

# Chilterns Walking Festival

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21 MAY – 6 JUNE 2021

## Welcome to the 8th Chilterns Walking Festival

From Hitchin in Hertfordshire to Goring in Oxfordshire, the Chilterns Walking Festival provides over 70 opportunities to enjoy beech woodlands, nature reserves, family walks and much more, all in the expert care of a knowledgeable guide.

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events, including information on walk grades,  
suitability for children and dogs,  
booking guidance etc.

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New walks are being added all the time, check  
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### KEY



Free event



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Range: 1 – 5  
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Dogs on lead  
welcome



Family  
friendly



Near public  
transport



Accessible

### Covid-19 – Keeping you safe

All Chilterns Walking Festival walks and events will be risk assessed and **Covid-19 safety precautions adhered to**, including maintaining a 2 metre social distance and limiting numbers.

**Booking is essential** for all events and participants will be asked to provide telephone and email details for purposes of contact tracing.

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### Keep the Aspidistra Flying! (In the footsteps of George Orwell)

Saturday 21 9.30am 11 miles Walk (0701)

Join us to discover George Orwell's 'golden country' and how his childhood here in the Oxfordshire countryside influenced his writing. From Shiplake Station we follow the Thames where Orwell loved to fish, then up the hill to Binfield Heath and Crowsley Park 'listening station'. After a break at the Bottle & Glass Inn we return to Shiplake, past the house where Orwell once lived.

**Adult £12**



### St Mary's Church Chesham Beat the Bounds Walk - long route

Saturday 22 8am 25 miles Walk (0015)

Join us on this challenging walk around the ancient parish of Chesham which celebrates the old custom of Beating the Bounds.



### Walk to the Trenches

Saturday 22 10am 2 miles Walk (0003)

Join us for a bacon butty and cuppa (on the house) in the Teepee at The Royal Oak before venturing out on to the lovely Marlow Common. Explore the wonderfully preserved WW1 practice trenches and soak up the magic of these beautiful beech woods, then back to the pub for a beer or lunch if you fancy.



### Archaeology without digging

Saturday 22 10am 5 miles Walk (0301)

Starting and finishing in Woodcote, we take an archaeological tour of the woods and fields of Goring Heath. We will discover a Romano British enclosure, medieval boundaries, lynchets and a holloway. There are also plentiful traces of a more recent past - when the woods were busy with brick and pottery works, and timber was sawn into planks to begin its journey from tree trunk to furniture. And it's a lovely woodland walk.



### Midsomer on the Misbourne 1: Great Missenden to Amersham

Saturday 22 10.30am 8 miles Walk (0024)

Visit the locations for three episodes of Midsomer Murders in Great Missenden and five episodes in Little Missenden. A walk along the River Misbourne and past Shardeloes Lake takes us into Old Amersham used for locations in the very first episode, 'The Killings at Badgers Drift' and the 100th episode, 'The Killings of Copenhagen'. A further 20 minute walk or frequent bus will take you to Amersham station for swift return to Great Missenden.



### Bledlow Ridge - Up with the Larks!

Saturday 22 10am 4 miles Walk (2101)

Scenic walk led by GG Wildlife Walks, setting off from Dean Farm Meadow with its sweeping views. Hill climbs will reward you with beautiful views. Watch Red Kites and Buzzards soar and hopefully we will see and hear Skylarks, Yellowhammers and Corn Bunting serenading us. On return to Dean Farm Meadow, there will be refreshments available to purchase from Big Top Events.

**Adult £10**



## River Wye Historic Walk

 Saturday 22  10am  9 miles  Walk (0101)

Walk the 9 mile length of the River Wye from its mouth at Bourne End all the way to West Wycombe House. View some of the old mills along the way, walk part of the Old Oxford Road and hear some fascinating history including the Machine Breakers Riots of 1830.



