetable Curry for vegetarians, crisps and nibbles and soft drinks at a cost of £5.00. Please feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

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DIVERSE

A Flag for HRC

The club received a letter from Gillian Miller thanking us for taking part in the flag festival to mark the 800th anniversary of the Highworth market gaining its charter. She described our flag as being very relevant and striking, all credit for which of course, goes to Debby Turner for her excellent work.

Walking Guide

Joan Crosbee has copies of the RA guide book 'Walk the Wessex Ridgeway in Wiltshire' to sell for £1.50 per copy. Joan can be contacted on 01672-861359.

Contributions

If anyone has any items they would like to appear in the Newsletter, please send them to: Annette Nielsen, 47 Rycote Close, Grange Park, Swindon, SN5 6AP, tel: 01793-879463, e-mail: the_ukannette@hotmail.com

Annette Nielsen August 2006