

## Oxford Fieldpaths Society Summer Walks Programme 2008

### APRIL 2008

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am SP561023 8 miles**

Meet at Grenoble Road, Greater Leys, Oxford (Watlington Road end). Please park in designated areas along the road. An easy going circular walk to the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay. Only two stiles. Please bring a picnic for lunch by a beautiful historic church. Val and John Forsdyke 01865 762058

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am SP523024 5 miles**

Meet at Kennington village hall for a pre AGM walk along the Thames Path towards Oxford and returning through South Hinksey. Pub lunch available afterwards in Kennington. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**AGM at Kennington village hall at 2.30pm.**

Followed by a talk with slides on the wildlife of Shotover Country Park - history, habits and conservation. Our guest speaker is Ivan Wright. Teas to follow.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am SP431094 10 miles**

Meet at the Clover Place public car park, Eynsham. A full day walk to the Hanboroughs, Mill Wood and Freeland. Pub lunch en route or bring a picnic. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

### **A note on walking the Green Belt Way.**

To commemorate the setting up of the Green Belt Way by the CPRE and the official opening by Boris Johnson MP in 2007, OFS is going to walk the whole 50-mile way in 7 stages in a clockwise direction. There is to be one stage per month on the second Saturday. As this is a linear walk we will meet at the end of each stage and use the minimum number of cars to shuttle all to the start of the walk. **To ensure that there is enough transport it is imperative that you contact the leader to say how many are coming and in what car.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP487094 8.1 miles**

**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 1.** Meet at Port Meadow bathing place car park, Wolvercote for car shuttle back to Cumnor. Route via Fitchampstead, Farmoor Reservoir, Swinford and Wytham Wood. Bring a picnic lunch. Sorry no dogs. John Eyre 01235 522276 or 01865 764151 **Please contact the leader if you are coming on the walk.**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am SU261945 5.8 miles**

Meet at the National Trust car park, Badbury Hill. An easy walk from Badbury Hill across farmland to the NT village of Coleshill and back via Great Coxwell and the Great Tith Barn. A few stiles. The walk will include a refreshment stop halfway round and pubs are available afterwards in Faringdon and Coleshill. Dogs to be kept on leads at all times please. John and June Henville 01367 820411

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>            7 - 9.30pm    SP523024**

**Navigation Course for OFS members at Kennington village hall**

This course, covering compass and map work with John Dawson, is open to all OFS members free of charge. Places are limited to a maximum of sixteen. Please apply to Sue Crisp 01856 553800 as soon as possible to reserve your place.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>        10am            SP152012                    6.5 miles**

Meet at the free car park in Fairford. "The Colne, a Cook, a Saint and a "Q"". Find the answers on this lovely Cotswold walk in the past. Take time to see the windows in the church afterwards. Pubs in Fairford at the end of the walk. Tim and Joyce Norris 01451 833668

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>                    Skittles Evening at Sturdy's Castle, near Tackley.**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>            10am            SU667873                    5 miles**

Meet at Nuffield church. Please park carefully nearby. This is the annual bluebell walk to Groveridge Woods, Digberry Lane and Park Wood. Only one stile. John Eyre 01235 522276

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>                10am            SP544132                    4 miles**

Meet at Noke, by the church. Please park carefully nearby. A short, flat walk on the western edge of Otmoor, from Noke, along the young River Ray, and across to Oddington. Pubs available in Islip afterwards. Janice Ure 01865 371985

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>                7.30pm Meeting for Croyde Bay trip at Cumnor Old School**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>            10am            SU736891                    7.5 miles**

Meet at the side of the road opposite the entrance to Stonor Park. Please park considerably nearby. A beautiful Chiltern walk with red kites by the dozen. Going via Turville Grange, Ibstone church and Stonor deer park. Fairly strenuous with three climbs. Please bring your own refreshments for en route break. Robert Yates 01865 711047.

