

# **RETIREMENT CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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## **May Walk – Keith Rose**



Plans for this walk were scuppered just two days before the walk when the final recce found fresh "Footpath Closed" notices. The council were planning 3 days of work to the wet sections of the route through the water meadows where the path and board walk sections near a spring are usually under water.

We still met and ate at the Cock in Pavenham, but drove to and from Stevington for a rather different walk. The original target for the walk had been to enjoy the bluebells in Wood Craft wood. The revised route still achieved this. The heat wave of the preceding weekend had dissipated, and Tuesday had been wet. The forecast for Wednesday seemed to keep changing.

We parked near St Mary's church to start our walk without rain. We walked along the back of the gardens in Burrige's Close then crossed Park Road and found a leafy footpath following a small stream with views across the yellow rape to the windmill on our left. We crossed over the old railway track and began to walk around a huge field of wheat. One mile later we reached the opposite corner of the same field with the roar of the A428 filtering through the hedgerow. Our path then cut across a field of rape. This had been well sprayed to mark the path. Passing Tythe Farm, we crossed the road back to Stevington and headed for Moat Farm. It was on this section that the rain started, but most of us already had wet boots and lower legs from the wet long grass. We crossed the old railway line again, this time going over an old brick bridge and entered an area of fairly new woodland sprouting lots of PRIVATE notices. We followed the bridleway then turned right onto a footpath along the edge of the wood that would bring us back to Stevington. Crossing the road at West End we dropped down to Wood Craft to see the bluebells. Two weeks earlier would have seen them in their prime, but the recent weather must have hastened their decline. As the rain intensified we followed the John Bunyan Trail back to the cars.

Back at the Cock we enjoyed their promptly served and delicious meals and then had to wade to our cars because of an overflowing drain.

## **June Walk - Wednesday 8 June 2016**

Dave Thomas will lead this walk which starts from "The Star and Garter" in Silsoe MK45 4DR. Please meet at the usual time of 10:15am for a 10:30 start.

## **Open Garden - Tuesday & Wednesday 19 & 20 July 2016**

Marylyn & Ray Wood will be opening their garden in aid of Marie Curie on the 19th and 20th of July. Full details are in the invitation at the end of this newsletter.

<b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b>	
Wednesday 8 June 2016, 10:15	June Walk, The Star & Garter, Silsoe
Wednesday 15 June 2016, 19:30	Microbrewery visit, Ampthill
Tuesday & Wednesday 19-20 July	Marylyn's Open Garden, Rushden

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We are having an Open Garden on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Times are 2.00pm to 4.30pm for cream teas or 6.30pm to 9.00 pm for cheese and wine. Tickets are £5, which includes your refreshments, with all proceeds going to Marie Curie.

We look forward to hearing from you and please make contact to book the time you wish to attend as each session is limited.

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