

Oxford Fieldpaths Society Summer Programme 2010

Bus and train friendly walks are marked with a #. Always check timetables yourself before travelling as schedules change.

APRIL 2010

Saturday 3rd 10am SU292866 9.3 miles

Meet at Uffington White Horse Hill National Trust car park. A down land walk, eastwards along the Ridgeway to Collett Bush, south to Seven Barrows and on towards Lambourn before turning back along the gallops to Uffington White Horse. Please bring a packed lunch. John and June Henville 01367 820411 07801710679

Sunday 4th 10am SU637968 7 miles

Meet at Chalgrove, in the car park behind the primary school, off the High Street. A circular walk to Brightwell Baldwin, Cuxham and Easington, with a return past Chalgrove Civil War battlefield site. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break. Pub at the end. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

Tuesday 6th 10am SP492191 5.5 miles

Meet at Kirtlington Golf Club car park. A pleasant, easy going walk taking in Bletchington and Kirtlington parks. Lunch at the club house afterwards. Val Forsdyke 01865 762581

Saturday 10th A full day outing to Dunstable Downs, Bedfordshire. 7 miles

Meet at Thornhill park and ride car park, Headington (SP566074) at **9.30 am** for car sharing to Dunstable Downs visitor centre (TL008198). A circular walk to Kensworth and Whipsnade, then joining the Icknield Way through the National Trust Tree Cathedral, returning along the ridge of the Downs. Please bring a packed lunch, and good refreshments afterwards at the visitor centre. Advisable to contact the leader in advance if you want to join this outing. Gwyneth Tyson 01865 727501

Sunday 11th 10am SP487094 5.5 miles

Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A joint walk with the Ramblers. A flat walk following the canal northward out of the village to Kidlington, then across fields to Yarnton. Sorry no dogs. Pubs in the village afterwards. # Bus no. 6 frequent service from city centre. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

Wednesday 14th 10am SP287112 5.5 miles

Meet at Asthall village near the church. Please park in the road with the avenue of trees. A pleasant circular walk taking in Widford and Swinbrook. Pubs at the end of the walk. Roger Brogden 01865 373366

Saturday 17th 11am SP523024 3 miles

Meet at Kennington village hall. Please park considerably to the right of the car park

only or use local side roads if possible. A very short pre-AGM walk, level and easy going, around Bagley Woods, courtesy of St. John's College. # Bus no. 35 from Oxford to Abingdon. Pub lunches available afterwards at the Tandem. Brian Colley 01865 240032

AGM at Kennington village hall at 2.30pm

Followed by a talk .Teas available afterwards.

Sunday 18th 10am SP663177 7.5 miles

Meet at the Green, Ludgershall. Please park carefully nearby. A circular walk through pleasant countryside. Sorry no dogs. Please bring a picnic. Pub at the end of the walk. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Wednesday 21st 10am SP587156 4.5 miles

Meet at the village hall in Murcot. Please park considerately nearby. An easy going Otmoor walk from Murcot to Merton, mostly on level tracks. Janice Ure 01865 371985

Friday 23rd Skittles Evening at Sturdy's Castle

Saturday 24th 10am SU647912 7.5 miles

Meet at Ewelme, at the free car park next to the cricket ground. An easy walk through the villages of Britwell Salome and Brightwell Baldwin, to visit Brightwell Park and the site of its previous manor. Please bring a picnic lunch. Roelie Reed 01844 353914

Sunday 25th 10am SP487094 9 miles

Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A full day walk through Wytham Woods to see bluebells, then descending to Swinford toll bridge, and finally back along the Thames towpath. Please bring a picnic and plenty to drink. Sorry no dogs as they are forbidden in the woods. # Bus no. 6 frequent service from city centre. Judith Secker 01865 512259

Monday 26th to Friday 30th April residential walking trip to Shropshire

Wednesday 28th 10am SU471920 6 miles

Meet at Steventon village hall car park. A morning walk to East Hendred. Joan Cockett 01235 835618

