**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION
BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP**

**WALKS PROGRAMME**

**JULY TO DECEMBER 2016**

**Sun Jul 3 2016 From Here to There & Back**

27, 18 or 13ml. all to finish by 18.30. Hall closes 19.00. From Wellingborough Grammarians Memorial Sports Field, Sywell Road, Wellingborough NN8 6BS (GR SP856690). A walk around the Northamptonshire rolling countryside through the villages of Mears Ashby, Sywell, Overstone, Holcot, Broughton & Pytchley. Start: Walkers from 08.00, runners and fast walkers from 09.00. Entry Limit 200. Entry: £8, non LDWA £12, under 18s free (No entries OTD) incl refreshments at Cps (3 on 27ml, 2 on 18ml, 1 on 13ml), light meal at finish, cert. Chqs payable to LDWA BBN Group. Entry form downloadable from event website. Online entry at: https://www.sientries.co.uk/. ***C:*** Mike Hyland, 55 Broadlands Ave., Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1AL ***T:*** 01494 774154. ***E:*** mike.hyland@ntlworld.com

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**Sun Jul 10 2016 The Greensand Ridge in a Day**

40ml. Another chance to walk this LDP, Gamlingay to Leighton Buzzard, as a linear group walk, led by BBN members. Registration form and further information on BBN website. £22 to cover coach transport, breakfast, lunch & tea. ***C:*** Nigel Schofield ***T:*** 01462 442338 before 21.00.

**Thu Jul 14 2016 The Albino Walk 2**

15ml. Start 09.30 From Ampthill Park c.p. Map: LR 153 (GR TL025382). ***C:*** Roger & Margaret Skerman ***T:*** 01525 405540.

**Thu Jul 28 2016 Fares Please!**

15ml. Start: 09.30 From Caldecote Arms public c.p. (free) off A4146 eastbound, MK7 8HP. Map: Exp 192 (GR SP888354). A linear walk using train from Bow Brickhill to Lidlington. Break at Woburn Sands near p.h. ***C:*** Mike Bowley ***T:*** 01908 616589 ***M:*** 07933 066784 on day only.

**Sat Aug 6 2016 The Chairman’s Cream Tea Trot**

18ml. Start: 09.00 From c.p. on minor road off B488 towards Aldbury, about 1 mile from turning off B488. Maps: LR 165 Exp 181 (GR SP955149). SATURDAY WALK. Lunch at Brownlow Café near Bridgewater Monument where cream teas and other delicacies are available. There is no truth in the rumour that the Chairman will be buying Cream Teas for everyone. ***C:*** Norman Corrin

***T:*** 01908 608667 ***M:*** 07980 378656 on day.

**Thu Aug 11 2016 Summer at Wetherspoons**

14.5ml. Start: 09.30 From Pegsdon (park in dead end rd beside B655 Hitchin to Barton rd). Map: LR 166 (GR TL118302). Extended lunch at Hitchin Wetherspoons, The Angel Vaults (has a very nice garden). Can’t walk - then join us for lunch. ***C:*** Dave Findel-Hawkins ***T:*** 01908 216476.

**Sun Aug 14 2016 Step Backwards...The Steppingley Pets**

18ml. Start: 09.00 From Old Road, Barton-Le-Clay. Pls park considerately near entrance to recreation ground. Map: Exp 193 (GR TL083305). A chance to be led around a BBN challenge walk backwards! It will all look different.

***C:*** Dee Brockway ***T:*** 01582 881809 ***M:*** 07742 433951 on day only.

**Thu Aug 25 2016 A Shorter Wildflower Wander**

15ml. Start: 09.30 From The Red Lion, Upper Sundon, LU3 3PE. Please park quietly in c.p. behind pub. Map: Exp 193 (GR TL045278). Lots of wildflowers - including Chiltern Gentian at Sundon chalk pit. ***C:*** David Sedgley

***T:*** 01525 714961 ***M:*** 07583 091770 on day only.

**Sun Aug 28 2016 A Wander from Old Warden**

15ml. Start 09.00 From St Leonard’s Church, Old Warden. Donation to the church for c.p. use appreciated. Map: Exp 208 (GR TL136443).

***C:*** Linda Marsh ***T:*** 01908 669698 ***M:*** 07885 181422 on day only.

**Sun Sep 4 2016 The Queen’s Oak and the Slithy Tove**

18ml. 09.00 From Watermill Lane c.p. Stratford Road, Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes. Maps: LR 152 Exp 207 (GR SP796408).

***C:*** Gill Bunker ***T:*** 01908 321308 ***M:*** 07790 976090 on day only.

**Thu Sep 8 2016 Chiltern Views & Woods**

15ml. 09.30 From Coombe Hill (free) National Trust c.p. (at bend on road thru’ Dunsmore). Map: Exp 181 (GR SP851062). Break at Great Hampden (p.h. nearby). ***C:*** John Esslemont ***T:*** 01494 881597.

