

## Oxford Fieldpaths Society Winter Programme 2009/2010

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

### **OCTOBER 2009**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am SP395175 7.2 miles**

Meet at Stonesfield village hall car park. A walk around the villages of the Evenlode valley, to Fawler and Wilcote, with lovely views and varied scenery. Please bring refreshments for an en route break. Elizabeth Adams 01865 726031

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am SP452062 6 miles**

Meet at Farmoor Reservoir car park. Fee payable, possibly £1 or more. A watery themed walk, walking around the reservoir to join the Thames Path near Pinkhill Lock. Following the meandering towpath to Bablock Hythe and returning via Upper Whitley Farm. Sorry no dogs. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am SP357152 8 miles**

Meet at the centre of Ramsden, near Witney. Please park carefully near the war memorial. A circular walk going via Topples Wood and crossing the course of a Roman road to Wilcote. Continuing south towards North Leigh and returning north via the Wychwood Way. Please bring a picnic. # Stagecoach bus S1 from George Street, Oxford leaves at 8.17am to Witney, arriving at 8.48am. Change onto X9, leaves 9.02am and arrives Ramsden 9.10am. Return 3.36pm or 4.36pm. Please re-check times. Eme Pilgrim 01865 510900

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11.30am SP566074 4 miles**

Meet at Thornhill park and ride, Headington. **This is a linear walk using buses** to return to the start. The walk follows the old London Road over Shotover, past former brick kilns to reach the recently restored windmill at Wheatley (last day of opening for 09) and onto the A40 bus stop in the village. Please bring a picnic. # Bus possibilities are P & R 400, Arriva 280 to Aylesbury and Brookes bus 1. Patricia Wright 01865 249235

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SU720888 5 miles**

Meet at the bend in the road on Russell's Water Common. Please park on the grass verge. A pleasant walk in the Chiltern hills through woods and farmland. Two stiles. There are a number of steep ascents and descents. John Eyre 01235 522276

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 10am SP509064 10 miles**

Meet at Gloucester Green bus station, Oxford. A full day walk to Wolvercote, Marston and the Cherwell valley. Pub lunch en route. # Frequent buses start and end at Gloucester Green. David Godfrey 01865 514082

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am SU744909 6 miles**

Meet at Turville Heath, at the junction of roads from Stonor and Turville. There is parking nearby up a gravel road. A circular walk passing through typically charming Chiltern villages and beech woods with some lovely views from high ground. Going to the hamlet of Pishill and onto Stonor to see the manor house and parkland. Please bring a picnic. Martin and Kazuyo Wischnewski 01628 416635

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am SP564112 5.5 miles**

Meet at Beckley and park near to the Abingdon Arms pub. A pleasant circular walk

taking in Otmoor, Horton cum Studley and the Oxfordshire Way. Pub at the end of the walk. Roger Brogden 01865 373366

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am SU966919 6 miles**

Meet at the Holy Trinity church, Seer Green, near Beaconsfield. Please park carefully in the village. A lovely Buckinghamshire walk in woodland and urban areas around Chalfont St. Giles. Possible pub at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am SP487094 6 miles**

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

## **NOVEMBER 2009**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am SP412159 6.75miles**

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

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10am SP544132 4 miles**

Meet at Noke church. Please park considerately nearby. A flat, shorter walk from Noke to Oddington, skirting Otmoor, and crossing the young River Ray. Pubs in Islip after the walk. Janice Ure 01865 371985

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SU498971 8 miles**

Meet at the market place in central Abingdon. **This is a joint linear walk** with OFS and the Ramblers. It starts in Abingdon and follows the Thames Path past Radley, Sandford and Iffley, then back to the city centre. Pub lunch at Sandford en route or bring a picnic. Sorry no dogs. # Fast express bus to return to Abingdon. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10am SP562158 5 miles**

**This is a “use it or loose it walk” due to the proposed rail crossing footpath closures by Chiltern Railways on the Oxford, Islip and Bicester line. Please support this walk.**

Meet at Charlton on Otmoor High Street, adjacent to the church. Please park carefully nearby. The walk goes towards Weston-on-the-Green, but turns near the M40/A34 off to Wendlebury Meads and Mansmoor Closes, also called Woodmeadow Nature Reserve, a SSI, then returns to Charlton via Mansmoor Lane Bridleway. Paths are rough and there are some stiles, one difficult, but this may be the last chance to see this corner of Otmoor. Pub available at the end of the walk. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am SP270270 5.5 miles**

Meet at Cornwell, in the lay-by beside the post box. Please park carefully. A scenic easy going walk between Cornwell and Churchill, across an open valley, using fields paths and quiet roads. Only one stile. Lovely Cotswold views. Sorry no dogs. Pubs in nearby villages at the end of the walk. Liz Green and Mary Goodrum 01295 810771

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am SP502044 5 miles**

Meet at Hinksey Heights golf club, off the Southern Bypass, Oxford. Parking is signposted for walkers on the right hand side of the drive going up to the club house.

