

LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS' WALKS AND EVENTS January to April 2022 Walks subject to change, please check website

- Our walks are on the web site; see <u>www.lvra.org.uk/Webpages/walks.html</u>.
- Members and walkers are reminded that they attend walks in this programme at their own risk and that they are responsible for their own personal safety.
- We welcome children and young people under 18 on our walks but they <u>must</u> be accompanied by an adult who holds parental responsibility, such as a parent, legal guardian, carer, teacher or youth worker.
- Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk you intend to join. If you're unsure of your
 fitness level, try a short and easy walk first: it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than
 to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Most Ramblers' walks are off-road in rural areas. Please have suitable footwear and clothing for the walk you intend to join, and bring some food and drink, even if the walk includes a pub or café break. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. When in doubt, contact the organisers or the walk leader in advance.
- For your own and others' safety please read and abide by any advice and guidelines issued by the organisers, and the instructions of the walk leader. Though walking is inherently one of the safest outdoor activities, no activity is completely without risk and it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and to minimise the potential for accidents.
- We occasionally have some easier walks in our programme; look for the
- We occasionally have some joint walks with other Ramblers groups in our programme; look for the
- We occasionally have some walks in our programme which are accessible by public transport; look for the
- Walks which are shown as Strenuous in the Ramblers' Walk Finder are marked with . People in doubt about their fitness should contact the leader in advance.
- Please travel to the walk start in sufficient time to put on boots & waterproof clothing etc. <u>We aim to start our walks promptly at the time in the programme</u>.
- Although we may break near a pub we cannot guarantee it and they are often busy at lunchtime on Sundays. It is therefore advisable to bring a packed lunch on longer walks. Please do not park in pub car parks unless you are using the pub, or the walk instructions say you may, in which case the leader will have obtained permission.
- If you are a dog owner, please see our policy on <u>Dogs on Walks</u>.
- If you're looking for a led walk in another area or on another day, try the Ramblers' Walk Finder.

We hope you enjoy our walks. We need more volunteers to lead. We will help you plan your first walk and would love to welcome you to the team. Give me a call – I look forward to hearing from you.

Nick Tohnson

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Sunday 2nd January 10:00, 6 miles: A Tale of Two Rivers. Clear your head along the Thames Path & return by the Jubilee River. Start: <u>SU939777</u> Boveney court CP SL4 6QQ ///sage.strong.stuck. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**. **Tuesday 4th January 10:00, 12½ miles**: Wooded Wanderings Without of Wokingham. A flat ramble around the woods South of Wokingham including Simons Wood, E. Berks Golf Course, Gorrick Woods, Heathlake Nature Reserve, Crowthorne Woods, Edgbarrow Nature Reserve, Ambarrow Woods, Coalpit Copse and Fisher's Copse. **Start:** <u>SU812635</u> Simon's Wood CP, Wellingtonia Avenue, Crowthorne; (max height 1.9m). RG45 6AE. ///smug.signal.deeper. Bring packed lunch. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.

Tuesday 4th January 09:30, 16 miles: Walk off the excess. A circular walk from Nuffield to Ewelme, Cookley green, Ewelme park, and back. **Start**: <u>SU667873</u> Nuffield Church RG9 5SW. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Mike E, 0783 364 6908**.

Thursday 6th January 10:30, 5.2 miles: Bucklebury Common and the Pang Valley. Historic area with far reaching views over glorious countryside. Total ascent 301 feet. **Start:** <u>SU556691</u> Crossroads Middle of Bucklebury Common where Northerly road to Bucklebury crosses the South Westerly Road to Upper Bucklebury. Leader **Ian M, 0742 933 7369**.

Sunday 9th January 10:15, 6.2 miles: A Circumnavigation of Hartley Wintney. From the car park we walk south, past the Parish Church and into farmland before crossing the M3. After a short walk past Winchfield Station we turn right and walk along the Brenda Parker way before entering the forest and heathlands north of Hartley Wintney. We pass some interesting WW2 tank testing ruins before dropping back down into the town. **Start: SU768570** The Hartley Wintney Monachus Lane CP (there may be a small car park charge) RG27 8NN 51.306707,-0.90049803 ///sang.enveloped.racked. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992 or 0118 932 8758**.

