

# PANG VALLEY RAMBLERS

## WALKS PROGRAMME Dec 2014 to Apr 2015

### DECEMBER 2014

#### Sunday 7 December 2014

10:30 DORCHESTER ON THAMES 10 miles SU579940

Park in the CP off the end of the bridge on entering Dorchester, & opposite the Abbey, for a walk taking in the four villages of Dorchester, Wittenham, Brightwell & Warborough. Big contrasts between the flat parts of the river & the steep climb from Wittenham to The Clumps, & then the rolling landscape back to the river level through Brightwell. BRING PACKED LUNCH. NO DOGS PLEASE.

#### Wednesday 10 December 2014

10:30 BRADFIELD 5.5 miles SU584723

Meet at Rushall Manor Farm, up track north of Back Lane & to west of Scratchface Lane between Bradfield & Stanford Dingley. A walk along River Pang returning via Greathouse Walk, The Gravels & Long Copse.

#### Sunday 14 December 2014

10:30 PANGBOURNE 9 miles SU634765

Meet in Pangbourne Village Hall CP. A circular walk on mainly low ground which could be muddy in parts. The route will traverse both sides of "The Gap" & includes recently reopened Englefield footpath 11, just south of M4 motorway. The geological story behind the landscape will be explained. BRING PACKED LUNCH

#### Sunday 21 December 2014

10:30 THEALE & MOOR COPSE 4 miles SU646715

Start from the CP at the east end of Theale High Street for a walk through North Street, over the M4 to Moor Copse & return.

#### Friday 26 December 2014

10:30 PEPPARD COMMON 5 miles SU710819

Start from the Red Lion PH, Peppard Common for a BOXING DAY SPECIAL. A woodland walk via Shepherds Green, with option of calling at PH on return. Could be muddy.

#### Sunday 28 December 2014

10:30 MAPLEDURHAM 4 miles SU698758

Park in the CP at Mapledurham playing fields for a walk in the circuit to Mapledurham village & return.

#### Wednesday 31 December 2014

10:30 WARGRAVE 4.5 miles SU793786

Start from the recreation ground off Victoria Road in Wargrave. A mainly flat walk via woods to Crazies Hill & back via Penny Lane & fields. One short steep climb, one stile & a little road walking.

### JANUARY 2015

#### Sunday 4 January 2015

10:30 TILEHURST 3 miles SU678738

Start from Pottery Road off Norcot Hill in Tilehurst near The Tylers Rest PH for a short walk through woods & parks in Tilehurst. Will take about 1.5 hours.

#### Sunday 11 January 2015

10:30 PANGBOURNE 5.5 miles SU634765

Meet in the CP in the centre of Pangbourne near Elephant Hotel for a walk climbing up through Whitchurch Hill, through farmland & pasture with good views over the Thames valley. Quite hilly in parts.

#### Wednesday 14 January 2015

10:30 SONNING COMMON 5 miles SU712807

A walk starting from the Butchers Arms PH in Blounts Court Road, Sonning Common (park in PH CP if stopping for lunch) going towards Pack & Prime Lane returning past bottom Barn. Mainly flat but could be muddy. NO DOGS PLEASE

#### Sunday 18 January 2015

10:30 NUFFIELD 5 miles SU668873

Park on the verge near Nuffield Church but not in the church CP field. A walk taking in part of the Ridgeway. There is a prolonged incline at one stage.

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Sunday 25 January 2015

10:30 CAVERSHAM 5 miles SU707749

Start from the roadside near Reading Canoe Club in The Warren, Caversham for a walk towards Trench Green & Chazey Heath.

Wednesday 28 January 2015

10:30 PANGBOURNE 5 miles SU638766

Start from the recreation ground CP at the end of Thames Avenue in Pangbourne north of railway bridge on Whitchurch road. a walk along the Thames & then climb up gradually through woods to Pangbourne College before descending through fields to Tidmarsh. Return to Pangbourne along banks of River Pang.

Saturday 31 January 2015

10:45 RIVERS THAMES & KENNET 2.5 miles SU718736

Meet by the statue of the Maiwand Lion in Forbury Gardens for a short walk taking in the River Kennet to the mouth at Horseshoe Bridge, returning along the Thames to Reading Bridge & the start. A slow walk with time to stop & look around.

## **FEBRUARY 2015**

Sunday 1 February 2015

10:30 HAMBLEDEN 7.5 miles SU787866

Start from the CP behind the Stag & Huntsman PH in Hambleton. A moderate walk via Wood End & Colstrop. Hilly & could be muddy. There will be a 15 minute stop half way round, so BRING PACKED LUNCH OR SNACK

Sunday 8 February 2015

10:30 SHEFFIELD BOTTOM, THEALE 5.5 miles SU648704

Meet in Sheffield Bottom picnic area CP at south end of Station road, Theale. a walk round Hose Hill Lake to Sulhampstead returning along the K&A Canal.

