RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION - EAST BERKS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME January - April 2012

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Palladian Way :coach assisted walk

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Please ensure that you are fit enough and have suitable footwear, clothing, food and drink for the walk you intend to join. Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. For you own safety please abide by the advice and guidelines issued by organizers and the instructions of the walk leader. Be aware that you walk at your own risk, and that it is your responsibility to behave sensibly and minimize the potential for accidents to occur. Please carry an emergency phone number.

Extra walks, led at short notice, may be found on the EBRA website.

Sunday Festival of Winter Walks

New Years Day 10.30 a.m. The Jubilee <u>SU 952 795</u>

1st January 2012 River. 5 miles

Park in the Asda car park at Cippenham. An easy walk along the Jubilee River with a stop in Windsor for a hot chocolate.

Leaders: Mike and Cilla T. 01628 662808

Wednesday 10.15 a.m. Maidensgrove, SU 712 890
Crocker End and Bix

4th January Bottom. 6 miles

A hilly walk (800 ft of ascent) with one long steep hill near the end and some

stiles. Delightful views, kites guaranteed, ravens

SU 829 769

possible. Start at the Start at 5 miles

the car park opposite the Five Horseshoes PH, Russells Water Common.

Leaders: Pera and Gordon M. 01628 629155 or 07769 952884

10.15 a.m. Waltham St. Lawence, Shottesbrooke and West End.

"Walks near Maidenhead," pink book, walk no. 35. Gently undulating fields and lanes. Park in the car park at Waltham St. Lawrence or along the roadside and meet in the car park.

Leader: Alison H. 01628 822657 Sunday 8th January 10.15 a.m. Knowl Hill, SU 825 793
Shottesbrooke and Waltham about 5 miles
St. Lawrence.

Start from Knowl Hill at the Royal Oak PH (tel: 01628 822010 if you want to order sandwiches). Knowl Hill Common is off the A4 from Maidenhead on the left before the Seven Stars PH.

Sunday 8th January Leader: Mary W. 01628 673118 or 07599 295506

SU 878 791
3.5 miles

Continued.....

10.15 a.m. Ockwells Manor and Lillebrooke Farm.

R.f.P.light green book, no. 8. Park at Ockwells Park car park off Cox Green Road.

Leaders: Helen and Jim S. 01628 629280

Wednesday 11th January 10.15 a.m. Hughenden Valley and surrounding Hills.

Park in the Hughenden Manor upper car park, not near the Church. We are going via Naphill and Cryers Hill through lovely woods and farmland.

Leader: Dave M. 01628 673471

10.15 a.m. Ronald Wood and Fern.

R.f.P. Blue book, no.10. Park in the Bourne End railway station car park (pay) or nearby. Some slopes, woodlands and fields plus a short riverside stretch.

Leaders: Roger and Judith E. 01628 672223

SU 861 954

6.3 miles

SU 894 872

4.5 miles

Sunday 15th January New Year Walk and Lunch SU 884 858 at Winter Hill Golf Club (lunch to be pre-booked)

5.5 miles

10.15 a.m. Winter Hill, Cockmarsh and Cookham Dean

Park at the far end of Winter Hill Golf Club car park. This is with the permission SU 822 794 of John Lewis Partnership and courtesy must be given to the golfers.

4 miles

The walk will be across Cockmarsh, up into the green lanes through Cookham Dean and then back across the golf course. There are some stiles and hills and no doubt some mud. The walk will be followed by Lunch in the Club House for those who have pre-booked.

Leaders: Gordon and Pera M. 01628 629155 or 07769 952884

10.15 a.m. Frogmore Farm and Knowl Hill Common.

R.f.P Old light green book no.20. with a different start point. Park in the layby off the A4, near the Seven Stars PH at Knowl Hill. A walk mainly across fields and lanes, with a gentle climb around Lot Farm.