MAY 2010

Saturday 1st 10am SU667873 5 miles

Bank Holiday Weekend

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

Tuesday 4th 10am SP221205 8.5 miles

Meet at the church in Church Westcote village. Please park considerately nearby. A full

day walk following parts of the Oxfordshire Way going towards Bledington, Icomb and Wyck Rissington, then returning via Gacombe. Please bring a picnic lunch and after the walk there is a pub in Nether Westcote. Eme Pilgrim 01865 510900

Saturday 8th 10.15am SU927989 6 miles

Meet at Little Missenden village street, at the far end near to the Red Lion pub (now closed). Please park carefully nearby. A lovely Chiltern walk from the village via parkland to Old Amersham town. One steep ascent. Please bring some refreshment and pub at the end. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

Sunday 9th 10am SP578093 6 miles

Meet at Stanton St John, parking at the village hall. A pleasant circular walk taking in Holton and Forest Hill. Pub at the end of the walk. Roger and Linda Brogden 01865 373366

Wednesday 12th 7pm SP561163 3 miles

Meet on the Islip to Merton road, where Mansmoor Road and the Charlton-on-Otmoor village road meet at the crossroads. Please park carefully as directed by the leader. A short evening walk using a bridleway and footpath which are threatened with closure by Chiltern Railways plans for development. It is a use it or lose it walk. Returning via Wendlebury Meads, a SSSI site, possible orchids and butterflies. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

Sunday 16th 10am SU749761 6 miles

Meet at Sonning Eye, parking alongside the road. This circular walk goes between Sonning and Shiplake. We cross agricultural land around Binfield Heath, with views over the Thames valley. We return via Shiplake Copse (we may hear the cuckoo) and the Thames Path on the Oxfordshire bank. Please bring a picnic. Martin and Kazuyo Wischniewski 01628 416635

Wednesday 19th 6.30pm SP493020 4.5 miles

Meet at Boars Hill, by Oxford Preservation Trust land. An evening walk to Chiswell Farm cottages and the Wyvale Garden Centre on the Southern By-pass. Returning up Happy Valley to Chiswell Farm and Yatscombe Copse. John Dawson 01865 246458

Saturday 22nd 10am SP313270 17 miles

Meet at Chipping Norton Museum, opposite the top of New Street. Car users should park in Woodstock and get the bus to Chipping Norton. A linear walk from this town back to Woodstock via the Chalfords, Enstone, Kiddington House, Glympton, Cow Lane and Blenheim. Pub stop for lunch in Enstone and bring a snack for a picnic tea, also plenty to drink. # Bus S3 leaves Gloucester Green at 9.00am and arrives at Woodstock at 9.28am, then getting to Chipping Norton at 9.48am. Return buses back to the start or Oxford until late. David Godfrey 01865 514082

Tuesday 25th 6.30pm SU710935 4.5 miles

Meet at the National Trust car park at the top of Watlington Hill (Christmas Common). An evening walk, slightly hilly, to Northend through Chiltern beech woods. Pub at the end. Roelie Reed 01844 353914

Saturday 29th 10am SP521315 5 miles

Bank Holiday Weekend

Meet at Souldern, near Bicester. Please park tidily in the main street near the Fox Inn. A circular walk via Aynho, taking in the lovely Cherwell valley scenery. Easy going. Pub lunch available afterwards. Brian Colley 01865 240032

Saturday 29th to Monday 31st May residential trip walking the Mortimer Trail

JUNE 2010

Tuesday 1st 10am SU637968 6.25 miles

Meet at Chalgrove village car park. A lovely morning walk via Brightwell Baldwin and Berrick Salome. Optional pub lunch at the end. John Asbridge 01235 524002

