



THE RAMBLERS WEST HERTS GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME 2023

Those taking part do so at their own risk.

Please check start times as these can vary.

Ordnance Survey map references and post codes refer to the walk meeting point. Note that post codes in non residential areas can be some distance from the actual meeting point.

We recommend you bring a flask for the mid-morning break and a packed lunch where indicated.

If you wish to bring your dog on a walk see the 'Walking with us' notes (available on our web site).

* Please only use these numbers on the day of the walk.

+ Two walks on these days.

JANUARY

Sun 1st	Redbourn & Ver Valley					tel:
10:00 am	5 miles	TL103118	AL3 7NG	Clive Sutton	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: West Common Car Park, Redbourn. (cricket ground carpark)

A short stroll from Redbourn to greet the new year and clear the head without too much effort. We head south from Redbourn and return via the Ver Valley Way. Only 280ft of ascent.

Sun 8th	Ivinghoe Hills					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	SP964159	LU6 2EG	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Ivinghoe Hill car park. Beacon Rd. Near Ivinghoe

Weather dependent. A hilly and at times exposed to the elements walk. Wrap up well and it should blow the holiday blues away.

Sun 15th	Wendover circuit via Halton and Wendover Woods					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	SP868077	HP22 6DX	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library

From Wendover Library up through Hale Wood to Wendover Woods visitor centre returning through Halton and the Wendover Arm.

Tue 17th	Dunstable Downs					tel:
10:00 am	5.5 miles	TL009194	LU6 2GY	Bob Miller	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Outside of the Chilterns Gateway Visitors Centre Dunstable Downs. Car park charge £3.50 - free for NT members.

A stile free circular walk from Dunstable Downs around Kensworth Quarry and Whipsnade Heath returning to the Visitors Centre. Ascent of 125 metres. Warning: At this time of year some of the footpaths will be very muddy and slippery so the speed of the walk will take these conditions into account.

Sun 22nd	Potton End, Ashridge and Frithsden					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	TL016089	HP4 2QL	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Potton End in the car park opposite the church or on the roadside close by.

A circular walk from Potton End to Golden Valley and back via Nettleden and Frithsden. There are some hills.

Tue 24th	Delights of Grove Hill					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	TL065098	HP2 6PP	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Grovehill Playing Fields, Washington Ave, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead. (Turning between Aycliffe Drive & Robin Hood Meadows).

Open farm land, overlooking the River Gade Valley. It goes without saying 'could be muddy, it is January after all'.

Sun 29th	Batford walk about, Mk 2.					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL142154	AL5 4UT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Coldharbour Lane, Batford, Harpenden. Parking is in a quiet road, opposite factories on Coldharbour Lane. Park at the Station Rd end.

Return of cancellation walk on 18th December. Batford towards Peter's Green, return via Upper Lea Valley Walk. Could be muddy, with a 170 feet of ascent.

Tue 31st	Codicote, Ayot St Lawrence, Kimpton Circular					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL218187	SG4 8XY	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: John Clements Sports & Community Centre Bury Lane, Codicote.

Walk through Codicote village and then onto open farm fields and woods to Ayot St Lawrence, Kimpton and back to Codicote. Some lovely views and mud! Total ascent: 700ft.

FEBRUARY

Thu 2nd	Amble round Redbourn					tel:
10:00 am	2 miles	TL103118	AL3 7NG	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park next to the cricket pavilion on Redbourn Common.

A short winter walk at a leisurely pace with no stiles or hills. We will stop at Redbourn Village Hall about three quarters of the way round the walk where The Friends of St Mary's church provide very reasonably priced tea/coffee and biscuits. Anyone who is not able to do the walk but would like to join us for a drink is very welcome to meet us at about 11 am. There is 2 hours of free parking in Redbourn High Street. The village hall is next to the Redbourn Pharmacy at 63 High Street, AL3 7LW.

Sun 5th	Great Offley to Preston					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	TL144268	SG5 3DU	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Kings Walden Road, Great Offley (Parking on the road close to St Mary Magdalene Church)

Mainly open fields & tracks. Seating on Preston Green for the lunch stop. (550ft of ascent)

Sun 12th	Kings Langley Canal & Countryside					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	TL073028	WD4 8ET	Anette Corbach	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Kings Langley Library, The Nap, Kings Langley

Along the towpath to Apsley, up to Shendish Manor and then to Scatterdells Wood. Across fields back to Kings Langley and the towpath. One steep but short ascent. Likely to be muddy in parts.

