

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.

Sunday 17th May will be a great opportunity to not only experience the tremendous views from the top of the Downs but with our guide, Bruce Middleton of the South Downs Joint Committee, we will be educated as well. Bignor Hill has an exceptional variety of plants and wildlife but probably equally important are the historical remains in the landscape from the Neolithic period through the Bronze age to the famous Stane Street Roman road along which part of the walk will travel – a true trip back in time.

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

A GLORIOUS WALK AT ROGATIONTIDE



Sunday May 17th 2.30pm

Start Bignor Hill car park

5 miles (approx.) with some of the most spectacular views over the Weald to the South Coast and the Isle of Wight

Info: 01798 869454

Please book – no charge

(Donations at end of walk to parish funds)

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