

ROGATIONTIDE is a very special time in the country year when thoughts turn to the land, farm animals and crops in the hope of a good harvest.

Historically it was also a time of beating the bounds when a parish boundary was walked each year to mark in locals minds the edge of their parish. Folklore suggests that children were bumped into boundary trees and thrown into wayside ponds to make them remember! At various parts of the walk there were prayers and readings of thanksgiving for the forthcoming growing season.

This guided walk will be an ecological, historical and uplifting journey at a very important time in the church and country year.

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A GLORIOUS WALK AT ROGATIONTIDE

Sunday May 9th 2.00pm

BURTON MILL

Explore the wetland and heathland habitats in this treasured part of Sussex under the Downs. Included will be a visit to recently discovered pre-historic flint-knapping sites and the ancient Burton Church.

Walk leader - Bruce Middleton, South Downs Joint Committee.

About 2.5 hours. Fairly easy. Stout shoes advisable.

Meet Burton Mill car park.

Further info: 01798 869454

Please book – no charge

(Donations at end of walk to parish funds)