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Saturday 4 May

Ventnor Geowalk

A guided landscape walk by Dinosaur Isle to explore Ventnor towns geology, landscape, sea-defences, ground movement, building stone and fossils.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Dudley Road Car Park, Ventnor (South Wight)
Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Seaside Story Walk

A family seaside story walk with Sue Bailey. Plenty of stops for stories and to find beach treasure. Find out why the crab has no head, or why the sea is salty. Wear suitable beach shoes!

Start time: 0930 **Start location:** Outside the Watersedge cafe, Gurnard seafront (North Wight) **Distance:** 1 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Isle of Wight Challenge (full)

An around the Island walk with rest stops every 8 miles or so to help you complete your challenge. The full challenge is 106km of spectacular coastlines, dramatic cliffs and sandy beaches. Participants fundraise for over 300 different charities with an expected fundraising total of over £1 million.

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.isleofwightchallenge.com

Start time: 0700 **Start location:** Chale Recreation Ground (South Wight)
Distance: 66 miles **Duration:** 36 hours max.

Isle of Wight Challenge (half)

From Chale to Cowes: travelling clockwise along the beautiful coastline of the Isle of Wight. This fully supported charity challenge is a true test of determination and stamina. Please note: to register for this walk go to www.isleofwightchallenge.com

Start time: 0700 **Start location:** Chale Recreation Ground (South Wight)
Distance: 33.5 miles **Duration:** 16 hours max.

Isle of Wight Challenge (quarter)

Walk, jog or run along this stunning route around the Island, which takes you past the awe-inspiring Needles. A charity challenge that can't be missed!

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.isleofwightchallenge.com

Start time: 0700 **Start location:** Chale Recreation Ground (South Wight)
Distance: 16 miles **Duration:** 8 hours max.

Isle of Wight Pearl Circular

A beautiful walk starting from Isle of Wight Pearl on the coast through to Mottistone Hollows up the mysterious Longstone. Take in the heights of Brighstone Down before ascending towards Brighstone Village. Ramble across the village back to Chilton Chine for a cuppa back at the Pearl Café.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Isle of Wight Pearl (West/South Wight)
Distance: 6 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Earth Walk

A very local walk around Appley Park using some Earth Walk series activities to get in touch with our surroundings in interesting ways.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Appley Park Car Park (East Wight)
Distance: 0.5 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

East Cowes Blitz Remembered

An historical walk around East Cowes remembering the effects on the town of the major Blitz on the night of 4/5th May 1942. Wreath laying at the Cemetery.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** East Cowes Heritage Centre (North Wight)
Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Victoria's daughter wasn't naughty

Queen Victoria's last child was very dominated by her mother. Beatrice was companion and secretary to the head of the British Empire. Learn of her life, marriage, children, widowhood, service and legacy. All these almost wholly on the Isle of Wight.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Binfield Corner, East Cowes Rd (North Wight)
Distance: 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

The Shepherd's Trail

This substantial walk follows the way-marked recreational path from Carisbrooke to Shepherd's Chine where we'll stop for a picnic lunch, before returning via Showell and Chillerton Down.

Start time: 0900 **Start location:** Car Park opposite Carisbrooke Priory (Central Wight) **Distance:** 16 miles **Duration:** 6.5 hours

Sunday 5 May

Isle of Wight Challenge (2nd half)

From Cowes to Chale: travelling clockwise along the beautiful coastline of the Isle of Wight. This fully supported charity challenge is a true test of determination and stamina.

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.isleofwightchallenge.com

Start time: 0700 **Start location:** Chale Recreation Ground (South Wight)
Distance: 33.5 miles **Duration:** 16 hours max.

Isle of Wight Challenge (4th quarter)

Walk, jog or run along this stunning route around the Island, starting at Culver Down and finishing at Chale in the South.

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.isleofwightchallenge.com

Start time: 0900 **Start location:** Culver Down (East Wight) **Distance:** 16 miles **Duration:** 8 hours max.