## Pack and Prime from Henley

 Saturday 22  2pm  4.8 miles  Walk (2401)

From the centre of Henley we take the historic Pack and Prime Lane to reach the neighbouring village of Rotherfield Greys. Via a discreet path between the church and the pub we access the Chiltern Way and Dog Lane to return to Henley across open country and woodland.



## To pole or not to pole? Introduction to Nordic walking

 Saturday 22  2pm  2 miles  Walk (0026)

Why go Nordic walking? Learn for yourself the fantastic benefits of pole walking and techniques involved. A fun and enjoyable way to improve your fitness in the beautiful outdoors. Improve cardiovascular health, strengthen muscles, better posture, help with weight management.



## St Mary's Church Chesham Beat the Bounds Walk – short route

 Saturday 22  2pm  5 miles  Walk (0016)

Join us on this challenging walk around the ancient parish of Chesham which celebrates the old custom of Beating the Bounds.



## From Kingfishers to Raptors – The Goring Scenic Circuit

 Sunday 23  9am  6 miles  Walk (0201)

Scenic half-day walk taking in the best of Goring and Streatley, two beautiful villages by the River Thames with rolling hillsides. The walk starts with a kingfisher spotting experience, then on to Hartslock Nature Reserve, famed for its flora and fauna as well as scenic views. We will look out for Red Kites, Buzzards, and Kestrels. Return along “yellowhammer corridor” and along a stretch of the River Thames.

**Adult £10**



## Panoramic Views & Prime Ministers' Haunts

 Sunday 23  9.30am  8 miles  Walk (0029)

A steady climb up Coombe Hill to panoramic views over the Aylesbury Vale, drop down to the 12th Century church of Ellesborough, through ancient box woodlands and around the edge of Chequers, the 16th Century manor, home to prime ministers since 1921.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



## Cowcroft Wood and Green Lane, near Chesham

 Sunday 23  10am  5 miles  Walk (0012)

A gentle 5 mile walk led by the Chiltern Society, departing from The Crown pub in the picturesque village of Ley Hill near Chesham. The route will take in woods and commons.



## Bushcraft with Alex at the Watlington Chalk Pits

 Sunday 23  10am and 1.30pm  Walk (0033)

Join Alex DeWitt at the Watlington Chalk Pits for a half day of fun filled nature-based activities including making decorative leaf prints, bracelets with elder beads, and lighting cotton wool with fire steels. Best suited ages 7+

**Adult £5 Senior £5 Child £5**



## Power of Poles

 Sunday 23  12pm  3 miles  Walk (1801)

This is a 'Fast Track' Power of Poles course over 90 minutes – intended for those who are able and eager to learn how Pole Walking technique can both support the joints and give the body a more comprehensive workout. Pole hire included. Walxridgeway Freedom. Passport issued on completion.

**Adult £19.99 Senior £19.99 Child £19.99**



## Arts & Crafts Architecture walk, Amersham on the Hill

 Sunday 23  2pm  2 miles  Walk (0021)

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th Century development, J H Kennard. Starting from Amersham Station, this walk will take you around Amersham-on-the-Hill where you will find out about the many projects undertaken by this notable Arts & Crafts architect.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



## Amersham Old Town Walk

 Sunday 23  2.30pm  1 mile  Walk (0018)

This circular walk of Amersham old town will give you a fascinating insight into the lives of people in the past and the places where they lived and worked. From the Museum, the route takes in the High Street, Memorial Gardens, Church Street, School Lane and other historic areas. There are over 80 listed buildings on the High Street alone, including the Market Hall.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



## SU 746 785 (Introduction to Navigation)

 Monday 24  9.45am  5 miles  Walk (1601)

This one day course is ideal for beginners or refreshers wanting to gain more confidence to explore the great outdoors. We start by getting to know our map and compass, then set off on a walk to develop your knowledge and skills. We will walk about 5 miles with stops to discuss our navigation strategies and you will be given plenty of expert guidance and tips as we go.

