

Notes for Walkers

Car sharing. We encourage members to share lifts to and from walks. If you wish to make a voluntary contribution towards the driver's expenses we suggest £2 per passenger as reasonable for return journeys of up to half an hour each way, increased pro rata for longer journeys. Remember the driver: the suggested contribution is by no means over-generous.

Car parking. When parking please consider the needs of residents and the local community. Where appropriate, seek permission, and consider making a financial contribution.

Walks leaders need to belong to Ramblers for insurance reasons.

Dogs. No dogs, please, other than registered guide dogs, or on DOG FRIENDLY walks.

Morning and Evening Pub Walks. Call the Leader in advance if you want to eat in the pub after the walk.

All Day Walks. Please bring a packed lunch and drink for all-day walks. When we are able to eat in a pub garden, please ensure you buy a drink at the bar to maintain goodwill.

Website. Check the Group website www.nhrg.org.uk for updates and last minute changes.

Ramblers. *After two or three "taster" walks, we invite you to join Ramblers. As a member you are welcome to join the walks of any Group throughout the country. Please ask the leader for an Application Form, join on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk, or call 020 7339 8500.*

Walks Programme August to November 2014

1. Saturday 2 August. Morning Walk 6m. Meet: The Raven, Hexton SG5 3JB. 10.00 am.
Route: Barton Hills. **Leader:** Maggie Killingbeck 01462 433585 (or 07759 128914).

2. Saturday 2 August. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: Dan Albane (Riverside) CP, Biggleswade TL186453 10.00 am. **Leader:** Bob Housden 07950 503543.

Sunday 3 August. All Day 12.1m. Meet: Stevenage Library. TL238239. 9.30 am.
Route: St Albans Circle. **Leader:** Leon Fotiadis 07525 796814.

Wednesday 6 August. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 5m. Meet: The Raven, Hexton SG5 3JB. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Jenny Mason 01438 871580 (or 07827 908778).

1. Saturday 9 August. All Day 8m. Meet: Stevenage Showground (opp Stevenage Boro FC). TL245229. 10.00 am. **Route:** Much Hadham, Henry Moore Foundation.
Leader: Leon Fotiadis 07525 796814.

2. Saturday 9 August. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Buck's Head, Little Wymondley SG4 7HY. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Carole Willsher 07778 877814.

Sunday 10 August. TREASURE HUNT. Meet: The Orange Tree, Hitchin 9.30 am. For full details see page 11. **Organiser:** Richard Huxtable 01462 629006.

Wednesday 13 August. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 5m. Meet: The Horns, Bulls Green SG3 6RZ. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210.

Thursday 14 August. Social Health Walk. 2 hours. Meet: Stevenage Bus Station 10.15 am for SB8 Bus from Stop B at 10.28. **Route:** Woolmer Green. **Leader:** Rod Grable 01438 365790.

1. Saturday 16 August. Morning Walk 6.5m. Meet: The Green on Church Hill, Hertford North TL351117 10.00 am. **Route:** Great Amwell. **Leader:** Gill Waldock 01438 315848.

2. Saturday 16 August. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Three Horseshoes, Norton SG8 1AG. 10.00 am. **Leader:** John Ellis 01799 218324.

Sunday 17 August. RAY PETERS MEMORIAL WALK. All Day 8m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. TL189293. 9.30 am. **Route:** Pegsdon Hills. **Leaders:** Carol and Harold Stokes 01438 353666.
Optional collection after the walk on behalf of Ramblers "One Coast for All", Ray's favourite charity.

Wednesday 20 August. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 5m. Meet: The Lilley Arms, Lilley LU2 8LN. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Colin Gatehouse 01462 453532 (or 07969 718013).

1. Saturday 23 August. All Day Linear Bus Walk 8.5m. Meet: Stevenage Bus Station, (Stop J) for 44 Bus (Luton) at 10.00 am. Alight at Kimpton. **Route:** Walk back to Stevenage via Whitwell and Langley. **Leaders:** Harold and Carol Stokes 01438 353666 (07813 800874 on the day).

2. Saturday 23 August. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Rose and Crown, Ashwell SG7 5NP. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210 (or 07585 917389).

Sunday 24 August. All Day 9.5m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am. **Route:** Chicksands, Haynes and Clophill. **Leaders:** Carol and Graham Voyce 07961 565590.

Wednesday 27 August. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 5m. Meet: The Red Lion, Preston SG4 7UD. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Kathie Painter 01438 940594.

1. Saturday 30 August. All Day 7m. Meet: Train: Stevenage 0917. Hitchin 0922. Buy Cambridge return. **Route:** Explore Cambridge city, parts familiar and others less so.
Leaders: David and Sue Smith 01438 318568.