International Dawn Chorus Day Walk

A gentle stroll through the meadows and woods overlooking Newtown harbour to listen to the dawn chorus and nature awakening. Finish with a drink and breakfast at the visitor point.

Start time: 0500 **Start location:** Newtown Nature Reserve Visitor Point (North Wight) **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Seaside Story Walk

A family seaside story walk with storyteller Sue Bailey. There will be plenty of stops for stories and finding beach treasure. Find out why the crab has no head, or why the sea is salty. Wear suitable beach shoes!

Start time: 1600 **Start location:** By the Old Church, St Helens, on the sea front (East Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Mysterious Lore of the Island

A walk that will take people through the mysterious lost village of Wolverton discovering the stories and lore surrounding it.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Yarborough Monument, Culver Down (East Wight) **Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Godshill Park Farm

Walking up bridleway between fields we reach Freemantle Gate where Queen Victoria's carriage passed to visit Appuldurcombe House. Skirting the home farm with a detour to the Worsley monument, we continue through Beech Copse with its bluebells in a circular route.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Godshill Park Farm House (Central/South Wight)
Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

D.L.W. Explorer Anniversary Walk

Celebrating 2000 miles and 266 Walking Festival walks that I have led; this walk follows one of my first Festival walks 'The Beautiful Bonchurch Hills'. Probably one of the most spectacular walks on the Island - it has it all; a walk that cannot be bettered!!

Start time: 1015 **Start location:** Nansen Hill Car Park (South Wight)
Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Monday 6 May

Walking with the Worsleys

Starting from Godshill, this circular walk takes us out in to the AONB and up onto Stenbury Down towards Appuldurcombe House. Super views with super hills!

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Godshill Car Park (Central/South Wight)

Distance: 6 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Sense of place

An exploration of the Mottistone /Brighstone / Limerstone Downs with some Sense of Place activities along the way.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Strawberry Lane Car Park (West Wight)

Distance: 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

All Along the Riverbank

A special walk to celebrate May Day and the New Carnival Company's free event "All along the Riverbank".

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Newchurch public car park, School Lane (East Wight)

Distance: 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Mottistone Common History and Wildlife Walk

Mottistone Common has a history that stretches back thousands of years, but it is also a haven for wildlife, which our work (The National Trust) protects. This walk will take you across the landscape and through time, to discover traces of life that has, and still does, live here.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Mottistone Gardens car park (West Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Shanklin Coast to Country

Admire Shanklin's panoramic coastal views, Chine, Old Village and hills whilst discovering its volunteer community aspect, all with a hint of history. Refreshments will be provided at the Victorian Shanklin Theatre, one of the town's greatest volunteering success stories.

Start time: 1315 **Start location:** Shanklin Railway Station (East Wight)

Distance: 4 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Tuesday 7 May

Quick Stop in Quarr

A wonderful stroll around the secretive woodlands of Quarr Abbey. This very gentle short walk will probably involve feeding some pigs and having a cake in the Quarr Abbey Café!

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Quarr Abbey (North Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile

Duration: 1 hour

Queen Victoria's East Cowes

An historical walk looking at buildings and places associated with Queen Victoria in East Cowes, but not Osborne House! The walk ends at Whippingham Church with a tour of the church yard looking at graves of the Queen's servants buried there.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** East Cowes Heritage Centre (North Wight)

Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Victorian Newport

Leisurely walk through southern and western Newport looking at Victorian buildings and the people who lived and worked in them.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Opposite The Guildhall, Newport (Central Wight)

Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Chillerton Down History Trail

This walk aims to throw light on some of the ancient and more recent history of Chillerton Downs. It will involve some stops to hear about and look out for relevant features about the Down's historical background.

Start time: 1130 **Start location:** Chillerton Primary School (Central Wight)

Distance: 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Go on – be a Devil!

A challenging, circular walk taking in not only the spectacular views from the downs but also a Wishing Seat and Donkey Sanctuary!

Start time: 1045 **Start location:** Wroxall car park (South Wight)

Distance: 10 miles **Duration:** 6 hours

Wednesday 8 May

Over the Undercliff

A lovely stomp up big hills and past hidden waterfalls with astonishing views of the English Channel over the most wild parts of the Island. For those who like a long stroll in the countryside, this is a goodun!