**Adult £45**



## KEY



Free event



Difficulty Range: 1 – 5  
1 = easy



Dogs on lead welcome



Family friendly



Near public transport



Accessible



### Kew Little Pig Walk





 Monday 24  10am  1.5 miles  Walk (0010)

Spend some time ambling around our Miniature Pig farm in Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire, meeting the pigs and learning about them. Our piggies love a cuddle, and love people! Ideal for families.

**Adult £5 Senior £4 Child £4**



### Capability Brown's Ashridge

 Tuesday 25  9.30am  5 miles  Walk (0027)

Explore the natural beauty of the Ashridge Estate and see the impact Capability Brown's extraordinary 17th century landscaping had on the Estate. Enjoy sweeping vistas, 350 year old sweet chestnut trees and an original ice-house.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### Hedgerley Wood Deep Time Walk

 Tuesday 25  10am  7.5 miles  Walk (1201)

We will climb from the Ridgeway to the top of Chinnor Hill and join the Deep Time Walk created by the Hedgerley Wood Trust to learn about the unhurried evolution of life on Earth throughout its 4.6 billion years. We skirt Crowell Wood and descend to reach the Chinnor chalk pit lakes in the hope of spotting some orchids and an optional visit to the historic lime kiln.



### Henley Town Wellness Walk

 Tuesday 25  12pm  1 mile  Walk (0901)

This is a short gentle circular walk starting in the Square outside the Town Hall. Our route will take us through the historic town centre towards the River Thames. We will follow a short stretch of the Thames Path before returning to the Town Square.



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### A little bit of Mindfulness

 Tuesday 25  3pm  3.5 miles  Walk (0028)

Reconnect with your senses on this Mindfulness themed walk – the sounds, smells and natural beauty of the outdoors, and enjoy a peaceful visit to the 'hidden' Amaravati monastery (NB Entry inside the buddhist monastery will depend on current Covid restrictions), before savouring a well earned refreshment at the garden centre.



### Christmas Common Cheese and Pub Walk

 Wednesday 26  9.30am  4 miles  Walk (0032)

We set off from the Fox & Hounds pub in Christmas Common for a beautiful walk through beech woodlands and chalk downland, guided by Adventure Revolution. You will learn lots about this beautiful area as we walk. On our return to the pub we will taste a selection of delicious Nettlebed Creamery cheeses and other local produce.

**Adult £15 Senior £15**







### Toddler toddle with Anna

 Wednesday 26  10am  1.5 miles  Walk (2301)

Join me and my little one for a simple, family-friendly walk around the Meadow path at Ashridge. Relaxed and informal, we will go at little legs' pace! A chance to chat to other parents and let the children play and run free. There are so many wonderful trees and dens to explore along the way, and if we're lucky, some muddy puddles!



### A Wildlife Wish!

 Wednesday 26  10.30am  1 mile  Walk (1901)

A gentle circular adventure that passes through diverse wildlife habitats with plenty of time for stopping and spotting. We shall use stepping stones to cross the cold stream and walk along tree-lined footpaths to meet the River Thames towpath. On our return we shall stop to make a wish at the Wishing Tree to feed the ducks!



### Power of Poles

 Wednesday 26  11am  3 miles  Walk (1802)

**This event also takes place on 23 and 29 May – see earlier listing 23 May for details.**

**Adult £19.99 Senior £19.99 Child £19.99**



### Ivinghoe wild flower walk and painting workshop

 Wednesday 26  11am  3 miles  Walk (0030)

Start with a leisurely walk from the pretty little village of Ivinghoe, passing Pitstone windmill and through chalk meadows which are home to many beautiful wild flowers. We will return to the community hub for refreshments and a guided watercolour painting session.

