

### **LITTLE BADDOW FOOTPATH WALKER'S PROGRAMME FOR 2019**

Welcome to another year of footpath walks. The walks that are held on the last Wednesday of each month usually start at 9.30 a.m. and last about 2 hours. The walks are at a leisurely pace where people can enjoy exploring the local countryside in pleasant company while helping to keep themselves fit. **Please read the notes on the following page particularly regarding safety.**

<b>Date and Start Time</b>	<b>Starting Point</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>For Further Informatic Contact</b>
<b>30th January</b> 9.30 a.m.	Galleywood Common. B1007 Stock Road Car Park. CM2 8JU.	To Hylands Park and a hot cup of coffee /chocolate. <b>A NEW WALK.</b>	Graham Christie Tel: 01245 222637
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30 a.m.	Little Baddow, sports field car park.	A walk around Pheasanthouse Wood, Birch Wood and Woodham Walter Common.	John and Jennie McCrind Tel: 01245 225270
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30 a.m.	Fox and Goose Pub Car Park. Off the A414 Ongar Road. CM1 3SN.	A walk to Newey Green and back. <b>A NEW WALK.</b>	Graham Christie Tel: 01245 222637
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.30 a.m.	Little Baddow, sports field car park.	After a break of a couple of years we return to our ever popular bluebell walk around the woods of Little Baddow and Danbury.	John and Jennie McCrind Tel: 01245 225270
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30 a.m.	All Saints' Church car park, Stock, (B1007). CM4 9BN.	A walk encompassing Forest Lodge, Margaretting Tye and Crondon Park Golf Course. <b>A NEW WALK.</b>	John and Sue Walker Tel:01277 231256
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b> 9.30 a.m.	The Hurdlemakers Arms, Woodham Mortimer.	Woodham Mortimer, Hazeleigh and out towards Purleigh. Return along the old railway line and past Parsonage Wood. Option of lunch at the Hurdlemakers Arms Pub after the walk.	Mick Galloway and Dave Coggins. Tel: 01245 225602 or 01245 224203
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Paper Mill Lock, Little Baddow.	River Chelmer towpath and across the bridge to Bumford's Lane, the River Ter and back via Worlds End Cottage.	John and Jennie McCrind Tel: 01245 225270
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 9.30 a.m.	All Saints' Church car park, Stock, (B1007). CM4 9BN.	This walk passes Ramsey Tyrrells and Fristling Hall – two of the original manors of Buttsbury. <b>A NEW WALK.</b>	John and Sue Walker Tel:01277 231256
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9.30 a.m.	St. Bartholomews Church car park, Wickham Bishops. CM8 3PA.	Across the golf course, along edge of the River Blackwater to Wickham Mill Bridge, return through an orchard.	Graham Christie Tel: 01245 222637
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.30 a.m.	Purleigh Sports Field car park.	A walk along the footpaths surrounding Purleigh village with the option of lunch at the Bell pub at the end of the walk.	Robert Pollard Tel: 01245 474492
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Hyde Hall Gardens Car Park.	A walk from Hyde Hall in the direction of Woodham Ferrers followed by <b>an end of year pre-Christmas pub lunch.</b>	John and Jennie McCrind Tel: 01245 225270
<b>December</b>	No walk due to Christmas.		

#### **Important Note**

**It is the responsibility of each individual to look after their own safety on the walks, the leader cannot accept responsibility for any accidents to individuals, and people coming on the walks do so at their own risk. Please read carefully the note about Health and Safety overleaf.**

### **About the Walks**

The description of the walks overleaf is only an indication of the proposed route. Sometimes the walk will be in the reverse direction to that summarised overleaf and may vary from the proposed route at the discretion of the leader. Account has been taken of the comments of the regular walkers about where they would like to walk and hopefully the programme reflects their views. Comments and suggestions for the next year's programme are always welcome.

### **Changes to the Programme**

Please note that from time to time it may be necessary for the published start point of the walks, or the walks themselves to be changed or cancelled. If the walks have to be changed we will inform you by e-mail so please check your e-mails before coming on a walk. Alternatively, if you don't have an e-mail address and wish to be informed by telephone of any change then please ensure the walk leaders have your telephone number.

### **Wet Weather**

In the event of inclement weather the walks will not take place. When possible you will be notified the day before a walk if it is going to be cancelled. On some occasions where it is uncertain as to whether it is going to rain the walk leader will make a decision at the starting point whether to proceed with the walk. In these circumstances it is entirely at the discretion of the walk leader as to whether the walk proceeds.

### **Dogs**

If you are a dog owner please note that **dogs are not permitted on the walks even on leads**. Some walk leaders have said that because of potential problems of bringing dogs on walks with a large group of people they are not prepared to lead a walk if a dog is brought along. Also a number of people have said they are unhappy with dogs being brought on walks as in the past they have nearly caused accidents when getting in amongst people's feet.

### **Health and Safety**

**By its nature countryside walks sometimes involve getting over stiles and walking on uneven ground that can be slippery, particularly in winter. Suitable footwear and clothing should be worn. If you are unsure as to whether a particular walk is suitable for you please contact the person listed by each walk and they will be happy to give you more details of the walk. Alternatively, when arriving at the start of a walk ask the walk leader and he/she will be happy to show you the proposed route on a map so that you can come to an informed decision as to whether the walk is within your capability. If you have any health problems you should check with your doctor as to whether it is safe for you to come on a walk. Some of the walks involve walking along the side of roads. When doing so you should be particularly vigilant and careful of traffic on the road and particularly mindful of traffic when crossing roads.**