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Blackgang View Point Car Park (South Wight)

Distance: 10 miles **Duration:** 3-4 hours

Osborne Garden Walk

Enjoy a guided walk around the walled garden, pleasure grounds and terraces to see the best of the late spring flowers.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Osborne House (North Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile

Duration: 1.5 hours

Bear Napped: a storytelling treasure hunt

Bear has been stolen. Who could be so wicked? And where is he now? Listen to stories, solve riddles and follow clues to help Sue-the-storyteller find her teddy bear in this outdoor story treasure trail along the seafront at Ryde by Appley Tower.

Start time: 1530 **Start location:** Appley Tower (East Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile

Duration: 1.5 hours

A Walk Through History from Victorian Times

See inside the restored twin Victorian Chapels before taking a walk through history from Victorian symbolism, prominent people of the town, to graves from two World Wars, all within beautiful grounds rich in flora and fauna (including red squirrels!).

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Northwood Cemetery, Cowes (North Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Carisbrooke John Milne Walk

Explore Victorian Newport associated with John Milne, the father of seismology. The walk includes stops at Shide, Barton Church and Quay Arts Centre. At the end a visit to the Carisbrooke Castle Museum earthquake display will be available.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Nunnery Car Park, Newport (Central Wight)

Distance: 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Wonderful Wetlands

A circular walk to look at the conservation work and wildlife on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust nature reserves at Sandown Meadows and Morton Marsh.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Entrance to cycle track on Perowne Way,

Sandown (East Wight) **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Ryde to Quarr with the Travel Ambassadors

Join our Travel Ambassadors on a leisurely walk from Ryde to Quarr Abbey, one of the Island's most peaceful and serene attractions. The route is flat, off-road and ends with the opportunity to be wowed by a fascinating monastic history.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Hover Terminal, Ryde Esplanade (East Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles (linear) **Duration:** 1 hr 15

West Chillerton Two Ridge Walk

This circular route is mostly along high paths to benefit from the best vantage points of the land below including the spectacular views of Chillerton Village in the second half.

Start time: 1130 **Start location:** St Olave's Church, Gatcombe (Central Wight)

Distance: 4 miles **Duration:** 1 hr 45

Thursday 9 May

Osborne Beach and Woodland Walk

A leisurely walk through the woodland to Queen Victoria's private beach, taking in many of the wild flowers.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Osborne House (North Wight)

Distance: 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

The Whippingham Village Trail

A circular walk along lanes, through countryside and beside the Medina River exploring some of Whippingham's historical past, especially the association with Queen Victoria. Whippingham was her Island Village.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Whippingham Church (North Wight)

Distance: 4 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

Thursday 9 May continued...

Pig Leg Pootle

A leisurely amble around Pig Leg Lane Nature Reserve – a green oasis in the Ryde and Monktonmead Brook – the disappearing river.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** St John's Station, Ryde (East Wight)

Distance: 1.5 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

Nordic Walking Taster Session

For adults who would like to find out more about the Nordic Walking technique. Session held on Bembridge Community Recreation Field. You will be taught the correct technique and the benefits explained. Poles supplied.

Start time: 1045 **Start location:** Bembridge Community Centre Recreation

Ground (East Wight) **Distance:** 0 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

Bob Dylan at Wootton, 50th Anniversary

Anecdotal circular walk to visit the site of the legendary 1969 Isle of Wight "Dylan" Festival, plus other landmarks in Wootton's musical heritage, including The Sloop Folk club and locations from the film "That'll be the Day".

Start time: 1230 **Start location:** Brannons Tea Room, Wootton (North Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Friday 10 May

Nature in Newchurch

A circular walk taking in the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Martins Wood nature reserve and surrounding countryside.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Newchurch village car park (Central/East Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

The Robert Hooke Trail

A picturesque ramble through fields and along paths which may have been trodden by the 17th century scientist Robert Hooke.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Red Lion Inn, Freshwater (West Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

The Jimi Hendrix Afton Experience

Anecdotal circular walk to visit the site of the legendary 1970 Isle of Wight Festival at Afton, returning to Dimbola Lodge to view the permanent Festival exhibition, (and to "experience" the award-winning tea room...!)