Sunday 9th January 10:00, 10.3 miles: A winter walk taking in Bowsey Hill, Cockpole Green, Culham Court, Hurley and Ashley Hill. **Start:** <u>SU822794</u> Layby near "Hunt's Tools", Knowl Hill. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Mike E, 0783 364 6908**.

Tuesday 11th January 10:00, 12 miles: A walk taking in the Buddhist Shrines, views over the Thames Valley and the woods and lanes to the south of Lane End. 900 feet of climb spread over the walk. **Start:** <u>SU807918</u> Lane End car park, by the traffic lights. ///clustered.fries.pulp. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.



Thursday 13th January 10:30, 5 miles: A casual walk down to the Blackwater River. Start: SU812635 Simons Wood car park Finchampstead. Post Code: RG45 6AE Lat Long: 51.364703, 0.833237 ///smug.signal.deeper. Leader Roger & Mary C, 0118 978 0235.

Thursday 13th January 10:00, 5½ miles: A walk into the past of astronomical discovery. Start: <u>SU859703</u> Jocks Lane Recreational Centre, off Binfield Road, Bracknell. Leader Stephen S, 0777 614 8720.

Sunday 16th January 10:30, 5 miles: Pass the brewery then on through woodland and open views to the east to Ashampstead Church back via Vicars butchers shop to cross several fields to Yattendon. **Start:** <u>SU552745</u> Yattendon Lane (through village bear left and park on left) RG18 OUQ. Leader **Nick P, 0118 969 7153 or 0783 796 2126**.

Tuesday 18th **January 10:15, 11**½ **miles**: Circular to Stanford Dingley. **Start:** <u>SU560692</u> CP on south side of road, halfway between Chapel Row and Upper Bucklebury RG7 6QD. Bring packed lunch. Please call leader(s) if meeting at the walk start. **Meet: 09:20** at <u>SU807697</u> Cantley Park, Wokingham RG40 5TU for car share. Leader **John T, 0118 979 8070** or **0754 897 2170**.

Tuesday 18th January 10:00, 14½ miles: Explore Bracknell's historic Bullbrook Park and its stream, then cross Swinley Park and Ascot racecourse to return past Windsor Park's Great Pond. Mostly good surfaces and 800ft ascent. **Start:** <u>SU887694</u> Lily Hill Park free top car park, Lily Park Road, Bracknell RG12 2RX. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Paul L, 0776 858 5657 or 0118 979 0190**.

Thursday 20th **January 10:30, 5 miles**: A leisurely winter walk around Windsor Great Park, finishing along the Long Walk with splendid views of the castle. **Start: SU963747** The North end of Windsor Great Park Open Air car park, off the A332. SL4 2BD ///herb.dust.snacks. Leader **Sue T, 0780 185 4700**.

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Sunday 23rd January 10:00, 4½ miles: A charming and largely rural central Reading walk along the Kennet River meadows and the Holy Brook. See parts of Reading you haven't seen before. **Start: SU712723** The car park of Matalan RG2 OSN in the Reading Link Retail Park,

///churn.enjoy.energetic - park at the NE side (not front) of the store (far end). Leader Pat & Daphne P, 0118 989 3860 or 0778 533 1375.

Tuesday 25th January 10:15, 11½ miles: The valleys north of Stokenchurch. Start: <u>SU827951</u> West Wycombe: NT CP at the top of the hill by St Lawrence's church HP14 3AH. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999** 3787

Thursday 27th January 10:30, 6.2 miles: A loop of paths and lanes East from The Flowerpot at Aston and around the Culham estate, with lovely views descending Remenham Hill to the Thames. Total ascent 121m, but none steep. Possibly muddy underfoot in places and two stiles. Start: SU783842 The Flowerpot overflow car park, behind the pub (or if this is waterlogged, park on Remenham Lane or in main car park). ///solicitor.charmingly.fits; Post Code: RG9 3DG. Leader Alison B, 0789 179 3290 or 0118 986 2330.