**Sun Sep 11 2016 Can’t See the Wood for the Trees**

17ml. 09.00 From Wilstead, c.p. in Whitworth Way, behind Methodist Church. Maps: Exp 193,208 (GR TL066435). This walk is part of the Bedfordshire Walking Festival. ***C:*** Roy Carter ***T:*** 01234 301182 ***M:*** 07784 208997 on day.

**Sat Sep 17 2016 Blissful Saturday**

20ml. 09.00 From Blisworth Tunnel c.p. Stoke Road. Map: LR 152 (GR SP729529). SATURDAY WALK. ***C:*** Roger & Karen Marlow ***T:*** 01604 862494 before 21.00.

**Thu Sep 22 2016 The Travellers’ Graves Walk**

c15ml. 09.30 From Haversham Road c.p. north of Wolverton railway station. Maps: LR 152 Exp 207 (GR SP818421). ***C:*** Dianne Sutton ***T:*** 01908 606256 before 9pm ***M:*** 07957 466487 on day.

**Sun Sep 25 2016 Walk from Hellidon**

18ml. 09.00 From Hellidon, nr Stockwell Lane. Meet at triangular junction. Maps: LR 151,152 (GR SP515584). Alfresco lunch stop. Possible tea room at Badby. ***C:*** Gill Howe & Andrew Gilbertson ***T:*** 01327 871451 ***M:*** 07922 068591 on day only.

**Sat Oct 1 2016 Oh No! Not the Brickhills Again, Again**

18ml. 09.00 From Bow Brickhill Station c.p. (free). Map: Exp 192 (GR SP896349). Tea shop with a view half way. **SATURDAY WALK**.

***C:*** Peter Engledow ***T:*** 07733 323641.

**Thu Oct 6 2016 Underground, Overground**

17ml. 09.30 From c.p. at Draughton Crossing on minor road east of Maidwell. Maps: LR 141 Exp 223 (GR SP755773). Break at Clipston near p.h. Route goes thru’ 2 disused railway tunnels – pls bring a torch. ***C:*** Bob Safford
***T:*** 01933 356609 ***M:*** 07531 837829 on day.

**Sun Oct 9 2016 A Collection of Nature Reserves**

20ml. 09.00 From The Green, Clophill MK45 4AD. Park nr the Flying Horse PH in Clophill. Map: Exp 193 (GR TL083377). ***C:*** Therese Jamin ***T:*** 01582 571455
***M:*** 07779 227675.

**Sun Oct 16 2016 Blow Up**

19ml. 09.00 From free c.p. Southwood Road, Downside, Dunstable, at foot of Cottage Bottom Fields. Access from A5. Maps: LR 166 Exp 193 (GR TL035209). ***C:*** Peter Simon ***T:*** 01582 513827.

**Thu Oct 20 2016 Doc Marten’s Area**

16ml. 09.30 From Yardley Hastings, close to Red Lion p.h. Map: Exp 207 (GR SP865566). ***C:*** Roy Carter ***T:*** 01234 301182 ***M:*** 07784 208997 on day.

**Sun Oct 23 2016 Nature Trekking and a History Lesson**

18ml. 09.00 From free c.p. on Lowick Lane just outside Aldwincle. Maps: LR 141 Exp 224 (GR TL007813). Pub lunch between 8 and 9 miles, cafe at 16 miles.
***C:*** Wayne Rowlett ***T:*** 01536 460984.

**Sun Oct 30 2016 Steppingley Step Marshals' Walk**

***C:*** Merrian Lancaster ***T:*** 01908 642803 ***M:*** 07933 735338.

**Thu Nov 3 2016 A Little Bit of Bully**

14.5ml. 09.30 From Wheathampstead East Lane public c.p. (on lane adj to Bull p.h.). Map: LR 166 (GR TL178141). Lunch in Whitwell nr p.h. ***C:*** Roger Skerman ***T:*** 01525 405540.

**Sat Nov 5 2016 Peace and War**

20ml. 09.00 From Twywell Hills & Dales free c.p. immediately North of junc 11 of the A14. Map: LR 141 (GR SP937774). Pub at lunch. **SATURDAY WALK**.
***C:*** Jim Robinson ***T:*** 01832 734501 ***M:*** 07845 909750.

**Thu Nov 17 2016 Another Bit of Cross Bucks**

15ml. 09.30 From c.p. (layby/picnic area) off A413 south of Winslow.
Map: LR 165 (GR SP776268). ***C:*** Jim Morrison ***T:*** 01908 665300.