Start time: 1230 **Start location:** Dimbola Museum & Galleries, Freshwater Bay

(West Wight) **Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Shanklin to Bembridge

Starting at Shanklin bus station, the walk takes you down the east coast of the island, with views looking down onto Shanklin, Sandown, Bembridge and the airport. You'll also be able to enjoy a panoramic view from the top of Culver down, before continuing the walk down towards Bembridge.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Shanklin Bus Station (East Wight)

Distance: 7 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

Dairy Discovery Tour!!

Join the owners of Briddlesford dairy farm as they walk you through the history of Wootton before discovering the secrets of milk processing on the Isle of Wight. Enjoy some delicious local produce & tasty treats in the farms café for lunch before returning back across the fields to Wootton Common.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Wootton Station (North Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

Saturday 11 May

Navigation for beginners

A wander around the western slopes of Stenbury Down, following our noses and putting into practice basic navigational techniques.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Whitwell Church (South Wight)

Distance: 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Return to the Mummies Caves

Explore the fascinating 'Mummies Caves' - part of an old cement factory - and learn how the Island was at the forefront of Victorian technology. Followed by a scenic walk through the tranquil Dodnor Creek and Dickson Copse Local Nature Reserve.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Riverside Industrial Estate Car Park (Central

Wight) **Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Fauna, Flora and Heritage in Northwood Cemetery.

See inside the beautiful and recently restored twin Victorian Chapels before taking a walk through history from Victorian symbolism, prominent people of the town, to graves from two World Wars, all within beautiful grounds rich in flora and fauna, including red squirrels.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Northwood Cemetery (North Wight)

Distance: 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Isle of Wight Pearl Circular

A beautiful walk starting from Isle of Wight Pearl on the coast through to Mottistone Hollows up the mysterious Longstone. Take in the heights of Brighstone Down before ascending towards Brighstone Village. Ramble across the village back to Chilton Chine for a cuppa back at the Pearl Café.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Isle of Wight Pearl (West/South Wight)

Distance: 6 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Sunday 12 May

Earl Mountbatten Hospice's Walk the Wight - Full Walk

The epic cross Island walk from Bembridge in the east to Alum Bay in the west. Lush, green countryside, historic villages, famous landmarks, majestic chalk cliffs and coastal views with shimmering blue seas, the full walk has it all!

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.iwhospice.org

Start time: 0600 **Start location:** Bembridge Airport (East Wight)

Distance: 26.5 miles **Duration:** 12 hours

Earl Mountbatten Hospice's Walk the Wight - 1st Half

From sleepy Bembridge across rolling down land and finishing at historic Carisbrooke Castle, this 12.5 mile walk is the 'easiest' half of Walk the Wight.

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.iwhospice.org

Start time: 0600 **Start location:** Bembridge Airport (East Wight)

Distance: 12.5 miles **Duration:** 6 hours

Earl Mountbatten Hospice's Walk the Wight - 2nd Half

From historic Carisbrooke Castle, down the Tennyson Trail through pretty Freshwater Bay and up up to Tennyson Monument, you'll descend into Alum Bay with a spectacular view of The Needles. The 14 mile 'hilly half' of Walk the Wight is jam packed with stunning scenery.

Please note: to register for this walk go to www.iwhospice.org

Start time: 0800 **Start location:** Carisbrooke Castle (Central Wight)

Distance: 14 miles **Duration:** 8 hours

Earl Mountbatten Hospice's Walk the Wight - Flat Walk

As the name suggests, a completely flat 8 mile walk along the cycle track from Sandown to Shide. Popular with families and those with mobility issues, perfect if you want to Walk the Wight in support of the hospice but without the rigours of the main walks. Please note: to register for this walk go to www.iwhospice.org

Start time: 0830 **Start location:** Sandown Bay Academy (East Wight)

