

PANG VALLEY RAMBLERS

WALKS PROGRAMME Dec 2018 to Mar 2019

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday 2 December 2018

10:30 WHITCHURCH HILL - GORING HEATH 8.5 miles [SU634765](#)

Starting at Pangbourne village hall at 10.30, nearest Post Code: RG8 7AN, after (NOT BEFORE) the arrival of the 10.22 train from Reading. Over the toll bridge and east to Hardwick Hall. Then via Collin's End to the Alnutt Almshouses, Path Hill, Coombe End farm, and the Hartslock Overlook. Return via the Thames Path to Pangbourne. BRING A PACKED LUNCH. A joint walk with the Berks Weekend Walkers group.

Sunday 9 December 2018

10:30 BLEWBURY 7.5 miles [SU525855](#)

Drive through Blewbury on A417, park in recreation Ground CP off Boham's Rd opposite Savages Garden Centre (nearest postcode OX11 9HB). Walk along Coffin Way to Upton, via Chilton then up onto the Downs with a fairly steep descent back to Blewbury. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 12 December 2018

11:00 PVR CHRISTMAS LUNCH and WALK 3.5 miles [SU691772](#)

Meet in Caversham Heath Golf Club car park for a short pre-lunch walk around the lovely undulating countryside just North of Reading, nearest Post Code: RG4 7UT. Lunch in the club Dining Room with perhaps time for a quick drink in the bar beforehand? Join us for the walk and lunch or just come for one and not the other.

Sunday 16 December 2018

10:30 TYLE MILL & ALDERMASATON 5.5 miles [SU626692](#)

Park at Tyle Mill car park not far from the A4 road, nearest Postcode: RG7 4BS. Walk along the Kennet & Avon canal to Aldermaston & return via Padworth Bridge, Upton Green & Sulhampstead. Level walking. Might be muddy.

Wednesday 26 December 2018

10:30 CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS - MAPLEDURHAM 4 miles [SU698758](#)

Walk off the excesses of the Turkey & Mince Pies. Meet in Mapledurham Playing Field car park, nearest Post code: RG4 7EA, for a leisurely walk towards Mapledurham & back via Jacksons Lane.

Sunday 30 December 2018

10:30 THEALE 4.5 miles [SU646714](#)

Walk starts from Car Park at the Eastern end of Theale, High Street, nearest Post code: RG7 5AR. The walk crosses the motorway and goes via Nunhide Farm and Malpas Farm in the Sulham Area.. It is mainly a level walk and crosses the M4 several times.

JANUARY 2019

Sunday 6 January 2019

10:30 ALDERMASTON WHARF & PADWORTH MILL 6 miles [SU602672](#)

Meet in car park at the entrance of Mallard Way, which is off Station Rd, nearest Post code RG7 4JS. The walk goes from Aldermaston Wharf to Padworth Mill along Fishermans Lane to Aldermaston Then on to Midgham then back along the Canal to Aldermaston Wharf.

Wednesday 9 January 2019

10:30 HAILEY, IPSDEN. 4 miles [SU644859](#)

Park in Upper car park at The King William Pub, nearest Post Code: OX10 6AD, for an easy walk via Woodhouse farm, Forest Row and Ipsden. Some walking on quiet lanes. Returning to The King William for an optional pub lunch.

Sunday 13 January 2019

10:30 MORTIMER CIRCULAR walk 5.9 miles [SU656646](#)

Park in the Car Park opposite The Horse and Groom PH Mortimer RG7 3RD This gently undulating circular walk goes down to and then along Foudry Brook towards Butlers Land. From here on to the Roman Town of Calleva, passing the site of the Amphitheatre when returning to Mortimer.

Wednesday 16 January 2019

10:30 TURVILLE, SKIRMETT & FINGEST 4.8 or 4 miles [SU765911](#)

Start from the 'Bull and Butcher' at Turville. Nearest postcode RG9 6QU. Those fancying a 70m climb to the windmill should meet at 10:30 and we will do a straight up and down. Those who want a lazier life meet at the pub at 11:00, whence we walk down to Skirmett, up through Adams Wood to Fingest and along to Turville. The shorter walk is about 4.3 miles, the longer one 4.8 and athletic. Pub has midweek lunch deals and local real ale.