A circular walk via the Chiswell valley, Chiswell Farm and Youlbury Wood. Food available afterwards at the Caddy Shack. Pre-order before the walk. Mavis 01865 361543

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.40am SP357194 9 miles**

Meet at the Bell Hotel, in Charlbury. This is intended as a bus walk but if coming by car please get to the Spendlove car park by 9.30am and walk down hill to the starting point. The walk is circular and goes through Wychwood Forest and will commemorate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Confirmation of Creation Order 21/11/1988. Pub lunch en route. # Buses from Witney and Chipping Norton arrive at 9.25am and a bus from Oxford arrives at 9.30am. Please check times. Trains also stop at Charlbury. David Godfrey 01865 514082

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SU663829 5 miles**

Meet at the Four Horseshoes pub, in Checkendon, and use their car park. A circular walk to see the autumn colours, passing Stoke Row, Wyfold Court and Heath End. Optional pub lunch at the end. John Asbridge 01235 524002

## **DECEMBER 09**

**REMINDER - the annual subscription will be increased to £10 on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please inform your bank or building society to change your standing order the new amount.**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am SP571046 8.5 miles**

Meet at Horspath village hall car park. A hilly walk from Horspath via the Green Belt Way to Garsington and then field paths to Denton, Cuddesdon, Castle Hill Farm and Wheatley High Street. Return to Horspath via Shotover House and Horspath Common. Can be muddy. Five stiles. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break. Pub available afterwards. # 103/104 hourly bus service from Oxford. Please check times. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am SU579940 6.5 miles**

Meet at Dorchester car park, near the bridge. A walk via Wittenham Clumps, Shillingford, Warborough and Overy. It may be modified if flooding occurs. Sorry no dogs. Pubs at the end of the walk. Barry 01865 245571

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am SP436186 7 miles**

Meet at the lay-by at the Wootton junction on the A44 one mile north of Woodstock. A walk to Woodstock, then in and around Blenheim Park, onto Combe, returning through the park again. Pubs in the town afterwards. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am SU927989 6 miles**

Meet at Little Missenden village street, near the Red Lion pub (now closed). Please park carefully nearby. A lovely Chiltern walk from the village to Old Amersham town, via parkland. Pub at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am SP292919 4.5 miles**

Meet at Fernham, off A420 near Faringdon, by the Woodman Inn. Use their car park if staying for lunch, otherwise park carefully nearby. A picturesque walk via Little Coxwell with a few gentle ups and downs. Pub afterwards. Brian Colley 01865 240032

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am SP564063 4 miles.**

**A Boxing Day Stroll.** Meet at Shotover Hill Country Park car park, at the top of Old Road, Headington. A short post Christmas walk to Horspath and return. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SP387137 6 miles**

Meet at North Leigh church. Please park considerately in the vicinity. A walk going to East End, Stonesfield, Ashford Bridge and Holly Farm. If the river is in flood there is an alternative walk. Pub available at the end. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

## **JANUARY 2010**

**The annual subscription is due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and is now £10.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am SP462194 6 miles**

Meet and park in the large lay-by just past Sturdy's Castle pub, on the A4260 north of Kidlington. A pleasant New Year walk taking in Wootton and Woodstock. Pub at the end of the walk. Roger and Linda Brogden 01865 373366

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am SP497148 4 miles**

Meet at the parish church in Kidlington. Please park in the car park behind the church. A short, easy and almost level walk via Hampton Gay, Shipton-on-Cherwell, the Oxford Canal and Thrupp. Pubs nearby at the end of the walk. Robert Yates 01865 711047

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SP431094 6 miles**

Meet at Clover Place car park, Eynsham. A circular walk to City Farm, Church Hanborough and Freeland. Pubs at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. # Buses S1 and S2 every 15 minutes alight at Eynsham church. Please check times. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10am SU683902 7.8 miles**

Meet at Swyncombe church. Please park considerately in the vicinity, remembering there might be a service. 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

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am SP355330 6 miles**

Meet at the church in Hook Norton. Please park carefully in the nearby streets. An undulating walk in scenic Cotswold country in and around the village. Pubs available afterwards. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 10am SP481158 4.5 miles**

Meet at Thrupp, near the Boat Inn. Please park carefully in the lane leading to the village. Going via Shipton-on-Cherwell across fields to Hensington and returning via the canal towpath. Only one stile. Easy going pace. Pub at the end. # Oxford to Banbury buses stop on the main road near the village. Janice Ure 01865 371985

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 10am SU667873 7.75 miles**

Meet at Nuffield church. Careful parking is required nearby please. The route descends alongside Grim's Ditch before turning south to Ipsden. Return via Hailey and Homer Farm. Pub stop or picnic en route at Hailey. John Eyre 01235 522276

## **FEBRUARY 2010**

**Reminder. Have you paid your subscription of £10?**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SP477206 6.5 miles**

Meet at Tackley village car park. A circular walk in the Dorn valley area. Pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Michael Payton 01865 862425

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am SP202035 6.5 miles**

Meet at Southrop, 2.5 miles north of Faringdon, off the A361 to Burford. Please park tidily in the main street. A lovely Cotswold walk along the Leach River valley to Akeman Street, returning via Eastleach Turville for a pub or picnic lunch en route. Brian Colley 01865 240032

