

## U3A Monday WALKING GROUP – Weeks beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

On rare occasions a walk may need to be cancelled due to:

- a) The weather forecast conditions that would make it dangerous to proceed with the walk.
- b) Emergency personal situations make it impossible / very difficult to lead the walk.

Make sure you have the contact details of the walk leader in case you are delayed for the start of the walk

- Bring own personal first aid requirements, e.g. sanitizer, sting relief, plasters, sun cream
- Carry details of your preferred emergency contact, either on mobile phone or written on a piece of paper
- Lunch - organised by the walk leader(s) at their discretion

DATE	MEETING PLACE / GRID REFERENCE	DETAILS	DISTANCE
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.30</b>	Barbury Castle Car Park: <b>SU 156 761</b>  ///rapid.broom.aims	Walk to Hackpen and back along the Ridgeway. It has the advantage that it is weather independent, being mainly on a made-up track. Beautiful views.	~4 miles.
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.30</b>	<b>Salisbury Plain</b> Meet at tank crossing on A342 between Upavon Camp and Lower Everleigh. Grant's Firs car park area.  <b>SU 175 550</b> What 3 words: fetching.midwinter.swimsuits	Skies, skies, skies!. Good tracks, no stiles and mostly undulating.  Lunch at Upavon Golf Club SU 152 545	<b>4 miles</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10.30</b>	<b>Littlecote House</b> , RG17 0SU (Parking area between house & Roman Mosaic)SU 302 704 WhatThreeWords /// reassured.quack.quantity	Mostly tracks, along riverside & up above coppices. Short steep climb about half way round. No stiles	<b>4 miles</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10.30</b>	Car park 1.5 miles <b>North West of Aldbourne</b> on the B4192 SU231 785 Turn Left just before the 'Swindon' sign	<b>Sugar Hill, Liddington Hill and the Ridgeway.</b> Great views over the downs, should be dry underfoot, no stiles. Steep climb to Sugar Hill.	<b>4.5miles</b>

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<p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Knap Hill Car Park</b> on the Lockeridge to Alton Barnes Rd <b>SU116 638</b></p> <p>This is often crowded, so please try and car-share to avoid having to park on the road.</p>	<p>Walk up to Gophers Wood, with excellent views across the Pewsey Vale, plus woodland. A steady uphill climb and then farmland and tracks. One or two stiles</p>	<p><b>4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 10.30</b></p>	<p>Car park for <b>Martinsell Hill SU 184 645</b> A345 Marlborough - Pewsey Road, after St John's School entrance take first left turn at a bend signposted Clench</p>	<p>Two steep climbs, 2 stiles, lovely views over Pewsey Vale and hopefully bluebells in the woods. Muddy in parts if heavy rain.</p>	<p><b>4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30</b></p>	<p>Meet at the <b>BYPA village hall</b> car park on Manor Lane Baydon SN8 2JE. With my trustee's hat on, could I suggest a modest contribution to hall funds &lt; £1.00. Lunch can be arranged at the 'Fancy B' pub in Baydon for anyone wanting it, please let me know beforehand.</p>	<p>We will walk towards Preston and Marrison Hill, over to Pigs Hill and back to Baydon. Generally even, no stiles, although a steep climb up Marrison Hill. Hopefully all the wildflowers will be out.</p>	<p><b>4.5 miles.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Woodborough Garden Centre SU 119 597</b></p>	<p>Level walk on paths, tracks, canal towpath and lanes. Cafe and parking in garden centre. 3 stiles</p>	<p><b>4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Bank Holiday</b></p> <p><b>Crown and Anchor pub, Ham SN8 3RB</b></p>	<p>Walk from the Crown and Anchor pub in Ham on a loop between Ham and Shalbourne. Some views of Ham manor where the Bloomsbury Group stayed. Mainly flat village walk. Some stiles. Lovely views of the downs and the villages.</p>	<p><b>3.7 miles</b></p>

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<p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30</b></p>	<p>Parking about half mile past <b>Rockley</b> there is a wooded area on the rhs with footpath sign. What 3 words: motorist.haunts.darkens Limited parking, hopefully no one else will park there before us!</p>	<p>The first part is fairly easy, long steady climb, can be muddy and rutted. Then there is a steep climb and stiles (used to be gates but now all locked) up to Four Mile clump, some parts can be overgrown and have nettles. Then along the track until we turn right, more stiles and a steep downhill over grass. The styles are very sound but quite high, sorry!</p>	<p><b>Just 4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Dumb Post Inn, Bremhill, Calne SU 975 727</b></p>	<p>Heading north before heading south west, visiting the Maud Heath monument, continuing to Bencroft Hill and back to Bremhill. Lunch at The Dumb Post Inn, which is a lovely pub with fab views.</p>	<p><b>4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Ashdown Woods RG17 8RE</b>  No refreshments but there is a picnic table in the car park.</p>	<p>A gentle amble through ancient woodland which was originally part of Savernake Forest. Depending on weather we can go through meadows to Alfred's Castle or stay on the woodland paths. Views of Ashdown House at the end of the walk. Paths can be uneven and muddy after rain.</p>	<p><b>~ 4 miles</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10.30</b></p>	<p>Meet <b>Recreation Ground carpark, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.</b> There is limited parking, please either share lifts or, if possible, walk to start if you live in Marlborough.</p>	<p>Along the railway track to Elcot Lane, through the fields to Minal, over the Kennet, then back through the fields by the river, over the railway track (steep steps up and down) and back via Stonebridge meadow.</p>	<p><b>~ 4 miles</b></p>