Saturday 19 January 2019

10:45 DUNSDEN GREEN WILFRED OWEN TRAIL 2.8 miles [SU739772](#)

Park in Village Hall car park (Note: to be confirmed nearer the time) (nearest postcode RG9 4LN), or in the village for a gentle stroll round the village passing various buildings that were associated with Wilfred Owen's 15 month stay in the parish. NOTE START TIME

Sunday 20 January 2019

10:30 R PANG, BRADFIELD and GREATHOUSE WOOD. 3.5 miles [SU584724](#)

Parking at Rushall Manor Farm, nearest Post Code RG7 6DN; up gravel track on Scratchface Lane just off Back Lane between Bradfield & Stanford Dingley. Walk along the River Pang to Bradfield, then climb steadily to Greathouse Wood and return downhill through several attractive copses. Gentle slopes only, but may be muddy.

10:30 SHERFIELD on LODDON 6 or 9 miles [SU679580](#)

Park in Village Green car park off Bramley Road (nearest Postcode RG27 ODD). The walk is in 2 parts. Part 1 is 6 miles and makes its way near Sherfield Court and Sherfield Hall and then East to Summerstead Farm before

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returning to start. Part 2 goes to Lance Levy Farm before joining the Brenda Parker Way path by the River Loddon looping round to the north of the village and returning to the start. BRING A PACKED LUNCH IF DOING BOTH PARTS. A joint walk shared with Mid-Berks Ramblers.

Wednesday 23 January 2019

10:30 PANGBOURNE 4.5 miles [SU634765](#)

Meet in the village Car Park in Pangbourne, nearest Postcode RG8 7AN. Walk up Pangbourne Hill, this is pretty steep but we can take it at a slower pace. Then walking along Bere Court Road, following footpaths to Tidmarsh. Along the River Pang then across the Moors towards Sulham Lane and return via The Thames Path and Pangbourne Meadows.

Sunday 27 January 2019

10:30 SHIPLAKE AND R THAMES CIRCULAR 4 miles [SU761785](#)

Meet Shiplake & park in Memorial Hall car park nearest Postcode RG9 4DN, or overflow parking in Memorial Avenue or Orchard Close. A circular walk taking in part of the Thames path and the attractive village of Lower Shiplake before gently climbing up through fields and woodland.

10:30 SONNING COMMON Circular 7.8 miles [SU705808](#)

Please park considerably near the junction of Woodlands Road and Beech Rise Sonning Common, Post Code RG4 9TE, for this walk through Chiltern countryside. We pass Rotherfield Peppard, then through Crowsley Park and Kidmore End before returning via Gallowstree Common and New Copse. This walk has 3 moderate climbs, manageable at an easy pace. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 30 January 2019

10:30 PEPPARD COMMON 5 miles [SU705814](#)

Park behind the bus shelter at the junction of Stoke Row Rd and Gallowstree Rd, nearest Postcode RG9 5JA. A walk across the Wyfold Estate and Kingwood Common mainly flat 2 slight inclines. Registered Assistance Guide Dogs only.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3 February 2019

10:30 NUNHIDE LANE and HORSEMOOR WOOD 5 miles [SU656735](#)

Starting in Little Heath Road near Little Heath School, nearest Postcode RG31 5TY. This walk has extensive views over the hills surrounding the valley of the River Pang and passes Rev. John Wilder's folly and has views of Sulham house.

Sunday 10 February 2019

10:30 EAST ILSLEY 6 or 9.5 miles [SU489812](#)

Park on verge in Ball Pit Road in East Ilsley (signed Stanmore and Peasemoor) near A34 bridge (nearest Postcode RG20 7DJ). The walk is in 2 parts. Part 1 is 6 miles which is on mainly footpaths and bridleways along to West Ilsley before an ascent to Ridgeway at Gore Hill, along the Ridgeway and then a descent back to East Ilsley. Part 2 is 3.5 miles ascending over Shril Down, underneath the A34 and then returning to start via Nutfield Down. BRING A PACKED LUNCH IF DOING BOTH PARTS.

Wednesday 13 February 2019

10:30 MOOR COPSE & SULHAM WOODS 3.3 miles [SU654728](#)

Description: Park by Recreation Ground in Little Heath Road, nearest Postcode: RG31 9TX, meet at entrance to recreation ground. Delightful short walk through open farmland and steep woods around Sulham providing some fine views across the Pang Valley.

Sunday 17 February 2019

10:00 PANGBOURNE and MAPLEDURHAM LOCK 7 miles [SU635765](#)

Park and meet in the car park in the centre of Pangbourne, next to the Elephant. The walk follows a lovely stretch of the Thames Path from Pangbourne to Mapledurham Lock then fields and woods, returning to Pangbourne via Tidmarsh and the River Pang. Bring a snack and a hot drink. Plenty of opportunities for lunch in Pangbourne on our return (You may wish to book somewhere in advance). NOTE START TIME. A shared walk with Berkshire Weekend Walkers.