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am SU555796 8 miles**

Meet at Aldworth village centre. Please park carefully nearby. A hilly walk on the Ridgeway and along Aston Upthorpe Downs to Chalk Hill Bottom. Please bring some refreshment for an en route break and food available at the Bell pub afterwards. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am SU647912 6.5 miles**

Meet at the free car park, next to the cricket ground in Ewelme. Follow signs through the village. A circular walk from the historical village via Swyncombe, possibly seeing snowdrops around St. Botolph's church, then along the Ridgeway and coming back via Ewelme Park. Please bring a picnic. Martin and Kazuyo Wischnewski 01628 416635

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.45am SP252116 6.75 miles**

Meet at the roundabout on the A40 at Burford, at the bus shelter. **This is a linear walk.** Please use buses only and make this a car free walk from Burford to Minster Lovell. The trail goes along the Windrush valley passing wildlife sites. Please keep dogs on short leads at all times. Lunch stop at the finish at the White Hart and possible coffee stop at Swinbrook. Catch the 9.00am Swinbrook company bus no 853 from St. Giles in Oxford to reach Burford at 9.45am. Hourly buses return to Oxford from Minster Lovell. Patricia Wright 01865 249235

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am SU416773 8.5 miles**

Meet at the car park adjacent to the Ibex pub in Chaddleworth (best to park at the end away from the pub). A varied walk on the North Wessex Downs taking in the villages of Chaddleworth, Peasemore and Leckhamstead. Pub lunch en route. John and June Henville 01367 820411 / 07801710679

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am SP412160 5.5 miles**

Meet at the village green in Combe. Please park by the stone wall. An easy going walk through gently rolling countryside passing the North Leigh Roman Villa. Pub at the end of the walk. Lew Gammon 01865 766407

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10am SP434142 7 miles**

Meet at Long Hanborough railway station car park. **This is a linear walk** from Long Hanborough through Pinsley Wood, to Church Hanborough and Eynsham, then along the Thames Path and the Oxford Green Belt Way ending at Lower Wolvercote. Pubs available in the village after the walk. # Stagecoach bus route no 11 from Oxford to Long Hanborough and Oxford Bus Company no 6 from Wolvercote to city centre. Please ring the leader in advance to pre-book your place on this walk. Jim Parke 01865 730664

## MARCH 2010

**Saturday 5th                    10am    SP640170    6.7 miles**

Meet at Piddington church. Please find a suitable parking space in the village. Walking south from the village to part of Bernwood Forest and Boarstall, past Boarstall Wood towards Brill and returning via Muswell Hill. Please bring refreshments for an en route break. Elizabeth Adams 01865 726031

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>                        10am    SP487094    6 miles**

Meet at Port Meadow car park, Wolvercote. A flat easy going walk following some of the waterways within Oxford city boundaries. Sorry no dogs. # Frequent no 6 service to Wolvercote from the city centre. Pubs available afterwards. Judith Secker 01865 512259

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>                    10.30am SU531763    6 miles**

Meet at The White Hart pub in Hampstead Norreys. A pleasant circular walk in the area of the Berkshire Downs. Pub lunch available at the end of the walk. John Asbridge 01235 524002

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>                10am    SP449033    6 miles**

Meet at the Eight Bells pub, in Eaton. A circular walk to Bablock Hythe, Lower Whitley Farm, Filchampstead and Cumnor. If the Thames is in flood an alternative walk will be taken. Pub at the end of the walk. Sorry no dogs. Micheal Payton 01865 862425

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>                    10am    SU397871 10.25 miles**

Meet at the recreation park car park, off Newbury Street, Wantage. A delightful walk from Wantage towards the Ridgeway via the Letcombes and back to the town. It goes via Childrey, Challow and the disused (but under renovation) Wilts and Berks Canal. Several stiles. Pub lunch stop in Childrey and alternative arrangements for those with picnics. John and June Henville 01367 820411/07801710679

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>                    10am    SP754010    8.5 miles**

Meet at Chinnor public library car park. A gentle walk via the Ridgeway to Bledlow, onto Henton for a pub lunch and back to Chinnor. Some stiles. Roelie Reed 01844 353914

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>                        10am    SP611115    6.5 miles**

Meet at Bernwood car park, off the Oakley to Horton-cum-Studley Road. A level walk through Bernwood Forest Nature Reserve, Shabbington Wood and across Waterperry Common. Returning via the Oxfordshire Way, around Waterperry Wood, Drunkards Corner, Polecat End and avoiding Hell's Coppice. May be muddy and with 4 stiles. Pubs available afterwards at Worminghall and Oakley. Peter Ewart 01865 874397

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>                10am    SU231976    6 miles**

Meet at the free National Trust car park in Buscot village, off the A417. A flat walk in the beautiful area of the Upper Thames, visiting Buscot Weir and Kelmscott village, summer home of William Morris, the designer. Sue Crisp 01865 553800

**The AGM is at Kennington Village Hall on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