Leader: Brenda C.S. 01753 868669

Wednesday 18th January

10.15 a.m. Chobham SU 974 649 Common.A varied walk 5.5 miles. around Chobham Common. Start at the car park to the north of Staple Hill Road. From the A30 at Sunningdale take the B383 towards Chobham. After 1.5 miles at a roundabout turn left. At the next roundabout SU 854 815 turn right across the M3 and 4 miles immediately right again into Staple Hill Road. The car park is on the right after 1/3rd mile. Leader: Phil S. 07818 443390

10.15 a.m. Burchetts Green and Michaels Path.

R.f.P. Old light green book no.13. Park in the N.T. car park off Pinkney's Drive near the junction with the A423. Woods and fields, probably muddy.

Leaders: John and Pat I. 01628 822032

Sunday 22nd January 10.15a.m. Hurley, Shepherds Lane, Frogmill and Temple Lock.

Walk 16 from R.f.P."Along the Thames". A flat walk. Start at the free car-park in Hurley village, opposite the church. The distance can be decided depending upon the weather and conditions underfoot on the day.

Leader: David B. 01628 634561 or 07748 574810 SU 825 840

2.5, 3, or 4

miles.

Wednesday 25th January 10.15 a.m. Middle Assendon<u>SU 738 856</u> and the Stonor Valley. 7 miles

Park considerately in the long layby in Middle Assendon (not blocking residents' driveways) near the Rainbow PH. Several hills with lovely views over SU 910 878

3.5 miles

Wednesday 25th January

Leader: Maureen D. 01628

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the countryside.

10.15 a.m. Hedsor Wharf and Woolmans Wood.

Park in the car-park at Wooburn Park (near the church) at the foot of Wash Hill.

R.f.P. Old light green book no. 4. A walk across meadows and one steep hill with great views across the Thames Valley. A shortish walk at a slow pace.

Leaders: Ann and Arthur L. 01628 663377

Sunday 29th January 10.15 a.m. Four Farms walk, Maidenhead and Cookham Dean.

SU 874 827 3.5 miles

R.f.P. Old pale green book no.9. Park in the car park at Furze Platt School.

The walk links up four farms on the outskirts of Maidenhead and passes through Beeching Grove Wood.

Leader: Mary W. 01628 673118

Wednesday 1st February

10.15. a m Penn Wood and SU 938 956 Penn Bottom. Park in free car park on minor road one mile northeast of Winchmore Hill. One fairly steep hill. Take a snack and drink.Leader: Jenny S. 01753 644593

8.5 miles SU 951 732 5 miles

10.15 a.m. Windsor Great Park.

Park in the car-park near Ranger's Gate, by the traffic lights on the road through the park (A332). A lovely walk visiting four ponds.

Leader: Ed B. 01753 868624 or 07770 456081 Sunday 5th February 10.15 a.m. Binfield Heath and Shiplake College.

SU 753 759

R.f.P. pale blue book "Along 6 miles the Thames" Ramble 24. It will be done in the reverse direction - going out along 2 miles of the Thames Path National Trail on the Oxfordshire bank and returning via farmland around Binfield Heath overlooking the Thames Valley. Start from the small parking area opposite the French Horn PH or in the cul-de-sac nearby.Leaders: Mike and Cilla T. 01628 662808 or 07718 762469

SU 859 803

4.5 miles

10.15 a.m. Three Greens Walk, near Maidenhead.

R.f.P. silver book no.5. Park in the National Trust carpark off Cannon Lane near to the underpass under the A404M, on the road to Woodlands Park or on the verge leading to Ridgeway School . This walk goes through the Thicket and includes four of the Boundary Stones around Maidenhead. It passes through Woolley Green, Littlewick Green and Burchetts Green.

Leader: Patrick C. 01628 822970

Wednesday 8th February

10.15 a.m. Winter Hill, Dean Common and Bisham

Woods Cookham Dean, Cookham Woods.

6.5 miles

Park at Winter Hill car park, overlooking Marlow and the <u>SU 893 853</u> Thames. A few ascents and 3.5 miles descents but compensated for by fine views over the Thames Valley and surrounding countryside.

Leader: David B. 01628 634561 or 07748 574810

10.15 a.m. Marsh Meadow and Cockmarsh.

