



Walkabout

AGM-Sunday 20th November

This year the AGM will take place at Denmead Church hall as usual. The start time will be slightly later at 2.30 to allow time for the team to set up the hall and prepare the food.

Prior to the AGM there will be 2 walks offered. A longer walk of 8 miles will be led by Peter, starting from Kidmore Lane car park, Denmead at 9.30 and a shorter walk of 5 miles will be led by Jane and Andy starting at 10.45am. Both walks will return to the hall for 1.15- ready for soup and cakes at 1.30.

Margaret Jenkins will be stepping down this year from organizing the food and we thank her for her previous hard work in setting everything up. Michele will be organizing the lunch this year and volunteers are needed to make soup and cakes for our popular AGM. If you can help with either of these culinary delights please contact Michele at: michele.framfield@gmail.com The hall will be available for early delivery of food if you are intending to join a walk.

If you know of any members without e-mail please could you make them aware of the AGM details. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at this event.

WALKS PROGRAMME <https://www.sehampshireramblers.org.uk/walks/our-walks-programme.html>

All walks can be viewed on the website. Numbers on the walks over the summer and early autumn have been fairly consistent and in line with previous years numbers. The Saturday morning group is expanding and this morning shorter walk seems to be meeting the needs of a regular group of members who like to have the afternoon free for other activities. The Tuesday evening walks, however, have been poorly attended this summer with an average of only 4 walkers each week. The committee have discussed this situation and the recommendation for next year is that this walk will be dropped.

Please contact David Nixon if you can offer a walk on any Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday. Thursday walks go to Rob Kingshott.

PATHS and ACCESS

Peter and Chris continue to follow planning applications and developments that may affect Rights of Way. On Hayling Island's west coast a proposal is being considered by Natural England and the Environment Agency to take no further action to prevent the sea from further eroding this coastline. This will obviously have implications for the permissive path along the popular Billy Line. On the eastern side of Hayling Island there are more houses and therefore this stretch of coastline will be protected.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our hardworking footpath and gates team have made 2 requests for help:

Firstly, is there anyone who has admin skills (and a bit of time) and could be available to help with writing up reports and surveys after footpath inspections and the occasional meeting. We would love to hear from you if this sounds like the sort of task you could help with on occasions. Please contact: footpaths@sehampshireramblers.org.uk



Secondly, we are having problems in storing and transporting new gates prior to installation. We are looking for anyone who has a pick up truck or a trailer and could help with transport. Also, we would like to hear from anyone who has a garage or barn where we could store gates temporarily. This would help enormously in keeping costs down and would allow the team to make progress with this valuable installation work. Please contact David Nixon if you are able to help: dnxn27@gmail.com

Congratulations to our SE Hants GatesTeam who featured in this month's Walk Magazine (P 14) and have replaced 14 stiles with kissing gates making access so much easier for all! Well done Team!

SELWORTHY TRIP-October

A large group from the Thursday walkers enjoyed a wonderful week's walking on the North Devon/Somerset border this month. Highlights were.... being chased by sheep and cows, being blown away on Exmoor but enjoying some superb food in the HF house! Many thanks to Annette Bushnell for organising this most enjoyable week.



COACH TRIP to DORKING 2023

SAVE THE DATE-Saturday 14th May 2023. There will be plenty to do in the town afterwards. This should be a great day out. Cost will be about £21. More details to follow.



Jasper and George are busy organising next year's trip. They have recce'd 3 super walks around Dorking on the North Downs.

MEMBERSHIP

Numbers are up slightly-possibly as a result of the Bring Along a Friend initiative in September.

FACEBOOK PAGE (<https://www.facebook.com/SEHantsramblers/>)

This is now up and running and we also have a group page to allow you to share your thoughts, pictures and information. Take a look! (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeasthantsramblers>)

MINCE PIES

It's never too early to start thinking about these! On Sunday 1st January there will be the usual seasonal walk with mince pies, sherry and a quiz at Denmead Church Hall, 3pm.

For any reports, photos or articles for the next edition please send to huw.ramblers@outlook.com