**Adult £30 Senior £30 Child £30**



### A Gap on the Landscape (East)

 Thursday 27  9.45am  5.5 miles  Walk (0801)

On this walk we will explore the special landscape of Goring Gap, where the Chilterns AONB meets the North Wessex Downs AONB – a landscape forged by nature and adapted by man over thousands of years. Our route takes us up through Great Chalk Wood onto the Chilterns plateaux for some fine views. We descend through Hartslock Nature Reserve and follow the Thames back to Goring.

**Adult £30 Senior £30 Child £30**



### Henley Regatta Course and Thames Path

 Thursday 27  10.15am  9 miles  Walk (1701)

Circular walk from Henley following the Regatta course along the Thames Path, past Temple Island and Hambleden Lock to Aston, with a possible drink stop at The Flowerpot pub. We return over hills and fields.



### Station to Amersham Old Town

 Thursday 27  11am  3 miles  Walk (0023)

No other medium sized town has a medieval street plan untouched by post 1800 development. A short woodland walk starting at Amersham station through the beech woods down to Amersham Old Town will explain how this came about. There will be a rare opportunity to see some impressive memorials in the Drake Chapel. The walk around the medieval street plan will finish outside Amersham Museum.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### Arts & Craft Architecture Walk, Chesham Bois

 Thursday 27  1.30am  2 miles  Walk (0022)

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th Century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Chesham Bois and find out about the many projects undertaken by this notable Arts & Crafts architect.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### A Gap on the Landscape (West)

 Thursday 27  2pm  5 miles  Walk (0802)

Explore the special landscape of Goring Gap from 'the other side'. Along the way we discover how this landscape has changed, forged by nature and man over millennia. Our route takes us from Goring across the River Thames and into the North Wessex Downs AONB. We will walk through the downland and hanging woods of Lardon Chase and The Hollies, enjoying views of the River Thames and Chiltern Hills beyond.

**Adult £6**



### Brakspear Thames Path Walk

 Friday 28  9.45am  6 miles  Walk (0005)

We will start from the 'Bull on Bell Street' in Henley-on-Thames, home of Brakspear's micro-brewery. We will follow the historic back streets of Henley down to the River and walk along a beautiful stretch of the Thames Path National Trail towards Hambleden lock. We will meander back through woods and rolling farmland. Return for an optional home-baked pie lunch. The walk will be led by Richard Mayon-White, author of 'Exploring the Thames Wilderness'



### A Ramble with 'Our Mutual Friend'

 Friday 28  10am  7 miles  Walk (0702)

On this Literary Hitchhike with 'Our Mutual Friend' from the historic riverside town of Henley-on-Thames our companion is Charles Dickens. The riverside world fascinated Dickens and as we ramble along the riverbank we discover how the rural Thames flows through his works linking the lives of his characters.

**Adult £12**



### Exploring the Gaddesden Estate

 Friday 28  11am  9 miles  Walk (0031)

Explore the Gaddesden Estate home to the Halsey family for over five Centuries. See the 400 year old sweet chestnut tree much used by the film industry since the 1960's. Social cuppa halfway at Charlie's pop up café.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**

### Exploring Barton Hills National Nature Reserve; Wildlife, Management and History

 Friday 28  12.30pm  2 miles  Walk (0601)

Join the team that look after this important National Nature Reserve, as we explore the spectacular hills, learning how land use has changed over time and how the site is now managed. Discover the wildlife that makes it so special. Return to the village Church for a hot drink and cake in the garden, along with some sampling of local produce.



### An evening on the top of the Chilterns

 Friday 28  7pm  3.2 miles  Walk (1301)

Nettlebed is a quaint village high in the Chilterns. Our leisurely walk takes us north of Nettlebed, passing next to Warburg Nature Reserve, with superb views over the rolling hills towards Maidensgrove. Returning through the woods we enjoy more beautiful views. Optional refreshments at the White Hart pub at the end.



### Berkhamsted and Ashridge Trail Run

 Saturday 29  9am  9.44 miles  Walk (2701)

A group trail run on a circular route out to the National Trust Ashridge Estate from Berkhamsted. The run is on undulating terrain and is all off-road. Much of the route passes through stunning woodland on the Ashridge Estate. This is a social run led by Chris, with a couple of stops along the way.