**Sun Nov 20 2016 Steppingley Step**

26, 18 or 12ml. in 10.5hr. From Barton-le-Clay Village Hall postcode MK45 4JY (GR TL083306). The walk follows mainly field paths, tracks, woods & some roads through undulating countryside with good views from the hills traversed. Start: Walkers from 08.00; Runners/Joggers/Fast Walkers from 09.00 (cp times will be adhered to, with NO exceptions. All must be finished by 18.30, Hall closes 19.00). All must bring own mug (none on route), compass & route description WHICH MUST BE DOWNLOADED & PRINTED from web site beforehand. We recommend map Expl 193 or LR 153 & 166 (only 166 for 12ml route), a torch if you expect to finish after dark & waterproofs. Please wear appropriate clothing & footwear for this time of year. This walk is part of BB&N triple challenge. Entry: £6.00, Non LDWA £9.00 & Under 18s free (there will be a limit of 300 entrants. No entries OTD) incl hot & cold drinks throughout, biscuits at start, snacks at all Cps and a light meal at finish. Cert for all finishers. Entries close 8th Nov 2016 or when full. Chqs payable to LDWA BBN Group. SEF accepted, SAE not required if email address is given or entry form downloadable from event website. Online entry at: https://www.sientries.co.uk. ***C:*** Mike Hyland, 55 Broadlands Avenue, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1AL ***T:*** 01494 774154 (before 21.00).
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**Sun Nov 27 2016 Walk + AGM**

8/9ml. 09.00 From Anchor Inn, Great Barford, Beds. Park in pub c.p. or on side road. Map: LR 153 (GR TL134518). Morning walk followed by lunch at Anchor Inn. Please pre-book your meal with Gill Bunker T: 01908 321308. Menu choices in Autumn Newsletter. The AGM starts at 14.00. ***C:*** Norman Corrin
***T:*** 01908 608667 ***M:*** 07980 378656 on day.

**Thu Dec 1 2016 Milton Keynes Monopoly Walk: Part 2**

15ml. 09.30 From Manor Fields Sports Ground, Bletchley, MK2 2HX. Enter sports ground off Watling St. opp. Dobbies Garden Centre, pass Irish Club and cont ahead to far end of c.p. Map: Exp 192 (GR SP885335).
***C:*** Brian Graves ***T:*** 01908 631013 ***M:*** 07563 728633.

**Sun Dec 11 2016 Tinsel at Towcester**

13ml. 09.00 From Richmond Road c.p. Towcester. Maps: LR 152 Exp 207 (GR SP692485). BBN’s Xmas Walk. Bring a wrapped gift to the value of £1, bows & all. Carol singing at churches en route. Mince pies & refreshments halfway thru walk. Post walk drinks in Towcester somewhere….....
***C:*** Santa's (not so) little helper Norman Corrin ***T:*** 01908 608667
***M:*** 07980 378656 on day.

**Thu Dec 15 2016 Risdene Railway Romp – Where’s Rudolph?**

12/13ml. 09.30 From Knuston Road (by Knuston Home Farm), Irchester. Follow signs for Knuston Hall (B569). Entrance to Knuston Road is either side of entrance to Knuston Hall, on opp side of rd. Most space at northern end of rd. Maps: LR 153 Exp 224 (GR SP938663). Extended lunch in Wetherspoons. ***C:*** Reindeer Handler Adrian Moody ***T:*** 01933 314134 before 9.00 pm
***M:*** 07788 684394 on day.

**Thu Dec 29 2016 Year End Stroll**

15ml. 09.30 From Redbourne Common c.p. nr cricket pavilion. Maps: LR 166 Exp 182 (GR TL103119). ***C:*** Gordon Shaughnessy ***T:*** 01582 518791 ***M:*** 07518 364036.

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**Sun Mar 5 2017 Chiltern Kanter**

26, 18 or 13ml. From Pitstone Memorial Hall, LU7 9EY (GR SP937155). Please note this is a map reading event. Circular routes through the Chilterns. Maps: LR 165 or Exp 181. Start: 08.00-8:30 for 26 &18ml; 8.30-9.00 for 13.5 ml; runners 09.00-09.15 (all to finish by 18.00). Postal entries close Sat 25th Feb. Event parking at Safran Power Systems, Pitstone Business Park, Westfield Road, LU7 9GT (GR SP933154). Follow direction of marshals. . Entry: £7, non LDWA £10, under 16s £3 (no entries OTD) incl refreshments at Cps; hot meal & cert at finish. Postage for results included. Chqs payable to LDWA-BBN. SEF accepted with SAE. Online entry at: https://www.sientries.co.uk/. ***C:*** Mike Hyland, 55 Broadlands Avenue, Chesham HP5 1AL ***T:*** 01494 774154 (not after 21.00 please). ***E:*** mike.hyland@ntlworld.com ***W:*** www.ldwa.org.uk/bedsbucksandnorthants