Sunday 24 February 2019

10:30 UPPER WOOLHAMPTON 4.5 miles [SU596675](#)

Park by Elstree School, Upper Woolhampton, nearest Postcode RG7 5TD, for a fairly flat snowdrop walk around Douai Abbey taking in Kiff Green and Beenham. There is one very high stile.

10:30 SWYNCOMBE DOWN 7 miles [SU666914](#)

Start from the car parking at the foot of Swyncombe Down. A walk across rolling fields & Ewelme Park, past Swyncombe church & finishing with fine views from Swyncombe Down. Avoiding routes for the final climb & descent if required. May be muddy in parts. BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Wednesday 27 February 2019

10:30 READING Urban walk 4 miles [SU716736](#)

Meet at Reading Museum, nearest Postcode Reading RG1 1QH at 10:30, ending at Wetherspoon's 'The Back of Beyond Pub', Kings Road, Reading for coffee or Beer, snack or lunch if required.

MARCH 2019

Saturday 2 March 2019

10:30 RIVERSIDE WALK from READING CENTRE 3 miles [SU716735](#)

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Meet outside Reading Town Hall, Blagrave St, nearest Postcode: RG1 1QH, for a riverside walk starting from the heart of Reading. On paved paths, so guaranteed mud-free (!) we go through Forbury Gardens and the re-opened Abbey ruins to join towpaths along the River Kennet to the confluence at Horseshoe Bridge and back beside the Thames. This walk passes by two museums and there are examples of Victorian engineering to spot on the way.

Sunday 3 March 2019

10:30 NETTLEBED 8 miles [SU701868](#)

Park near the Brick Kiln, nearest Postcode: RG9 5BA. We take the footpath past the church and cross Stoney Bottom to Highmoor. Through woods to Bromsden Farm and return via Crocker End. One steep ascent 2stiles. Registered Assistance Dogs only. Registered Assistance Dogs only. BRING A PACKED LUNCH. Shared walk with Berkshire Weekend Walkers.

Sunday 10 March 2019

10:30 CHRISTMAS COMMON 4 miles [SU714932](#)

Verge parking near Fox and Hounds pub (or in pub car park if eating), nearest Post Code: OX49 5HL. Pub commended. Walk in beautiful Chiltern countryside, magnificent views and an undulating route. One lengthy incline can be taken in stages. Signs of Spring should be showing again in March.

Wednesday 13 March 2019

10:30 SULHAM WOODS & TILEHURST 4 miles [SU644742](#)

A walk of 4 miles from the car park on Sulham Hill, nearest Postcode: RG8 8EG, going towards Littleheath, down to Nunhide lane, through the beech woods circling back. Open fields with lovely views, tree tunnel and wintry woodland.

Sunday 17 March 2019

10:30 MAIDENHEAD & COOKHAM 5 miles [SU902825](#)

Park in Lower Cookham Road car park, Maidenhead, nearest Postcode SL6 8JN, near Boulter's Lock (a small charge). Walk taking in meadows north of Maidenhead to Cookham, returning along Thames Path. Tea Coffee and Ice cream available at Boulter's Lock after the walk.

Sunday 24 March 2019

10:30 HAMBLEDON MILL, HENLEY and ASTON 6.5 miles [SU785856](#)

Park at MILL END car park (NOT Mill Lane), just off A4155 Henley to Marlow Road, nearest Postcode: RG9 3AY, on road signposted to Hambledon. Starts by visiting Hambledon Mill, Hambledon Lock, then along a scenic stretch of the Thames Path, past Temple Island into Henley. Opportunity for a pub stop if wished before returning to Mill End via Remenham Wood and Aston with high level views of the Chiltern Hills.

Wednesday 27 March 2019

10:30 STOKE ROW 5 miles [SU678840](#)

Park thoughtfully on verges near Maharajah's Well, Post Code: RG9 5QP. A lovely mixed rural walk with one modest incline and 3 stiles. The emerging Spring on this beautiful largely road free walk should uplift us all. Two testing stiles. Stoke Row Cafe commended for lunch.

Sunday 31 March 2019

10:30 HURLEY, nr Marlow 9.5 miles [SU826840](#)

Meet at the car park by the church in the village of Hurley, nearest Postcode: SL6 5LX. Walk from Hurley along the Thames path and up into farmland and woods, via Ashley hill and Burchetts Green returning to the Thames. A joint walk with the Mid Berks group.