

**BEDFORD RAMBLING
CLUB**

(Affiliated to H.F. Holidays)

**Programme of Sunday Walks
September-December 2017**

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 or arrange for a lift.

- ⤴ Leaders' mobile phone numbers, are only to be used on the day of a walk
- ⤴ Don't forget to contribute to driver if sharing a lift towards cost of petrol, usually £2.00
- ⤴ **See notes regarding social events**
- ⤴ Subscriptions to be paid on or before the 31 October, 2017
- ⤴ See note from Mary regarding Saffords Day Coach Trips
- ⤴ Beds Walking Festival 9-17 September see website:-
bedswalkfest.co.uk

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 moochmum@yahoo.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday 3 September - Yardley Hastings, a 5.5 mile walk towards Easton Maudit passing through Horn Wood. **Meet by village green at 10.00am** - LEADER Sue 01234 854628/07788 193900.

Sunday 10 September - Addison Park to Kempston Mill, a 5 mile walk. **Park in top car park in Addison Park at 10.00am** - LEADER Scott 01234 328385/07526 160518.

Sunday 17 September - Ampthill to Maulden, a circular walk about 5.5 miles of easy walking with the option to add or cut a mile or so. **Park in Ampthill Park car park (the one with the cafe and toilets) this is on the right coming out of Ampthill on B530 Woburn Road meet at 10.00am** - LEADER Gerry 01234 767729/07902 451123.

Sunday 24 September - RSPB Sandy this is a pleasant walk around the bird sanctuary of 4-5 miles. **Park in Market Place car park, off High Street (opposite parish church) meet at 10.00am** - LEADER Clare 01767 640965/07754 521841.

*****SOCIAL EVENING - WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER*****

At Bellini's Italian Restaurant, Clapham - the cost of this is £9.90 for a starter and main course, the table is booked for 6.45pm. Please let Christine know before the 20 September if you would like to come along, if you need a lift or are able to give a lift.

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1 October - Oakley, an easy walk, no stiles exploring the back streets of Oakley and Clapham including some fields and woods if it's not too muddy. **Meet Bedford Arms, Oakley at 10.00am** - LEADER Sue 01234 822760/07880531517.

Sunday 8 October - Tilbrook, a walk from Tilbrook through Tilbrook Bushes to Spanoak Wood, returning via Tilbrook Church, circa 5.5 miles. **Meet at the lay-by (TL085687) on the right hand side of Tilbrook Road from Kimbolton to Tilbrook at 10.00am** - LEADER Peter 01933 276810/07799 697661.

Sunday 15 October - Poddington 5.5 walk, **park in the Garden Centre to meet at 10.00am** - LEADER Pat 07787 893047

Sunday 22 October - Broom, a walk of 5 miles. **Park near The Cock Inn or round the village green meet at 10.00am** - LEADER Brenda - 01767 640623/07934 240325

*****FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER AGM *****

This will take place at **PUTNOE HEIGHTS CHURCH** to start at **7.15pm**. There will be a bring and share supper, tea and coffee provided, please bring a small plate of food to share. There is parking at the rear of the church or in the nearby car park of the shops in **Putnoe Heights**. Please come and support your Club and have a chat, the Committee will be happy to hear your comments and suggestions for the Club. If anyone needs a lift or can give a lift please let Christine know before the 20 October.

Sunday 29 October - Wootton, about a 2 hour walk along footpaths that are useable, **meet at Village Hall at 10.00am** - LEADER Bev 01234 768974.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5 November - Harrold, a 5/6 mile walk passing Chellington Church, Freers Wood, Monks Wood, Greens Spinney and Odell. **Leave St. Peter's Church at 9.30am or meet in car park of Harrold Country Park at 10.00am** - LEADER John 01234 824959/07944 379668.

Sunday 12 November - Ridgemont, about 5 miles skirting around Woburn estate and Segenhoe, **meet Rose and Crown in Ridgemont at 10.00am** - LEADER Liz 01525 713284/079234 10435

Sunday 19 November - No walk today but a tour of the highlights at The Higgins Museum in Bedford has been arranged for 2.15pm, the tour lasts for one hour, pay on entry £5.50 or concession £4.40 pp - **SEE NOTE**

Sunday 26 November - Cople, a 4-5 mile walk depending on weather, **meet at Cople Church at 10.00am** - LEADER Judith 01767 640782/07397 007101.

DECEMBER 2017 - PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

Sunday 3 December - Blunham, a short walk prior to the Ploughman's lunch at Brenda Leaf's, 117 High Street, Blunham MK44 3NW. **Park by the green triangle from the High Street at 10.00am**. Bring a bowl, plate and spoon. LEADER - Brenda 01767 640623/07934 240325.

Sunday 10 December - A local walk, destination and distance depends on the weather. **Leave St. Peter's Church at 10.00am** - LEADER Gill 01234 210034.

Sunday 17 December - Another local walk but different from above distance depends on weather. **Meet St. Peter's Church at 10.00am** - LEADER David 01234 218989/07729 882852.

Sunday 24 December - No walk today.

Sunday 31 December - Biggleswade, an easy 4.5 mile walk passing Jordons Mill, a possible stop. **Leave St. Peter's at 9.30am or meet in St. Andrew's Street Car Park on the A6001 at 10.00am** - LEADER Christine 01234213501/07790 534546.

INFORMATION FROM MARY
REGARDING SAFFORDS COACH DAY TRIPS

Mary is going on two coach trips the first is on Saturday 30 September to Margate and Deal, the cost of this is £23 or £22 concession.

The second is on Sunday 22 October to visit Bombay Sapphire Distillery, a drink is included in the cost of £37 or £36 concession.

Both these trips pick up in Bedford.

If you would like to go on either trip please book directly through Saffords Coaches, telephone 01767 677395.

It's possible that if a small group decide to go on the trips arrangements could be made to meet up for lunch together.

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NOTES

Visit to The Higgins Bedford

This visit has been arranged for the 19 November to start the tour at 2.15pm so arrive before this time, pay on the door. If anyone would like to have lunch in The Pantry Restaurant with friends prior to the tour please let Christine know before the 4 November so she can reserve a table, or there is the opportunity of having a drink there after the tour (no booking required).

COMMITTEE 2017

Chairman	John Dixon
Vice Chairman	Peter Atkinson
Secretary	Christine Marchant
Treasurer	Scott Geddis
Social Secretary	Mary Backhurst
Programme Secretary	VACANT
Committee	Maureen Cavanagh, Mike Ward representing the Monday walkers

**BEDFORD RAMBLING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

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£7.00 single, £10.00 household (seniors £6.00 and £8.00) make cheque payable to Bedford Rambling Club and send with completed form to:
Scott Geddis, BRC Treasurer, 118D Spring Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8NB.