R.f.P. blue book no.8 but in reverse for a change. Park in the National Trust car-park on Cookham Moor. A slight climb over the Winter Hill golf course and a pleasant riverside walk back.

Leader: Barbara F. 01753 852678

Sunday 12th February

10.15 a.m. Henley to Sonning and return on Thames Path.

<u>SU 771 817</u>

10 miles

Park at Mill Lane car-park off the A 4155, Reading Road. An undulating morning in the lower Chilterns with a riverside path from Sonning in the afternoon.

SU 752 647

5 miles

Bring food and drink for the day.

Leader: Roy G. 01628

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10.15 a.m. Arborfield Cross and the Blackwater Valley.

Park in Church Lane in Farley Hill. This is reached by leaving the M4 at J11, going back (eastwards) on the B3270 alongside the motorway and following signs to Shinfield and Arborfield on the A327. Farley Hill is beyond Arborfield Garrison.

An undulating walk in a lovely area, with three stiles.

Leader: Derek J. 01189 694579 Wednesday 15th February 10.00 a.m. NOTE TIME Hambleden to Henley and return via Aston.

Start at the Mill End car park (before Hambleden village). Although almost 9 miles, the last 3 miles is along the Thames path from Henley to Hambleden Lock SU 825 840 so should be easy and quick.

4 miles Saw wallabies and alpacas! I Lunch at the Flowerpot in Aston but those who don't want to can cross the weir back to the car park.

Leader: Margaret C. 07740 283623

10.15 a.m. Hurley lock and Temple Park.

R.f.P. blue book no.16. Park in the car park in Hurley village near the church.

A flat walk along the river and through meadows.

Leader: Brenda C.S. 01753 868669

SU 785 854

8.9 miles

(or less if bus

back from

Henley)

Sunday 19th February 10.15 a.m. Snowdrops at Swyncombe walk .

SU 665 913 5.5 miles

From Henley take the A4130 to Nettlebed. Turn right onto the B481 towards Watlington. At Cookley Green turn left to Swyncombe (church). Go Swyncombe (church) and park one 5 miles mile further on where the road turns sharply left. A hilly walk which may be

Leader: Phil S. 07818 443390

muddy or possibly snowy.

10.15 a.m. Jubilee River and Windsor.

Park in Asda's car park in Cippenham. An easy walk along the Jubilee River.

Leader: Kay M. 01753 822362

Wednesday

22nd February

10.15 a.m. Cadmore End. SU 783 925

Park on the verge before the 6 miles church. A hilly walk starting from the church at Cadmore End. A few stiles.

Leader: Meg K. 01494 <u>SU 854 815</u> 881825 3.5 miles

10.15 a.m. Maidenhead Thicket and Pinkneys Green.

R.f.P. old pale green book no.1 with a short diversion to Stubbings church to see the snowdrops. Park in the National Trust car park in Pinkneys Drive near the junction with the A423.

Leader: Ann S. 01628

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Sunday 26th February 10.15 a.m. Cookham, Bisham woods and Winter Hill.

SU 887 851

6.5 miles

A few hills, lovely scenery. Park and meet at Cookham

Station (free parking).

SU 753 759

Leader: Jutta B. 01628

6 miles

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10.15 a.m. Sonning, Binfield Heath and Shiplake College and back along the towpath.

R.f.P, blue book no. 24. Park in a small car park opposite The French Horn PH in Sonning or in a cul de sac a bit further on. A flat walk at a slow pace.

Leader: Richard R. 01628

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Wednesday
29th February

10.15 a.m. Bradenham, Loosley Row and Saunderton Lee. SU 828 972 6.5 miles.

Start from top right hand corner of village green,
Public car park/ National
Trust - parking also in small layby on road opposite
Manor House. Hilly, mainly SU 854 815 open with good views (weather permitting!) on valley sides. Optional pub lunch probably at Black
Lion PH, Walters Ash.

Leader: Neil A. 01753 776627

10.15 a.m. Maidenhead Thicket and Burchett's Green.

Park in the National Trust car park off Pinkney's Drive near the junction with the A423. An easy walk through woods and farmland.