2. Saturday 30 August. DOG FRIENDLY 5½m. Meet: The Five Bells, Henlow SG16 6AE. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Bob Housden 07950 503543.

Sunday 31 August. All Day 11.5m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am. **Route:** Great Offley, Charlton, Preston. **Leader:** Maria Matheson 01462 490070.

Wednesday 3 September. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 4.5m, Meet: The Fox, Pirton, SG5 3PS. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Jenny Mason 01438 871580 (or 07827 908778).

1. Saturday 6 September. Morning Walk 6m. Meet: The Windmill, Charlton SG5 2AE. 10.00 am. **Route:** Charlton. **Leader:** Maggie Killingbeck 01462 433585 (or 07759 128914).

2. Saturday 6 September. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Bell, Benington SG2 7LA. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Naomi Davies 01438 869620.

Sunday 7 September. All Day 9m. Meet: Stevenage Library 9.30am. **Route:** Hertingfordbury, Birch Green, Panshanger Park. **Leader:** Gill Harvey 01438 317133.

Wednesday 10 September. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 4m. Meet: The Red Lion, Woolmer Green SG3 6JP. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210 (or 07585 917389).

Thursday 11 September. Social Health Walk. 2 hours. Meet: Three Horseshoes, Hooks Cross. 10.15 am. **Route:** Hooks Cross and Astonbury. Note possible stiles on this route.
Leader: Carole Willsher 07778 877814.

1. Saturday 13 September. Morning Walk 7m. Meet: Ridlins CP, Woodcock Road, Stevenage 10.00am. **Route:** Datchworth (e-walk 45). **Leader:** Minh Co 07877 275458.

2. Saturday 13 September. DOG FRIENDLY 6½m. Meet: The Wheatsheaf, Tempsford SG19 2AN. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Jenny Mason 01438 871580 (or 07827 908778).

Sunday 14 September. All Day 10m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am. **Route:** Stanford to Biggleswade. **Leader:** Sheila George 07807 827490.

Wednesday 17 September. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 5m. Meet: The Plume of Feathers, Tewin AL6 0LX. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210 (or 07585 917389).

1. Saturday 20 September. All Day 29m. STOOP Anniversary Walk. Meet: Lay-by opp George and Dragon, Graveley SG4 7LE. 8.30 am. **Route:** Stoop clockwise. For more details and part distances, see website. Call leader for approximate timings if you wish to join en route.
Leader: Dave Ashby 01438 880470.

2. Saturday 20 September. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Gardener's Arms, Letchworth SG6 4LG. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Carole Willsher 07778 877814.

Sunday 21 September. All Day 9-10m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Sacombe Green High Cross. Celebration of 230th anniversary of first flight in England.
Leaders: David and Sue Smith 01438 318568.

Wednesday 24 September. DOG FRIENDLY Evening Walk 6m. Meet: The Robin Hood and Little John, Rabley Heath AL6 9UB. 6.15 pm. **Leader:** Colin Gatehouse 01462 453532 (or 07969 718013).

Saturday 27 September. AREA WALK DAY. Meet: Welwyn Sports and Social Club, Ottway Walk, Welwyn AL6 9AS. TL230158. A choice of eight walks between fifteen and three miles, all finishing at 4.00 pm for bring-and-share picnic. Accessible by 300/301 bus from Stevenage, Hatfield, St Albans and Hemel Hempstead. Full details in Stile (page 9) or on Group website: www.nhr.org.uk

Sunday 28 September. All Day 8.75m. Meet: Woodside CP. Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Potton, Sandy Warren. **Leader:** Richard Huxtable 01462 629006.

1. Saturday 4 October. London Parks 7.5m. Meet: Train Hitchin 0900, Stevenage 0906. Buy Travelcard. **Route:** Trafalgar Square, St James Park, Green Park, Kensington, Holland Park, Hyde Park. **Leader:** Peter Briercliffe 01462 637349 (or 07760 474926 on the day).

2. Saturday 4 October. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: Shuttleworth Café, Old Warden Park. SG18 9EP. 10.00 am. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210 (or 07585 917389).

Sunday 5 October. All Day Coach Trip to Leamington Spa. Places to be reserved and paid for in advance, See page 13

Thursday 9 October. Social Health Walk. 2 hours. Meet: Great Ashby shops. 10.15 am.
Leader: Pauline Smith 07983 557168.

1. Saturday 11 October. Morning Pub Walk 6.5m. Meet: Plume of Feathers, Little Wymondley SG4 7HY. 10.00 am. **Route:** Great Wymondley, St Ippolyts, Todds Green. Optional pub lunch after the walk. **Leaders:** Harold and Carol Stokes 01438 353666 (or 07813 800874 on the day).

2. Saturday 11 October. DOG FRIENDLY 5½m. Meet: Emily's Teashop, Whitwell SG4 8BN. 10.00 am. **Leaders:** Jenny Mason and Barbara Goulden 01438 871580 (or 07827 908778).