**Adult £10**



### Hambleden Valley and 3 Chiltern villages

 Saturday 29  10am  10.5 miles  Walk (1501)

This moderate-paced walk goes through the beautiful Hambleden valley and visits the 3 lovely villages of Turville, Fingest and Skirmett. We will stop half-way at the Barn Cafe at Turville Heath. Enjoy good views especially at Turville and the Hambleden Valley.



### Western Turville Reservoir – 1 hour easy walk with or without poles


 Saturday 29  10.15am  2 miles  Walk (1806)

A flat canal and field-side walk around the beautiful Wildlife Trust Reservoir and Wendover Arm of the Grand Union. Lots of birdlife and countryside to enjoy with lovely views of the Chiltern Hills.

**Adult £6 Senior £6 Child £6**



### Rusty, Knights, Mosquitos and more ...

 Saturday 29  10.15am  2.75 miles  Walk (0001)

Historical walk of High Wycombe, starting at High Wycombe Museum. Hear about the industry that made Wycombe famous throughout the world, handle a chair-maker's wage packet from 1913, learn about Wycombe's serial criminal and also of the club where practical jokes and amorous pursuits were encouraged.



### Geocaching "Round the Bend"

 Saturday 29  10.30am  3.1 miles  Walk (2501)




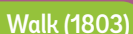
Geocaching treasure hunt adventure perfect for all ages. Starting in Remenham, the walk will take you on a scenic riverside walk around a large bend in the River Thames before returning 'over the top' to the start point. There are 17 geocaches to find on the "round the bend" series.



### KEY



### Power of Poles



 Saturday 29  12pm  3 miles  Walk (1803)

**This event also takes place on 23 and 26 May – see earlier listing 23 May for details.**

**Adult £19.99 Senior £19.99 Child £19.99**



### Tudor Walk

 Saturday 29  2.30pm  1.5 miles  Walk (0017)

The walk tells of life in early 16th Century Amersham - including the food, drink, housing, work, markets, fairs, beliefs, health and cures. Learn about the 6 men and 1 woman burnt as Lollards.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### Walk round Wendover and Ridgeway

 Sunday 30  10am  5 miles  Walk (0013)

The 5 mile walk climbs through mixed countryside to the hamlet of Dunsmore and then sweeps through tranquil woods to join the Ridgeway where there are fine views across the Vale of Aylesbury and Chequers. The return will follow the Ridgeway past the Coombe Hill monument.



### High Chilterns of Swyncombe and Ewelme Downs

 Sunday 30  10am  12 miles  Walk (2601)

A scenic hilly route starting in picturesque Cookley Green, passing through woodlands and over Swyncombe Down with its far reaching views. We head down to Ewelme and the famous alms houses where we will stop for our picnic lunch. We return across Ewelme Down and up through Ewelme Park.



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### Trees and plants – a guided tour of the Risborough hills

 Sunday 30  10am  2.5 miles  Walk (0002)

If you don't know your beech from your birch or your elder from your alder then this is the walk for you! No previous knowledge required but plenty will be dished out! We'll look at ID points like buds and bark, as well as talking about the historical and modern uses for trees in the area.

**Adult £10**



### Henley on Thames – Exploring the Town

 Sunday 30  10.15am  3 miles  Walk (1703)

Circular walk exploring the town. We pass Friar Park where the late George Harrison lived, discover where Dusty Springfield is buried and where engineer and inventor Humphrey Gainsborough was a minister. Our route will take us past the old Henley Brewery, Kenton Theatre, the Regatta course and the River & Rowing Museum.