Tue 14th	Sarratt Countryside					tel:
10:00 am	5.5 miles	TQ041995	WD3 6AY	Rose Allen	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Park around edge of Sarratt village green and meet at the bus shelter opposite the Boot pub.

Walking out over Commonwood Common, over fields to Jeffery's Farm and Exmoor pony paddocks. Follow track along valley bottom, climb up towards Little Westwood and Newhall Farms. Return via Great Wood and Micklefield Green. 400? ascent

Sun 19th	Tring to Cholesbury					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP924109	HP23 6AS	Val Howlett / Heather Harris	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Hastoe Lane, Tring

A climb up through Tring Park to the Ridgeway and then on to Hastoe and Cholesbury Common. Back through Wigginton to Tring Park. Some lovely views, especially from the Park.

Tue 21st	Ashridge Ramble.					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	SP981143	HP4 1NF	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park of Beacon Rd about 1/4 mile from T junction in Ringshall, on the left. SP980143, HP4 1NE. 10 am.
A mainly flat walk with only gentle slopes. Keeping to well trodden paths. A pleasant woodland walk and incorporating Ashridge golf course. Coffee break at Ashridge college

Sun 26th	Escape to the country. (Prestwood)					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP872008	HP16 9EU	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Prestwood High Street car park.

The fabulous Chiltern Hills. A circular walk from Prestwood. Coneybank Wood, South Bucks Way to Little Hampden. Return via Hampden House.(850ft of ascent)

Tue 28th	Riverside Car Park					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL150020	AL2 3TX	Geraldine Annette Dillon	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Riverside Car Park, Drop Lane, Bricket Wood. AL2 3PN

To site of Roman Villa, Ver walk to Hill, Netherwydle Farms and Blackbirds return via Wall Hall, Munden Estate, Hanging Wood to Riverside Car Park.

MARCH

Thu 2nd	Amble Round Flamstead					tel:
10:00 am	3.3 miles	TL077147	AL3 8DB	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park next to the recreation ground in Flamstead. (At the junction of Chapel Road & Friendless Lane)

A walk at a leisurely pace round Flamstead passing Delmerend Farm and Trowley Hill Farm. There are no stiles. There is an elevation gain of 215ft, the land rising gently over about three quarters of a mile. We will stop for coffee/tea/cakes at the Spotted Dog pub about two thirds of the way round. Members who are not able to do the walk are welcome to join us at the pub at about 11.30. There is a small car park and road parking nearby.

Sun 5th	Heartwood to Symondshyde					tel:
10:00 am	9 miles	TL167107	AL4 9DQ	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Heartwood Forest Car Park, Wheathampstead Road, Sandridge

Walking through Heartwood forest and Nomansland to Symondshyde Farm where we can have our lunch with seating for all. After lunch we go through Symondshyde Great Wood then follow the Hertfordshire Way back to Sandridge.

Tue 7th	Mid Week get away.					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	SP932071	HP23 6ND	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Cholesbury Cricket club, HP23 6ND

Rolling farmland and woods in heart of the Chiltern Hill. No serious hills, with only 400 ft of ascent. Optional lunch stop with seats at the finish of walk.

Sun 12th	De Havilland Airfield a walk 80 years in the making.					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL168108	AL4 9DQ	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Heartwood Forest car park. North of Sandridge St Albans.

Starting in Heartwood we pass through Sandridge, on to Nashe's Farm, Oak Farm and into the old De Havilland Airfield. Return via Symondshyde Great Wood and Hertfordshire Way back to Heartwood.. 300ft ascent

Tue 14th	Potten End Gad-about					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL016088	HP4 2QG	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Potten End green. In front of the Church.

Walk comprises open farmland, woodland and Berkhamsted common. 620 ft of ascent.

Sun 19th	Hitchin & Tatmore Hills					tel:
10:00 am	9 miles	TL188293	SG4 9SG	John Drake	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Woodside Car Park, Walsworth Rd,(B656) Hitchin, SG4 9SG No charge on Sundays.

Market town of Hitchin through Charlton and Austage End to Preston, returning through Wain Wood. No stiles.

Tue 21st	Little Gaddesden Rumble					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	SP995136	HP4 INY	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Little Gaddesden Bowling Club car park. Church Road, Little Gaddesden.

A circular walk around Gaddesden. Hudnall common. Golden Valley, Berkhamsted common, Ashridge golf course and back in time for tea.

