

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



You will probably have heard that Mid Glos Group have ceased to exist. A spin-off walking group has been set up under the Ramblers umbrella, based on Cheltenham, calling themselves the Cheltenham Spa Walkers. They are entirely internet-based for communication with members and have no group structure. They retained some 90 members of the old group, the remainder being split among surrounding groups. It's a salutary lesson that a group with over 200 members was unable to continue because they could not raise a committee. We have been lucky over recent months in South Cotswolds, with volunteers coming forward to fill a number of posts, lead walks etc. But never take anything for granted and consider how you might be able to help now or in the future. We are always looking for more help.

On the brighter side we have just come back from a very successful break at Lulworth. There was plenty of walking for all, everything supported by HF's usual splendid facilities. Thanks to Mike and Heather for organising the trip. It may sound a slightly easier option getting HF to provide the holiday rather than organising it ourselves but there is still a large amount of admin and organisation to be done for which Mike and Heather have had to devote a considerable amount of time. The holiday in Dunster is now coming together and hopefully we will have another successful trip. Three South Cots volunteers have come forward to lead walks and this, coupled with the splendid facilities at the Yarn Market Hotel, should provide a good break. There may still be vacancies and anybody interested should contact me.

And talking of holidays we have recently received a further £160 from Ramblers Holidays under the Walking Partnership. If you are going on holiday with them don't forget to mention that you would like a payment made to South Cotswolds. We get £10 for domestic holidays, £20 for short haul and £30 for long haul.

Since the last Newsletter, Ramblers General Council has taken place and among new appointments is Des Garrahan as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Vision and Governance consultation documents were broadly accepted, allowing for a simpler and more flexible group and area structure. The Council passed motions relating to the 2026 cut off date for the registration of public rights of way and fracking, while motions relating to pedestrian safety in relation to bicycles and rail crossings were remitted to the Board due to lack of time. Fringe sessions discussed among other things gender awareness, young walkers, successful walking festivals, the big pathwatch and recruiting and attracting volunteers. If you want any further information on General Council, details can be found on the Volunteer Website.

Once again thank you to everybody volunteering for our group in whatever capacity and particularly to those organising the walks programme and leading walks. These things don't happen by magic but involve a lot of hard work. One small aspect which I find particularly gratifying is the way in which there is someone ready to stand in when the leader has to pull out at the last minute. This has happened several times in the last programme and I would like to think this reflects the enthusiasm and team spirit of our members.

Richard Davis

Welcome to our new members

We now have 411 members. In the last four months we have welcomed 13 new members from Bisley, Cheltenham, Nailsworth, Rodborough, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Tuffley and Whiteshill including Alison, Gill, Helen, Ione, Ken, Lenneke, Maidie, Martin, Pauline, Steve, Tim and Werner.

Mike Garner - Group Membership Secretary

GROUP WALKING HOLIDAY HF DOVEDALE IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Fri 1 - Fri 8 April 2016 - Leaders Mike and Heather Garner - 01453 873625

HF Holidays are great for our group for walking holidays. This will be the eighth year running that we have chosen to visit one of their houses. Although a few people are still keen on the evening social activities that HF have been famous / notorious for, HF have now decided to discontinue some of them including the final dance. We are hoping that this may encourage a few more walkers to come who did not fancy the old activities. The choice of three walks is simply great.

Each house is like an excellent hotel, with ALL meals provided, including help yourself or cooked breakfast, choose your own picnic lunch, and sociable evening meal. In addition there will be a choice of up to three excellent well-researched guided walks with transport included to and from your walk each day and a great area to explore.

So we have reserved 24 ensuite places including 10 single rooms staying in the HF house named "Peveril of the Peak", Thorpe, Dovedale in the Peak District. The places are allocated strictly first come, first served. We shall lose them if not booked by 15 July.

Dovedale was described by Ruskin as 'An alluring first lesson in all that is beautiful'. Byron wrote with Dovedale in mind to his friend, 'I can assure you there are things in Derbyshire as noble as Greece or Switzerland'. Set in the first ever National Park, the Derbyshire scenery is splendid. The Country House occupies a wonderful position in the village of Thorpe, near the Dove Dale gorge. There will be a choice of up to three guided walks on the Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each evening the leaders will describe their walks, and you can then sign up for one of them, or if you feel like it, have a day off and do your own thing. In South Cotswold terms they are all "Moderate" walks and not "Leisurely". The **Easier** ones are between 6 and 8 miles (in a day) with between 300 to 700 feet of ascent, The **Medium** ones are 9 or 10 miles with between 700 to 1,000 feet of ascent and the **Harder** ones are 12 miles long with between 1,100 to 1,600 feet of ascent.



The Monday will be everyone's day off to explore the area, and choices include visiting Chatsworth House and gardens, Buxton, Crich Tramways Museum, Castleton Showcaves, Kinder Scout, Cromford World Heritage Site, Ashbourne, Ilam Park (NT) or cycling on the Tissington Trail. Thorpe village is on the southern edge of the National Park, between 110 and 124 miles from Stroud, depending on the route you choose. As usual members are advised to ensure that they make their travel plans early.

The price at the beginning of April next year is much lower than mid May, and the weather may be just as good, who knows. The walks, the food, everything else is the same, but the price is about £170 cheaper! The total price of a full week's holiday is £515 per person with NO single supplement payable on our Group Holidays. By booking early we get this

year's price next year. There are two premium double rooms costing £5 per person per night extra. If you are an HF Member please quote your card number for a £5 reduction off your balance and 10% off bar bills. For more details see <http://www.hfholidays.co.uk/membership>

If you wish to come, please book NOW with the form and a cheque for £80 per person deposit and no later than 15 July. The deposit includes a non-returnable £5 to help defray Group expenses in arranging the holiday. If you cancel, the rest of the deposit is also non-refundable unless your place(s) is/are filled by other members.

So DO BOOK TODAY as we shall allocate all rooms on a first come, first served basis. Late bookings might be possible - but there is no guarantee - and HF might ask for a supplement. In that case ring us first and we can but enquire. Balances will be payable by 1 February 2016.

HF Dovedale Walking Holiday Friday 1 to Friday 8 April 2016

To Mike and Heather Garner, Southcot, The Headlands, North Woodchester, Stroud GL5 5PS (tel 01453 873625) Please reserve * ONE / TWO places for the holiday staying at HF Dovedale for 7 nights @ £515 per person.

CIRCLE ROOM CHOICE SINGLE DOUBLE / TWIN / EITHER / DOUBLE PREMIUM (if available at extra charge) (ALL ENSUITE).

I / We enclose a cheque payable to South Cotswold Ramblers for £_____ (£80 per person non-refundable deposit) including £5 per person for Group Expenses in arranging the holiday. Please acknowledge the booking by * **Email / SAE** enclosed. Please book early and by 15 July to avoid disappointment. Our reservation expires after that.

Signed _____ Date
Name 1)..... HF Membership Noif applicable
Name 2)..... HF Membership No
Email..... Tel No

SOUTH COTSWOLD VISIT TO LULWORTH 11 - 15 MAY

On Monday 11 May 2015, 22 members of South Cotswold Ramblers descended on West Lulworth House, a hotel at Lulworth Cove, Dorset, recently acquired and renovated by HF Holidays.



