

# **Cody Farnborough Amateur Operatic Society**

## SOCIAL EVENT

Event: **OPSOC Ramble** Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007

Venue: Beaulieu Time: 1:00pm

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Details: Hi all

All set for a lovely ramble in the NEW Forest on Sunday?

This year the ramble is a slightly different format. A shorter walk suitable for all the family. It is push chair and dog friendly (even Biggles!!!) and will be in the New Forest.

Roughly an hour from Farnborough we will meet in Beaulieu Village at 1pm and walk to Bucklers Hard have a drink and then back. The walk is 4-1/4 miles and will take 1hour each way.

If you wish to make a day of it. I suggest you start early spend the morning at the Motor museum, then picnic in the village, walk to Bucklers Hard, go for a boat ride or pay to visit the museum and historic buildings, or have drink in Pub, then walk back to Beaulieu in time for a cream tea shop closes at 4.30).

Lovely views especially on the return walk Please see map for more details

### Ramble Instructions:

See map and instructions attached. Parking in the pay and display car park behind the garage on Beaulieu high street.



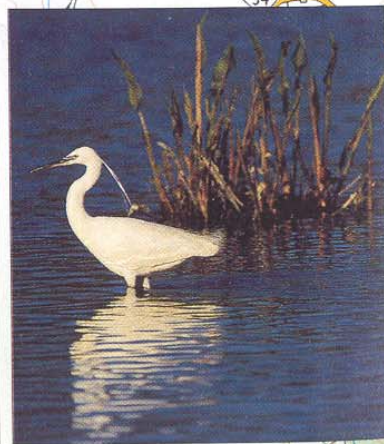
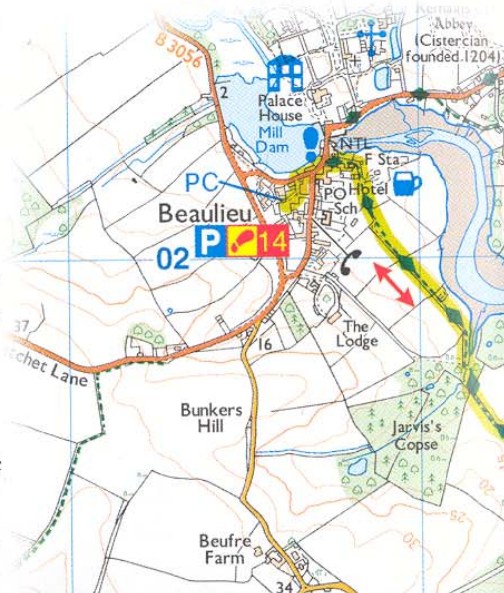
your homeward route; but, for now, keep ahead down the long wooded straight until you reach a small car park on your left-hand side near the end of the woods. Just here, the gated boardwalk on the left leads to a public bird watching hide.

**B** Follow the waymarked track as it leaves the woods and swings to the right. There are views to Keeping Farm here, and soon you pass the Agamemnon Boat Yard on the left. Cross the boatyard access road and swing left here, following the waymarked route until it meets the river and continues along the waterfront. From here it's just a short amble past an enchanting little thatched cottage – built by the Duke of Montagu in 1760 – to the Swiftsure jetty and Buckler's Hard.

**C** You can easily spend a few hours at Buckler's Hard. The village was once home to workers in the nearby shipyard, and Admiral Nelson's favourite ship, *HMS Agamemnon*, was amongst over 50 Royal Navy vessels built here during the 18th and 19th centuries. The original buildings lining the village street include reconstructions of the former New Inn, as well as an 18th century labourer's cottage. Here, too,

you'll find the present-day Yachtsman's Galley and bar, whilst the Maritime Museum and other facilities are located at the top of the High Street.