Sun 26th	Water, Woods and Park					tel:
10:00 am	10 miles	SP924109	HP23 6AS	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Hastoe Lane Tring

A walk around the reservoirs and the Grand Union before climbing the hill to Aldbury Nowers. Down to Tring Station and taking the Ridgeway to finish by walking the ridge of Tring Park with extensive views.

Tue 28th	A spring in the step walk at Ashley Green					tel:
10:00 am	6.3 miles	SP977051	HP5 3PN	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Ashley Green Memorial Hall.

Hockeridge Wood, Marlin Chapel Farm, Heath End, Woodfield Spring Farm. A countryside walk which could be muddy or possibly not.

APRIL

Sun 2nd	Gaddesden Row School					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	TL050129	HP2 6HG	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Gaddesden Row JMI School

Typical Hertfordshire countryside. Open farmland and woods. 400ft ascent.

Thu 6th	Amble towards Ashridge management college for coffee					tel:
10:00 am	3.5 miles	SP995136	HP4 1NY	Val Howlett / Heather Harris	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park off Church Road, Little Gaddesden.

A slow walk along the golden valley to the coffee shop.

Sun 9th	Mardley Heath & Bramfield Woods					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL248184	AL6 0TP	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Heath Road, Woolmer Green.

Fields & woods passing through Woolmer Green, Datchworth, Bramfield woods, Bulls Green & Burnham Green.

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th April Spring Break Shaftesbury

Sun 23rd	Redbourn parish hidden history via many Ends					tel:
10:00 am	11 miles	TL103119	AL3 7NG	Stuart Jack	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Redbourn Common car park.

Clockwise round via Revel End, Holtsmere End, Stags End, Norrington End, Redding Wood and Verlam End with many hidden or visible relics of past times, visiting a bluebell wood on the way.

Tue 25th	Whitwell Peter's Green to Kimpton					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	TL183209	SG4 8BE	Karen Palin	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Bradway, Whitwell, Hitchin , the recreation ground car park.

Walking from Whitwell to Peter's Green and then to Kimpton. Mostly a walk through open farm fields with some lovely countryside views. Car park not huge so recommend car sharing if possible. Muddy in places. Coffee and lunch stops included. Total ascent is 491ft.

Sun 30th	London walk Thames Barrier					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL156071	AL1 5HD	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: St Albans City Station (AL1 5HE), Blackfriars station north side, or Island Gardens on the Docklands Light Railway. See our web site for meeting and travel details.

Following the Thames Path from Greenwich to Woolwich Ferry. C. Crossing the river to walk past London City Airport and home..

MAY

Tue 2nd	A Chip off the old block, Chipperfield.					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL044015	WD4 9BL	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common, car park opposite Cricket Club.

Farm land and pastures. 3 hills, reasonably easy. Ascent 460ft. At the end of the walk, the common is a good place for a picnic lunch.

Thu 4th	Amble around Stockwood Country Park					tel:
10:00 am	3 miles	TL086198	LU1 4LX	Keith Spark	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: From Harpenden travel north along Luton Road (A1081), passing beneath of the bridge above the M1 roundabout. When reaching first traffic lights ,turn left into the drive of Stockwood Park, continuing to the car park at the Discovery Centre.

Walk a circuit of Kidney Wood, and continued circuit of Stockwood Park. Level paths with one gentry slope of about 40 feet. The Discovery Centre has the 'Garden Cafe', but will 'accept cards only'. There are museums and extensive gardens.

Sun 7th	Ashridge in Spring					tel:
10:00 am	9 miles	SP971130	HP4 1LX	Rose Allen	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: NT Bridgewater Monument Car Park HP4 1LT

Forest walk passing some of the bluebell woods. Starting from the NT Bridgewater Monument out along Duncombe Terrace to Flat Isley. Visiting Crawley Wood and Ivinghoe Common before crossing to Ashridge Golf Course. Returning along the Chiltern Way to Meadley's Meadow and the visitor Centre. Woodland paths may be muddy, 419 feet ascent.

Tue 9th	Whitwell to Chapelfoot					tel:
10:00 am	7.5 miles	TL183209	SG4 8BE	Karen Palin	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Bradway, Whitwell, Hitchin, the recreation ground car park.

Walk from Whitwell to Chapelfoot passing through St Paul's Walden, and returning through Lady Grove and Nine Wells. Open farm fields and woods. Car park not huge so recommend car sharing if possible. Muddy in places. Coffee break will be long enough for a snack as there is .Total ascent 691ft.

