

November 2010 Newsletter

WATTON RAMBLERS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS November-December 2010

DATE	VENUE/DESCRIPTION	LEADER
Sunday 21st November, 9.30 start -	<p>Long morning walk Circular walk from Standon followed by Pub Lunch.</p> <p>This is a long morning walk (7.25 miles - approx 4 hours including two short refreshment breaks) around farmland and countryside in the Standon/Westland Green area.</p> <p>It is a beautiful walk with stunning views and hedgerows. Part of the route takes us across two farm fields so there will be some mud. Appropriate footwear is essential.</p> <p>Other than that the walking is quite easy. The Landlady of The Star Pub has sent me a menu of the food available for when we finish. It is likely to be about 2pm. They do Sunday roast, baguettes, soup etc.</p> <p>It looks very nice in there and she is really obliging and pleasant. We will order our food on the morning before setting off on the walk.</p> <p>It promises to be a lovely way to spend a November Sunday!</p> <p>If you have any queries phone us.</p>	Linda and Melvyn Cooper 01920 486525
Saturday 4th December, 9.30 start -	<p>Long morning walk Circular walk from Bennington followed by Pub Lunch</p> <p>5-6 miles finishing at a pub for lunch for those who wish. This will be either The Bell or The Lordship Arms but until I visit them to arrange, I do not know which one, so please leave that as just 'at a suitable pub'.</p>	Ray Everett 01920 830 317

Description of recent walks

Sunday 10th October Leg 13 of the Hertfordshire Way, Bishop's Stortford to Great Hornead, Leader Linda Thurlow

Nine walkers assembled at the Community Centre eagerly anticipating a beautiful autumn day's walking in rural north Hertfordshire for this our penultimate leg of the Hertfordshire Way. And we were not disappointed. We started out from Bishop's Stortford just after 10 am climbing sharply up through the town's narrow streets and alleyways to reach the playing fields from where we enjoyed far reaching views over the town. Early morning mists soon dissipated and we were treated to a truly wonderfully sunny autumnal day.

We were soon walking through North Hert's rural byways and finding copious amounts of mud! After having laboriously traversed a field of huge furrows we passed through Hadham Hall admiring the Elizabethan barns and gatehouse and the Hertfordshire pudding stone. Hadham Hall is a Tudor building with parts dating from about 1575 and was once owned by the ancestors of the Earls of Essex.

We then made our way northward following a gravel bridleway with views over the Ash Valley and Albury Church passing Upwick Hall on our route to the acid heathland of Patmore Heath and the hamlet of Gravesend. After crossing the dry riverbed of the River Ash we climbed a steep hill to pass by Aldbury Hall and then on to Patient End Farm where we enjoyed our picnic lunch in the sunshine.

The afternoon's walk took us to Great Hornead via Rotten Row, Little Hornead and its ancient church and along the high street of Hare Street with its handsome houses of the 16th and 17th centuries with overhands. Our day's walk finished at the church of St. Nicholas just outside Great Hornead.

The highlight of the afternoon was the sight of a huge herd of deer (must have been about 100 of them) crossing a large ploughed field and stopping to rest in the corner. An idyllic and memorable encounter. En route we also find autumnal offerings of eating apples and blackberries in the hedgerows.

October has been a good month weatherwise for walking the Hertfordshire Way. We were rewarded with some magnificent country sights. In total 12.8 miles were covered.

STOOP walk leg 3, Saturday 30th October led by John Woodland

Walk description to be included in December Newsletter

Other Notices

From Robert

[13th-leg-of the Hertfordshire-Way-pictures-by-Robert](#)

[Stoop-2-pictures-by-Robert](#)

[Chain-Walk-2010](#)

[London-Walk-2010-Pictures-By-Robert](#)

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Once again ‘Thank you’ to the leaders of our October walks

About this newsletter

The copy date for this newsletter is the 25th 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 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.