The hotel was comfortable and well run, as is usual for HF. The new orangery (no orange trees growing in it, sadly) made a light and airy dining room, though noisy, partly due to lack of curtains or soft furnishings. Building work still going on outside meant that the open air swimming pool was out of bounds, but I don't think anyone minded. Many of the rooms had excellent views down to the sea at Lulworth Cove.

HF had catered for 3 walks each day. The harder walk on Tuesday started at the village of Kingston and we were immediately led to the pub car park to admire an excellent view of Corfe Castle.



The other two walks started at Corfe, so all of us had a chance to view the Castle behind us as we walked up Brenscombe Hill and as soon as that was out of site, the Old Harry rocks, came into view ahead.



We later walked past Old Harry and had a good view of these chalk formations that mark the easterly end of the Jurassic Coast of Dorset. The walks ended at Studland. The weather that day was fine and sunny but there was a cold wind.

Wednesday was another fine day, but again a cold wind.

The walks started at Langton Matravers, Worth Matravers and Kingston, and ended at Swanage. The walks were therefore mostly along the coast path past Chapmans Pool (a beautiful sandy cove), St Aldhelm's Head (on which stands a small square Norman chapel), and Dancing Ledge (where children from a local preparatory school used to be brought for a morning swim, and where, when slightly younger, I swam off the rocks). The coast path here is particularly hilly and most of the hills seemed to have steps up them - Sally counted 218 on one.



Back at West Lulworth House after dinner, we were entertained by a gentleman who told jokes and stories and sang songs with a local flavour, made up by himself.

Thursday was wet until about lunchtime. The numbers walking were therefore fewer than usual and we divided into just two groups. Again we walked along the "roller coaster chalk cliff paths" (in the words of the HF walks leaflet) of the coast path, this time from Osmington eastwards up back at Lulworth Cove, passing Durdle Door, with its amazing limestone having called at a small weatherboarded structure built in 1926 which is the Catherine's by the Sea. Inside is a beautiful window engraved by Simon



and ended arch, and chapel of St Whistler.

The weekly HF inter-house quiz took place that night. We fielded two teams. Neither won the competition, but the rivalry between the members could still be detected the next morning at breakfast.

Thus ended a delightful three days of walking in Dorset. Thanks must go to Mike and Heather Garner for their time and effort in organising it.

By *Jenny Sawtell*

The Other Two Days at Lulworth

Jenny's report on the three days at Lulworth clearly shows what a good three days of walking we had, with wonderful sea views, on the whole pretty good weather and excellent company. However, for quite a few of us there were 2 extra days tacked onto the holiday.

On our way down there was an option to stop in Shaftesbury and do a short walk around the town, which gave a convenient break to the journey. We assembled outside Tesco's, then walked into town where we passed the Town Hall with a model of the famous Hovis loaf, the advert for which made a certain hill in the town famous many years ago.



The town is also famous for its connection with Thomas Hardy and the plaque on this house "Ox House" indicates that it is supposed to have figured in "Jude the Obscure."



We continued through the town and after passing a house which seemed to be demonstrating roof styles, we came to the famous "Gold Hill" of the Hovis advert. Mike (without bicycle and wicker basket or Hovis loaf) demonstrates what the advert was like.



T.E. Lawrence, Clouds Hill and Moreton

On our return journey, a lot of us assembled in Moreton for a walk. T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) is buried in the churchyard here. He was attempting to remain in obscurity by enlisting as a private in the tank corps, based nearby at Bovington. His cousins, the Frampton family, owned Moreton Estate which borders Bovington Camp. He rented and subsequently purchased his cottage at Clouds Hill which we walked to.



He was killed in a motorbike accident not far from Clouds Hill. His sudden death left little scope for planning, and his mother contacted the Framptons to ask whether he could be buried at Moreton. Despite the lack of warning, his funeral a week later was attended by the great and the good of the country including Sir Winston and Lady Churchill.

This church was a normal little church with the usual amount of local history attached to it until it was hit by a fleeing German bomber in WW2. Once rebuilt, the stained glass was not replaced – instead a series of spectacular engraved glass windows were created by Laurence Whistler. Not only are the windows themselves world famous and a sight to see in their own right but the transformation of the inside into a place of light and space is magical.

By *Sally*



NEPAL 2015- KANCHENJUNGA AND THE EARTHQUAKE



This was my fifth or sixth trip to Nepal. I flew with my guide and porter right to the East of Nepal, near the Indian border and Darjeeling. My destination was Kanchenjunga base camp. Not many people visit that area, it's remote, and a long walk in and out. The round trip takes over 3 weeks. It's a wonderful area, deep river valleys to start with – the trails sometimes down at the river, sometimes 300m up the hill slope. To ascend 500m in a day you might climb over 1500m in total. Hot and humid there, with leeches. At 3000m is the wide flat valley of Gyansa village.

April is the potato planting season at that altitude, ploughing the furrow with a pair of buffalo.



From there on, up to 4000m, and freezing hard at night, and then basecamp at 5000m well above the snow line. On the way down we planned to cross the SeleLa pass, but found out that the very big snowfalls over the previous two days had made it impassable. So we came down the valley to the jungle at 400m. My guide remembered that from 10 years previously there was a trail through. Sort of, thrashing through undergrowth. Then we went back up. Not 100% sure where we were going, to another ridge at 3000m – sleet, snow, and unusually cold. The house we stayed in brought all the young animals into the kitchen to be by the fire. Eventually we got down near the Indian border. My porter Gokul had never been to India, but wanted to visit. We went by rickshaw to the border crossing. The border between India and Nepal is pretty well open to Nepalis and Indians, so long as you are not carrying goods which are almost all dutiable to bring into Nepal. We wandered into India. A Sikh Indian border guard came up to me and said “You aren't Nepali, are you? You can't come in here, you have

to have a visa.” A laid back approach to border control. So we went back into Nepal stopping for some samosas and tea (My style of trekking is a relaxed one !)

I always use the same Kathmandu based trekking company <http://www.beyondthelimitstreks.com> to organise things for me and provide a guide and porter. Saroj and Dipendra, the two owners of the agency, come from a small group of hill villages in Ghorka province, as do all their guides and porters. Everyone can trust one another.

I had taken out a laptop for the school near Baseri, which is where Saroj grew up. I've been to the area before as another guide took me to stay with his family on a previous trip. Off we went - took about 10 hours in a jeep . Added to this was another delay from a broken down bus blocking the track, and two other buses and some jeeps queued behind. The bus had been there for hours – Nepal is very manyana. My vehicle bodging skills figured out a solution to push it out the way- we had plenty of people. Stayed the night with Saroj parents, in their early 70s. Thin and fit looking, but worn out by a lifetime of hard work in subsistence farming. They could not really comprehend why a 67 year old Englishman either could, or would want to, wander up and down mountains when there was no need to. (We have the NHS.)

The final part of the journey to get to the village is 2 hours walk uphill – there are no roads. There is no electricity. A few have a solar panel and a battery to provide some light at night, but most can't afford such expensive technology. The hill villages are populated by old people, younger women, and children. The younger men go off to work in Kathmandu, the Gulf, and Malaysia. The little money they can save to send home is the only income for their families, and the total repatriated funds are an essential part of the Nepal economy.