Sun 14th	Chilterns Circular Walk					tel:
10:00 am	11.2 miles	SU960973	HP7 0UT	Bob Miller	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Amersham Old Town Car Park

Amersham to Coleshill, Winchmore Hill, Holmer Green and Little Missenden returning to Amersham. 230 Metres ascent.

Sun 21st	Wendover & Dunsmore					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP868077	HP22 6DX	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library Car Park, Wendover.

A good mix of Chilton landscapes using the Ridgeway & Chiltern Link to Kingsash. From there to Wendover Dean & Dunsmore.(775 ft of Ascent)

Sun 28th	Chalfont St Giles to Jordans					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	SU991936	HP8 4QA	Ian Brander	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Chalfont St Giles Blizzards Yard Car Park, off High Street.

Walk along the Misbourne Valley to Chalfont St Peter and on to Jordans and Seer Green. Returning through Hodgemoor Woods.

Tue 30th	Flamstead Farmland Walk					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL075145	AL3 8DE	Heather Harris / Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Friendless Lane car park, Flamstead (not the Recreation Ground car park).

A circular walk from Flamstead to Trowley Bottom and on across fields and through woodland. There is on the walk, but we will be having lunch at the end with whoever would like to join us.

JUNE

Thu 1st	Amble Round Wheathamstead					tel:
10:00 am	3.5 miles	TL1782914087	AL4 8BP	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: East Lane car park Wheathamstead

A short walk at a leisurely pace to Gustard Wood and back. There are no stiles and the ground is reasonably flat. Members are welcome to join us for coffee/tea/cakes in a cafe at the end of the walk.

Sun 4th	Wheathampstead to Kimpton returning by Codicote Bottom					tel:
10:00 am	11.5 miles	TL1783314097	AL4 8BP	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: East Lane car park Wheathampstead

Walking from Wheathampstead taking in woods and fields following the River Mimram past Kimpton Mill passing through the villages of Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence.

Sunday 11th Coach trip to Winchester

Tue 13th	The Wigginton Wiggle					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	SP9379909901	HP23 6HH	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Wigginton recreation park

Downhill to Grand Union Canal then skirting Pendley Manor and climbing back up to Langton wood via the Ridgeway Bulls Wood. Return by Hastoe Cross. but the Wigginton Rec has a cafe and benches for a picnic lunch afterwards.

Sun 18th	The Wendover Wonder.					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP8685207751	HP22 6DX	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover library car park.

Coombe Hill Monument Goodmerhill Little Hampden Common Dunsmore Smalldean Farm return.

Tue 20th	Cholesbury Charmer					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	SP9324707109	HP23 6ND	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Cholesbury Cricket Club.

Rolling countryside in a beautiful part of the Chiltern Hills. Walk via Bellingdon Ramscoat Wood and Hawridge. No lunch break but a picnic by the Cricket Club at the end.

Sun 25th	Walk around Sarratt					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TQ0419499500	WD3 6AY	Val Howlett / Heather Harris	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Sarratt opposite the Boot

Walk from Sarratt to Belsize Latimer and Chenies along the Chess valley

Tue 27th	Scenic Studham					tel:
10:00 am	7.5 miles	TL0229215780	LU6 2QG	Christina Gregory	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Park along Church Road Studham.

Lovely views of rolling hills/woods from Studham via Little Gaddesden and Dagnall. One steep slope to Whipsnade Park Golf Club.

JULY

Sun 2nd	Walk to Knebworth House and Knebworth estate					tel:
10:00 am	5.5 miles	TL2185018782	SG4 8XY	Keith Spark	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Meet at the Queen Elizabeth 2nd playing fields at Bury Lane Codicote. Entry to the playing fields are opposite to the St. Giles Church and also adjacent to the speed derestriction signs.

Walk through Graffidge Wood to enter the Knebworth estate . After passing Knebworth House return through Nup End Green.

Tue 4th	The Common Forest					tel:
10:00 am	5.5 miles	TL1680010724	AL4 9DQ	Bob Miller	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: By the notice boards in Heartwood Forest Car Park

A gentle walk meandering through Heartwood Forest and Nomansland Common before returning via the Hertfordshire Way.

Thu 6th	Amble along Dunstable Downs					tel:
10:00 am	3.5 miles	TL0079919401	LU6 2GY	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet:

A walk at a leisurely pace along the ridge following the Icknield way to the Tree Cathedral and Whipsnade Village and then back following the Chiltern Way. Walkers are then invited to join us for tea/coffee/cakes at the cafe in the Visitors Centre. The walk is reasonably flat and there are no stiles. Members who are unable to do the walk are invited to join us at the cafe at about midday.