Sunday 12 October. All Day 10.5m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Reed, Nuthampstead. **Leader:** Dave Weston 01438 722301.

1. Saturday 18 October. Morning Plane Spotters Walk 6.5m. Meet: Outside Red Lion, Chapel Road, Breachwood Green SG4 8NU. 10.00 am. **Route:** Breachwood Green, Ley Green, Darleyhall, Wandon End. **Leader:** Caroline Wall 020 8361 1515.

2. Saturday 18 October. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Candlestick, Essendon AL9 6BA. 10.00 am. **Leader:** John Hastings 07798 790652.

Sunday 19 October. All Day Linear Walk 10.5m. Meet: Stevenage Library 9.30 am. **Route:** Lea Valley Path, passing Baford, Wheathampstead and Stanborough Lakes. Note: this walk involves a car shuttle between Mill Green and start of the walk. **Leader:** Tony Read 01462 450494.

1. Saturday 25 October. Morning Pub Walk 6.5m. Meet: The Raven, Hexton SG5 3JB. 10.00 am.
Route: Hexton and the Icknield Way. **Leader:** Robert Cato 01582 580855.

2. Saturday 25 October. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Star, Standon SG11 1LB. 10.00 am.
Leader: Colin Gatehouse 01462 453532 (or 07969 718013).

Sunday 26 October. All Day 9m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Maulden Woods, Ampthill Park. **Leader:** Dennis Cannon 01462 629483.

1. Saturday 1 November. Morning Pub Walk 7m. Meet: George and Dragon, Graveley 10.00 am.
Route: Weston, followed by optional pub lunch. **Leader:** Robin Green 07872 137812.

2. Saturday 1 November. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Sow and Pigs, Thundridge SG12 0ST.
10.00 am. **Leader:** Viv Peters 01438 813210 (or 07585 917839).

Sunday 2 November. All Day 10m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Pulloxhill. **Leader:** Rosalind Redwood 01462 440113.

1. Saturday 8 November. All Day 13.6m. Meet: Radwell Meadows CP, off Nortonbury Lane,
Letchworth.TL234349. 9.30 am. **Route:** Letchworth Garden City Greenway.
Leaders: Adrian and Jill Naylor 01438 227049.

2. Saturday 8 November. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Green Man, Great Offley SG5 3AR.
10.00 am. **Leader:** Carole Willsher 07778 877814.

Sunday 9 November. Morning Walk 6.5m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30am.
Route: The Ayots. **Leader:** Mary Nudds 01438 362027.

Thursday 13 November. Social Health Walk. 2 hours. Meet: Stevenage Bus Station (Stop B) for
390 bus at 10.25 to Ware. **Route:** Ware to Hertford, by canal. Return to Stevenage by bus. **Leader:**
Rod Grable 01438 365790 (or 07801 701805).

1. Saturday 15 November. All Day Bus Walk 10.5m. Meet: Stevenage Bus Station (Stop C) for
102 (Luton) bus at 0930 (Hitchin, St Mary's Square, Stop L at 0950). **Route:** Great Offley, Pegsdon
Hills, (return by bus). **Leader:** Dave Ashby 01438 880470.

2. Saturday 15 November. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Feathers, Wadesmill SG12 0TN.
10.00 am. **Leader:** Colin Gatehouse 07969 718013.

Sunday 16 November. All Day 11.5m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Buntingford, Throcking. **Leader:** Dave Ashby 01438 880470.

1. Saturday 22 November. North Herts Group AGM. Aston Village Hall. Morning Walk. 5m.
Meet: Outside the Hall. 10.00 am. **AGM 2.00 pm.** Details with AGM papers in next Newsletter.

2. Saturday 22 November. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The Crown, Aston End SG2 7HD.
10.00 am. **Leaders:** Jenny Mason 07827 908778 and Kathie Painter 07770 496102.

Sunday 23 November. Morning Walk 6m. Meet: Stevenage Library. 9.30 am.
Route: Four Rivers Walk, Hertford. **Leader:** Ron Faulkner 01438 237747.

Saturday 29 November. DOG FRIENDLY 5m. Meet: The White Lion, Walkern SG2 7PA. 10.00 am.
Leader: Carole Willsher 07778 877814.

Sunday 30 November. All Day 9m. Meet: Woodside CP, Hitchin. 9.30 am.
Route: Wheathampstead, The Ayots and the River Lea.
Leaders: Jenny Squires 07932 621357 and Jess Peyton-Jones 07813 802495.

Sunday 14 December. Christmas Walk and Lunch. Meet: The Rising Sun, Halls Green. 9.30 am.
Lunch to be booked and paid for in advance. See page 12.