The village before the earthquake

Next morning Saroj and I set off for the school, with computer. Parents, teachers, children were waiting. The school is about 30 minutes walk away. The ground started violently shaking. You could see it moving. Cracks opened up. Thousands of tons of rock were shedding from the big ridge across the valley. The shaking continued for over a minute. Ghorka is very close to the epicentre. We ran back to the village – about 20 houses. Every house and animal shelter was flattened. No people

trapped and amazingly no death or serious injuries, but there were both in neighbouring villages. We started digging out animals and saved a lot, but many were dead when we dug down to them. The houses are built like Cotswold drystone walls – no mortar. Two storeys and a heavy roof. The long period of shaking, and it was a very big intensity earthquake, just made the buildings fall down.



After the earthquake, fallen buildings and dead animals

We built a rough shelter with a tarpaulin and spent the night there. It was raining with the cold pre-monsoon rains. Next day we made a better shelter,

cutting some bamboo props, and utilising the collapsed roof from an animal shelter.



Shelters built after the earthquake

On the third day we were struggling to find any food. All the rice and corn had been stored in woven baskets under the roof of the houses - all split asunder. Saroj had to stay on with his parents – who were in great shock. I walked to where there is usually a bus, but there were none, the road was blocked with landslides. The trail had gone in places - slid down the slope. I trusted to luck on a damaged bridge. So I walked on up another ridge where it was

rumoured that buses were reaching. That was true, and I caught a bus back to the devastation in Kathmandu. 10 hours. Landslides had partially blocked the tracks, but the 30 year old Tata bus - they have an ultra low first gear, and big double wheels on the back - ground its way up and over the landslides, slipping, sliding and grounding the underside. (I'm used to such buses and tracks.) Aftershocks continued.

Sally started a fund raising effort – and thanks for all the generous contributions from the Ramblers. So far we have sent £5300 and more is to follow. That is going direct to Saroj and Dipendra, and they are now spending almost all their time in the villages round Baseri, buying roofing sheets to build shelters, (the monsoon rains are almost there), food, clothing, etc. and organising porters to carry everything in (which is the normal method of transportation). They are also having to counsel many severely traumatised people – the little they ever had is all gone.

of all. It is a drop in the ocean, compared with what is needed, but at least it is something.

If anyone else would like to help the Baseri villagers and trusts me to get the money directly to them, either send a cheque payable to Keith Eyles, 23 Bownham Park, Stroud, GL5 5BY or if you want to do a direct bank transfer, email Sally at sallydavis@hotmail.co.uk and she will give you my account details. We will continue to support these villagers as best we can.

Saroj and Dipendra have had to make difficult decisions as to how to use this money for the benefit

Keith

The Crickhowell Walking Festival March 2015

The Walking Festival at Crickhowell near Abergavenny takes place around the beginning of March each year and lasts nine days. It consists of a number of guided walks of various grades all led by local experienced guides. There is something for every level of walker, whether you are happy trekking all day across the tops of the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons or would rather keep to paths and the lower slopes.

In addition, the festival also has a range of supporting events including illustrated talks, a quiz, courses in map reading and navigation, and the opportunity to listen to music or join in at a ceilidh.

On Saturday 28th February I drove my motorhome to the Riverside Caravan Park on the outskirts of this lovely Welsh town where most of the shops are independent. By 5p.m. I had joined numerous fellow walkers to walk up Table Mountain. The idea being that by the time we had reached the top it would be dark and the group would be serenaded by a local Welsh choir. Unfortunately the heavens opened as we reached the summit, but with the aid of head torches and soggy flapping song sheets we did enjoy ourselves immensely. After fifteen minutes, the group and singers descended to the town hall for hot soup and rolls.

The following day was damp. I had booked to join an afternoon four and a half mile walk entitled 'A cracking walk on Table Mountain'. We ascended the summit following a different route to the previous day and enjoyed reasonable 360 degree views of the surrounding countryside.

That evening I had a very good meal at The Bear Hotel before attending in the same venue a superb talk by



Kevin Walker about

walking in Nepal. The photography was outstanding! On the third day I joined a seven and half mile walk with the title "The Lonely Shepherd". Unfortunately it did not refer to the name of an isolated pub, but rather a rock pillar that stands at the edge of the escarpment like a shepherd watching his flock in the Usk valley below. The weather was cold but sunny and again we enjoyed good views. The leader excelled in giving us some wonderful anecdotes and his knowledge of local history added greatly to the enjoyment of the day.



On the last day of my short stay I decided to join a challenging walk of twelve miles called "Three Pens and a Table" which referred to three prominent points near Crickhowell and of course the famous Table Mountain. It had snowed over night and yes we did eventually have to walk through the white stuff when we got up high. Lunch was taken near Pen-Alt-Mawr over looking a lovely peaceful valley.



The weather was bright and sunny, but with a strong wind blowing - numerous layers were required. This final walk for me ended with us descending to Table Mountain – a familiar sight, before continuing down to the town of Crickhowell. Although I went by myself I never felt lonely. The walkers were friendly and helpful. However, particular mention should be made of the locals, shopkeepers and staff at the Crickhowell Resource Centre who extended such a warm welcome! You may wish to note that next year's festival takes place from 27th February to 7th March 2016. For further information please visit www.crickhowellwalkingfestival.com

James Skinner

It's safe to come to the AGM!

The South Cotswold Ramblers' Annual General Meeting is on 21st November at Rodborough Tabernacle. Currently nobody is standing down so it is safe to come, feeling confident that you won't feel pressurised to volunteer for something you don't want to do!

A Response to the last newsletter's anonymous "Pole Polemic"

There was 1 response to this:

"Methinks he/she doth protest too much"

By Di



Health or Safety (or an Accident waiting to happen)



When walking with walking poles/sticks, always have them pointing down to the ground with the pointy bits facing down and NOT facing back so that the points are ready to wipe out someone's eyes.

Also when climbing stiles, place your poles/sticks over first, pointy bits facing forwards.

And last but not least, NEVER wave poles/sticks above your head like a windmill, as seen recently on a walk, only narrowly missing the face of a lady standing by.

By John G

WIGGLING BOTTOMS AT H.F.

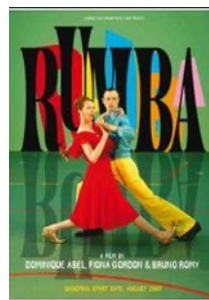
Some time after Mr Gore developed his "breathable" fabric and about the time that fleeces became fashion items as well as mountain kit, I had my first HF holiday at Derwentbank just outside Keswick. I remember the leader saying "people don't run up Everest" and the penny dropped that pace was better than power for getting to mountain tops. I was hooked and, more recently, when I asked a nice HF lady on the phone how many times my name featured on her computer, I had to stop her when she had counted up to thirty bookings made over three decades.

Memories of satisfying walks up glorious mountains in Scotland, Lakeland or elsewhere are mixed with memories of laughter at HF ceilidhs. At one ceilidh I had the giggles so badly that I had to leave the room when a lady from Melbourne, sounding just like Dame Edna Everage, gave a demonstration of Tai-Chi. Another time, giggles stopped me reading a paragraph on sword swallowing when accompanied by a teacher of the deaf who used sign language to interpret what I had read. A group of us also chortled even if the audience didn't when we mimed "Walking with Cross-Dressing", "Walking with Navel-Gazing" and "Virtual Walking" at the time of the foot-and-mouth. But of course there have been occasional lows - mainly when I spoilt the conviviality with my own foot in mouth disease.