Distance: 8 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

RBL Warrior Trail Sponsored Walk

A special sponsored walk along this trail which was created in celebration of one of the Isle of Wight's most prominent First World War stories; that of General Jack Seely and his horse Warrior - a real-life War Horse.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Mottistone Manor, NT Car Park (West Wight)

Distance: 7 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

A Stroll to Quarr Abbey

A lovely accessible walk from Binstead to Quarr Abbey past the old Abbey ruins, along a quiet lane. Can be walked there and back or catch the bus back. Refreshments can be purchased at the Abbey cafe.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Junction of Church Road and Quarr Road,

Binstead (East Wight) **Distance:** 0.8 miles (linear) **Duration:** 25 mins

Wildlife Walk with Beekeeper Tea

This is a circular walk on bridleways, footpaths and rural lanes in the centre of the Island, through a mix of arable, downs and woodland, with plenty of stunning views from high points and opportunities to spot birds, animals and wildflowers.

Start time: 1330 **Start location:** St Olave's Church Gatcombe (Central Wight)

Distance: 4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Sunday 12 May continued...

Ventnor's health heritage 1830-1900

A circular walk to key sites in Ventnor's development as a Victorian health resort, discussing the climate, the health of the nation, medicine, sanatoria, hospitals and doctors.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Hygeia mosaic on the Esplanade (South Wight)

Distance: 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Monday 13 May

Off The Beaten Track In West Wight

A circular walk from Newbridge to Shalcombe. Some of the quietest places with lovely views - mainly on lesser known footpaths.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** The Orchards Holiday Park (West Wight)

Distance: 4 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Merstone Station and Beyond

Visiting the Gift to Nature sites of Merstone Station and Birchmore Pond via the local rights of way network. An informative walk, discussing countryside management and wildlife along the way.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Merstone Station (Central Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

The Warrior Trail

This walk commemorates the centenary of the armistice. A story of courage and fortitude; the true adventures of Jack Seely and Warrior, the War Horse, visiting places where they lived and trained.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** NT car park at Mottistone Manor (West Wight)

Distance: 5.7 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

Spring wildlife: finding the first blue

A stroll around Coombe Bottom on Ventnor Downs looking for spring butterflies, flowers and birds, with views over Ventnor and the sea below.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Ventnor National Trust yard (South Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Matt and Cat's guide to eating in Newport

Join local food experts Matt and Cat as they introduce you to new and familiar places to eat in the Island's historic county town. Choose a place to eat afterwards from their top recommendations (lunch at your own expense).

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** War Memorial, St Thomas' Square (Central Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Tuesday 14 May

Ryde to Quarr with the Travel Ambassadors

Join our Travel Ambassadors on a leisurely walk from Ryde to Quarr Abbey, one of the Island's most peaceful and serene attractions. The route is flat, off-road and ends with the opportunity to be wowed by a fascinating monastic history.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Hover Terminal, Ryde Esplanade (East Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles (linear) **Duration:** 1 hr 15

A Walk Through History from Victorian Times

See inside the restored twin Victorian Chapels before taking a walk through history from Victorian symbolism, prominent people of the town, to graves from two World Wars, all within beautiful grounds rich in flora and fauna (including red squirrels!).

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Northwood Cemetery (North Wight)

Distance: 2 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

A Tiny Walk in Parkhurst Forest

Come for a stroll through Parkhurst Forest. The part of the forest nearest to Tiny Homes Holidays is not as busy as some of the other areas and makes for a restful and meditative vibe. One the way we can chat about all things Tiny Homes and eco cabins! All welcome to have a look around Tiny Homes after the walk and enjoy homemade refreshments.

Start time: 1430 **Start location:** Tiny Homes Holidays (North Wight)

Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Five Mills and Five Houses

A circular stroll following the course of the Caul Bourne upstream from Newbridge to Calbourne returning via the hamlet of Five Houses, Newtown and Shalfleet.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** The Orchards Holiday Park, Newbridge (West Wight)

Distance: 7.5 miles **Duration:** 4.5 hours

Wednesday 15 May

Osborne Garden Walk

Enjoy a guided walk around the walled garden, pleasure grounds and terraces to see the best of the late spring flowers.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Osborne House (North Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile

Duration: 1.5 hours

Ashey Amble

A circular walk across chalk down land and through ancient woodland looking at flora and fauna and historic landscapes with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Layby at foot of Ashey Down, Brading Down Rd

(East Wight) **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Are you Kidding?