Wednesday 11 February 2015

10:30 MORTIMER 6.7 miles SU655645

Start from Mortimer Fairground CP opposite Horse & Groom PH for a walk to Tun Bridge, Devil's Highway, part of Silchester Roman Walls, Nine Acre Copse & back.

Sunday 15 February 2015

13:00 EWELME 5 miles SU648912

Meet at Ewelme recreation ground CP where there is limited parking so car share if possible. An afternoon walk to Swyncombe, hopefully to enjoy the wonderful display of snowdrops where there will be a break to purchase refreshments in the church.

Saturday 21 February 2015

10:45 GORING HEATH 2.5 miles SU663788

Park on the verge opposite what used to be the King Charles Head PH in Goring Heath for a short walk in the beech woods, with time to look around to see any signs of Spring.

Sunday 22 February 2015

10:30 BLEWBURY + HISTORY 3.5 miles SU527856

Start from recreation ground CP off Boham's Road opposite Savages Garden Centre on the A417 for a walk round the village of Blewbury

Sunday 22 February 2015

10:30 ALDWORTH 10 miles SU554796

Park in the road near the Bell PH at Aldworth for a hilly walk over the downlands to lowbury Hill & Compton. Good views & big skies. BRING PACKED LUNCH

Wednesday 25 February 2015

10:30 HAMPSTEAD NORREYS 5 miles SU527763

Meet at the village hall CP next to the school on the B4009 in Hampstead Norreys. A walk north east to climb out of the village & across the old WW11 airfield towards Haw Farm, returning via St Abbs.

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### MARCH 2015

#### Sunday 1 March 2015

10:30 WHITCHURCH ON THAMES 5 miles SU635771

Meet at the Greyhound PH Whitchurch for an uphill walk to Whitchurch Hill, across to Path Hill & back along the Hardwick Road.

#### Sunday 8 March 2015

10:30 ARBORFIELD CROSS 5 miles SU760670

Meet at Arborfield Pavilion CP, 200 yards down Swallowfield Road from the Bull PH at Arborfield. a walk taking in Arborfield Cross, Carters Hill & Barkham. An open walk with fine views.

#### Sunday 8 March 2015

10:30 CHAPEL ROW 7.5 miles SU572697

Park opposite the Blade Bone Inn, Chapel Row. An easy walk up & down the surrounding area of Bucklebury 7 the Pang Valley with fine views all round. Could be muddy, depending on the spring weather!. BRING PACKED LUNCH. NO DOGS PLEASE.

#### Wednesday 11 March 2015

10:30 CAVERSHAM PARK 5 miles SU725767

Park in the recreation ground CP at Clayfield Copse on the edge of Caversham Park , for a walk in the countryside north of Reading Borough.

#### Sunday 15 March 2015

10:00 LOWER BASILDON 5 miles SU602793

Meet in the lay-by on river side of the A329 just past Hook End Lane for a walk to Upper Basildon & Grims Ditch.NOTE EARLIER START

#### Sunday 22 March 2015

10:30 CAVERSHAM OUTSKIRTS 7.5 miles SU725764

Start from Caversham Park Community CP in Northbrook Road(off Caversham Park Rd) for a walk via Dunsden Green, Crowsley Park & Chalkhouse Green. Woodland & open country, minor hills only, may be muddy in parts. BRING PACKED LUNCH

#### Wednesday 25 March 2015

10:30 GORING & SOUTH STOKE 5 miles SU599804

Park in Manor Road, Goring for a walk along the Ridgeway to South Stoke, returning along a short stretch of main road(care to be taken) to a track across open farmland(with three short inclines) & finally through pretty woods towards Goring

#### Sunday 29 March 2015

10:30 SNELSMORE COMMON 6 miles SU463710

Park in Snelsmore Common CP off B4494 Newbury to wantage road north of Donnington for walk taking in Winterbourne, Boxford Common Bagnor & return

### APRIL 2015

#### Sunday 5 April 2015

10:30 WHITCHURCH HILL 10 miles SU634765

Meet in Pangbourne village CP for a walk through scenic undulating south western tip of Chiltern hills. This walk will pass through Hardwick estate, Goring Heath, Cold Harbour, Great Chalk Wood, & return via Combe End farm & Whitchurch on Thames for a watering stop at "The Greyhound". BRING PACKED LUNCH

**The rest of this programme will be published in MARCH**