

SOUTH DOWNS WAY

Names are now required for the South Downs Way trip which must be booked by the end of September 2011. It is over 10 days starting at Winchester on Saturday May 12th 2012 and finishing at Eastbourne on Monday May 21st. Each day's walk is around 12 or 13 miles with the longest stretch of 16.5 miles on day 7. Transport is arranged to and from each end of the walk and luggage moved between overnight stops. The nine evenings are spent in various hotels and guest houses along the route on a B&B basis. The cost will be £539 per person for a shared room or £729 for a single. There will be a further charge of £17.98 per person for the transfer back to Winchester. A deposit of £55 pp, is required with each booking, made out to Wellingborough Ramblers and an indication on whether a single, double or twin bedded room is preferred.

If you are interested or wish for any further information please contact Jane a.s.a.p. on 01933 676660 or at jane_hutchinson@hotmail.com.

DATES IN THIS PROGRAMME.

Barn Dance Sat 22nd October
Wellingborough AGM Wed. 16th November.
Area AGM Sunday 20th November
CHRISTMAS MEALS
Tuesday 6th December
Thursday 8th December
Saturday 10th December
Wednesday 14th December

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A week in Montenegro April 21st 28th 2012
South Downs Way Sat May 12th– 21st 2012
Awayday Sat 26th May (Prov)
Walking around Swanage 11th to 15th June 2012

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WELLINGBOROUGH AGM

Members are invited to attend this year's AGM which will take place at 7.30pm on 16 November 2011 in the Function Room of the Old Grammarian's Club, Oxford Street, Wellingborough. The out-going committee will present a report of the past year's activities, including the annual accounts for approval of the membership, and a new committee will be elected. Members who wish to submit motions for discussion at the AGM should submit them in writing to the Secretary by 19 October 2011; all motions require a proposer and seconder. *Secretary*

The formal meeting generally lasts no more than 60 minutes. Hot food for consumption after the meeting may be ordered before the meeting starts. Several long standing members are standing down from the committee so new members are needed to continue to build on the success of recent years. This is your chance to have your say, and to meet socially with other members. Please try to attend –we would like to see fresh faces at the meeting and hopefully a few of them on the committee. *Ed*

AREA AGM Sunday 20 November 3:00pm at Weedon Village Hall, The Daventry Group is hosting the event which is being preceded by two walks. Please support the Daventry Group and Area. See programme and Area newsletter for more details.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT We welcome the following new members who have joined us since April 2011 –Mr Robert Parry, Mr Clive Geddes, Frank & Hazel Goodland, Mrs Fiona Durrans, Mr & Mrs N Murphy, Mr Christopher Walker and Mr Paul Allen

To help keep our records up to date will members please inform the membership secretary of any changes to their details. *Jackie Timpson*

HERRIOT'S WAY In June fifteen members of the Wellingborough Group, led by Paul Waterton, set off to walk the Herriot Way, a fifty two mile circular route through the beautiful Yorkshire dales starting and finishing at Askrigg. The trek took five days and a good time was had by all.

WALKING AROUND SWANAGE Due to the success of the Herriot's Way walk earlier this year, (see above) Doreen & David Stringer have offered to organise a series of circular walks starting in the Swanage area from Monday 11th June to Friday 15th June 2012. It will consist of two half day walks on the first and last days and longer day walks on each of the other 3 days. Walkers need to provide their own transport to the area and arrange overnight accommodation. There are a few caravans to rent on the site that Doreen & David use but early booking is essential. If you are interested in this trip please contact David or Doreen on 01604 459156 for more details, or visit our website.

WEBSITE The website continues to flourish under the stewardship of Paul Waterton and up to date information on all that the Wellingborough group are doing or have done can be found on:

www.wellingboroughramblers.co.uk.

CHRISTMAS MEALS The **Tuesday** Christmas Lunch is on 6th Dec at The White Hart P.H. in Hackleton and follows a five and a half mile walk led by Ian Kirkton and David Irvén. The cost is £19.95 pp and all bookings with £5.00 non-returnable deposit should be made with Margaret Higgins on 01933 441270.

Wednesday's lunch is at The Kings Head in Wadenhoe on 14th December at 1.00pm following a walk led by Pam Barrett. The cost is £14.95 per head and bookings with a £5.00 deposit can be made with Maxine Byrom at maxine@wellingboroughramblers.co.uk or on 01604 891234 after October 1st. Numbers are limited.

The **Saturday** dinner is on 10th December at The Griffins Head in Mears Ashby 7.00 for 7.30pm. Cost £21.90 pp. Bookings with a £5 deposit please to Josephine Pettifer on 01933 228486. Josephine has asked for a stamped address envelope if you need further information in writing.

The pioneers are doing their own thing on **Thursday** 8th December. See programme for details or contact Paul on 01933 224598

BARN DANCE This year The Wellingborough Group's barn dance will be held on Saturday 22nd October 2011 7.30pm – 10.30pm at the new venue of Denton Village Hall. Dancing will again be to 'OCH & DOUGH' who proved to be such a success last year. Tickets will be available from 1st September 2011 at a cost of £10 per person from any Committee Member. Ticket price will include a Fish 'n' Chip supper (to be delivered at 9.00pm) and a free entry into the Champagne Draw. Bring your own drinks as always please. *I hope you will all continue to support this very enjoyable event.* Ed

HOLIDAY TO THE RHINE On Sunday 3rd July a party of 22 from the Northampton area set off from Birmingham airport for a long awaited holiday to Boppard, an historic town on the banks of the Rhine, looking forward to a week of walking and sightseeing along this great river. The holiday was organised specifically for the group by Ramblers Holidays and the leaders were a married couple with experience of the area. Two grades of walk were on offer each day and the group split nicely for each grade. The walks were all testing and some became quite strenuous in the gorgeous weather that prevailed, up to the point of departure, when the heavens opened. Walks had beautiful views over the river, passed numerous castles, included rocky gorges and of course kuchen and coffee on the way home. We stayed at the Hotel Rhienlust situated on the banks of the Rhein with some having a balcony overlooking the river. Whilst breakfasts were taken at the hotel four evening meals were very much enjoyed at local restaurants and one member was treated extremely well as she was celebrating her birthday that day. An interesting feature of the holiday was the different modes of transport used to get us to or from the walks with boats, ferries, buses and trains and even a chair lift on one walk to get us back down to river level.

The town of Koblenz was visited by the majority on our rest day which included a return trip by river boat past the town of Lahnstein, Kettering's twin town, a trip enjoyed by all those that stayed awake!

This trip was another in the long line of successful holidays run by Stuart Roberts and our thanks must go to him for all the hard work and effort put into its organisation.

A fuller version of the trip written by Janet Bell is available and a copy of Neil's photos are available on CD. All enquiries to the editor please.

Next year's trip is to Montenegro in April. Prices are £729 pp with an £18 supplement for singles in a twin room.

Anyone interested should contact Stuart before the end of August on 01933 623745 or at stuart@wellingboroughramblers.co.uk. Details on the web. Ed