Saturday 5th 10am SP451061 3 or 10 miles

Meet at Farmoor Reservoir car park (fee payable £2). It is the 30th anniversary of the Dedication of Farmoor Footpaths. Full circuit of the reservoir (3 miles) then continuing onto Cumnor and back via the Thames Path. Lunch stop at Cumnor but advisable to bring some refreshment. # If coming by bus please use S1 09.28am and walk back from Farmoor village. David Godfrey 01865 514082

Sunday 6th 10am SP487094 6 miles

Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A flat, easy going morning walk using the canal and Thames towpaths. Sorry no dogs. # Bus no.6 from city centre. Pubs available afterwards. Judith Secker 01865 512259

Wednesday 9th 7pm SP477117 3.5 miles

Meet at Yarnton church. Please park carefully in the lane nearby. A short evening walk across fields to Worton and back via Frogwelldown Lane. Janice Ure 01865 371985

Saturday 12th 10am SP630063 11 miles

Meet at Waterperry Gardens, near Wheatley, and use their car park. A full day level, circular walk going via the Oxfordshire Way and Thame Valley walk, through Waterstock, Albury, Rycote Chapel, Shabbington and Ickford. There will be an opportunity to visit the English Heritage Rycote Chapel afterwards (fee of £3.50). Please bring a picnic lunch. Eme Pilgrim 01865 510900

Sunday 13th 10am SU736890 7 miles

Meet at the entrance to Stonor Park. Please park at the side of the road opposite. As space

there is very limited please consider car sharing from leader's home and telephone in advance to make arrangements. A moderately strenuous walk with wonderful rewarding views, going via Turville Grange, Ibstone church, Turville, Southend and Stonor Park. Please bring a picnic lunch. Robert Yates 01865 711047

Wednesday 16th 10am SU378865 6 miles

Meet at Letcombe Regis village hall car park. A lovely morning walk to Letcombe Bassett and the Ridgeway. Joan Cockett 01235 835618

Thursday 17th 7pm SP447168 4.25 miles Meet at Hensington Road car park, Woodstock. An evening walk through the grounds of Blenheim Park, visiting Rosamund's Well and Park Farm. Pubs in Woodstock afterwards. John Eyre 01235 522276

Saturday 19th 10am SU683902 7.8 miles

Meet at Swyncombe church. Please park considerately nearby. A hilly walk via the Ridgeway, Russell's Water and Cookley Green. Sorry no dogs. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break. Barry 01865 245571

Tuesday 22nd 6.30pm SP484052 4.5 miles

Meet at Arnolds Way, near Matthew Arnold School, a turning off Cumnor Hill. Use the car park or park along the road. An evening walk from the playing fields by the school over Cumnor Hill towards Henwood Farm. Returning via Boars Hill, Youlbury Wood and Harcourt Hill. John Dawson 01865 246458

Thursday 24th 7pm SP404015 4 miles

Meet at the Rose Revived pub, at Newbridge. An evening walk to Northmoor and along the Thames Path. Sorry no dogs Michael Payton 01865 862425

Saturday 26th 10am SP287326 7 miles

Meet at Long Compton village hall on A4300 (midway through the village). A walk with fine country views over Oxfordshire and Warwickshire. Steep climbs in parts and returning via the Rollright Stones. # Bus Stagecoach X50 Oxford to Birmingham, check times. Sorry no dogs. Please bring refreshment for an en route stop. Liz Green and Mary Goodrum 01295 810771

Wednesday 30th 10.30am SP688019 4 miles

Meet at Tetsworth Cricket Ground car park. An easy going walk along the Oxfordshire Way to a golf course. Pub at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

JULY 2010

Saturday 3rd 10am SP476262 5 miles

Meet at Steeple Aston recreation ground car park. A circular, countryside walk along the Oxford Canal towpath and by the River Cherwell, across fields and via a quiet road. Four

stiles. Pub at the end. White Lion in the village. Sally Shepherd 01235 532418

Sunday 4th The Annual Outing to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting)