On the first walk of one holiday a man regaled me about problems with his wife and, when I happened to repeat some of his conversation later at the bar, his wife was within ear-shot. I spent the rest of the week avoiding her dagger looks. Something similar happened when I pulled the leg of a business woman for checking her emails on the first walk of the week.

She tore strips off me and later, when we came to a view, pointedly asked if I minded her taking a photograph. Perhaps I am a sensitive soul but I spent the rest of the week avoiding the meal table where she and her companions sat. However my worst experience was not on a walking holiday at all but on a short HF activity break.

Sheelagh and I planned to learn some sequence dancing at Haytor but realised our project was doomed when only two other couples turned up and the instructor was so obese that he had to sit down to get his breath back after showing us just a few steps. Sequence dancing can involve a waltz, a quickstep, a rumba or whatever but the key feature is that all the couples do the same movements at the same time and the sequence of steps is repeated after sixteen bars. Inevitably the large group of walkers also holidaying at Haytor assumed that the dancers would perform at the ceilidh on the last night and a complicated rumba was selected for our demonstration. I think the wine with the meal was the problem but I got muddled and set off doing the wrong dance.



The upshot was that the sinuous rumba movements were all wrong and my bottom-wiggling was out of sync with the others.

The walkers stared with folded arms and their looks of disdain said it all. They clearly thought, "Is that the best they can do after three days of practice?" Our embarrassment was so extreme that even now mention of the word "Haytor" brings Sheelagh out in spots. We will never use HF Haytor to explore the joys of Dartmoor.

By Brian Witcombe

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DURSLEY WALKING FESTIVAL

Due to the success of previous festivals the 2015 Walking Festival will commence on Thursday 1st October and run for 4 days. Our programme will be made available as soon as possible at www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk



Cruise the French canals in 'Bon Viveur II'

'Bon Viveur II' is owned and managed by a private syndicate and operated on the Canal du Midi in France.

Two one week shares commencing in April 2016 are available.

Further details from Patrick. Email Bonviveurtwo@virginmedia.com

If you wish to put any items in the next newsletter (which will go out in October), please send them to Sally Davis (sallydavis@hotmail.co.uk) by **20th September**

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FUTURE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT S

27th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Rd., Stroud, Gloucestershire (next to the General Hospital).

Poole

Rhapsody for Violin and Orchestra Soloist: Madeleine Mitchell)

Tchaikovsky

Meditation (Soloist: Madeleine Mitchell)

Music from the cinema

Schindler's List, Jurassic Park, Warsaw Concerto,

Pirates of the Caribbean, Scott of the Antarctic, Nella Fantasia,

Chronicles of Narnia

21st November 2015

Berlioz

Les Francs Juges

Ravel

Piano concerto (Soloist: Alexander Soares)

Debussy

La Mer

Ravel

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Please note that Mike Garner will not be selling tickets this time, but they are available from Stroud Tourist office (in the Subscription Rooms) - 01453 760960 or on the door. £1.00 reduction if purchased prior to the evening of the concert. Accompanied children under 14 FREE.

An Update on Maurice Dvett from his sister

Maurice is doing very well at the moment. He's at Breadstones Care Home and is loads better. The carers there have been fantastic. They've got him eating and drinking and that has made such a difference. He's put some weight back on. He has some movement back in his left arm and leg. He still can't walk but he is now really interested in starting physio which we hope will get off the ground in the next couple of weeks. We are still looking for somewhere in Sheffield but this will take some months and in the meantime he's getting great care at Breadstones. We visit each weekend and if anyone from the Cotswold Ramblers is in the area I know he'd love a visit. He has his own room and sitting room there with a nice outlook. Sharron, Maurice's sister

Does anyone recognise this prize-winning photo?



While on the Ice Cream walk last summer, I photographed the derelict locks at Coombe Hay on the Somerset Coal Canal. I entered the picture for a competition run by the Canal and River Trust and was awarded a prize of £250 vouchers for photographic equipment! *Angela*

BACK ON TRACK

The train departed platform two
I settled back and let the view
Wide, unfolding, old and new
Be my companion on the journey

Clickety
Clickety
Went the rails
Sounding loud
On through Stonehouse
Then to Stroud
and so to Chalford Vale

The viaduct where the Vale blurs by
With me on high espying where I'd
lived before
But this time from the other side
Where spring has come once more

Everything's green
Dark and light
The sunlit speckles in the stream
The blossomed boughs contrast in
white
Shades of pink and gold and cream
Perfect flowers burst with pride
Reaching greedy for the sun
Their petals spreading open wide
Absorbing every drop of rain
Nature has once more begun
To show her face
The valley comes alive again

Past the path where paint has peeled
The river bounds the playing field
Where children yield to play

New rushes growing through the grey
The single cottage shuttered tight
It seems there's no one home today
and maybe not tonight

and Oakridge on the hill

Baker's Mill between the trees
Beside the lake where moorhens dive
and snow white doves
Who sit and stare at Intercity one
two fives

Clackety
Clackety
Go the wheels
In passing through
I'd often wondered how it feels
To see familiar clichéd scenes
From a different point of view

It went too fast
and now it's gone
My trip to somewhere carries on

By John Lang

Examples of work of our Footpath Committee

John Clayton is a member of our Footpath Committee and has sent me the following details of two cases which he has dealt with (successfully in the last six months).

In early January he wrote to John Lane, who heads up the PROW operation, about the deterioration in the PROW service. He also contacted his County Councillor shortly afterwards. He received an email from a member of the PROW team on the 5th February to say that she had spent 21st/22nd January inspecting all of the outstanding reports across the parishes of Hamfallow, Ham & Stone, Berkeley and Alkington an area which has been of some concern to our Footpath committee for some time involving many contacts with PROW.

John reports that in the middle of March he was delighted to see a new stile appear at the end of path OHS/39/1 where there had previously been a blocked metal gate. Another stile has been erected in an adjacent field where, again, walkers had to contend with a difficult gate.

A lot of work has gone into opening up path OHS/3/1/1, between Lower Stone Road and Hystfield Lane. This path was previously inaccessible because of high hedges, barbed wire and ditches. Three bridges with stiles and two simple stiles have now been installed. This work had previously been described in December as 'presumably resolved' on the Amey tracking system.



BEFORE



AFTER

Lower Stone



BEFORE



AFTER

Hystfield Lane

Stile installation was carried out by the Cotswold Wardens . I have phoned Jaci Harris at PROW to thank her for her efforts. This is yet another example of the excellent work being carried out by our Footpath Committee.

Richard Davis

THE BIG PATHWATCH

In our last News Letter mention was made of the Big Pathwatch, an exciting new project funded by Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust and aiming to carry out a survey of all the paths (rights of way) in England and Wales. This exercise is now due to launch on the 13th July with members being able to pre-register from June. From the 13th July participants will be able to:

- download the mobile phone app or sign up online
- pick one or more 1km grid squares to survey. (printable guidance, maps and survey questions will be available)
- go out and walk every right of way in their square(s)
- upload their responses using the app as they walk, or on the website when they get home
- upload pictures and share on social media, as they wish

This exercise is not restricted to Ramblers members but members of the public will also be encouraged to participate. There will be an on line map for members of the public and for volunteers, which will be updated every time someone selects a grid square to walk. Full details of the project have just been published in the summer edition of Walk magazine.