**MAY 2008**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>                10.30am        SU559976                    4 miles**

Meet at Notcutts Garden Centre, Nuneham Courtenay. An easy going walk through Nuneham Parkland and Harcourt Arboretum. Café at the garden centre at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>                10am            SP386129                    6.5 miles**

Meet at North Leigh. Please park by The Green just past the post office, in Common Road. A circular walk taking in Wilcot and Ramsden. Possibly plenty of bluebells in the woods. Pubs available at the end of the walk. Roger and Linda Brogden 01865 373366

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> (bank holiday) 10am SU397881 10 miles**  
Meet at King Alfred's statue, Wantage market place. A circular walk via Lockinge, the Ridgeway and Letcombe Regis. Please bring a picnic lunch. Please use town car parks (fee payable) or bus 31 from Oxford and Abingdon. Jeff Lampert 01235 534000

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm SP564063 3.5 miles**  
Meet at Shotover Country Park car park, off Old Road, Headington. A short but hilly walk to view the bluebells and other spring flowers. Barry and Helen Burlingham 01865 245571

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP497148 7.2 miles**  
**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 2.** Meet at Kidlington church car park for the car shuttle back to Wolvercote. Route via the Oxford Canal to Thrupp, Hampton Gay and Hampton Poyle. Bring a picnic lunch. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800. **Please contact the leader if you are coming on the walk.**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am SP471354 6.5 miles**  
Meet at the church/library in Mill Lane, Adderbury. A circular walk from Adderbury via Barford St. John and Milton, returning along an old railway track. Three village pubs at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Liz Green and Mary Goodrum 01295 810771

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Residential Walking Trip to Croyde Bay Holiday Village in North Devon**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am SP487094 6 miles**  
Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A morning circular walk across Port Meadow, joining the Oxford Canal at Isis Lock and following it back for a stroll around the village. Sorry no dogs. Pubs available afterwards or bring a picnic. Bus No. 6, frequent service from city centre. Judith Secker 01865 512259

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am SP604287 6.5 miles**  
Meet at the village green in Fringford. Please park carefully but not actually on The Green. (Possible parking at the village hall). A walk to Shelswell, Cottisford and Hardwick. Pub at the end of the walk. Peter Harrison 01869 601452

**Spring Bank Holiday -d'Arcy Dalton Way**

Feeling at a loose end? Why not enjoy a three day linear jaunt along the northern part of the d'Arcy Dalton Way.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 11 miles**

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**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - 13 miles**

For further details and car sharing please contact John Eyre on 01235 522276.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am SP192130 6 miles**  
Meet at Windrush village, near the church, please park tidily nearby. A Cotswold walk along open country, with pretty bridges crossing streams. Some stiles. Pubs available after walk either in Little Barrington or Burford. Maurice Wenban 01865 250179

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am SU607894 6.2 miles**  
Meet at Wallingford town hall. Please use town car parks - fee payable. A mainly Thameside walk to Brightwell, Shillingford and Benson. Refreshment available in the town at the end of the walk. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

## **JUNE 2008**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am SP431094 8 miles**  
Meet at Clover Place free car park, Eynsham. A circular walk along the Thames Path towards Wytham and skirting Wytham Woods. Please bring a picnic. Several stiles. Sorry no dogs. Val and John Forsdyke 01865 762058

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm SP563159 4 miles**  
Meet at the church in Charlton on Otmoor. Please park tidily on the road nearby. A flat and easy going walk along country lanes and meadows. Pub at the end if required. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Day visit to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting - reserve date at the end of the month - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>).** Deposit of £2 (payable direct to the leaders) to cover administration costs. Please ring them for an information sheet.

**Meet at the Ferry Terminal, Lyminster at 9.30am.** (parking is available in the field opposite at a cost of £6) Allow 2 hours journey time from Oxford. Cost of day return passenger ticket from Lyminster to Yarmouth is approximately £15.

GR SZ333954. Length of the walk 10.5 miles. Sorry no dogs.

