

**BEDFORD RAMBLING
CLUB**

(Affiliated to H.F. Holidays)

**Programme of Sunday walks and Social Events
January - April 2016**

Walks with an asterisk (*) meet at **Bedford Bus Station** to get a bus to the start of the walk. Some walks will have a meeting point at **St. Peter's Church, DePary's Avenue, Bedford** to share lifts to the start, other walks will meet where the walk starts from, so members will have to make their own arrangements.

Notes from The President

- ⤴ Leaders' mobile phone numbers, which are only to be used on the day of a walk.
- ⤴ Bus times etc. are correct at time of printing but please check prior to departure.
- ⤴ Have you paid your subscription? which was due in October. See note at end of programme.
- ⤴ Go Outdoors offer with their store card: Get an extra 10% off on production of your membership card.

There are walks on Monday mornings. For these walks you need your own transport to the starting point. See attached programme or contact Bev 01234 768974.

Non-members are welcome to walk with us (at their own risk) but we ask that if you come on more than two or three walks you join for the year.

For further information re subscription etc. and copies of this programme please contact Christine on 01234 360769 or by email brclub75@yahoo.co.uk

JANUARY 2016

Friday 1 January - Happy New Year! - A morning walk of 4/5 miles from Harold/Odell Country Park. **Leave St. Peter's 10.00am** for shared transport, or if going direct to the park **leave there at 10.30**. There is a possibility of light refreshments in the cafe at the end of the walk. LEADER - John 01234 824959/079443 79668.

Sunday 3 January - A local morning walk, no transport needed. **Leave St. Peter's at 9.30am.** LEADER - Gill 01234 261377/07814 851314.

Sunday 10 January - A walk of approximately 2 hours. **Meet Kempston Church End (SP012478) to leave at 10.00am.** LEADER - Bev 01234 768974 (no mobile).

***Sunday 17 January** - Bromham to Bedford via Kempston Church End. **Bus 40, stop C at 10.15am** arriving at The Swan Bromham at 10.29. Walk 7 miles back to Bedford or after 4 miles to catch the bus back from Kempston Mill. Bring some lunch. LEADER - Brenda 01234 262026/07851 385878.

***Sunday 24 January** - Cotton End to Cople. **Bus 72, stop F at 9.30am** (Hitchin Bus). We will walk through fields to join the old railway line, go uphill to the Greensand Ridge and have a coffee break above the tunnel, then along the ridge and downhill across fields to catch the **73 bus at 1.38pm** from Cople Church back to Bedford. Bring some lunch. LEADER - Nick 01234 219437/07941 4017730 .

***Sunday 31 January** - A Wootton walk. **Bus 53, stop D at 9.35am**, arrives Wootton Village Hall at 9.58am to start a morning walk from there at **10.00am**. Return bus leaves 8 minutes past the hour. LEADER - Rachel 01234 764669 (no mobile).

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday 7 February - Meet Radwell (SP005573) at 10.00am for a 5.5 mile morning walk. LEADER - Sue 01234 854628/07788 193900.

Monday 8 February - A visit to the observatory and planetarium in the grounds of Bedford School. **Meet at 6.50pm by the entrance to the playing field in Pemberley Avenue.** The maximum number for this visit is 19. Wear warm clothing. See attached slip to complete and send to John no later than the 29 January 2016.

Sunday 14 February - A bus/local walk. **Leave St. Peter's at 9.30am.** LEADER - David 01234 218989/07729 882852.

Sunday 21 February - Woburn, one of the best snowdrop displays. **Park in Woburn car park (opposite church) to leave at 10.00am** for a walk through the woods of approximately 4 miles, back 12.00/12.30pm. LEADER - Bev 01234768974 (no mobile).

Sunday 28 February - A walk in the Stagsden area of approximately 2-3 hours. **Leave St. Peter's at 9.30am or meet at Stagsden Church to leave at 10.00am.** LEADER - John 01234 824959/07944 379668.

MARCH 2016

Sunday 6 March - A local morning walk. **Meet St. Peter's at 9.30am.** No transport needed. LEADER - Scott 01234 328385/07526 160518.

Sunday 13 March - A morning walk in Broom. **Park by the Cock Pub (SP172427) to leave at 10.00am.** LEADER - Judith 01767 640782/07505 158701.

Sunday 20 March - An extended walk of 6-8 miles around Turvey. **Park in the layby at Turvey Bridge (SP936524) to leave at 10.00am.** We will be walking to the east of Turvey, and both to the north and south of the A428. LEADER - Peter 01933 276810 (no mobile).

Sunday 27 March - Easter Sunday, no walk today.

APRIL 2016

Sunday 3 April - Harrold Country Park approximately 5 miles. **Meet Harrold Country Park to leave at 10.00am.** LEADER - Pat (back from Australia). Mobile - 07787 893047.

Sunday 10 April - Primroses at Riseley. **Meet in the car park at Riseley Village Hall to leave at 10.00am** for a morning walk. LEADER - Rose 01234 708359/07733 243972.

Sunday 17 April - Morning Springtime ramble of 3-4 miles on the new Biddenham Heritage Trail to see "fields with a cloth of gold". **Leave St. Peter's at 9.30am.** LEADER - Ron 01234 360904/07849 159344.

***Sunday 24 April** - Spring flowers at the RSPB. **Bus 73 from Bay F at 10.05am** arrives Sandy 10.41am. If going by car use Market Place car park off High Street opposite the Parish Church ready to **leave car park at 10.45am.** To have longer in the reserve we will catch the bus back to Bedford at 15.13. Bring some lunch. LEADER - Clare 01767 640623/07754 521841.

Committee and Officers 2016

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TREASURER - Scott Geddis

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PROGRAMME SECRETARY - Vacant position

COMMITTEE - Peter Atkinson, Lydia Quilty

Please note that a Programme Secretary is still required, also another committee member *please give this your consideration.*

Subscription note - To pay your annual subscription please make your cheque out to Bedford Rambling Club; £7.00 single, £10.00 household (seniors £6.00 and £8.00) and send it together with your name, address, phone and/or email address to:

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**Visit to Bedford School Observatory and Planetarium
on Monday 8 February 2016**

I/We wish to come to the Observatory. I/We need/can offer a lift.

Name(s).....

Address.....

.....Tel No.....

*Return to John Dixon, 30 Hunts Path, Oakley, Bedford MK43 7SR.
Phone: 01234 824959 **no later than 29 January 2016.***

See attached information re Annual Walking Weekend. Deposits
need to be sent to Rachel before the end of January 2016.