11 miles

An early start for a full day trip going from Lymington to Yarmouth as foot passengers. Cars parked at Lymington. A lovely walk to Freshwater Bay then up and over Tennyson Down, with plenty of refreshment breaks along the way. Sorry no dogs. Full details from Helen and Barry 01865 245571

Tuesday 6th 10am SP492191 5.5 miles

Meet at Kirtlington Golf Club car park. A pleasant, easy going walk, northward to Tackley, Northbrook and returning via Kirtlington Quarry. Lunch at the club house at the end of the walk. Val Forsdyke 01865 762581

Thursday 8th 7pm SU471920 4 miles

Meet at the village hall car park, The Green, Steventon. An evening ramble through Milton and Steventon, going along the "Causeway". Pubs in the village at the finish. John Eyre 01235 522276

Saturday 10th 10am SU825840 5 miles

Meet at the free public car park at the bottom of Hurley High Street. A short circular walk along the Thames Path to Marlow, returning via the Happy Valley, passing Temple Lock for the second time. Afterwards there is an opportunity of having a barbecue/picnic at the Lock Island public picnic area. Please bring your own barbecue facilities and food. Collect your cool box from the car. Also possible messing around on the river (at own risk). More details from Martin and Kazuyo Wischnewski 01628 416635

Sunday 11th 10am SP428494 10 miles

Meet at Farnborough, north of Banbury at the car park on the right of Avon Dassett Road. A circular full day walk with a few hills, not very steep, and lovely views. Please bring a picnic, and pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Thursday 15th 1.30pm SP495006 5 miles

Meet at Sunningwell village hall, opposite St. Leonard's church. Please park carefully nearby. An afternoon walk taken at a leisurely pace to Jarn Mound and Boars Hill. Dogs on leads please. Lorna 07989 222615

Saturday 17th 10am SP407333 9.5 miles

Meet at South Newington. Please park considerately at the bottom of the High Street in the village. A hilly walk in North Oxfordshire, through the villages of Barford St Michael and Great Tew, then climbing Iron Down Hill and Cow Hill. Please bring a picnic lunch. Elizabeth Adams 01865 726031

Sunday 18th 10.30am SP431094 7 miles

Meet at Clover Place car park, Eynsham. A circular walk going to South Leigh and the

surrounding countryside. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break. Sorry no dogs. Pubs at the end of the walk. # Buses S1 and S2 from Oxford - alight at Eynsham church. Judith Secker 01865 512259

Wednesday 21st 6pm SP595065 4.5 miles

Meet at Holton Sports Centre car park. A pleasant evening walk in the area around Holton. Gill Southgate 01865 361338

Saturday 24th An all day outing to Warwickshire.

A new linear walk of 7.5 miles has been created between two country house estates in Warwickshire - Compton Verney (art collections) and Charlescote Park (National Trust). The idea is to car share from Water Eaton park and ride and car shuffle, starting the walk at Compton Verney and finishing at Charlescote. There would be an opportunity to visit either property at the end of the walk (entrance fees would apply). A picnic lunch would be required and there may be a small charge for parking. More information from Sue Crisp 01865 553800

Wednesday 28th 10am SP487094 5.5 miles

Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A flat circular walk via the Thames Path towards the city, then joining the Oxford Canal, following the towpath back to the village. Pubs available afterwards. # Bus no 6 frequent service from city centre. Sheila Carmichael 01865 766636

Saturday 31st 10.30am SU667873 5.25 miles

Meet at Nuffield church. Please park carefully nearby. A circular walk via Ipsden Heath, Oakingham Bottom and English Lane. John Asbridge 01235 524002

AUGUST 2010

Sunday 1st 10am SU392813 9 miles

Meet at Fawley village green, south of Wantage. Car sharing is possible from Water Eaton park and ride at 8.45am. A literary walk, taken at a leisurely pace, entitled "In the Footsteps of Jude the Obscure". To the Letcombes passing landmarks of Hardy's novel with some short readings from the book. Pub lunch en route. Sorry no dogs. Elaine Steane 01865 552531