Leaders: Alex and Janet G. 01628 626757

10.15 a.m. Littleworth SU 935 865 Common and Dorney Wood.₄ miles

Park in the car park near The Jolly Woodman PH (away from the pub). An easy walk through the woods.

Leader: Hazel F. 01753 853412

Sunday
4th March

Wednesday 7th March 10.00 a.m. NOTE EARLIER START. Cowleaze Wood, Shirburn Hill, Northend and the Wormsley Valley.

<u>SU 725 956</u>

7.5 miles

A hilly

walk with stiles and extensive views, taking in Shirburn Hill where older members will remember taking part in a mass protest to keep the path open. Park in the signed car park in Cowleaze Wood. From Stokenchurch (M40 Junction 5) take the A40 towards Oxford. Take the first left signposted to Christmas Common. Cowleaze Wood is signed on the left after 1.5 miles. Alternatively, from Henley take the A4130 to Nettlebed. Turn right on the B481 towards Watlington. Half a mile past Cookley Green turn right and immediately left towards and through Christmas Common then Cowleaze Wood is 1.5 miles on the right. Leaders: Pera and Gordon M 01628 629155 or 07769952884

10.15 a.m. Little Marlow and the Thames Path.

Park in the free car park in Coldmoor Lane just past the Spade Oak PH (not in the pub car park). A pleasant flat walk taking in a new Permissive Path and part of the Thames Path.

Leader: Tony H. 01628 623140

SU 883 875

4 miles

Sunday

11th March

10.15 a.m. Aston,

Remenham, and the Thames _{SU 785 854}

Path.

Walk 19 from R.f.P. "Along 4.25 miles. the Thames" with a different start). Mainly flat but with a slight climb between Aston and Remenham. Start at the free car park at Mill End, near Hambleden.

Leader: David B. 01628 634561 or 07748 574810.

Wednesday

14th March

10.15 a.m. Chilton loops from Cadmore End.

Park on the verge at the northern end of the road leading to Cadmore End

church.

Frequent hills, some steep, through woods and valleys.

Leader: Tony H. 01628

623140

SU 783 927

6 miles

SU 811 683

4.5 miles

10.15 a.m. Chapel Green and Luckley Path.

R.f.P.dark green book no.21. Park in the Wokingham Library car park off Denmark Street. A popular and easy walk around the outskirts of Wokingham.

Leaders: Roger and Judith

E. 01628 672223

Sunday

18th March

10.15 a.m. Little Marlow and Riverwoods.

SU 859 862

R.f.P. blue book no.11. Park 4 miles in the car park in Gossmore Lane (off Lock Road, near the Station) Marlow. A level walk across farmland and along the Thames Path.

Leader: Alma R. 01628

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Wednesday 21st March 10.15 a.m. Coombe Hill, Wendover, Ellesborough, Beacon Hill and Chequers. Start at Coombe Hill car park. A scenic walk with 765 feet of ascent and a few stiles. We walk to the Monument and viewpoint on Coombe Hill and descend gradually towards Wendover. Level field paths take us to Ellesborough before ascending Beacon Hill. We pass Chequers before ascending steeply on the Ridgeway and back to the start. Optional lunch at The Gate PH at Bryants Bottom afterwards.

Leader: Gerald B. 01494 522404 or 07817 323189 (on the day only)

10.15 a.m. Hodgedale Lane and Prospect Hill.

R.f.P. blue book no. 17. Park in the car-park in Hurley, near the church. A riverside walk followed by a steadily rising path passing by a Nature Reserve. The walk passes a farm and arrives at the lovely view from Prospect Hill. A steep descent follows (care needed as it may be slippery) and back to Hurley.

Leader: Jackie J. 01753 852567 SP 851 062

7 miles

SU 825 840

5 miles

Sunday
25th March

10.15 am. Hughenden Valley and in the "footsteps SU 826 947 of the Disraelis"

Park at the garden centre car park in West Wycombe. An undulating woodland walk to Bradenham and Naphill Common to visit the Hughenden Valley, returning4 miles via Downley Common.

Bring food and drink for the day.