I hope as many of you as possible will feel able to participate as it will not involve a great deal of work to walk over a couple grid squares and could provide an interesting add on to your normal walking programme. It is a very useful exercise which not only brings to light footpath problems but also provides a countrywide picture of the way in which our individual local authorities are managing the network.

Richard Davis



Gloucestershire Ramblers

News from Gloucestershire Area June 2015

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Upper Forge Bridge – Forest of Dean Ramblers

9th June 2015 we'll be celebrating, the opening of the bridge, footpath and stairs which replace the old stone bridge over the River Lyd at Upper Forge. There's a history behind the project!

In 2009 John Sheraton and Rod Goodman wrote 'Exploring Historic Dean' describing some walks in the forest and highlighting points of interest, geological, natural history and industrial archaeology.

When the old stone bridge at Upper Ford was closed due to serious deterioration it affected one of the walks in the book. It was decided in January 2012 to replace the bridge, providing all necessary agreements could be made. Financing of the bridge would be from the sale of the book and the new bridge would be a wooden footbridge. The book has just had its third print run and is available via our website fodramblers.org.uk

It was nearly 12 months, December 2012 before all consultations were agreed and a planning application could be submitted. Work was held up when the planning application was refused in January 2013, as there could be dormice.

March 2013 with the dormice issue resolved Planning was eventually granted. However Japanese knotweed was discovered and as an invasive plant it had to be dealt with by specialists.

June 2013 work could commence but how to move long metal girders, heavy materials, and bags of stones for the concrete?

The Dean Forest Railway proved to be a great help to move the materials and used their heavy lifting gear to manoeuvre the girders into position.

July 2013 the bridge was completed but still lots of work to lay a board walk, long flight of stairs and a new footpath. Yes the path had to be diverted to cross the new footbridge and provide a safer route to where it joined the road.

October 2013 a further setback as the land was not registered and the footpath could not be dedicated as a PROW until the legal process was completed. November 2013 all the work on the bridge approach was complete and the hardcore on the path was laid. We also installed kissing gates to improve the railway crossing. Gloucestershire Council inspected the site in December and passed the bridge and approaches as meeting the required standards. Then the unexpected VAT bill arrived.

It took another year December 2014 for all the legal paperwork to be completed, all the bills paid and the new route of the footpath dedicated as a PROW.

Which brings us to the present day. After a hectic three years the official opening of the bridge is on 9th June 2015. The event is by invitation and in the company of Forest of Dean Ramblers, representatives from Dean Forest Railway, Mayor & Mayoress of Lydney, the Council, and Kate Ashbrook Ramblers President.

Barbara Fisher, publicity@fodramblers.org.uk

Volunteer for Ramblers

If you enjoyed the above, you may be able to help us in our charitable aims. We strive to keep footpaths open for everyone, today and in the future. The rewards are excellent, the company is great and the results can save an important part of our heritage. We're currently seeking someone who can spend an hour or so browsing a local council website looking at maps in planning applications. Initially it's a first level job uncovering where a development could affect a path, so we can comment if required. We'll help get you going, so if you're interested in maps, walking and footpaths please contact footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

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Message from the Chair

Since the last newsletter, three of us attended Rambler's General Council held at Robison College, Cambridge. A summary of the Council meeting can be found on the web site: <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone/support-and-development/volunteer-toolkits/general-council-2015.aspx>.

Much time was devoted to the concept of one member one vote, and its use to elect Trustees. However the debate became rather involved about whether it would be an improvement over the present system whereby members elect their local officers, who choose delegates to vote at General Council. The motion ultimately failed.

To me, one of the highlights of this year's council was an address given by Lis Nielson the Chair of the European Ramblers Association, founded in 1969. One of their aims is to introduce and maintain E-paths, a network of European footpaths through volunteers working in their respective countries. This year the European Walking Festival will be held in Skaine, Sweden between 10-17th September, and they hope to attract over 5000 walkers.

I attended the fringe event on Walking Festivals. The presenters run the White Cliffs Walking Festival which is held every year and now attracts over 1500 walkers, perhaps 2000 walkers this year. The walks are located between Deal and Dover and are free, except where admission fees to sites are required. In the audience was a member of the very successful Walking Festival held in Lincolnshire. This festival covers a large area in North East Lincolnshire and Eastern North Lincolnshire and now also includes cycling events.

Historically I am a solitary walker either walking by myself or with my wife. I have been asked a few times about my walks. Once I've decided where to walk and on the day, I'll follow a map, but keep an eye out for the actual route walked. In the Vale if the route is well walked, the path may follow a line which can be walked all the year round and not just for the few weeks in the Summer. As I walk I sometimes let the local farmer know of animals in the wrong fields. This can happen at any time but usually in Spring when farm animals have to relearn which fields they are meant to graze. When talking to farmers, it's useful to learn their view on gates. If it's not tied open they'd much prefer an open gate was closed, than a closed gate left open. Walking in the countryside, one of the joys is catching a glimpse of wildlife - Roe Deer, Muntjac and butterflies.

Ray Chaney



ramblers.org.uk/bigpathwatch

The big pathwatch is an ambitious survey of all the paths in England and Wales. It's a snapshot taken over the summer of 2015 by anyone with an interest in footpaths. We want to celebrate paths and the many things that make walking great, as well as highlighting issues we encounter.



The survey results should be useful to Local Councils, Land Owners and anyone interested in the public right of way network, as feedback on perception of the walking public on the state of our paths.

From mid July, anyone will be able to select a 1km map square and download a free smart phone app to make it easy to send their responses to the survey during a walk. Alternatively a paper survey can be used to feed back responses later. There'll be guidance for participants so they'll know what to look out for to give consistent reports.

Hopefully it will develop greater awareness of the benefits of walking & footpaths and perhaps improve understanding of our work. The Big Pathwatch project is kindly funded by Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust as part of our 80th anniversary.

Winchcombe Walking Festival



This is a marvellous event for promoting walking and we again played our part. It's year 6 of this 3 day event and with 22 led walks and a 21 mile challenge it's more popular than ever. A quick survey on one walk revealed 25% from Gloucestershire, 25% from adjoining counties with the rest from further afield, some from China! If you'd like to lend a hand next year, planning begins autumn.

Group Reports

Including GWG 20-30s, we have 10 Groups across the region with led walks ranging from short 3 mile to 12 mile day walks. If you're new, why not try a few to find out which best suits you. If you're looking for regular repetitive walks, also see Walking for Health.

Cheltenham Spa Walkers

A new walking group for members in Cheltenham.
At its AGM in Dec 2014, Mid Glos Group voted for dissolution following a productive 27 years and the encroachment of 'Old Father Time'.

In keeping with Ramblers Central Office advice Groups have been reorganised and a new group Cheltenham Spa Walkers formed to be run on an electronic basis by a team of three; one Principal Point of Contact and two others.

One hundred and twelve ex Mid Glos members opted to join in and we are now 'up and running' with a full Programme of walks for the period May – June – July - August. gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/CSW or cont CSW@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/ Des Smyth (PPoC)



Cirencester Report for June Area Newsletter 2015

Walks since our last report have been varied, both in length and area, from an 11 mile walk in Woodchester in February to evening walks of 3 – 5 miles. None have been cancelled due to bad weather and all have been well attended with 38 members on one walk.