Tuesday 3rd The Annual London Outing

Meeting at Thornhill park and ride, Headington to catch the Oxford Tube to London Victoria. A 4.5 mile walk from Victoria to Southwark Cathedral along the South Bank, passing places of interest along the way including the London Eye at Westminster, Tate Modern, The Millennium Bridge and the Globe. Bring a picnic or there are plenty of places to have lunch. Returning from Bank Side to London Eye by water taxi (cost about £5.30). Then walking back to Victoria to catch the Oxford Tube. Numbers limited. To join this outing you must contact the leaders in advance to book a place. Brian Colley 01865 240032 Val Forsdyke 01865 762581

Saturday 7th 9.30am SP205325 9.5 miles

Meet at the clock tower in the centre of Moreton-in-Marsh. # Please consider using the train Cotswold line, 8.21am from Oxford arrives 8.58am, but check times. Some on-street parking (restricted time limits) also pay-and-display car parks in the town. A scenic Cotswold walk to Bourton-on-the-Hill, Blockley and Batsford. A few hills. Pub stop en route for lunch. Glyn Turner 01993 831340

Sunday 8th 10am SP463019 6.5miles

Meet at the lay-by at the Wootton turn on the A420 just past the Landrover Centre, Besselsleigh. A circular walk to Rowleigh, Cothill and Great Park. Sorry no dogs. Pub stop at the end of the walk. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Saturday 14th 10am SP502044 5 miles

Meet at Hinksey Heights golf club, Southern By-pass. Parking 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, Youlbury Wood. Meals available afterwards. You need to book with the leader prior to the walk. Mavis 01865 361543

Sunday 15th 10am SU424881 7 miles

Meet at the car park in Lockinge, opposite the Ardington road junction. A fairly gentle climb to the Ridgeway Path, following a level section then descending back to Lockinge estate village. Please take your own refreshments for an en route break. A pub is available in Ardington near the end of the walk. Robert Yates 01865 711047

Wednesday 18th 10am SP561196 5 miles

Meet at Wendlebury village centre. Please park carefully nearby. A circular walk from Wendlebury going onto Otmoor. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Saturday 21st 10am SU715975 5 miles

Meet at Ye Olde Leathern Bottel pub, Lewknor. Use pub car park if staying for lunch otherwise park considerately in the village. A circular walk taking in the escarpment of the Chiltern Hills. Going via Cowleaze Wood, Langleygreen Plantation and Beacon Hill with its views over the Vale. Pub lunch afterwards. # Oxford Tube service from Gloucester Green bus station. Alight at Lewknor Turn, then short walk to the village. Jim Parke 01865 730664

Tuesday 24th 10am SP312346 8 miles

Meet at Whichford church, please park carefully nearby near the Green. A hilly walk to Brailles and to see the Cathedral of the Fields parish church. Possible pub stop in Brailles. The return will be via Groves End below Brailles Hill, to Sutton-under-Brailles and onto the Stour valley back to Whichford. Please bring refreshments for an en route break. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

Saturday 28th 10am SP519037 10 miles

Meet at Redbridge park and ride bus station. A circular full day walk to Boars Hill, Radley and the Thames Path. Please bring a picnic and pub stop possibly at Sunningwell. # Buses nos. X2 X3 X13 from Oxford or Abingdon. Jeff Lampert 01235 534000

Monday 30th

Bank Holiday Monday Summer Social and Picnic at Kirtlington Village Hall. The idea is for a “**Bring-and-Share**” meal after the walks, using the facilities of the village hall and sports field. Please bring food and drink to the hall at 2pm. Walks will start soon after: Walk one - 4 miles led by Lew Gammon at a leisurely pace and Walk two - 6 miles led by Elizabeth Adams at a moderate pace. 4.45pm to 6.45pm buffet and social in the village hall. Contact Sue Crisp 01865 553800

SEPTEMBER 2010

Saturday 4th Annual Outing by coach to the Malvern Hills and Worcester city

A fairly early start from Peartree park and ride bus station going to the Malvern Hills for a lovely morning walk (about 5 miles) with good views. Then a pub lunch before going by coach onto Worcester for a 2.5 mile trail of the city sights and River Severn. Teas available in the city. Places limited so it is important to contact the leader, Elizabeth Adams 01865 726031, well in advance to find out more information and to reserve a place.

