

VERWOOD & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB
PROGRAMME: MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2008

WEB SITE: www.verwoodramblers.org.uk

All leaders must carry a first aid kit when leading a walk. These kits are the property of the club (one for each walk day.) Leaders can get first aid kits from Geoff Batts, David Lanigan, Graham Jakes or Hazel Crowe and return them after their walk.

AGM

Tuesday 22 April 7:15pm. The Parish Centre, St Michael & All Angels Church. The meeting will be followed by an American Supper.

Please remember that membership fees of £2.50 are due for renewal at the AGM.

Two members of the committee are not standing for re-election. Nominations for new committee members should be sent, using the slip at the end of the programme, to David Lanigan, 20 Kingfisher Close, West Moors by 3 April 2008.

MARCH

- Tues 4th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **WICK FERRY C.P.**, Christchurch. **10:00** (Car park should be free at this time of year). **G.R. SZ 156922.** Top of Hengistbury Head (coffee optional at Hiker Café). 3½ miles approx. **NB: There are road works with diversions to Wick Ferry Car Park; Diversion signs indicate the way to the Car Park.**
- Wed 5th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **FRITHAM C.P. 10:00. GR SU 230141.** Gorly Bushes, Amberwood & Sloden inclosures, and Anses wood. 5½ miles approx. Leaders at start
- Sat 8th M/SONS C.P. **09:00** or **STEEPLE PICNIC C.P. 10:00 G.R. SY 904816** Explorer OL15. Tyneham, Clavell Tower, Kimmeridge, Steeple. 9 mls approx.
- Tues 11th M/SONS C.P. **09.45** **EBBLAKE BRIDGE C.P. 10:00 G.R. 112 072.** Ringwood Forest. 2 - 2½ miles
- Wed 12th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BROOMY WALK CP 10:00 GR SU 197 099.** Forest Circular. Could be muddy. 5 miles.
- Fri 14th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **THE FOX, LOWER ANSTY 10:00 G.R. ST 766032.** Explorer 117 Thorncombe Farm, Cheselbourne, Bingham's Malcombe. 9 miles. Leaders at Start.
- Tues 18th M/SONS C.P. **09:20** or **AVON RUN CP 10:00. GR 189 923.** Flat walk along cliff path, down cliff steps and along promenade, Steamer Point, etc, Mudeford Quay. Café and shop. 2.5 miles approx. Leaders at start.
- Wed 19th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **SAINSBURY'S C.P. ALDER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH 10:00. G.R. 063 935.** Talbot Heath, Coy Pond, Upper Gardens – circular route. 5 miles approx.
Directions : via W. Parley to Kinson; cross 2 traffic lights then next main left turning (Kinson Road). Continue over roundabouts to Alder Road and straight on through to Sainsbury's. Park adjacent to pub (also does lunches).
- Sat 22nd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **THE CHASE VERWOOD 10:00. GR.SU 103084.** Explorer OL 22. To Ibsley
Easter Saturday or beyond 8.5 miles with pub stop or 11.5 miles with packed lunch.
- Tues 25th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HURN – THROOP MILL CAR PARK 10:00. GR 111 958. Off A338 on to A3060.** A level riverside and lanes walk. Can be wet. Approx 3 miles. Leader at start.