Leader: Roy G. 01628 637878

10.15 am. Harpsden Wood and Marsh Lock.

Park in the car park in Mill Lane on the Henley to Reading road (A4155). A climb up to the woods, through farmland and then back to the Thames and a walk across the wooden bridge.

Leader: Alma R. 01628 781827

Wednesday 28th March 10.15 a.m. Pinkneys Green SU 854 815 and Furze Platt.

4.5 miles.

Start at NT (free) car park in Pinkneys Drive Maidenhead. An easy walk around the country paths and lanes of these local areas.

SU 826 947 7 miles.

Leader: Peter L. 01628 629814

10.15am. West Wycombe, Downley and Hughenden. Hilly. Start at the free carpark by the garden centre off the Chinnor Road in West Wycombe.

Leader: David B. 01628 634561 or 07748 574810 Sunday 1st April DAWN WALK at 6.15a.m. Taplow and Barge Farm and SU 902 813 back along river

about 6 miles

Breakfast at Jenner's, towards Boulter's Lock. Start from Taplow side of Maidenhead Bridge, park considerately by Skindles Hotel, from where walk starts (or opposite in River Road).

<u>SU 916 812</u> 5 miles

Leader: Mary W. 01628 673118 or 07599 295506

10.15 a.m. Taplow and Hitcham Circular.

R.f.P. turquoise book ("Thames Valley and the Chilterns") no.4. Park in the station car park or by the roadside (Approach Road) at Taplow. Old stile-free Ways, old woods, old manors and a Saxon burial mound.

Leaders: Mike and Cilla T. 01628 662808

Wednesday 4th April

8.00 a.m. The Palladian Way, Coach assisted walk. Buckingham to Brackley.

10 3 miles

This is an easy stage with firm tracks to and around Stowe. There is some woodland walking before arriving at Brackley on "hidden pathways". (We SU 892 799 shall be walking through the grounds of Stowe but not diverting to explore the SU 717 974 gardens.) Please bring food and drink for the day.

Fare is £15 (cheques payable to E.B.R.) to Pat Snell, 4 Lower Ventnor Cottages, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean, SL6 9AU. 5 miles

SU 995 903

Start at 8.00 a.m. from Braywick Car Park (Stafferton Lodge), Braywick Road, (A308) Maidenhead. There will be a Second Pick-up at 8.20 a.m. (if requested from leaders) from the bus stop at Lewknor on the B4009, just before the northbound slip road on to the M40 (at junction 6).

YOU MUST INFORM THE LEADERS IF YOU WISH TO BE PICKED UP AT **LEWKNOR**

10.15 a.m. Chalfont St. Peter and Chalfont St. Giles.

A circular walk passing Milton's cottage. Park in the car park at the corner of Gold Hill Common opposite Gold Hill Baptist Church in the "village hall pub", (formerly the Jolly Farmer).

Leader: Stella G. 01628 602291

Sunday 8th April

10.15 a.m Sunningdale, Wentworth and Cowarth Park

SU 954 669

4 miles

Easter Day

Park (free) in the car park off the A30 in Sunningdale. A walk passing Wentworth golf course and the polo grounds of Cowarth Park (now a smart hotel).

Leaders: Jean and Don T.

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Wednesday 11th April

10.15a.m. Crowell, Chinnor Hill and the Ridgeway.

SU 744 997

7 miles

Hilly, some steep ascents and descents. Leave the M40 at J.6 and follow the B4009 towards Chinnor. Meet at Crowell, parking considerately opposite the houses at the top end of the SU 957 850 farm track on the left hand side of the road (B4009) just 4.5 miles before the Shepherd's Crook PH on the right.

Leader: David B. 01628 634561 or 07748 574810

10.15 a.m. Burnham Beeches and Stoke Poges.

Park in the car park in Lord Mayor's Drive (free on weekdays), off the perimeter Beeches road. A walk through the woods and back via a golf course. Perhaps a coffee in the new Visitor Centre afterwards.

Leader: Margaret W. 01753 648907

Sunday

15th April

10.15 a.m. Cookham Dean

Park in the National Trust SU 871 861 car park at the top of Winter 4.5 miles

Hill.