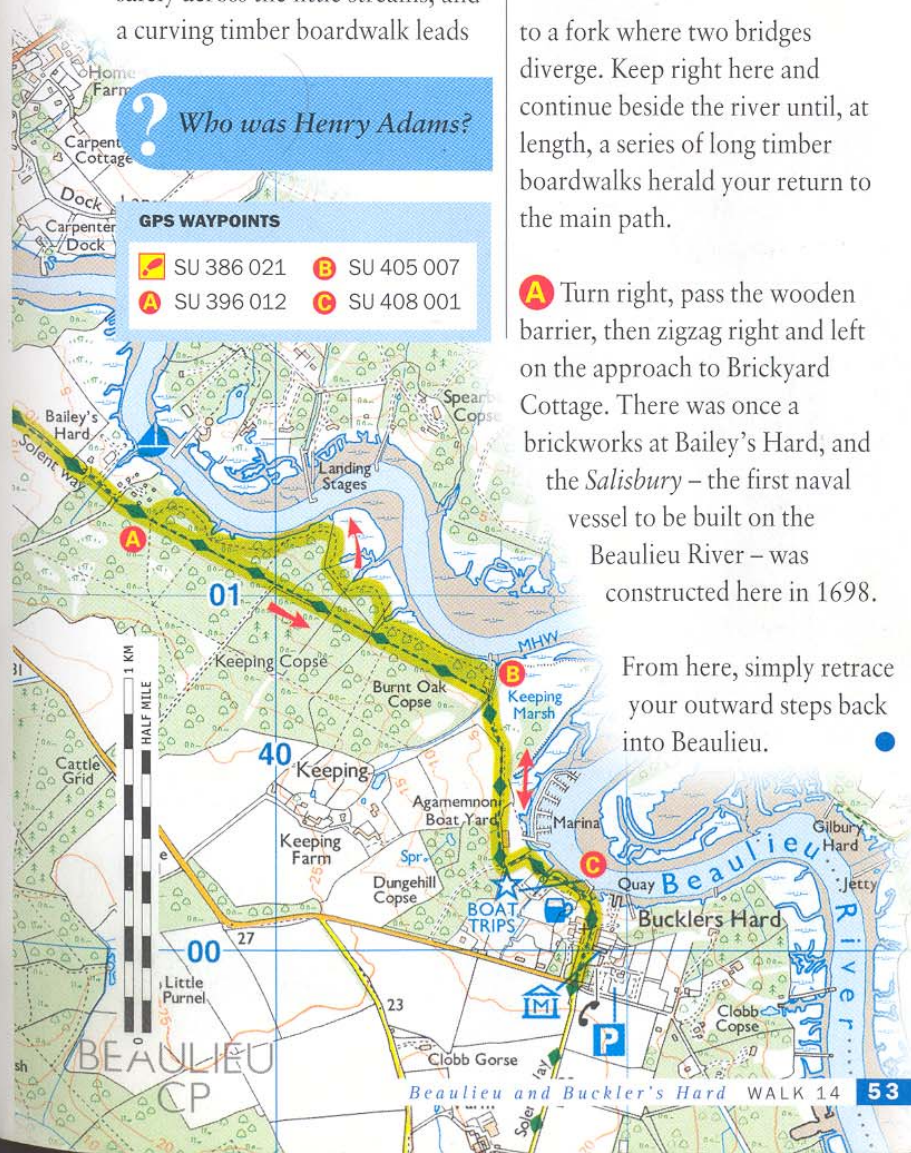
To return to Beaulieu, retrace your steps to point **B** and



Little egret in River Avon

fork right onto the signposted Riverside Walk. The path loops off through the trees towards the river, and there are quiet spots to sit and admire the view as you follow the tree-fringed shoreline.

Wooden footbridges lead you safely across the little streams, and a curving timber boardwalk leads



The river cruiser *Swiftsure* operates regular half-hour trips from **Buckler's Hard**. As the cruiser picks its way downstream between wooded banks towards the mouth of the river, passengers might see heron, tern, little egret, and a variety of wading birds on the intertidal mudflats.

to a fork where two bridges diverge. Keep right here and continue beside the river until, at length, a series of long timber boardwalks herald your return to the main path.

**A** Turn right, pass the wooden barrier, then zigzag right and left on the approach to Brickyard Cottage. There was once a brickworks at Bailey's Hard, and the *Salisbury* – the first naval vessel to be built on the Beaulieu River – was constructed here in 1698.

From here, simply retrace your outward steps back into Beaulieu.