

## January 2011 Newsletter

### WATTON RAMBLERS

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS January – February 2011

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE/DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LEADER</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.30 (walk starts at 11.00am)</b>	Beating the Bounds; a walk of about 3 miles on familiar paths, always within easy reach of Watton in case someone wants to return early. Mulled wine and mince pies served in the Community Hall at 10.30am.	<b>Peter Aknai</b> 01920 830 614
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 start</b>	Long morning circular walk from Watton with pub lunch.	<b>Julie Rain</b> 01920 831 068
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 start</b>	<p>The long morning walk starts from Patmore Heath (Albury) and finishes at Albury village hall and is about 6 miles. We will drive to Albury village hall car park and leave half the cars, then drive in the remaining cars and all the walkers to Patmore Heath (half a mile). I aim to start walking at 10.00 am.</p> <p>We will walk via bog cottage, Upwick Green to Hadham Hall and then Little Hadham church. Crossing the river Ash (usually dry) we follow field paths to Albury church and the car park. Cars will return to Patmore Heath. I am suggesting that we eat at the Star at Standon on the way home at about 01.30 pm (yet to be arranged). It would be helpful if you would let me know if you will be staying for lunch.....George.</p>	<b>George Marven</b> 01920 411 098

## **Description of recent walks**

### ***Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December long circular walk starting in Benington, led by Ray Everett***

On a rather murky December morning with some icy patches under foot, 9 hardy walkers set out from Benington passing Walkern Hall and Bassus Green to Walkern Church, where we had a welcome coffee stop on this raw morning; we then proceeded over the fields to Walkern High Street and traversed the whole length of the village to join the footpath alongside the River Beane and then turned off by way of Lordship Farm back to Benington. We then were pleased to enjoy a convivial lunch at The Bell before returning home. The walk distance was about 6 miles.'

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

## **Notices**

### ***From Linda Thurlow (repeated from Dec Newsletter)***

After the successful ascent of Ben Nevis some of us felt that we would actually like to try and climb England's highest peak, which is Scafell Pike in the Lake District. We have set a date for this and this will be during the week of **Saturday 9th July to Saturday 16th July 2011.**

Everyone is invited to join in, even if they do not wish to make the climb we do undertake other walks and generally have a good social time. We will aim to have a meeting sometime in the New Year with those that are interested but it will be the same format as last year, i.e. travel and accommodation arrangements are down to the individual. Hope as many as possible will want to join us.

Linda Thurlow

### ***And another one from Linda Thurlow***

### **Ireland Holiday Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th May 2011**

11 Walkers have booked to go to Cork on the above dates. We have flights with Ryanair for £35.00 plus 15kg luggage at £30 flying out at 06.20. Val, Ray and Antony are flying from Heathrow with Airlingus. Hotel accommodation at Isaacs Hotel in Cork has been booked at approximately £110

per person bed and breakfast for four nights. It is envisaged that we will also book car hire to get us from the airport and out and about on our walks. If you wish to join us please contact me for further information. Everyone welcome.

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### ***Message from Robert***

Hi everyone

The following links will take you to pictures taken on our most recent walks, hope you find them of interest.

[Lynda and Sally's November 2010 walk](#)

[Ray's December 2010 walk](#)

### **About this newsletter**

The copy date for this newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. 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](mailto: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.