On Saturday 7th March 37 members and friends attended a Skittles and Social evening at Down Ampney Football Club. The evening began with a fast and furious skittles match. After a great supper a game of Irish bingo (very different from the English version!) followed and a quiz. Between Monday 9th and Friday 13th March 22 members and guests spent an enjoyable 4 night break at the Toorak Hotel in Torquay. 40 members went on our annual Away Weekend on the beautiful Gower Peninsular with good weather and wonderful views.

As well as social events our Footpath Maintenance volunteers have also been busy. On Saturday 21st March Richard Holmes was joined by members of our PMVs (Path Maintenance Volunteers) at the Cotswold Gateway Centre. Their task was to clear an area ready to replace a narrow plank footbridge with a more accessible wooden ABC bridge. Starting at the canal path side branches were trimmed and others removed completely. They then continued to clear the lake side of the path. After lunch in the sun a tidy up was done and the line of the new wider path was marked out with the large branches they had cut down. The end result was very satisfactory and was ready for the new bridge to be installed, by contractors, at a later date.

Our thanks go to the many "silent volunteers" in the group who make all this possible.

Pat Beckley Secretary



Forest of Dean- Wye Valley Walk

Forest of Dean Ramblers has just completed walking the 136 miles of the Wye Valley Walk. It's been an ongoing project since 2013, begun by walking to Plynlimon, the source of the River Wye, in pouring rain. Each year we have done a long weekend to walk a different section of the 136 miles. This year the final stage began at Breinton and 6 days on we completed the trail at Chepstow. Barbara Fisher, Publicity Forest of Dean Ramblers.

Other News in Brief

Kate Clark of BBC Radio Gloucestershire walked with GWG and Cleeve for her Saturday 2pm slot. We're on Facebook! If you are too, are you able to post photos of your walks? Marchants is running a trial Sunday Bus 606S along the Cotswold Way from Broadway to Cheltenham. Glos Warks Steam Railway offers advance group booking deal (perhaps 10:20 from Cheltenham P&R, return on foot)



A page of Mid Week walks for the Gloucestershire Area

Wed 1 Jul 2015 10:00 11m Bredons Norton and Bredon Hill
Barry & Robert 07407 359600 or 07807 342238
Park at Bredon Playing Fields CP (one next to B4080 junction). SO 927369. Walk Mill End, Bredons Norton, Bredon Hill, Elmley Castle, Sundial Farm, Westmancote. Picnic. **M**

Wed 8 Jul 2015 10:00 10m Painswick
Catherine 01452 615382 or 07456 425880 Walker's CP off B4075 opposite Rococo Garden (E179). SO 867105. A hilly walk from Painswick with lovely views on a good day. Picnic. **M**

Wed 15 Jul 2015 10:00 12m Cotswold Way and Lower Woods
Susanne 01453 757212 or 07768 403530
Hawkesbury Upton. Park either at Beaufort Arms CP (if stopping for a drink after), Village Hall CP, or on street. Meet outside Village Hall CP (E167). ST 777870. Walk Cotswold Way to Hillesley, across Inglestone Common and through Lower Woods GWT Nature Reserve, return on Cotswold Way. Picnic. **M**

Wed 22 Jul 2015 10:00 10m Bisley and Edgeworth
Susanne 01453 757212 or 07768 403530
Park in Bisley in lay-by opposite Windyridge (E179). SO 903064. Walk Bisley, Througham, Sudgrove, Ashcombe bottom, Edgeworth, Waterlane, Battlescombe. Picnic. **M**

Wed 29 Jul 2015 09:30 11m Symonds Yat Circuit
Guy 01242 251412 or 07968 797186
Meet Goodrich castle CP (£1.00) (OL14). SO 576197. Quite hilly walk to Coppett Hill, Welsh Bicknor, English Bicknor. Lunch and/or picnic at the Sarazans Head pub Symonds Yat. Return via Huntsham Hill, Huntsham Bridge, Goodrich Church and village. Tea after at castle. **Please note earlier start time.** **M**

Wed 5 Aug 2015 10:00 10m Guiting Power
Arnold 01242 603576 or 07789 317291
Park at Guiting Power Village Hall CP (OL45/LR163). SP 095245. Walk Castlett, Kineton, Pinnock, Campden lane, Guiting Wood. Picnic. **M**

Wed 12 Aug 2015 10:00 11m Monmouth
Roy 01242 245488 or 07766 413176.
Park at church at Mitchel Troy (OL14). SO 492104. Walk Wonastow, Monmouth, Offa's Dyke Path, Treowen, Jingle Street, Trealy. Picnic. **M**

Wed 19 Aug 2015 10:00 10m Sugar Loaf
Peter 01600 711558
Meet at National Trust CP on road between Bettws and Forest Coal Pit (OL13). SO 292200. Walk to Bryn Arw and along ridge, Cwm Bryn Arw, Pantygelli, return via Sugar Loaf. Picnic stop at pub. **M**

Wed 26 Aug 2015 10:00 11m Castle Combe
Mick 01453 542082 or 07443 643462.
Park in Castle Combe Upper CP, just off B4039 (E156). ST 845777. Walk from Castle Combe around the By brook and Broadmead Brook valleys taking in the villages of Ford and North Wraxall and crossing Colerne Down. Moderate with several climbs. Picnic. **M**

Wed 2 Sep 2015 10:00 10m Forest Green
Dave 01452 721729 or 07593 296983. Park in Forest Green football club CP (E168). SO 837001. Walk to Woodchester Park, Coaley Peak, Uley, Owlpen, Newmarket. Picnic. **M**

Wed 9 Sep 2015 10:00 13m Redbrook
Sue S 01594 531227 or 07547 740633.
Redbrook main CP (charge) (OL14). SO 536099. Starting from Redbrook we walk up to the Kymin, Highmeadow Woods, Suckstone, the Biblins and walk back along the river Wye. Moderate walk with one hill. Picnic. **M**

Wed 16 Sep 10:00 10.5m Hunters Hall, Lasborough, Ozleworth, Kingscote
Richard 01454 260397 or 07984 853775.
Park in Hunters Hall CP if using the pub, or park in lane to Kingscote opposite. Meet at Hunters Hall (E167). ST 813959. Fig. of 8 walk, 6.5m am and 4m pm. AM - Newington Bagpath, Lasborough, Ozleworth and Bagpath. Lunch at Hunters Hall or picnic. PM - Kingscote, Kingscote woods and Binley farm. Total ascent 850 feet. **M**

Wed 23 Sep 2015 10:00 12m Winchcombe
Roy 01242 245488 or 07766 413176.
Winchcombe Back Lane CP (fee) (OL45). SP 023284. Walk Langley Hill, Gretton, Stanley Pontlarge, Cockbury Butts, Postlip Mill, Cordean Farm, Humblebee, Waterhatch, Parks Farm, Sudeley Castle. Picnic. **M**

Wed 30 Sep 2015 10:00 10m Cranham
Andy & Wendy 01453 885498
Park by Cranham common, near to school (E179). SO 895125. Walk Birdlip and Fostons Ash. Picnic. **M**

Wed 7 Oct 2015 10:00 10m Malverns - Valleys and Hills
Jackie 01594 564417
Meet British Camp CP (£3.00) (E190). SO 763403. Into the valley of Colwall, over the railway, making our way to Sugar Hill and onto North Hill. Back over Worcestershire Beacon, Perseverance, Jubilee, Pinnacle and Black Hills. Undulating at start followed by several ascents and descents after lunch. Picnic. **M**