Sunday 30th January 10:30, 5½ miles: From Henley along the river Thames to Hambleden Lock returning through Remenham Wood. **Start:** <u>SU759826</u> Car Park on the left of Henley Town Hall (RG9 1UF). Leader **David T, 0789 993 8397 or 0118 977 4184**.

Tuesday 1st February 10:00, 11½ miles: Enjoy a bracing winter walk through North Hampshire downsland with a five counties view (on a clear day). The walk heads south from Stubbingham Down through Hannington and then an opportunity to see the famous Malshanger Tower before returning north along the Wayfarers Way. Start: SU516565 CP at top of Stubbington Down (left hand side going south. RG25 3EJ (south of CP) ///moved.ended.direction. Bring packed lunch. Leader Richard H, 0788 411 3491 or 0118 988 4118.



Thursday 3rd February 10:30, 4½ miles: Rotherfield Peppard towards Henley across open fields and small wood (one very steep downward slope). **Start: SU713815** Park around the Green and foregather outside the Church (the road going east from the Green) RG9 5JN. Leader **Nick P, 0118 969 7153 or 0783 796 2126**.

Thursday 3rd February 10:30, 6.3 miles: Pleasant South Chilterns walk through winding woodland paths and open countryside. **Start:** <u>SU664830</u> Playing field car park opposite Checkendon Primary School, GR8 0SR. Leader **Carmel H, 0796 179 0398**.

Sunday 6th February 10:00, 5.8 miles: Lets hope you like a Grim Walk from William IV pub at Ipsden along part of the Ridgeway to Nuffield down to Homer Farm and back to Hailey with great views across The Chilterns. **Start:** <u>SU642858</u> William IV pub car park OX10 6AD. Leader **Peter D, 0118 377 4820**.

Sunday 6th February 10:00, 11 miles: Ramble through fields and woodlands of the Chiltern villages when snowdrops should be abounding. Starting from Nettlebed via Ewelme Park, Swyncombe, Cookley Green and Russells Water. **Start:** <u>SU702868</u> Park on the minor road north of A4130, approaching Nettlebed, RG9 5AX. Bring packed lunch. Please advise leader if you will be joining this walk. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Susan R, 0796 670 2349 or 0118 978 8988**.

Tuesday 8th February 10:15, 12 miles: Explore Hampshire villages and countryside around Hartley Wintney. We walk from Mattingley via Winchfield and West Green. **Start:** <u>SU732574</u> The Leather Bottle CP at Mattingley RG27 8JU. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Nigel K, 0118 979 1740 or 0751 288 0414**.

Tuesday 8th February 10:00, 15 miles: Winter Wonderland Wander. Cookham, Hedsor, Wooburn, Little Marlow, Bourne End Marina, Winter Hill and Cookham Dean. (Distance options in case of bad weather.). **Start: SU892853** Cookham: NT CP; free to NT members. SL6 9SA. ///charging.typed.frantic. Bring packed lunch. Leader **John G, 0775 486 9152**.



Thursday 10th **February 10:30, 5.9 miles**: Cold Harbour and the Great Chalk Wood. An attractive and steady climb out of the Thames valley north of Goring-on-Thames followed by a return though a large ancient beech wood. Stile free. Accessible by public transport - the start is just half a mile from Goring Station. **Start: SU601800** Eastern end of Manor Road, Goring-on-Thames. RG8 9EP, ///enthused.affords.eggplants. Leader

Steve V, 0774 040 6869 or 0118 987 3901.

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Sunday 13th February 10:30, 6 miles: A varied circular walk along lanes, passing along the Blackwater, through The Ridges and Wick Hill to return over field paths to the start. **Start:** <u>SU793638</u> Finchampstead Church RG40 4LU. Leader **Margaret T, 0118 978 8540 or 0791 700 2202**.