450 ft. of ascent with one steep hill and a few stiles.

Leader: Keith D. 07900

SU 785 865

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6.8 miles

10.15 a.m. Hambleden, Medmenham and Bockmer

Park in the car park by the Stag and Huntsman PH in Hambleden.

A hilly walk with three stiles in a lovely area

Leader: Andrew J. 07976 313970

Wednesday 18th April 10.00 a.m. (note earlier start SU 785 865 time). Hambleden,
Colstrope, Pheasants and
Rockwell End.

Start at the free car park by the Stag and Huntsman PH, Hambleden. A delightful walk with 1150 feet of ascent consisting of five ascents (one steep, one long and SU 935 865 three easier) through 4 miles Chiltern woods and field paths but with very few stiles. Optional lunch at the pub afterwards (providing it has reopened after 6 months renovation!).

Leader: Gerald B. 01494 522404 or 07817 323189 (on the day only)

10.15 a.m. Littleworth Common, Dorney Wood and Burnham Beeches.

R.f.P. old pale green book no.15. Park in the car-park next to the Jolly Woodman PH. A level walk through lovely wooded countryside. Approximately six stiles.

Leaders: Ann and Arthur L. 01628 663377

Sunday 22nd April 10.15 a.m. Stokenchurch, Bennett End and Radnage City. <u>SU 760 963</u> 5.5 miles

Some hills and stiles. Park in the free car park in Stokenchurch by the A 40. Optional pub lunch afterwards.

SU 861 842

Leader: Dave M. 01628

673471

3.5 miles

10.15 a.m. Malders Lane and Parkwood.

Park by the side of Winter Hill Road at Cookham Dean Common. This is 0.5 miles west of Cookham Dean Church. This is a stile-free, easy-paced, flat walk.

Leaders: Alex and Janet G. 01628 626757

23rd - 27th April

Group Spring Break at HF Holidays Country House Hotel at Haytor, Dartmoor Fully booked with a waiting list.

Wednesday 25th April No Long Walk (check website for a late addition).

SU 859 862

4 miles

10.15 a.m. Little Marlow and Riverwoods.

R.f.P. blue book no.11. Park in the car-park in Gossmore Lane, Marlow. A level walk through farmland and a 1.5

mile stretch along the Thames Path.

Leader: Ann S. 01628

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Sunday 29th April 10.15 a.m. Russell's Water and surrounding Bluebell
WoodsA hilly and possibly muddy walk in a lovely part 5.5 miles. of Oxfordshire. From Stonor take the lane signposted to Russell's Water. Shortly after reaching the open common the road turns sharp right. Park on the verge beside the road. A lot SU 947 785 of stiles and some steep hills

Leader: Phil S. 07818 443390

10.15 a.m. Great Common and Conker Alley.

R.f.P. blue book no.4. Park in the service road opposite the Shepherd's Hut PH in Eton Wick. An easy walk across Eton Common, the Thames Path and Dorney Common.

Leader: Angela G. 01753 862271

1st January: bookings open for the following Saturday coach trips:-

19th May: Bristol. Walks to and around this historic city

23rd June: Knole House and Sissinghurst Castle. Both National Trust.

15th September: Cambridge and Grantchester.

All trips are on Saturdays. Each at a bargain price of £12 per head (the rest of your body goes free!).

Full details in the Newsletter. Book now.

The Palladian Way coach assisted walk takes place on the first Wednesday of every month.

Note 1: Dogs are not permitted on walks unless otherwise stated.

Note 2: Map grid references can be found on computer by going to Streetmap.co.uk

and clicking in the first box labelled "postcode, street name." Type in the grid ref. including the letters with no spaces. An O.S. map of the walk area will come up with the arrow pointing to the exact spot. You can choose the scale, (1:50000 is best), and print off if required.

Note 3: Walk leaders can email reports to Alma Richardson (alma.richardson@btinternet.com) or telephone them (01628 781827).

IMPORTANT - ALL PERSONS WALKING WITH THE RAMBLERS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK Page