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## January Walk - Roger Taylor



We had fine weather for our first walk of 2017. Eighteen walkers met at the Dan Albone car park, Biggleswade. We started the walk by taking a loop across the common before turning back into the town via Fairfield Road and Church Lane. We took a little tour around the Market Square taking us past the White Hart pub, then turning left along Station Road to bring us to the old Regal Cinema, now a Bingo Hall, before turning right down Bonds Lane/ Foundry Lane where Weatherley Oilgear Engineering Works (manufacturers of Horizontal Broaching Machines) used to be. After about an hours walking we were all ready for breakfast in The New Inn Pub, after which we made our way down Hitchin Street, turning right down Mill Lane to bring us to the Old Mill on the River Ivel, where we took the footpath along the bank of the river back to the car park to end our walk.

## February Walk - Russ Packwood and Tony Manning

This walk will be on the 8th February, starting from the Prince of Wales pub in Ampthill, 24 Bedford Rd. MK45 2NB. From Bedford it is on the RHS just before you get to the crossroads in the centre (opposite Waitrose). Parking at the pub is limited, therefore it would be an advantage if any of you could car share where at all possible. The pub has no objection to our double parking if necessary. Parking opposite at Waitrose is limited to 2 hrs and they are unwilling to give us any concessions!

## Planetarium Visit, Bedford School Observatory

We have arranged a visit to the Planetarium at Bedford School. This will take place on Thursday 23rd February at 7:30pm. As numbers are limited to 19 people. please book your place with Bruce Price (01234 407255 or baw.price@ntlworld.com)

There is a brief description of the observatory at:

http://www.bedfordschool.org.uk/Observatory-Planetarium

Access to the observatory is from Pemberley Road (MK40 2LD).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
Wednesday 8 February 2017 10:15	Monthly walk - Ampthill
Thursday 23 February 2017 19:30	Planetarium visit

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