Wed 14 Oct 2015 10:00 10m Speech House and Soudley
Janet & Geoff 01531 650349 or 07933 737691
CP/picnic area to south of Speech House (near start of Spruce Ride) (OL14). SO 622118. Walk Speech House Lake, Mallards Pike, Bradley Hill, Soudley (lunch Dean Heritage Centre or picnic), Shakemantle, Staple Edge Lodge. **M**

Wed 21 Oct 2015 10:00 12m The Blorenge
Mike 01594 562341
Park at Llanfoist CP (OL13). The CP is on the right at the west end of the village, indicated by a very understated sign. SO 286133. Ascend a short incline then Punchbowl and on to summit of the Blorenge. Then via Keeper's Pond to Gilwern Hill where we start to follow Hill's Tramway from the quarry through Pwll Du and down through Garn Ddyrys (setting of Alexander Cordell's 'Rape of the Fair Country'), finally descending the incline back to Llanfoist. Picnic lunch. Moderate with a pesky little incline to start. **M**

Wed 28 Oct 2015 10:00 14m Wye Valley Walk
Jenny & Jackie 01600 715719 or 01594 564417 or 07767 351190 on walk morning.
Chepstow Leisure Centre CP (please park at far end) (OL14). ST 528944. A scenic walk overlooking the river Wye via the Giant's Cave and Eagle's Nest, crossing the river at Tintern, climbing to the Devil's Pulpit and returning to Chepstow on Offa's Dyke Path. Two main ascents taken at a pace to suit all. Picnic lunch. **M**

Note:
Ramblers Membership supports our efforts to keep footpaths open. For members all our walks are free. Anyone new is welcome to try a walk but check with leader beforehand gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/midweek/ Sorry no dogs except access dogs. All walks M = Moderate, S=Strenuous



Wed 1 Jul morning 5.5m The Cheese Rolling Walk, not.
Cotswold Way, northwards, round Coopers Hill and back via Buckholt Wood. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. **Leader - Denys** 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Royal William CP A46 near Cranham. Park in CP only if using pub. Not on A46. L162/E179 SO878127 GL6 6TT <http://tinyurl.com/mapRoyalWilliam>

Thu 2 Jul evening 4.3m Sailing Ships from Heaven
Park Wood, The Heavens, Bowbridge. Back along the canal. Terrain 1 Not much climbing apart from steep hill at start. Two stiles very difficult. Food available at the Ship Inn - pre-order. **Leaders - Sally & Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Brimscombe, Ship Inn. Park in their CP if using, or in lane next to the pub (signed GK Joinery), or other side of A419. (GL5 2RD) L162/E168 SO867023 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBrimsccombeShipInn>

Sat 4 Jul morning 5.8m Looking forward to seeing you around Hare! Cotswold Way, Cromwell's Stone, Cliff Well, Common above Edge, Scottsuar Hill, Standish Wood. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Lunch poss. at Beacon Inn (1.5 miles). **Leaders - Tim S and Ann T** 07860 836152 or 07931 683162 Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood NT CP (Cripplegate) ½m before Haresfield Beacon. GL6 6PP L162/E179 SO831086 <http://tinyurl.com/mapShortwoodNTCP>

Mon 6 Jul morning 4m Anchors Away
From Anchor Inn up the Severn Way, around power station nature walk and back to Oldbury on bridlepath. Terrain 0 Level at a leisurely pace. Lunch available at pub, landlord would like us to order and pay before we go. Coffee will also be available before walk. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Oldbury on Severn Anchor Inn CP. (BS35 1QB) L162/E167 ST609924 <http://tinyurl.com/mapOldburyOnSevern>

Wed 8 Jul morning 5.5m Swifts Hill view
Bisley, Cops Grove, Round Elm, Fennels, Swifts Hill, Sydenhams, Bisley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Decide on pub on day for lunch. **Leaders - Brian & Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Bisley, Windyridge layby on Cheltenham road. (GL6 7BJ) L163/E179 SO903063 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyWindyridge>

Thu 9 Jul evening 4m Another ring round Shurdington
Shurdington hill, Crippets, Burley fields lake, Leckhampton Lane. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub meal possible. **Leader - Enid** 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from The Bell, Shurdington (GL51 4XQ). Only use pub car park if eating there later. If not, park in Church Lane. L163/E179 SO923187 <http://tinyurl.com/mapShurdingtonBellPH>

Sat 11 Jul day 9m EITHER Roman Roam
Macmillan Way, Monarch's Way, Roman Villa. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Denys** 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Chedworth, Seven Tuns CP. The pub has been closed for a year but CP should still be usable. If not park considerably in village. (GL54 4AE) L163/OL45 SP052120 <http://tinyurl.com/mapChedworth7T>

Sat 11 Jul afternoon 5.5m OR Just milling around
An **experimental** afternoon walk through Eastington, Leonard Stanley, King's Stanley, Ryford. Terrain 0 Level. **Leader - Bernard** 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828 Meet 13:20 for **13:30 start** from Eastington Picnic Area by Canal. At roundabout on A419 turn towards Eastington and immediately L into Pike Lock CP. (GL10 3RT) L162/E168. SO784060 <http://tinyurl.com/mapPikeLock>

Wed 15 Jul long morning 6.5m A Cotswold Way Bus Ride
Catch 10:10 bus to Chipping Sodbury, return via Frome Walkway and Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch possible.

Leaders - Steve & Rosemary 01453 860130 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start**. Meet outside Beaufort Arms in Hawkesbury Upton. Use pub CP if visiting afterwards or Parish Hall CP opposite (donations). GL9 1AU L172/E167 ST777870 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHawkesburyUptonVH>

Thu 16 Jul evening 4m Slimbridge saunter
Meadows and country lanes. Terrain 0 Level. Food and drink available afterwards. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** Tudor Arms Inn CP, Shepherds Patch. Strictly only if visiting Pub afterwards. Otherwise park considerably in road. (GL2 7BP) L162/OL14 .SO727041 <http://tinyurl.com/mapTudorArms>

Sat 18 Jul morning 5.2m Beautiful woodland tracks, meadows and streams Through Miserden Park estate and via Caudle Green, Syde and Winstone. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub food & drinks at end if required. **Leader - Dave G** 01242 862564 on day 07969 907274 Meet 09:30 for 9:40 coffee and **10:00 start** from Miserden, Carpenters Arms. Those who are eating may be offered a coffee before the walk when preordering - but don't depend on it. If eating use CP. If full park considerably in road. (GL6 7JA) L163 /E179 SO937088 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCARMS>

Mon 20 Jul morning 3.5m Give us a woodbine
Gentle stroll round Misarden Park. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Hills to be taken slowly. Pub lunch possible. Coffee provided beforehand by landlord when you order your lunch. **Leaders - Richard & Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 10:10 for **10:30 start** from Miserden, Carpenters Arms. If CP full park considerably in road. (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 SO937088 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCARMS>

Wed 22 Jul morning 5m Kenelm 1194
Sapperton, canal, Far Oakridge, Sapperton. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Jill** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Sapperton village, near Church. (GL7 6LG) L163/E179 SO947033 <http://tinyurl.com/mapSapperton>

Fri 24 Jul evening 4m Rodborough Parish Council Walk
Manor Woods and Amberley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard & Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go up hill from Golden Cross and cross to Butterow West. (GL5 3UB) L162/E168 SO847044 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodboroughPavilion>