Sun 9th	Redbourn to Verulamium					tel:
10:00 am	10.5 miles	TL1029911801	AL3 7NG	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Redbourn Cricket Ground Car Park West Common Redbourn

PLACES ON OUR WALKS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE .Across fields to South Harpenden then on the Hertfordshire Way through the Childwickbury Estate to St Albans for a lunch stop(there are public toilets here). Returning via the Ver Valley Way.

Tue 11th	Peters Green - Stunning views and ancient tracks					tel:
10:00 am	6.7 miles	TL1429919001	LU2 9QP	Annette Cotter	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Park around village green or along Kimpton Road. If using Bright Star pub afterwards use their car park.

Far reaching views exploring the countryside around Peters Green and Kimpton. Post walk picnic around village green with a pub for drinks.

Sun 16th	The Welwyn Shuffle					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	TL2326816243	AL6 9NT	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Lockleys Drive Car park Welwyn

A pleasant walk with various countryside. but a picnic stop at the end if you wish.

Tue 18th	Wheathampstead - river shady woods and the Devil's Dyke					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL1792814134	AL4 8BP	Charmian Allwright	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park Wheathampstead AL4 8PB Free Parking and Public toilets

A circular route following the River Lea to Water End and the edge of Brocket Hall Golf course before heading up the old track to Coleman Green. Returning to Wheathampstead along the Devil's Dyke

Thu 20th	Evening Walk from Redbourn					tel:
10:00 am	4 miles	TL1009611641	AL3 7DU	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park of The Holly Bush pub Church End Redbourn. The walk begins at 7pm.

An evening walk through lovely summer countryside from Redbourn towards Flamstead along the Hertfordshire Way and back via Nichols Farm. Walkers can then have a drink in the 16th century Holly Bush pub. Members who are not able to do the walk are welcome to join us for a drink at about 9pm. If you do not intend to drink in the pub please park in the part of Church End which is nearest to the Common.

Sun 23rd	Chipperfield Hills					tel:
10:00 am	8.8 miles	TL0447801532	WD4 9BL	Bob Miller	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Chipperfield Common Car Park

This is a hilly walk with several good ascents totalling 205 metres. From Chipperfield we will walk to the Chess Valley via Sarratt returning through Flaunden.

Sun 30th	Woburn Aspley Heath Circular Walk.					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP9509933201	MK17 9QZ	Ruth Cassidy	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Car park opposite St Mary's Church Park St Woburn Beds.

A walk around Aspley Guise and Heath through Woods and Fields.

AUGUST

Thu 3rd	Amble from Redbourn					tel:
10:00 am	3.5 miles	TL1032011894	AL3 7NG	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park next to the cricket pavilion on Redbourn Common

A walk at a leisurely pace following the River Ver to Redbournbury Mill and then back to the village. There are no stiles and the route is reasonably flat. We will stop for optional tea/coffee/cakes at the Queen of Herts Cafe in Redbourn High Street.

Sun 6th	Tring to Milesfield					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	SP9240810953	HP23 6AS	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Hastoe Lane Tring. (or the Natural History Museum Car Park). Meet on Hastoe Lane near entrance to car park. HP23 6AS

From Tring we ascend to Grove Wood continuing onto Pavis Wood on the Ridgeway. Wendover Woods next where we can stop for a coffee break with seating and use of the public toilets. South down to Milesfield and Buckland Wood for lunch returning via Hastoe and Tring Park.

Tue 8th	Abbots Langley Tango					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL0936101971	WD5 0AW	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: 70 High St car park. Abbots Langley .

Walk or tango down to the Grand Union Canal up to Nash Mills. Back via Hyde Farm. No lunch break. but area for a picnic lunch near car park on return.

Sun 13th	Dunstable Downs & The Chiltern Trail.					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	SP9742119448	LU6 2HL	Ruth Cassidy	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Pebblemoor Car Park located in Pebblemoor (High Street end) Edlesborough.

A circular walk along the Downs to Whipsnade Dagnall and Gallows Hill. An undulating walk along uplands and open land. Good views. Coffee and lunch stop.

Tue 15th	Ley Hill and Lye Green					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	SP9898001947	HP5 1UY	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Opposite the Crown Ley Hill.

A walk from Ley Hill passing Tyler's Hill and through Cowcroft Wood to Lye Green. Return to Ley Hill.