- Wed 26th M/SONS C.P. **09:30**. A Martin Down Walk. *Full details not available at the time this programme went to print. Please contact leader for details.*
- Fri 28th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BRAEMORE CHURCH C.P. 10:00** – park close to wall. **G.R. SU 154188** Explorer O.L. 22 & 130. Outwick, Radnall Wood, Rockbourne, Provost Farm, Wick Down, North Charford Down Farm 10 miles approx – undulating. Leaders at start.
- APRIL**
- Tues 1st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **FERNDOWN – PARLEY COMMON 10:00**. **GR 087 991**. PARK AT THE END OF LONE PINE DRIVE. 3 miles. Leader at start.
- Wed 2nd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **RUFUS STONE C.P. 10:00** **G.R. SU271125** O.L. 22. Circular New Forest walk. Forest paths and tracks and brief stretches of road. 5.5mls.approx.
- Sat 5th M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **WIMBORNE ST GILES 10:00 on road opposite school (park close to wall)** **G.R. SU 032 120**. Explorer 118. Monkton Up Wimborne, Ackling Dyke, Gussage Down and Gussage All Saints. 9-10 miles.
- Tues 8th M/SONS C.P. 09:30 or **BRAEMORE CHURCH** (park close to wall) **10:00** **G.R.154 189** (OL 22 map) Steeple Lane, Whitsbury Wood. Poss. foals & flowers.
- Wed 9th No walk submitted.
- Fri 11th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **PORTLAND HEIGHTS C.P. 10:30**. **G.R. SY 691731**. Explorer O.L. 15. Walk around Portland. 8 miles approx.
- Tues 15th M/SONS C.P. **09:45** or **ALBION INN 10:00** **G.R. 077094** Mount Pleasant Farm, Crane Vally GC. Could be muddy. 1 stile. 3 miles approx Leader at start
- Wed 16th M/SONS C.P. **10:00** or **VERELEY C.P. 10:30**. **GR SU 196 051**. OL2. Leader at start. . Little Wood, Backley Plain, Ridley Green.
- Sat 19th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **CHARLTON MARSHALL 10:15**. **G.R. SY 901040** (Park by church in lay-by) Explorer 118. Wards Drove, Little Down, Gorcome Farm, North Farm. Could be muddy. 10 miles approx. Leader at start
- Tues 22nd M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **WILVERLEY PLAIN C.P. 10:00**. **G.R. SU252011**. O.L. 22. Undulating walk around Wilverley Plain and Markway Inclosure. 3mls. approx.
- Wed 23rd M/SONS C.P. **10:00** or **BUSY BEE CAFE C.P. 10:15** **GR SU 135 048**. OL22. Leader at start. Moors Valley and back.
- Fri 25th M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **THORNCOMBE WOOD/BLACKHEATH CP 10:15**. **G.R. SY 724 923**. Explorer O.L.15. Thorncombe Wood, Hardy's Cottage, Tolpuddle Hollow, Ridge Way, Little Cheam, Stinsford. 9 miles approx with hilly bits.
- Tues 29th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **HURN – RAMSDOWN CAR PARK 10:00**. **GR 131 971**. TRACK OFF SOPLEY ROAD NEAR HURN AIRPORT (AVON CAUSEWAY). Good paths but some steep hills. Approx 2.5 miles. Leader at start.
- Wed 30th M/SONS C.P. **09:40** or **WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL (has a car park) 10:00**. **G.R. 055 091** OS Map 118. Repeat of last year's walk from Woodlands to Edmondsham and then back via the woods behind the campsite between Woodlands and Verwood. Some stiles, hopefully many bluebells, through woods and over fields. Minor hills. Varied scenery. About 5 miles (2¼ hours roughly). Leader at start.

MAY

- Sat 3rd M/SONS C.P. **09:15** or **DINTON N.T. C.P. 10:15. G.R. SU 009 316.** Explorer 130. Beaverstock, North Lodge, Compton Chamberlayne, Fovant. Approx one mile road walking. 8.5 miles.
- Tues 6th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BROCKHILL (off Rhinefield Drive) 10.00 am GR 267 058** Pondhill enclosure, arboretum. Flat no stiles 2.5 miles
- Wed 7th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **SHAPWICK 10:00. GR ST937 016.** Tarrant Crawford. Approx 5 miles. Leaders at start.
- Fri 9th No walk submitted.
- Tues 13th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BADBURY RINGS C.P. (off B 3082) 10:00 G.R. 962 032.** An easy walk around the outskirts of the Iron Age Fort. 1 stile. 4mls. Leaders at start.
- Wed 14th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **FERNDOWN - Wimborne Road (opp Garage) 10:00 GR 065008 Ferndown Common, Longham, Hampreston, Knoll. 2 stiles, 4.5 miles. Leader at start.**
- Sat 17th No walk submitted.
- Tues 20th M/SONS C.P. **09:30.** A Blasford Lake walk. *Full details not available at the time this programme went to print. Please contact leader for details*
- Wed 21st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **BOLDERWOOD CP 10:00. GR SU 242 086.** Forest Circular. 5 miles. Could be muddy.
- Fri 23rd M/SONS C.P. **09:20** or **TARRANT HINTON near village hall 10:00 G.R. ST937111** Explorer 118. Tarrant Gunville, Farnham, Chettle. 11 mls. limited parking.
- Tues 27th M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **High Corner CP 10.00 am GR 200 104.** Forest walk with no stiles and slight inclines 3 miles.
- Wed 28th M/SONS C.P. **09:45** or **ALBION INN C.P. 10:00 G.R 077 094.** Burrows Farm, Gotham, Pinnocks Moor. Mud & stiles. 5 miles approx. Leader at start
- Sat 31st M/SONS C.P. **09:30** or **ASHMORE POND G.R. ST 913 178.** Explorer 118. *Limited parking share cars if possible.* Gallops, Wessex Ridgeway, Hanging Copse, Stubhampton Bottom, Gore Farm. 8.5 miles