Tuesday 15th February 10:00, 13 or 6 miles: Round Reading Ramble. Two for the price of one - and bus friendly! An opportunity for the Thurs/Sun people who prefer shorter distances to spend a morning with the 'Long Tuesday Lot'. A pleasing and varied walk that takes in lakes, rivers, parks and urban areas on paths, cycle paths and quiet streets. Starting in Lower Earley, our route takes in Maiden Erlegh Lake and the rivers Thames & Kennet to reach the Oracle in Reading town centre. Here, having covered 6 miles, those

on the shorter walk leave us and head to the Market Place to catch the no 21 bus back to the start. (Every 15mins, £2 or use bus pass, takes 20 mins, alight Chalfont Way Circle stop.) The rest continue out of town beside the Kennet and then Foudry Brook. After a loop around the lakes and past the wind-turbine in Green Park we return to the start via Shinfield Park & Pearmans Copse. Start: SU741700 Chalfont Courts Car Park (51.42416, -0.9350) next to Suttons Bowling Club, Chalfont Way, Earley, RG6 5HQ. ///clap.descended.tone. Bring packed lunch. Leader Keith B, 0778 046 4115.

Thursday 17th **February 10:30, 5½ miles**: A walk along the Kennet & Avon canal , then through fields and lanes around Sulhamstead, returning around Hose Hill Lake. **Start:** <u>SU648704</u> Sheffield Bottom car park by the swing bridge at Theale RG7 4AJ. Leader **John A, 0778 096 6598 or 0118 977 4183**.

Sunday 20th February 10:30, 5½ miles: Arborfield Cross and Farley Hill - a varied walk with good views. Start: <u>SU760670</u> Car Park 200 yards down the Swallowfield Road from Arborfield Cross. Leader **Derek & Jenny S, 0118** 978 5447 or 0781 603 7164.

Tuesday 22nd February 10:00, 10 miles: A Spring Walk along the River Blackwater to Finchampstead and beyond. **Start:** <u>SU813635</u> Free National Trust Car Park at Simons Wood, Wellingtonia Avenue, Crowthorne RG45 6AE. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Mike S, 0797 906 0925**.

Tuesday 22nd February 10:00, 14½ miles: Chilterns west of Marlow. Classic wooded Chilterns and arable farmland between Frieth and Marlow. **Start:** <u>SU849884</u> Exactly on the corner of Juniper Road and Bencombe Road in Marlow Bottom SL7 3NX (51.5888,-0.7747, ///vase.news.motel). Bring packed lunch. Leader **Martin L, 0786 025 4249**.



Thursday 24th February 10:30, 3½ miles: Join me on a short walk to explore Hartley Wintney and its long and interesting history. Most of us pass through this busy village on the A30 but it tends to be somewhere that we don't stop - I hope to convince you that you should. Start: SU767570 Monachus Lane long stay car park, off the High St, Hartley Wintney RG27 8NN

*car parking charges apply. Leader Sally B, H 01344 774468 or M on day 07876141817.



Thursday 24th **February 10:30, 5 miles**: Jennet's Hill & Popeswood via Wokingham Way. Use Reading Buses Service X4 Lion to Coppid Beech Hill Stop ID: bknagmt or bknagmw and carefully cross to Old London Road, where you could park. **Start:** <u>SU839690</u> Park on redundant London Road travelling from Bracknell to Wokingham RG42 4BT ///dust.tone.added. Leader **David M, 0793 224 6232**.

Sunday 27th **February 10:00, 6 miles**: Rotten Row & Greathouse Walk: the Pang Valley & some lovely villages. **Start:** <u>SU584723</u> Rushall Manor Farm CP; RG7 6DS will bring you on Back Lane to the bottom of the track up to the farm & CP, where you will see a sign to Rushall Manor. Turn right off Back Lane if coming from the M4. Leader **Graham S & Karen D, 0796 600 2016 or 0798 075 9082**.

