

The Waendel Walkers Club and The BWF (IVV)

The British Walking Federation (BWF) is a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). The Waendel Walkers Club was formed in 1981 in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and in 1983 became the first club to join the BWF (IVV).

We are the most active club in the Federation. All of our walks are registered with the BWF (IVV) and on completion of an event walkers can claim a stamp towards the IVV award scheme.

For further information:

- Contact the Secretary, Peter Rickwood 01933 272971 or the Chairman, Barry Crick on 01933 277931
- Visit our website at www.waendel.org.uk



or just join us as a member and we will send you lots of information in your membership joining pack.

Why walk with the Waendel Walkers?

- We provide you with a detailed route description
- You can walk at your own pace; on your own or with a group
- Meet new friends
- Improve your fitness
- Enjoy the countryside

Benefits of Club Membership

- Reduced entry fees and priority for our special events,
- Reduced fares and priority on our quarterly coach trips,
- Discounts in some retail outlets,
- Use of club group membership of some facilities and services such as the YHA,
- Our club magazine the Waendeller, twice each year, to keep you in touch with Club events, general news and other members,
- . . . and above all enjoy that good healthy exercise in good company!
- To join us and become a member please detach, complete and send off the form opposite with a cheque payable to "Waendel Walkers Club" for your first years membership (Currently £4) to: Peter Rickwood, Waendel Walkers Club Secretary, 2 Paxford Close, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 2LH or hand in at the desk at any of our walks. You will receive your membership card and welcome pack by return.

Keep up to date by:

- Visiting our website at www.waendel.org.uk



Annual Membership fee (June to May) – £4.00
Under 18s enjoy free Junior Membership
(please provide date of birth on application form)



The Waendel Walkers Club

The No.1 Club in the British Walking Federation

Membership Application Form and Information Sheet



Membership Application Form

I wish to become a member of the Waendel Walkers' Club and enclose my first year's membership subscription.

Lead Applicant

Name

Address

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Postcode

Phone No

E-Mail

Date

Signed

Additional Applicant (living at same address)

Name

Phone No (if different)

Date of Birth (if Junior Member)

E-Mail

Date

Signed



The Club Organises:

SUNDAY WALK SERIES – we organise self-guided circular walks on alternate Sunday mornings throughout the year from licenced premises in and around Northamptonshire starting at around 10 am with the option of 10 km or 20 km routes.

SUMMER EVENING WALK SERIES – throughout the summer we also organise ten self-guided circular walks of 10 km on alternate Wednesday evenings between mid-April and mid-August starting at around 6 pm, again from licenced premises in Northamptonshire.

Our walks cost 50p to enter, a percentage of which is donated to local charities chosen by our members at our Annual General Meeting each year.

COACH TRIPS – on four Sundays every year we run full day coach trips from Wellingborough, in March, June, September and December replacing our regular Sunday walks. These are still walking events with the customary 10km and 20km (approximate) distances but are linear rather than circular. These may be coastal or countryside, and by tradition the December event is usually London-based for that oh so important shopping. The cost of the coach trips are usually between £10 and £12 per person for club members.

SPECIAL EVENTS – for over a decade we have organised a flagship event, the “Valley and Views”, every April from Wilbarston offering three distances – 12km, 25km and a challenging 40km route which attracts walkers and runners from throughout the UK as well as many visitors from abroad. For the first time in 2013 the schedule also contained a 3-day “Festival of Family Walking” based from Cogenhoe.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR – if you would like to escape from the TV and walk off the Christmas pudding we organise two walks over the Christmas and New Year holiday period known as the “Wellie Womble” and “Wollaston Wobble” events.

CLERMONT WALKING FESTIVAL – every February a coach full of club members travel to Clermont in South Belgium to take part in this two-day event involving much walking and socialising with fellow walkers from around Europe. We leave Wellingborough on Friday evening and return Monday evening and the cost, including all travel, two night's hostel-based accommodation and a souvenir polo shirt is usually a little over £100 per person – one not to be missed!

OTHER WALKING EVENTS – we occasionally arrange ad-hoc events for small groups, often themed or combined with other non-walking events such as steam railways or brewery tours. These can usually only cater for small numbers of participants but are advertised at walk desks as well as on our website and Facebook page. Any member can suggest or organise such an event and as such are encouraged to contact a committee member to discuss their idea.

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – we also arrange social evenings – often in the form of a Quiz Night with a supper and a raffle, also an informal Christmas social evening at the Club headquarters. Of course many of our walkers socialise amongst their fellow participants after returning from their walks – most of our venues offer Sunday lunches or sandwiches and many of our members take advantage of these.

