

May 2011 Newsletter

WATTON RAMBLERS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS May-June 2011

DATE	VENUE/DESCRIPTION	LEADER
Saturday 7th May, 9am	Hertfordshire Way extension walk- picnic lunch All welcome	Linda Thurlow 01920 830 389
Tuesday 17th May, 7.30pm	Evening walk in the Watton area	Linda Thurlow 01920 830 389
Sunday 22nd May, 9am start	Hertfordshire Way first leg, John intends to include a pub stop, details to be advised. John says that all walkers are welcome, whether intending to walk the entire Hertfordshire Way or just selected legs of it.	John Woodland 07829 820225
Monday 30th May, 9.30 am	All-day walk in the Great Offley area; this will be a circular walk (not figure of 8) with pub lunch. Walkers wishing to do the morning or afternoon halves only, are requested to make their own arrangements for transport. The pub is the White Horse at Tea Green, and we will phone our lunch orders through when we meet at the Watton Community Hall at 9.30am. The drive to Great Offley takes about 25 minutes where we will park in the street. The morning walk of about 5.5 miles will then take in Mangrove Green, the edge of Stopsley, and Tea Green. The afternoon walk of about 4.5 miles will take in The Heath, Stopsley Holes, and back to Great Offley. Despite being a little shorter, the afternoon walk is a little hillier than the morning walk which may affect the choice of those walking only half the day.	Peter Aknai 01920 830 614
Sunday 5th June, 9am	Hertfordshire Way second leg, lunch details to be advised. John says that all walkers are welcome, whether intending to walk the entire Hertfordshire Way or just selected legs of it.	John Woodland 07829 820225
Saturday 11th June, 9.30am	All-day walk in the Aldenham/Letchmore Heath area	Ray Everett 01920 830 137
Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm	Evening walk in the Watton area	George Marven 01920 411 098

Annual General Meeting Friday 1st April

At a well-attended AGM, members heard reports from the Chair and from the Treasurer, then proceeded to elect the committee for 2011/12. Linda Thurlow - Chairman, Valerie Everett - Treasurer, Sally Gething - Secretary, Ray Everett, Peter Aknai and Rosemary Cooper. Robert Coleman stood down but agreed to continue to write the column for the Parish News. Our thanks go to all the officers, committee members, walk leaders, social event organisers and all members for another very successful year in the life of Watton Ramblers.

(Our AGMs are well known for their convivial as well as productive atmosphere helped in no small measure by wine and nibbles! Ed)

Members' Annual Dinner, The Bull, Cottered, Friday 8th April

The atmosphere in the Bull at Cottered was warm and welcoming when 28 Watton Ramblers met up for their annual members dinner on Friday 8th of April. The meals were both enjoyable and generous in their portions, and I would be surprised if anyone left the table that night feeling hungry. Certainly from the general sounds of appreciation everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

Robert Coleman

Description of recent walks

Saturday 2nd April, all-day walk led by George Marven

The weather was warm and sunny when 12 Watton Ramblers gathered at the Red Lion at Weston.

Our route initially led us to Weston church where we saw the grave of 'Jack O Legs' a local giant and 'Robin Hood' character from the 14th century. We then followed paths to Halls Green and Luffenhall Common, where we had a short break. Later we passed through Clothall, Welbury Farm and Green End before once more returning to the Red Lion. We were joined at this point by two further members and a guest walker.

After a satisfying lunch we drove to the Rising Sun at Halls Green, from where we started our afternoon walk. From here we made our way to Dovehouse End Farm, and later passed through Warrens Green and Irongate Farm before returning to Halls Green.

Total mileage for the day was just over 11 miles.

Here is a link to pictures taken at the walk:

[Georges walk 2 April 2011. pictures by Julie](#)

Once again 'Thank you' to the leaders of our recent walks

About this newsletter

The copy date for this newsletter is the 25th of each month. Please send all walk descriptions, announcements, changes in walk arrangements, changes in contact details, and general news-worthy items to Peter Aknai (peter.aknai@ntlworld.com or phone 01920 830 614). Your comments or suggestions for improvements to this newsletter are also very welcome; please email or phone Peter as above.

Walk leaders please note: If you change any walk details after the copy date, you will need to inform the membership directly.