## Gillingham Walking Festival - Sept 2015
Walks start from TOWN MEADOW and are FREE unless stated otherwise

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| Sat 5th  | 9.45am| **Festival Launch on Town Meadow**  
National President of The Ramblers, Kate Ashbrook. Mayor of Gillingham, David Walsh. |      |       |                                             |
|          | 10am  | **Wincanton Challenge (8 hours)**  
The route is long; gentle but with quite a few stiles. Bring enough food and at least 2 litres of water. Check with Angela before joining walk. | PL   | 20 m  | Angela LDWA 01747 853919                   |
|          | 10am  | **Wyndham’s Oak/ Stour Valley Way**  
Lunch at Dolphin Inn | BOOK | 5 m   | Sheila Messer Gillingham Walkers         |
| Sun 6th  | 10am  | **Northern Loop**  
Part of Gillingham circuit. | PL   | 9 m   | Sheila Davis Ramblers                     |
|          | 2.30pm| **In the Footsteps of Constable** Bring your sketch pad and sketch from the spot where Constable did. |      | 3 m   | Sam Woodcock Local History Soc.           |
| Mon 7th  | 9.20am| **Shaftesbury Bus Walk**  
Meet at Gillingham train station or depart Shaftesbury train station 10am  
Afternoon tea at Phoenix Inn. | Snack| 8 m   | Tony Otton                                 |
|          | 2.30pm| **Chatty Walk** | A   | 1½ m  | Gillingham Walkers                         |
|          | 6.30pm| **Walkers Forum - Bring your questions**  
Where to walk; Finding your way; What to wear. | BOOK | 0 m   | Tony Otton Jan Wardell                    |
| Tues 8th | 11am  | **Walk in Faith**  
To Langham’s little thatched church. Poems, prayers and picnic. Everyone welcome. | PL   | 4 m   | Rev. Eve Pegler St Mary’s Church           |
|          | 2.30pm| **Meditation Walk** | A   | ½ m   | Michael Giddings                           |
|          | 6.30pm| **Bats: Talk followed by Walk**  
Using a bat detector  
Vicarage Schoolroom.  Soup before walk. | BOOK | 1 m   | Colin Morris - Bat Expert GANG             |
| Wed 9th  | 10am  | **Southern Loop**  
After lunch drinks stop at Udder Farm Shop  
Possible short-cut. | PL   | 9 m or 4 m | Jan Wardell Ramblers                    |
|          | 2.30pm| **Nordic Walking Taster Session**  
Introduction to the basic techniques; poles provided. | BOOK | ½ m   | Helen Gilchrist Poles Ahead               |
| Thurs 10th | 10am | **Wildlife Wander to Rolls Bridge**  
Looking for a wide variety of flowers, trees and insects and evidence of water voles. | A    | 1½ m  | Marion Hammond U3A Natural History        |
|          | 6.30pm| **Nordic Walk**  
Advice on improving technique; poles available. | BOOK | 2½ m  | Helen Gilchrist Poles Ahead               |
| Fri 11th | 10am  | **Gillingham’s Crooked Mile**  
To find a crooked sixpence upon a crooked stile? |      | 4½ m  | Peter Bonson, Patsy Lawford, U3A          |
|          | 5.30pm| **Hidden Pizza on Town Meadow**  
Live music |      |       |                                             |
|          | 6.30pm| **Evening Stroll** | A   | 1 m   | Gillingham Walkers                         |
| Sat 12th | 9.30am| **Tisbury Train Walk**  
Meet Gillingham station  
Coffee & cake at Bennett Arms, Semley. | PL   | 11 m  | Bob Messer                                 |
|          | 2.30pm| **Bowridge**  
Followed by cream tea, venue to be confirmed. |      | 3 m   | Penny Peat Gillingham Walkers             |
| Sun 13th | 10am  | **Farms & Tracks** |      | 5½ m  | Sonia Booth Ramblers                       |