The walk starts at Yarmouth onto Freshwater Bay. Then long steep hill upwards (over one mile) to Tennyson Down and descending to Totland Bay, Colwell Bay and back to Yarmouth. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of fluids. Helen and Barry Burlingham 01865 245571 **Advanced registration essential.**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10am SP31227 8 miles**  
Meet at the public car park, off the A44 in Chipping Norton. A morning walk over rolling hills in the northern part of the county. Some stiles. Refreshment break en route and choice of food outlets in the town afterwards. Maurice Wenban 01865 250179

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am SU719887 6 miles**  
Meet near the bend at Maidensgrove Common. A hilly walk to Pishill and Russells Water. Joan Cockett 01235 835618

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP565112 8.6 miles**  
**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 3.** Meet at Beckley, please park tidily in the Main Street for car shuttle back to Kidlington church car park. Route via Gosford, Water Eaton, Sparsey Bridge and Elsfield. Bring a picnic lunch. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425. **It is essential to contact the leader prior to the walk.**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 10am SP438202 11.5 miles**  
Meet at Wootton, Woodstock., near the playing field. Please park tidily in the road nearby. A full day walk around the deserted villages of the Wootton and Barton area, to Ledwell, Steeple Barton and Dornford. Possible pub stop but advisable to bring your own food. David Godfrey 01865 514082

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm SP594125 4 miles**  
Meet at the church in Horton-cum-Studley. Please park carefully nearby. An evening walk across the fields and open spaces of Otmoor. Brian Colley 01865 240032.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am SP288328 10 miles**  
Meet at Long Compton near the church. Please use the car park behind the post office stores. A full day circular walk to Kings Brake Farm, Great Wolford, Mitford Bridge and Cherington. Pub stop en route or bring a picnic. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am SU424880 6.8 miles**  
Meet at the parking area in Ardington (note NOT the main car park). An easy walk up out of Ardington to the Ridgeway and back via Ginge and West Hendred. A refreshment break half way round. Pubs available in Wantage afterwards. Dogs to be kept on leads please at all times. John and June Henville 01367 820411

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm SP446167 4.5 miles**  
Meet at Hensington Road car park, Woodstock. A lovely evening walk from Woodstock to Wootton. Janice Ure 01865 371985

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am SP442014 6 miles**  
Meet at Appleton village hall car park. A delightful level and hill free walk through lush Thameside meadows from Appleton via Northmoor Lock, Bablock Hythe, West End fishponds and Northmoor village. Pub available in the village at the end, but limited food choice. Kelvin Fowler 01865 378590

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Reserve day for Isle of Wight trip.**

## **JULY 2008**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 10am SP305395 6 miles**  
Meet at the lay-by in Upper Brailes, near the Methodist Chapel. A circular walk across Brailes golf course to Cherington. A climb up Cherington Hill and back to Brailes. Fine views over undulating countryside. Pubs available for post walk lunch in Brailes. Geoff and Ann Mean 01295 680314

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am SP605285 6.5 miles**  
Meet at the Butchers Arms, Fringford. A walk taking in the "Lark Rise to Candleford" villages. Fairly level and easy going in lovely countryside. Pub at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm SU467917 4 miles**  
Meet at the North Star pub in Steventon, at the junction of the Causeway and Stocks Lane. Please park considerately in the village. An easy and varied village and countryside evening walk via Milton. Could be muddy in places if wet. Linda Parkin 01235 530493

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP581022 8.2 miles**  
**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 4** Meet at Garsington, the upper road near the Three Horsehoes public house for car shuttle back to Beckley. Route via Stanton St. John, Forest Hill, Shotover and Horspath. Bring a picnic lunch. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800. **Please contact the leader if you are coming on the walk.**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am SU691944 7.5 miles**  
Meet at Watlington Village (Hill Road) car park. A delightful walk in the Chilterns including a section on the Ridgeway and Icknield Way via Cookley Green and Swyncombe. Some hills. Please bring your own refreshments for en route break. Lewis Spiess 01844 281295

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm SP404015 4 miles**  
Meet at the Rose Revived public house, Newbridge, near Standlake. An evening walk via Northmoor and the Thames Path. Pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am SP158144 8 miles**  
Meet at Sherborne, Ewepens car park, (3 miles west of Burford on A40). A chance to discover this superb National Trust owned village, set amid lovely Cotswold countryside. Pub lunch en route at Great Rissington. Brian Colley 01865 240032