Sun 20th	Flamstead Scarecrow Walk					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	TL1031911899	AL3 7NG	Ian Brander	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Redbourn Cricket Club car park

Leisurely stroll from Redbourn across the fields to Flamstead to see the annual Scarecrow Festival. One stile. Note later than usual start time for this walk. Details of the festival can be found on the Festival web site: <http://www.flamsteadscarecrowfestival.co.uk/> Suggested Donation to the festival: £4. Food is available at the Festival.

Tue 22nd	Panshanger Park					tel:
10:00 am	5.5 miles	TL2667112516	AL7 2RT	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Moneyhole Playing Fields car park Welwyn Garden City (entrance signposted from Sylvan Way).

Walk through Birchall and Henry Woods to Panshanger Park. Passing Riverside Cottage the Orangery and the Panshanger Great Oak.

Sun 27th	Gaddesden Row Leisurely Walk					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL0502212975	HP2 6HG	Bob Miller	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Gaddesden Row Junior School Car Park Limited parking so please car share where possible.

A leisurely walk in the Hertfordshire undulating countryside. Visiting Markyate and Flamstead. 135 metres ascent.

Tue 29th	Dancing around Aldbury					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	SP9715613020	HP4 1LX	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Bridgewater Monument Car Park NT Ashridge.

A delightful Rock n Roll around the village of Aldbury. Taking in Aldbury Nowers Pitstone Hill Clipper Down and Moneybury Hill. Chance for a picnic lunch at the Monument on return.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd	Nomansland to Symondshyde Farm Beer Festival					tel:
13:30 am	6.2 miles	TL171123	AL4 8EQ	Marion Adams	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Nomansland Common car park

An afternoon walk via Wheathampstead and Cromer Hyde taking in the The 3 Brewers Music Festival 2023. This is a free festival with the best live music, street food, beer and more. It promises 'The best vibes around'. We will take an extended break here to join in the fun before returning to Nomansland.

Sun 3rd	Shenley Waltz					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	TL1816900545	WD7 9JP	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Car park on Radlett Lane Shenley. Near Shenley Park Walled Garden. Park on left side upon entering.

PLACES ON OUR WALKS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE .A walk around the outskirts of Shenley. Via Shenleybury Salisbury Hall Redwell Wood Farm and Redwell Wood. Return South Mimms Rabley Park Pursley Farm and Shenley Village.

Tue 5th	Potten End circuit					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	TL0165208885	HP4 2QG	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: The Green Potten End

From Potten End taking a circuit with views over Berkhamsted. Going through the Alpine Meadow to Little Gaddesden to return via Hudnall Corner St Margaret's Nettleden and Frithsden.

Thu 7th	Harpenden Common Amble					tel:
10:00 am	4 miles	TL1340613408	AL5 2JQ	Heather Harris / Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Rothamsted Cafe car park.

Harpenden Town Council has improved the Nature Trails on Harpenden Common making them suitable for all abilities. We will be following the Red Trail over heathland and woodland. This is a flat walk. At the end of the walk tea and coffee are available in the café.

Sun 10th	Bovingdon and Chipperfield					tel:
10:00 am	10 miles	TL0219905001	HP3 0DT	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Little Hay Golf course car park

Starting from Little Hay taking back roads to Bovingdon. Takes in the Hertfordshire Way Woodman's Wood Chipperfield Tower Hill and returning by Phasels Wood and Roughdown Common.

Tue 12th	Waterford and the River Beane					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL3169915001	SG14 3LU	Ian Brander	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Car park at Waterford nature Reserve. Take the A119 from Hertford turn right into Vicarage Lane (narrow lane) at Waterford over the railway bridge and car park is on left.

Walk from the Waterford Nature Reserve to Woodhall Park and return along the River Beane.

Tue 19th	Bricket Wood Common					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL1504502112	AL2 3TX	Geraldine Dillon	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Riverside Car Park Drop Lane Colney Street.

River Ver via Hanstead House to Bricket Wood Common back via Munden House to Riverside Car Park.

Sun 24th	Undulating hilly woodland walk featuring the magnificent deep Holloway in Bottom Wood.					tel:
10:00 am	10 miles	SU7612296292	HP14 3UD	Rose Allen	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Meet: Alongside North edge of Stokenchurch Common on Church St or small car park behind the Community Library on Lower Church Street. Please carshare where possible.

The walk takes us along old routes including ancient packhorse trails and along part of the old coaching toll road linking London to Oxford. The OS maps App lists the Chiltern Society Bottom Wood walk as their second most popular walking route. We will visit Penley East and Dell's wood before lunch. Coffee stop at 11.00 and lunch stop on the Holloway at 1.30pm - both after steep ascents. Return to Stokenchurch via The City.