Sunday 5th 10am SP412159 7.5 miles

Meet at Combe village green. Please park along side the stone wall. A pleasant circular walk taking in the North Leigh Roman villa, Stonesfield and part of Blenheim Park. Pub at the end of the walk. Roger and Linda Brogden 01865 373366

Wednesday 8th 10am SP288327 6.5 miles

Meet at Long Compton in the car park behind the Post Office stores by the church. A figure of eight walk in a beautiful area with a few hills. Sorry no dogs. Pub at the end of the walk. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Saturday 11th 10am SP571046 7.5 miles

Meet at Horspath village hall car park. A hilly walk from Horspath via the Green Belt Way to Garsington and across fields to Denton, and Cuddesdon. Continuing via Wheatley windmill and Littleworth then up over Shotover Hill. Can be muddy. Possible one mile extension around the village nature trail along the old railway cutting and tunnel. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break. Pub also available afterwards. # Bus no. 103/104 hourly service - please check times. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

Sunday 12th 10am SU584861 11.75 miles Please note that this is a linear walk using train travel. Meet at the car park in front of Cholsey station. A linear walk from Cholsey to Goring along the Oxfordshire/Berkshire border, following the ancient Ridgeway on the Berkshire Downs. Then along the Thames Path from Moulesford to Goring. Bring a picnic and plenty of water. Trains run hourly from Oxford to Cholsey and

you can return from Goring. Please check times before setting out (9.04am from Oxford) and advisable to contact the leaders in advance. Martin and Kazuyo Wischnewski 01628 416635

Saturday 18th

Morning walk 10am SP730332 4.5 miles

Meet at Thornborough old medieval bridge recreational car park, 2 miles east of Buckingham just off the A421 road. An interesting morning walk passing some historical sites including a disused arm of the Grand Union canal, Roman and Iron Age remains, also a remote reservoir nature reserve. Bring a picnic lunch then travel a short way for the afternoon walk. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

Afternoon walk 2.15pm SP674326 2.5 miles

Meet at Stowe Landscaped Gardens visitor centre. Free car parking. A walk around the ancient deer park of the estate. After, an opportunity to visit the National Trust Gardens with ornamental lakes and monuments (fee payable for non members). Possible further 3 mile walk. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

Wednesday 22nd 10am SP409221 9 miles

Meet at Kiddington cross roads on the A44 in the lay-by. A circular walk into Ditchley Park, then Enstone, Clevely and Radford. Please bring a picnic. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

Saturday 25th 10am SP599032 12.5 miles

Meet at Cuddesdon High Street, please park carefully, reasonably near the church. An all day walk through seven villages in the Oxford hills and the Thame valley. Going via Garsington, Denton and Toot Baldon. At Marsh Baldon there may be a pub stop, then onto Chiselhampton, crossing the River Thame before entering Stadhampton. Proceeding to Ascott Park, Little Milton and Cuddesdon Mill. Please bring a picnic lunch/tea and plenty to drink. Pub available at the end of the walk for well earned refreshment. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

Sunday 26th 3pm SP512065 7 miles

Meet outside the Randolph Hotel, Magdalen Street, Oxford city centre. # This is a bus walk. Catching Bus 59 to Langford Locks, Kidlington then walking back along the canal to the city centre. Please bring a picnic tea. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

Tuesday 28th September to Saturday 2nd October residential visit to Hope Cove