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm SU514975 4 miles**  
Meet at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Abingdon. Please park at the far end of the car park. An afternoon stroll around the town and river in Abingdon. No stiles or hills. Light refreshments available at the leisure centre after the walk. Sorry no dogs. Lorna 01235 525089

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am SU375991 13 miles**  
Meet at Hinton Waldrist church. Please park tidily in the village. A full day walk via the Thames Path, Buckland, Pusey and Charney Bassett. Please bring a picnic lunch. Jeff Lampert 01235 534000

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10am SP242272 8.5 miles**  
Meet at Adlestrop village hall car park (small fee payable). A ramble around north west Oxfordshire and its borders visiting Little Compton and Chastleton. Pub lunch stop option, but it is suggested to bring your own refreshments. Glyn Turner 01993 831340

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm SP733113 3.5 miles**  
Meet at Cuddington church. Please park neatly in the road. An easy summer evening walk along the River Thame and to Nether Winchenden. Pub at the end of the walk if desired. Roelie Reed 01844 353914

## **AUGUST 2008**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am SP965125 7.5 miles**  
Meet at Aldbury. Park near the duck pond. A walk in the Chilterns taking in Ivinghoe Beacon and woodlands. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. Pubs available at the end of the walk. Roger and Linda Brogden 01865 373366

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>                      2pm                      SP358196                      5.5 miles**

**Joint walk with the Charlbury Society**

Meet at the Spendlove car park, Charlbury. An afternoon walk from Charlbury via Wigwell nature reserve, Conygree Farm, Taston, Coldron Mill, Dean Grove and the Oxfordshire Way.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>    The Annual London Outing**

Meet at Thornhill Park and Ride, Headington, to catch the 8am Oxford Tube. A 4.5 mile walk through four London parks and following the trail to the Diana Memorial in Hyde Park. Full description and details from the leader Brian Colley 01865 240032

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>                      9.30am                      SU514975                      8.9 miles**

**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 5** Meet at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon. Please park at the far end of the car park for car shuttle back to Garsington. Route via Toot Baldon, Nuneham Courtenay, Nuneham Park, Culham Laboratory and the River Thames. Bring a picnic lunch. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425. **Please contact the leader if you are coming on the walk.**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SP502044                      5 miles**

Meet at Hinksey Heights Golf Club, southern by-pass, Oxford. Parking is signposted for walkers on the right hand side of the drive going up to the golf course. A circular walk via Chiswell Valley, Chiswell Farm and Youlbury Wood. Food available afterwards at the Caddy Shack, pre-order before the walk. Mavis 01865 361543

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>                      6.30pm                      SU761963                      3.5 miles**

Meet at the Kings Arms Hotel car park, Stokenchurch. An evening walk through the beautiful Radnage Valley, with a fairly steep descent and gradual ascent. Roelie Reed 01844 353914

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SP630029                      6.5 miles**

Meet at Great Milton post office. Please park tidily in the village. An easy going walk visiting the lovely stone and thatched villages of Great Milton, Great Haseley and Latchford. Lewis Spiess 01844 281295

**Thursday 21st                      10am                      SU459889                      6 miles**

Meet at the Plough public house, East Hendred. A morning walk from East Hendred to Ardington and Ginge. Pub lunch available at the finish. Joan Cockett 01235 835618

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>                      10am                      SU710936                      5.25 miles**

Meet at Watlington Hill car park. A lovely varied walk using parts of the Upper Icknield Way and Oxfordshire Way, going via Portways and Northend. Some hills. Lewis Spiess 01844 281295

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday Summer Social and Picnic at Kirtlington Village Hall.** The idea is for “A Bring-and-Share” meal after the walk, using the facilities of the village hall and sports field. Bring food and drink to the hall at 2.00pm before a choice of walks.