Tuesday 1st **March 10:15, 12**½ **miles**: A walk in the Chilterns starting in the village of Checkendon and walking up to Grims Ditch and along the path to Nuffield. From Nuffield we continue South East down to Stoke Row and then back to the car park at Chekendon. **Start: SU665830** Car Park almost opposite Checkendon Church , RG8 OSS 51.542325,-1.0435563 ///prom.unsightly.bead. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992 or 0118 932 8758**.

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Thursday 3rd March 10:15, 6.3 miles: A lovely walk with views over the Hambleden valley, taking in Turville Heath and Stonor House grounds. Circa 700 feet off ascent spread over the walk. **Start:** <u>SU720887</u> Maidensgrove, between the 30mph sign on the common. ///shadowed.scariest.factory. Leader **Bill D, 0788 762 7885**.

Friday 4th March: Barn Dance. Details in January

Sunday 6th March 10:00, 5.3 miles: Walk along the Thames by Windsor and Eton. Return through Windsor town. **Start:** <u>SU952767</u> St Edwards School, Parsonage Lane, Windsor. Parking has been arranged with the school. SL4 5EN. Leader **Stewart M, 0790 151 4832**.

Sunday 6th March 10:00, 12.6 miles: A local walk around Finchampstead, exploring the River Blackwater, Warren Heath and the Bramshill Plantation. We will be walking over gently undulating countryside, though Forests, a Nature Sanctuary and farmland. **Start:** <u>SU812635</u> Simons Wood National Trust Car park off Wellingtonia Avenue, Finchampstead, RG45 6AE. ///smug.signal.deeper. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Nick J, 0778 525 7992 or 0118 932 8758**.

Tuesday 8th March 10:00, 11½ miles: Ashley Hill, Waltham St Lawrence and Shottesbrooke Park, returning to Knowl Hill. Not too many hills, but great views. Bring packed lunch. **Start:** <u>SU822794</u> Lay-by on the A4 at Knowl Hill. RG10 9UR. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Jenny N and Heather C, 07899 772055 and 07717 765880**.



Thursday 10th March 10:30, 6.3 miles: The Granator's Tale: following the Holy Brook from Theale to Reading. A linear walk following the line of the Holy Brook as far as possible from its Theale source to the confluence with the Kennet at Reading Abbey, using part of the trackbed of the old Coley branch line. Return to Theale from Reading by train or No. 1 bus. This walk stays south of the built-up area and is more attractive than it sounds! Accessible by public transport - ring me if you are coming to the start by

bus or train, and I will meet you at Theale station before walking the short distance to Sheffield Bottom. **Start:** SU647703 Sheffield Bottom Picnic Area car park, RG7 4AP, ///models.unions.gain. Leader **Steve V, 0774 040** 6869 or 0118 987 3901.

Sunday 13th March 10:00, 5 miles: Field and woodlands walk - Hennerton, Crazies Hill, Rebecca's Well and Bottom Boles Wood. **Start:** <u>SU793786</u> Recreation Ground car park, Recreation Road, off Victoria Road in Upper Wargrave. RG10 8BG. Leader **Colin R, 0773 891 1507**.

Tuesday 15th March 10:00, 15 miles: Hannington run around. **Start:** <u>SU542555</u> Hannington Recreation Ground RG26 5TY. Bring packed lunch. Leader **John D, 0771 323 3089**.

Tuesday 15th March 10:15, 11 miles: Hurley, Marlow Common and Hambleden Circular. An old favourite with a mixture of paths, woods and riverside walking. **Start:** <u>SU825840</u> Hurley: Village CP, SL6 5NB. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

Thursday 17th March 10:15, 5½ miles: A Spring walk along the Basingstoke Canal and Heathlands of the Surrey countryside. Start: <u>SU888562</u> Free Car Park B at Frimley Lodge, Sturt Rd, Frimley Green, Camberley GU16 6HY ///breezes.canal.prowl. Leader Mike S, 0797 906 0925.

