

## ***Devizes U3A Bus Pass Walking Group***

**Revised Programme for May 2012.**

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**Walk details are as accurate as possible, weather and diversions can alter the walk on the day. Please wear suitable clothing and walking boots. Please ring the walk's leader on the morning of the walk if the weather looks unfriendly. A walk will change if circumstances dictate, but bus times will remain the same.**

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Diana and Tony** Bishops Cannings to Devizes via Etchilhampton. Catch the 49 bus at 10.05 from Devizes to "The Bridge" at Horton then we will walk down through Coate and up Etchilhampton Hill. Lovely views from the top- then down the other side and across to Devizes Marina for lunch at the Hourglass. The 1C bus goes back into town every half hour from there. The walk is 5 miles - no stiles and one gentle hill.

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May Bob and Joyce** No 33 at 10:25 outside The Pelican to Studley Crossroads. from here we will wend our way across a short field track onto some reassuring tarmac and then join the railpath into Chippenham. Eat at The Angel and catch the No 33 at 13:14 or 14:21 from the bus station.

**May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Derbyshire Dales**

**Weds May 9<sup>th</sup> Hugh** Market Lavington Catch the 1010 no.2 bus from the Bus Island to the Grove Road stop in Market Lavington. Most of the walk is on greensand lanes and paths. There is one metalled section of lane. Not a lot of traffic. Four stiles and approx 4 miles. Lunch at the Green Dragon. Catch the X72 bus at 13.15 via Urchfont or 14.18 via Potterne back to Devizes. For those who want to visit the village Museum it will be open in the afternoon. No entrance fee.

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> May Peter & Coleen** Bath - Hills, Parks, Railways and Rivers. A walk to the South of Bath. After a strenuous climb up steep and uneven steps (Jacob's Ladder) to Alexandra Park we pass Peter's old school and hear tales of 'Daring-Do', then walk along the old Somerset and Dorset railway line to the River. Back into the

City where we will take lunch at a suitable hostelry. Catch the 9-40 a.m. bus from the Pelican Public House, Market Place, Devizes and alight at the Bath Bus Station. Return on the 1455 or 1555 from outside the bus station. We do have to cross some fields so walking boots or stout walking shoes will do.

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> May Sam Italian Evening** 7:00pm Italian evening in Franco's in Old Swan Yard. Pizza or pasta dishes about £9. Drinks will be extra of course. We normally lump everything together, add 10% as tip, then split the bill equally between all present. Please let me know in advance if you will be joining us as I will need to book a table.

Peter and Coleen are going to Australia in early June for at least 18 months, possibly longer. They will be joining us on this evening so come along to wish them Bon Voyage.

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May U3A AGM** Wyvern Club, Church Walk, Devizes, SN10 3AA at 2:30 pm. After the AGM there will be displays of group activities and an opportunity to socialise.

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> May Tony and Diana West Woods** Take or share cars to the Who'd a Thought it Pub in Lockeridge and from there we will walk around the West Woods. It is uphill to start then along the Wansdyke and back down to the village and the pub for lunch. If the bluebells are fully out this is a wonderful sight. Meet at the pub car park 10.30 for 10.45 departure. If you need a lift or can offer one please let me know. This is the walk postponed from last month.

**Fri May 25<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning Crown Centre 10:30**

**Weds May 30<sup>th</sup> Tony and Diana Salisbury** Catch the 10.10 no 2 bus to Salisbury. This is a small bus and can be very crowded, if you wish to use a car then meet at the bus stop just after Argos on the right before the traffic lights. We will walk out of the city along the river to Old Sarum, a gradual climb. We will circle round the earthworks and return by a different route to the city centre. Bring a snack lunch as there is no suitable pub but you can buy an ice cream at the kiosk at Old Sarum! Buses back either 13.55 which is very tight and if it is a nice day we don't want to rush the walk, or 16.05 - time for shopping! Total 5 miles mainly flat and good paths with one hill up to Old Sarum 230ft.

If you have a walk that you have enjoyed and would like to repeat or a walk that you missed and would like to do please let me know and I will put it on the programme. If you would like to lead a walk please send me details.

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