Walk one - 4 miles led by Lew Gammon - gentle pace - leaving at 3.00pm

Walk two - 6 miles led by Liz Adams - moderate pace - leaving at 2.30pm

5.30 - 7.30pm Picnic and social in the village hall.

Please contact Liz Adams on 01865 726031 in advance to indicate your food contribution towards the finger buffet

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 10am SP113068 6.5 miles**

Meet opposite Bibury Trout Farm. Park nearby, along the riverside. A Cotswold walk along exposed wolds, valleys, streams and villages, going via Ablington and the Saltway. Pub or café available at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10am SU648912 7.5 miles**

Meet at Ewelme sports field car park - beyond the school. A beautiful walk via Swyncombe Downs, St. Botolph Church and Ewelme Park. For the Fit! With three moderate climbs. Please bring refreshments for an en route break, but pub options near the end of the walk. Robert Yates 01865 711047

## **SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am SP387137 7 miles**

Meet at North Leigh church car park. A circular walk to Wilcote, Ramsden, Delly End, Poffley End and New Yatt. Pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Annual outing with coach transport to Stourhead Gardens in Wiltshire.** An 8 o'clock start from Pear Tree park and ride, Oxford. Visit the National Trust house and gardens preceded by a lovely forestry and meadows walk of 5 miles. Numbers limited. Full details and application form from the leader Brian Colley 01865 240032

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10am SP629064 6 miles**

Meet at Waterperry Gardens, near Wheatley. Please park in appropriate bays. A very flat morning walk via the Oxfordshire Way to Waterstock, Ickford and Worminghall. Café after the walk for lunches. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP495005 6.75 miles**

**Oxford Green Belt Way - Day 6.** Meet at Sunningwell car park adjacent to the Village Hall for car shuffle back to Abingdon. Route via the Thames Path to Radley and through the grounds of Radley College. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry no dogs. John Eyre 01235 522276. **Please contact the leader if you are coming on the walk.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SU306894                      7.7 miles**

Meet at the car park in Uffington. Please park tidily at end away from the hall. A linear walk to Lambourn, across the delightful Lambourn Downs, back to Uffington. To facilitate transport to Lambourn at the start of the walk, please call the walk leader on 01367 820411 no later than the day before the walk (a 14-seater minibus will be available at a cost of £1 per head). Picnic lunch advisable. John and June Henville 01367 820411

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>                      10.30am                      SP449033                      4.5 miles**

Meet at the Eight Bells pub car park, Eaton, near Cumnor. A flat easy walk with just a few stiles for those who prefer a short walk. Going to Cumnor, Besselsleigh, Appleton and Hengrove. Pub available at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> YHA weekend trip to Gradbach Hostel in the Peaks.  
Contact Gwyneth Tyson 01865 727501 for more information.**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SU425881                      6 miles**

Meet at Ardington village, at the parking area at the western end of School Road (not at Home Farm Industrial Units). A pleasant morning walk via West Ginge and the Hendreds, with the opportunity to visit the Ardington Millennium Sundial. (Ideal spot for a picnic). Pub or tea room at the end of the walk. John Asbridge 01235 524002

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>                      10am                      SP176154                      9 miles**

Meet at the National Trust water meadows car park at Northfield Barn, north of Sherborne village. A stroll around the water meadows in Sherborne Park (3miles), followed by a brisk walk to the Barringtons for lunch by the Windrush River. Pub stop (the Fox Inn) or picnic lunch. Gentle walk back along the Windrush valley to the car park. Tim and Joyce Norris 01451 833668

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>                      10.15am                      SU728854                      5 miles**

Meet at Bix village hall. Please park tidily nearby. This walk, taken at a very relaxed pace, goes via woodlands and hills towards Grey's Court. Margaret Eaves 01844 347252

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SP253123                      6 miles**

Meet at the public car park, near the church, in Burford. A lovely morning walk in the Cotswold countryside around Burford. Pubs and cafes in the town afterwards. Margaret Jones 01865 463996

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>                      10am                      SP244229                      6 miles**

Meet at the green, Bledington. A circular walk to the Westcotes, Idbury, Bould and Fosscote. Pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425