Tue 26th	Ashridge with Coffee					tel:
10:00 am	6.6 miles	SP9809914301	HP4 1NE	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Ringshall about 1/4 of a mile from T- junction on Becon Road. Track on the left opposite last 3 houses out of Ringshall Hamlet.

A walk taking in the delights of Ashridge. With a Coffee stop at Ashridge House then proceeding to sample the woods of Ashridge. Maybe with the sound of Rutting Deer. Picnic lunch option at the end of the walk.

OCTOBER

Sun 1st	Grantchester and Cambridge					tel:
10:00 am	7.5 miles	TL4428654242	CB2 9FT	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Trumpington Park & Ride (free) Hauxton Road Trumpington. (Follow the A10 from Royston and when it crosses the M11 (J11) the Park & Ride is sign posted)

Starting at the Trumpington Park & Ride we walk first to Grantchester and then follow the River Cam across Grantchester meadows into Cambridge. We will wander around the centre passing many of the famous colleges with plenty of time to stand and stare. Return via the Park & Ride. Free if you have a bus pass otherwise £2.80

Thu 5th	Amble around College Lake					tel:
10:00 am	2 miles	SP 9314014361	HP23 4NG	Heather Harris/Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: College Lake Upperickniel Way Tring. PLEASE NOTE 10.15 AM START as centre opens at 10 o'clock
Gentle walk 2 miles round the Lake the option for some is to go back the other way making it 4 miles. Coffee/Tea after at the cafe.

Sun 8th	The Chesham workout.					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	SP9579901401	HP5 1LF	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Water Meadow Car Park Chesham. Free car parking on Sundays

An ideal leg stretcher for those going to Ironbridge next week or for people who enjoy the Chiltern Hills. Excellent walking countryside. Visiting Herbert's Hole Pednor Bottom Chartridge and Captains Wood

Tue 10th	Flamstead Farmland Walk					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL0758614555	AL3 8DE	Heather Harris / Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Friendless Lane car park (not the sports ground car park).

This a circular walk across fields and through woodland. There isn't a lunch stop but there is an area for a picnic for those who would like to stop.

Sunday 19th to Wednesday 18th October Autumn Break Ironbridge

Sun 22nd	RIP to the Travel Card Wimbledon and Richmond Park.					tel:
10:00 am	7 miles	TL1559907101	AL1 5BE	Gordon Munro	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: St Albans City Station at 9.15

Travel Cards end this year so to take advantage of cost savings and before the clock's go back. A walk across Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park. Travel details near the time.

Sun 29th	Potten End circuit					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	TL0167308887	HP4 2QG	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: The Green Potten End

From Potten End taking a circuit with views over Berkhamsted. Going through the Alpine Meadow to Little Gaddesden to return via Hudnall Corner St Margaret's Nettleden and Frithsden.

Tue 31st	Abbott's Langley Shindig					tel:
10:00 am	6.5 miles	TL0939901901	WD5 0AW	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: 70 High Street car park Abbots Langley.

Mainly farm land. Visiting Home Farm Winch Hill Hill Wood Holt Wood Hanging Wood and Bedmond Village. Likely to be muddy.

NOVEMBER

Sun 5th	Not in the footsteps of Guy Fawkes					tel:
10:00 am	7.5 miles	TL1779914101	AL4 8BP	John Drake	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Wheathampstead East Lane Car Park

Wheathampstead to Batford Springs via Marshalls Heath returning via Mackerye End. Lunch can be taken at the end of the walk in the Crinkle Crankle Gardens (weather permitting!).

Thu 9th	Amble around Rothamsted Estate					tel:
10:00 am	3 miles	TL1329913401	AL5 2JQ	Heather Harris / Val Howlett	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Rothamsted Research Centre car park West Common Harpenden.

Starting from the Rothamsted Research Centre car park we will be taking a gentle walk around the estate. The Research Centre cafe is available at the end of the walk for those of us who wish to stop. Please note that there are roadworks on the A1081 at Harpenden Common which may cause delays if you are coming from St Albans or Redbourn.

Sun 12th	Scott Spitfire and Unicorns					tel:
10:00 am	11 miles	SP9549914901	HP23 5RX	Stuart Jack	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Pitstone Hill NT car park. The nearest postcode HP23 5RX is a mile south of the car park.