A circular walk from Yarmouth on lesser known footpaths to The Green Barn Dairy Goat Farm returning via the coastal path.

Start time: 0930 **Start location:** Yarmouth Sailing Club (West Wight)

Distance: 7.5 miles **Duration:** 4.5 hours

South Eastern Chillerton

An exploration of less well visited countryside to the South and South East of Chillerton. It is an undulating walk with some shortish but fairly steep climbs and descents.

Start time: 1130 **Start location:** Chillerton Village Hall (Central Wight)

Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Chillerton Down History Trail

This walk aims to throw light on some of the ancient and more recent history of Chillerton Downs. It will involve some stops to hear about and look out for relevant features about the Down's historical background.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Chillerton Primary Sch (Central Wight)

Distance: 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Thursday 16 May

Osborne Beach and Woodland Walk

A leisurely walk through the woodland to Queen Victoria's private beach, taking in many of the wild flowers.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Osborne House (North Wight)

Distance: 2.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Robby's Ramble

Local celeb and Walk Leader 'Rob da Bank' takes you on a family friendly walk from the quaint village of Shalfleet. You will head west through Bouldner Forest - keeping an eye out for the infamous Red Squirrel - and finish back at Victoria Road for some well-earned snacks and drinks!

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Osborne House (North Wight) **Distance:** 5 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

A Broad Lane that is not

A circular walk following a section of the Tapnell Trail together with glorious views from Broad Lane over the western Solent.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Honnor & Jeffrey Garden Centre (West Wight)

Distance: 4.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Intriguing People of Newtown

A gentle wander through the village of Newtown with tales of the folk who left their mark here - from Elizabeth I and George Canning to the infamous Ferguson Gang and the Seabroke family in the 20th century.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Newtown Visitor Point (West/North Wight)

Distance: 1 mile **Duration:** 1.5 hours

Thursday night out on the pull

Find out about the world of Himalayan Balsam control. If the plants are high enough you can join in. If not, we will tell you all about the Eastern Yar - it's a lovely evening stroll along the river anyway.

Start time: 1800 **Start location:** Sandown Community Orchard (East Wight)

Distance: 3.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Thursday 16 May continued...

Nordic Walking Taster Session

For adults who would like to find out more about the Nordic Walking technique. Session held on Bembridge Community Recreation Field. You will be taught the correct technique and the benefits explained. Poles supplied.

Start time: 1045 **Start location:** Bembridge Community Centre Recreation Ground (East Wight) **Distance:** 0 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

Friday 17 May

Arreton Down's Flora and Fauna

A circular walk to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's Arreton Down reserve, to discover and learn about the history, flora and fauna of this wonderful Chalk grassland site.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Downend Car Park (Central Wight) **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

The Robert Hooke Trail

A picturesque ramble through fields and along paths which may have been trodden by the 17th century scientist Robert Hooke.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Red Lion Inn, Freshwater (West Wight) **Distance:** 3.5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Meander with Malcolm

A circular walk with Malcolm from Yarmouth on lesser known footpaths to the East of the River with some lovely views.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Yarmouth Sailing Club (West Wight) **Distance:** 4.5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

A Haven for Wildlife

A walk through Brading Marshes along much improved footpaths with a stop at Bembridge Windmill.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Brading public car park (East Wight) **Distance:** 6.5 miles **Duration:** 4 hours

Ed's very short walk!

Castle Copse is a nature haven in the centre of East Cowes. Join Ed the Ranger to find out about its history, management and what you might see there.