### Amersham Old Town Walk

 Sunday 30  2.30am  1 mile  Walk (0019)

**This event also takes place on 23 May and 6 June – see earlier listing 23 May for details.**

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### Kew Little Pig Walk

 Monday 31  10am  1.5 miles  Walk (0011)

**This event also takes place on 24 May – see earlier listing for details.**

**Adult £5 Senior £4 Child £4**



### Goring Family Riverside Return

 Monday 31  10am  2 miles  Walk (0008)

Steven Gozdz of GG Wildlife Walks will lead this gentle family-friendly wildlife walk, helping you and your children spot as many different birds, animals and insects along the way. A bird spotting booklet is included to show what you can hear but don't see. You'll learn where to look for wildlife so you can go exploring with your children on your own wildlife adventures.

**Adult £5 Senior £5 Child £3**



### Pack & Prime Lane, Happy Valley, Greys Court, Lambridge Wood

 Monday 31  10.15am  6 miles  Walk (1702)

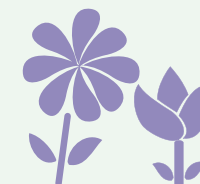
A circular walk from Henley past Friar Park (the late George Harrison's home), along Pack & Prime Lane ancient route and Happy Valley. We pass Greys Court (possible coffee stop) and return through Lambridge woods to Henley.



### Midsomer on the Misbourne 1: Great Missenden to Amersham

 Monday 31  10.30am  3 miles  Walk (0025)

Visit the locations for three episodes of Midsomer Murders in Great Missenden and five episodes in Little Missenden. A walk along the river Misbourne and past Shardeloes Lake takes us into Old Amersham used for locations in the very first episode, 'The Killings at Badgers Drift' and the 100th episode, 'The Killings of Copenhagen'. A further 20 minute walk or frequent bus will take you to Amersham station for swift return to Great Missenden.







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### Fun family walk with refreshments

Monday 31 2pm 2.5 miles Walk (1401)

A gentle circular walk exploring the woods around Nettlebed. Kids will love checking questions on various points on the walk. Refreshments will be provided towards the end of the walk, while creating tree trunk drawings and we will finish walking the play trail in the woods. Easy pace aimed at children age 6 upwards.



### Dunstable Downs – 1 hour Nordic Walk

Tuesday 1 9.30am 3 miles Walk (1804)

Moderate/strenuous level walk, with or without poles. Enjoy the extensive, stunning panoramas offered from the chalk grasslands of Dunstable Downs. Nordic Walk through the wild flower meadows, ancient woodlands and along the chalk escarpment of the Chiltern Hills.

Adult £6 Senior £6 Child £6



### Butterflies, wildflowers and orchids in traditional Chiltern landscape

Tuesday 1 10am 5 miles Walk (1101)

This scenic walk takes in the BBOWT Yoesden Nature Reserve which, on a suitable day, has many butterflies and wild flowers. Enjoy the beautiful views looking across the valley towards Radnage village. We will continue to Lodge Hill taking in the amazing views with chalk grassland and scrub which is notable for its invertebrates, including butterflies.



### Dunstable Downs – 1 hour Nordic Walk

Tuesday 1 11.15am 2 miles Walk (1805)

An easy Nordic Walk with or without poles. Enjoy the extensive, stunning panoramas offered from the chalk grasslands of Dunstable Downs. Nordic Walk through the wild flower meadows, ancient woodlands and along the chalk escarpment of the Chiltern Hills.

Adult £6 Senior £6 Child £6



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- Dogs on lead welcome
- Family friendly
- Near public transport
- Accessible

### Henley Town Wellness Walk

Tuesday 1 12pm 1 mile Walk (1001)

This event also takes place on 25 May – see earlier listing for details.



### Hagbourne's “Raised 8” Wildlife Walk

Wednesday 2 8am 3 miles Walk (0202)

A beautiful figure of eight route just outside the Chilterns, taking in East and West Hagbourne and the edge of Upton. A lush green landscape, with flowers creeping up the sides of the raised route, and lots of smaller birds in the trees and bushes. Kites and Kestrels are often seen, and if we are lucky, plenty of deer.