Sunday 20th March 10:00, 6 miles: A varied spring walk from Henley: Fair Mile, Lambridge Wood, Bix Common and the extensive views from Henley Park. 1 short steep incline. **Start:** <u>SU759827</u> RG9 2DG Kings Road CP Henley on Thames. //imply.built.caressing. Toilets/Library end. £1.80 for 3 hrs. Leader **Chris R, 0771 053 4818**.

Sunday 20th March 10:15, 12½ **miles**: An undulating route following the Wayfarers Way from high above Kintbury before heading west through attractive Hampshire villages and returning via the Test Way and Gibbet Hill. **Start:** <u>SU379616</u> Walbury Hill CP, RG17 9EH ///drew.prominent.poses. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Richard H, 0788 411 3491 or 0118 988 4118**.

Tuesday 22nd March 10:15, 10½ miles: Hackwood Estate deer park and rolling chalk farmland in beautiful North Hampshire. Start: <u>SU652485</u> Large layby on the A339 south of Basingstoke ///chew.strict.looks. Bring packed lunch. Leader Sue H & Sue A, 0785 506 9324.

Thursday 24th March 10:30, 4½ miles: A leisurely walk from Finchampstead Church along the footpaths and lanes of the parish through an engaging variety of scenery. Start: <u>SU793638</u> Careful parking around the green by Finchampstead Church. RG40 4LU. Leader Richard K, 012 763 7313 or 0773 334 3307.

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CLOCKS WENT FORWARD OVERNIGHT.

Sunday 27th **March 10:30, 5.8 miles**: Up and down both sides of the Hambleden valley to enjoy the views and improve your hill fitness at a non challenging pace. There is a fee for the car park. **Start: SU785865** Car park behind the Stag &Huntsman in Hambleden village RG9 6RD. Leader **Margaret T, 0118 978 8540 or 0791 700 2202**.

Tuesday 29th March 10:00, 11 miles: A delightful circular walk from the pretty village of Ewelme during which you will enjoy extensive views, walking on charming ancient tracks, through woods and Chiltern villages. **Start: SU648912** Ewelme Recreational Car park. OX10 6PG. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Shirley C & Elaine H, 0776 881 2124 or 0789 979 8221**.

Tuesday 29th March 10:15, 15 miles: Chiltern Circular; rolling hills, woodlands, rural byways and The Ridgeway, with stops at Nuffield Church and North Stoke Church. **Start: <u>SU664830</u>** Checkendon Recreation Ground Carpark, Main Street, Checkendon, Oxon. Near Byways Dental Practice - post code RG8 OSP. ///alternate.flops.films. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Mary B, 0118 926 7208 or 0755 743 2878**.

Thursday 31st March 10:30, 5½ miles: A scenic circuit along Chiltern tracks and field paths across the Coppid Hall estate in the parishes of Eye Dunsden & Shiplake. Start: <u>SU726768</u> The Playing Field Car Park at the top of Caversham Park Road. Leader Gerry C, 0780 535 6708.

Sunday 3rd April 10:15, 11 or 5 or 6 miles: 3-in-1 walk. 11-mile figure of eight walk split 6:5. Join us for morning and/or afternoon walks taking in Lambridge Woods in the morning and towards Stoke Row in the afternoon. Lunch at 6 miles. Woods, lanes and fields. Please contact walk leader in advance if joining for the afternoon (approx 1pm). **Start:** <u>SU709818</u> Rotherfield Peppard: Side road opposite "Red Lion" PH, RG9 5LB. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.

Tuesday 5th April 10:00, 11½ miles: An enjoyable spring walk in woods and across heathland, setting out through Lightwater Country Park before going around Bagshot Heath and returning via Heatherside Corner and High Curley, where there are interesting distant views. Start: <u>SU917619</u> Car park to the side of the Leisure Centre in Lightwater Country Park. GU18 5RG. Bring packed lunch. Leader John R, 0796 959 2394 or 0118 979 8703.