Start time: 1100 **Start location:** Waitrose, East Cowes (North Wight) **Distance:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1 hour

Victoria's daughter wasn't naughty

Queen Victoria's last child was very dominated by her mother. Beatrice was companion and secretary to the head of the British Empire. Learn of her life, marriage, children, widowhood, service and legacy. All these almost wholly on the Isle of Wight.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Binfield Corner, East Cowes Rd (North Wight) **Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Beaches, Bars and Blisters Day 1

Join the Isle of Wight Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk round the Island.

Start time: 0830 **Start location:** East Cowes, Chain Ferry (North Wight) **Distance:** 24 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

Saturday 18 May

Beaches, Bars and Blisters Day 2

Join the Isle of Wight Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk round the Island.

Start time: 0800 **Start location:** Appley Steps, Shanklin (East Wight) **Distance:** 22 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

Godshill Park Farm

Walking up bridleway between fields we reach Freemantle Gate where Queen Victoria's carriage passed to visit Appuldurcombe House. Skirting the home farm with a detour to the Worsley monument, we continue through Beech Copse with its bluebells in a circular route.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Godshill Park Farm House (Central/South Wight) **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 1 hour

Walking and foraging for wild food in Newtown

Come on a circular walk and experience the beauty of Newtown; the walk passes coastal salt marsh, meadows and forest. We will seek out the first growth of spring and look for wild edibles on route. Expect to see wild garlic, nettles, sea beet, purslane and more. I'll share some recipes for the food we find en-route and might even bring along some tasters.

Start time: 1000 **Start location:** Newtown town hall car park (West/North Wight) **Distance:** 2.5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Best of the West with the Travel Ambassadors

This is a walk for the adventurers out there who are after a bit more of a challenge with spectacular views of the iconic Needles landmark. Join us for this circular walk around the Western tip of the Isle of Wight.

Start time: 0930 **Start location:** Freshwater Bay Car Park (West Wight) **Distance:** 6 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Sunday 19 May

A Walk Through Two Nature Reserves

A scenic walk through two nature reserves with possible sightings of red squirrels and bird life, insects and wild plants. The walk will be followed by tea & cakes!

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** Newchurch school car park (Central/East Wight) **Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Parks and Gardens of Victorian Ryde

This walk explores Ryde's rapid Victorian development from two small villages into a fashionable 'period' town: seaward facing villas with large gardens, parks, squares, churchyards, and the Esplanade with its promenades, flower beds, bandstands and boating lake.

Start time: 1400 **Start location:** St Thomas Street lower car park, Ryde (East Wight) **Distance:** 2 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Chillerton Circular Walk

A walk with views that will not be bettered anywhere on the Isle Of Wight. Vistas of Chale, Culver Down or distant views of Portsmouth, are a reminder that Chillerton is at the centre of the Island.

Start time: 1130 **Start location:** Chillerton Village Hall (Central Wight) **Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

Shanklin Coast to Country

Admire Shanklin's panoramic coastal views, Chine, Old Village and hills whilst discovering its volunteer community aspect, all with a hint of history. Refreshments will be provided at the Victorian Shanklin Theatre, one of the town's greatest volunteering success stories.

Start time: 1315 **Start location:** Shanklin Railway Station (East Wight) **Distance:** 4 miles **Duration:** 3 hours

Spring Ups and Downs

A circular stroll from Chale Green up to the Hoy Monument, St Catherine's Down, Southdown and Pyle to Gladices and returning to Chale Green.

Start time: 1030 **Start location:** Chale Green (South Wight) **Distance:** 5 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours

Beaches, Bars and Blisters Day 3

Join the Isle of Wight Long Distance Walkers Association on their annual three day walk round the Island.

Start time: 0800 **Start location:** Freshwater Bay (West Wight) **Distance:** 26 miles **Duration:** 8.5 hours

Dawn Chorus Magic

This wildlife spectacular gets you up at 4:30 AM! So set your alarm and come and join us for one of nature's great treats. We'll hear from a host of resident and migrant songbirds (and there's always the chance of a nightingale!).

Start time: 0445 **Start location:** Longwood Lane (East Wight) **Distance:** 3 miles **Duration:** 2 hours

For further information on each walk and to book, please visit isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk

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