Adult £7.50

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### A short walk on Naphill Common

 Wednesday 2  10.30am  2/3 miles  Walk (0006)

A circular walk around one of the largest wooded commons in the Chilterns led by the Friends of Naphill Common.



### Streatley Woodland Adventurer

 Wednesday 2  2pm  3 miles  Walk (0009)

Steven Gogdz of GG Wildlife Walks will lead this woodland wildlife walk. The walk starts with a steep climb up to the hills above Streatley, worth it for the unrivalled panoramic view of the Goring Gap. We will head through woodland and National Trust land where Raptors appear readily such as Kestrels, Red Kites and Buzzards, there is even the possibility of a Sparrowhawk or Peregrine Falcon, as well as smaller birds.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### SU 766 821 (Navigation Essentials)

 Thursday 3  9.45am  6 miles  Walk (2001)

This one day course is ideal for beginners or refreshers wanting to gain more confidence to explore the great outdoors. We start by getting to know our map and compass, then set off on a walk to develop your knowledge and skills. We will walk about 6 miles with stops to discuss our navigation strategies and you will be given plenty of expert guidance and tips as we go.

**Adult £45**



### Butties, Birds and Beautiful Views – A walk from The Alford Arms

 Saturday 5  9.45am  4 miles  Walk (0004)

Join us for a bacon butty & cuppa (on the house) at The Alford Arms before venturing out into the lovely Gade Valley. The walk starts out along a Roman Road, passes a buddist monastery and through the water meadows beside the River Gade. Along the way there are outstanding views over the valley and the opportunity to spot the local wildlife.



### Where two major drovers' routes cross

 Saturday 5  11.15am  10 miles  Walk (2201)

Cattle were driven long distances to the growing market in London. The route from mid-Wales to Barnet crossed the route from the Midlands to Uxbridge on Amersham Common. This ten-mile circular walk will explore evidence on the ground and on old maps as we walk key parts of both routes. There are two drovers' inns on the route including The Ivy House where we will stop for lunch. The route crosses the River Misbourne and the climb out of the valley affords stunning views.



### Watlington Nature Walk

 Wednesday 2  8am  4 miles  Walk (0007)

Steven Gogdz of GG Wildlife Walks will lead this walk which takes in some wonderful scenery of chalk downland, beech woodlands and ancient pathways. It follows a stretch of the Oxfordshire Way up towards.

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



### Murder on the Ridgeway

 Sunday 6  10am  5 miles  Walk (0501)

Discover a scenic part of the Ridgeway between Chinnor and Bledlow, an area well known to 'Midsomer Murders' fans. We walk to Bledlow village, a regular Midsomer venue, and visit the secluded Lyde Water Garden before returning to Chinnor station where you will have the chance to relax with a ride on the steam train.



### Spring flower Walk – Dancersend

 Sunday 6  10am  5 miles  Walk (0014)

A 5 mile stile-free walk to see the spring flowers at Dancersend Nature Reserve. There are two steep climbs, but you are rewarded by some great views.



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welcome

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### Missenden Woods and Meadows

 Sunday 6  11am  3 miles  Walk (0401)

A circular walk through Angling Spring Wood to Prestwood, returning via Andlows Wood. The route takes in meadows, farmland and woodland, taking in locations associated with the writer Roald Dahl, who lived in Great Missenden. The walk ends with a visit to Boug's Meadow, a site maintained by Prestwood Nature.



### Amersham Old Town Walk

 Sunday 6  2.30pm  1 mile  Walk (0020)

**This event also takes place on 23 and 30 May – see earlier listing 23 May for details.**

**Adult £5 Senior £5**



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## Hidden Treasure Le De Spencers Arms



The 'Le De' is a little flint pub, nestling in the woods at the back of Downley Common surrounded by acres of beautiful AONB land with miles of trails. Making it the ideal refreshment stop after hiking or biking.

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