Thursday 7th **April 10:30, 6 miles**: Ockwells, Stud Green & Paley Street through flat farmland. **Start: <u>SU878790</u>** Ockwells Park, Ockwells Road, Cox Green SL6 3YX; CP is 20 metres from the junction with Cox Green Road. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.



Tuesday 12th April 10:15, 13 miles: Cardiac-conditioning, Cowleaze-commencing, Christmas Common Circumnavigation, Carbon-Copy. A repeat of a walk that I led in Oct 2018. A beautiful hilly-hike through spring awakening woods and fields also taking in a flat part of the Swan's Way. Start: SU725956 Postcode approx. OX49 5HX Cowleaze Wood Forestry Commission Car Park (51.654705, -0.952395) on minor road about 2 miles north of Christmas Common. ///deleting.dumpy.fallen. Bring

packed lunch. Leader Keith B, 0778 046 4115.

Thursday 14th April 10:30, 5.2 miles: A pleasant, flat walk along country lanes & meadows, past Thatcher's Ford, the gurgling Blackwater river & Swallowfield Park (3 stiles). **Start: <u>SU753647</u>** Park by the cricket field, Church Lane (off Castle Rd) Farley Hill RG7 1UL 51.376589,-0.92078626 ///wing.agreed.crush. Leader **Jane T, 0789 973 4799 or 0118 978 4319**.

Sunday 17th **April 10:00, 5**½ **miles**: A leisurely walk round Stanford Dingley, one of Berkshire's loveliest villages. Varied countryside, a little road walking and only one small hill. The Bull is good for drinks and snacks but if you want a full meal may need to book a table. **Start: SU577715** The Bull at Stanford Dingley RG7 6LS. Use car park at Bull if you intend eating there or careful parking in the village. Leader **Christine H, 0777 586 0169**.

Tuesday 19th April 10:00, 11½ miles: Explore your local area, crossing Foudry Brook, visiting the Beech Hill Church, treading the Devil's Highway and then around the Roman Town at Silchester before returning over the West Brook to Mortimer Common. Start: <u>SU655645</u> Car Park opposite Horse and Groom in Mortimer. RG7 3RD. ///lands.staple.ranges. Bring packed lunch. Leader Richard H, 0788 411 3491 or 0118 988 4118.



Tuesday 19th April 10:00, 15½ **miles**: A walk in the Chiltern Hills starting at Maidensgrove: Pishill, Northend, Turville, Southend and back. This is 2400 feet so fairly hilly. **Start: SU720887** Off road by Maidensgrove. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Mike E, 0783 364 6908**.

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Thursday 21st April 10:30, 5.8 miles: A walk around Fleet Pond Nature Reserve going South and then over the Basingstoke canal and into the Forest of Eversley. Turning North we climb Norris "Hill" and back over the canal into the Fleet Pond reserve. No real hills, (maybe a slight one up Norris Hill) and no stiles. Start: <u>SU824553</u> Fleet Pond Car Park, Wellington Ave, Fleet GU51 2RR ///insects.beanbag.blur. Leader Nick J, 0778 525 7992 or 0118 932 8758.

Friday 22nd April. Hope Cove weekend.

Sunday 24th April 10:00, 5 miles: A walk from Eversley Church up onto Warren Heath and then to the new mill, and then to Eversley past Warbrook House and eventually returning to Eversley Church via farm tracks. **Start:** <u>SU780609</u> The green at Eversley Church by the A327. Leader **Graham St, 0791 340 3345**.

Tuesday 26th April 10:15, 11 miles: West Berks downlands. **Start: <u>SU464710</u>** Snelsmore Common Country Park RG14 3BQ. Bring packed lunch. Leader **Graham C, 0771 999 3787**.

Thursday 28th **April 10:30, 6.2 miles**: Bluebell walk (hopefully!) from Rotherfield Peppard to Lambridge Wood taking in Greys Green and Rotherfield Greys. A mixture of open fields and woods and lanes. **Start: SU709818** Rotherfield Peppard: Side road opposite "Red Lion" PH, RG9 5LB. Leader **Jo F, 0797 959 5043**.