Circular walk via Steps Hill Ivinghoe Marsworth Airfield the Grand Union Canal and Pitstone Hill. Small car park share cars if possible places limited accordingly. A few stiles and possibly muddy paths: suitable footwear needed especially after heavy rain.

Sun 19th	Six N Herts Villages					tel:
10:00 am	9.5 miles	TL1926922226	SG4 8BT	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: St Pauls Walden Car Park. Opposite the Church (behind the Strathmore Arms Pub car park)

Walking on mainly good tracks between the villages of St Pauls Walden Whitwell Bendish Breachwood Green Kings Walden and Preston. Mainly open landscape with some woods

Sun 26th	Hertford Heath					tel:
10:00 am	8.5 miles	TL3499911601	SG13 7QY	Ian Brander	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: By the Goat pub Vicarage Causeway Hertford Heath. Park around the Green

A mixture of woodland and riverside paths. From Hertford Heath we walk past Haileybury College to Stanstead St Margarets then along the Lee Navigation to return to Hertford Heath via Golding's Wood and Balls Wood. Paths are likely to be wet and muddy in places.

Tue 28th	Sandridge and Heartwood Forest					tel:
10:00 am	5 miles	TL1679910701	AL4 9DQ	Clive Sutton	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Heartwood Forest Car Park Wheathampstead Rd Sandridge. AL4 9DQ

An easy stroll through fields and woods with only 250ft of ascent.

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd	Pre Christmas lunch walk.					tel:
10:00 am	3.5 miles	TL1079914001	AL3 7QA	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Redbourne Golf Club Kinsbourne Green Lane Redbourne.

A pre Christmas Lunch walk/amble. Via Scout Spring Crouch Hall Lane. Stopping for coffee break in Cumberland Gardens opposite the George PH. Return via the Nickey Line and Harperbury Farm. To attend the Christmas Lunch you must have already made a separate lunch booking (booking is now closed). You don't need a lunch booking if you just want to book a place on the walk.

Thu 7th	Pre-Christmas Amble in St Albans					tel:
10:00 am	2 miles	TL1363307221	AL3 4SN	Lynda Abbott	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: The car park next to Verulamium Museum in St Albans. There is a charge of £2.50 for 3 hours.

A short winter walk at a leisurely pace through Verulamium Park to St Albans Abbey where we will have tea/coffee in the cafe before returning to the car park. There will be an opportunity to look round the Abbey which should be decorated for Christmas. The walk to the Abbey involves going uphill but we will take this very slowly. The walk is entirely on paved surfaces.

Sun 10th	Walking through the Duke of Bedford's estate from Woburn					tel:
10:00 am	7.5 miles	SP9505633189	MK17 9QZ	Rosemary Allen	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Meet at Woburn free car park on Park Street (opposite St Mary's church).

The walk takes us through the Deer Park where we should encounter several of the rare breed deer herds. Leaving the Deer Park the route skirts the Safari Park and continues into Dean Hills. Onto Crawley Park and across arable farmland to Birchmoor Green before returning to Woburn village. Woburn will be busy with Christmas shoppers. Not a problem for us as we are walking away from shops but I would like walkers to be prompt and best if park at 9.30 to ensure parking space. There is no time limit on the car park.

Sun 17th	Wendover Woods in winter					tel:
10:00 am	8 miles	SP8684207758	HP22 6DX	Marion Adams	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: Wendover Library

This walk will follow paths and tracks through Hale Woods and Wendover Woods returning via Boddington Hill. The route will be adjusted according to the weather and conditions underfoot on the day.

Sun 24th	Christmas Appetizer					tel:
10:00 am	6 miles	TL0518408101	HP1 3FA	Gordon Munro	No lunch stop	mob:

Meet: Gadebridge park free car park.

A light pre Christmas walk with Ginger wine and chocolates. With the weather we have had lately mud is prevalent please be aware. I have tried to keep the mud to a minimum with my route. Route from Gadebridge park to Piccotts End then up Piccotts Lane across to Wood Farm and Garmer Springs. Then down to Water End then returning via Gaddesden Hall.

Sun 31st	Old Years Day					tel:
10:00 am	7.75 miles	TL1783114087	AL4 8BP	Clive Sutton	Bring lunch	mob:

Meet: East Lane Car Park Wheathampstead.

From Wheathampstead we follow the river Lee west through Bocket Hall and then on to Symondhyde farm for lunch where there is seating. Return via Colmans Green and Devils Dyke. Old Years Night/Day is what they call New Years Eve in Norfolk.

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