Sat 25 Jul day 9.25m Along the Thames at Lechlade
An entirely flat walk meandering along the banks of the River Thames and across meadows visiting Buscot Wick, Buscot Weir and Kelmscott. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Andrew** 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Lechlade Riverside CP (£3) off A361. (GL7 3AL) L163/E170 SU221991 <http://tinyurl.com/mapLechlade>

Wed 29 Jul morning 5m Lakes, wildlife and flowers
From the lovely village of Somerford Keynes we go along the Thames Path to Neigh Bridge Country Park and Lower Mill Estate. Lots of lakes, wildlife and flowers. Terrain 0 Level. Lunch possible at the pub after the walk. **Leader - Jacqui** 01666 826139 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Somerford Keynes, Baker's Arms, park in CP if coming in after the walk. (GL7 6DN) E169 SU018954 <http://tinyurl.com/mapSomKeynes>

Thu 30 Jul evening 4m A Regal Route
Monarchs Way to Coatesfield Bridge, back in a loop to the pub. Terrain 0 Level. Food at pub when we get back. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Tunnel House Inn, Coates (turning off Coates to Tarlton road). (GL7 6PW) E168/L163 SO965006 <http://tinyurl.com/mapTunnelHouse>



Sat 1 Aug day 9.5m Another walk from Ilmington
via Nebsworth, Hidcote Manor, Mickleton, Hidcote Boyce and Foxcote House, using different footpaths to those used previously. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring a packed lunch. **Leaders - Karen & Tony** 01453 545824 on day 07721 605409 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Ilmington Church. Please share lifts if possible. Park considerably. (CV36 4PT) L151/E205 SP209434 <http://tinyurl.com/mapIlmington>

Mon 3 Aug morning 3.5m Wotton to Kingswood leisurely walk
Over fields to Kingswood, along the stream, and back over fields and woodlands. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pubs and cafes in Wotton. **Leader - Colin B (Kingswood)** 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Wotton-under-Edge, Auction Rooms CP. Go up Tabernacle Pitch and just past graveyard turn R. Take the left narrower drive to emerge into CP. (GL12 7EF) L162/E167 ST75559350 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonAuctionCP>

Wed 5 Aug morning 6m A dragon and two horses
Cockleford, Upper Coberley, Seven Springs, Cowley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch available at end. **Leaders - Enid and Graham B** 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Cockleford, Green Dragon, near Cowley. Use far end of CP (GL53 9NW) L163/E179 SO968141 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCockleford>

Thu 6 Aug evening 4m Somewhere in the middle of the Summer Wine Ruscombe, Whiteshill, Sherman's Wood, Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Meals and drinks available at pub. **Leader - Denys** 01453 751581 on day 07783 269574 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Randwick, outside the Vine Tree. Park in adjacent Car Park or use pub Car Park if visiting afterwards. (GL6 6JB) L162/E179 SO829068 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRandwickVineTree>

Sat 8 Aug EITHER figure of 8 10.5m Hunters Hall
6.5 miles am to Newington Bagpath, Lasborough, Ozleworth. Lunch at Hunters Hall or picnic. **4 miles pm** from Kingscote to Kingscote Woods and Binley Farm. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Richard P** 01454 260397 on day 07984 853775 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Kingscote, Hunters Hall Inn CP.. (GL8 8YA) L162/E168 ST814960 <http://tinyurl.com/mapKingscoteHuntersHall>

Sat 8 Aug OR morning 5m Painswick Beacon and Prinknash Park
Walk up a long hill to Painswick Beacon and the return is either level or downhill. An opportunity for drinks and cake from Prinknash Park cafe. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Mike B** 01452 616864 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Upton St Leonards Birchall Memorial Institute CP. Turn R opposite USL church into Bondend Rd. BMI is the first entrance on R (just before phone box) after 100 yds. (GL4 8AG) L162 /E179 SO863148 <http://tinyurl.com/mapUptonStLnrdsBMI>

Wed 12 Aug morning 4m Orange Isn't The Only Route
Up, around and down Robinswood Hill with spectacular views of Gloucester and environs. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. 2 to 3 hours. **Leaders - John & Cheryl** 01452 500143 on day 07789 608050 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Robinswood Country Park CP. Take A4173 (Stroud Road) to St Barnabas roundabout (junction with A38), 4th exit (Reservoir Road), bends L and, R Entrance to Country Park on R - follow signs to CP (GL4 6SX) L162/E179 SO837157 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRobinswoodCountryPark>

Thu 13 Aug evening 3.5m Short walk before pub grub
Cotswold Way to topograph then across farmland to Standish Park farm. Then up to and through Standish woods for 1.5 miles before up steeply to CP. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Good pub food at the Vine Tree at Randwick, 2 miles from CP. Choose food before walk. **Leader - Colin B (Amberley)** 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510 Meet 17:50

for **18:00 start** from Shortwood NT CP (Cripplegate) ½ mile before Haresfield Beacon. GL6 6PP L162/ E179 SO831086 <http://tinyurl.com/mapShortwoodNTCP>

Sat 15 Aug morning 6m Down the hill and far to see
Cotswold Way, Stroudwater Canal, Stratford Park. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Possible pub meal at end. **Leaders - Steve & Rosemary** 01453 860130 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Randwick, outside Vine Tree. Park in adjacent Car Park or use pub CP if visiting. (GL6 6JB) L162/ E179 SO829068 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRandwickVineTree>

Mon 17 Aug morning 3m Gently up Downham & Uleybury
We pass Bury then up on Downham Hill. Back via Uleybury with views over village. Terrain 3 Quite hilly but taken at a gentle pace. **Leaders - Kathy and Mike** 01453 873625 Meet 10.20 for 10:30 start from Uley, Old Crown. Park by Church or use pub CP if visiting. (GL11 5SN) L162/E168 ST792985 <http://tinyurl.com/mapUleyOldCrownCP>

Wed 19 Aug morning 6m Remembering Tosca
Througham / Sudgrove. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bisley pubs at end. **Leader - Olivia** 01453 751716 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Bisley, Windyridge layby on Cheltenham road. (GL6 7BJ) L163/ E179 SO903063 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyWindyridge>

Thu 20 Aug evening 4m Rodborough Parish Council Walk
Canals and Railways. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leaders - Richard & Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go up hill from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West. (GL5 3UB) L162/E168 SO847044 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodboroughPavilion>

Sat 22 Aug day 8m Take to the hills
Breakheart Quarry, Waterley Bottom, Coombe Hill and Nibley monument. Good views weather permitting. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Two climbs but mainly level walking. Picnic. **Leader - David R** 01453 547580 / on day 07903 505462 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** Stinchcombe Hill public CP not Golf Course CP (GL11 6AQ) L162 /E167 ST743983 <http://tinyurl.com/mapStinchcombeHillCP>

Wed 26 Aug morning 5m Side by Syde
Brimpsfield, Syde, Caudle Green, Brimpsfield. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Jill and Sue** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Brimpsfield Village Hall CP. From Birdlip the CP is on LH side as you enter the village. (GL4 8LD) L162/E179 SO938127 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBrimpsfieldVH>

Thu 27 Aug evening 4m Bisley saunter
Bisley, Calfway, Battlescombe, Bisley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub to be arranged on night. **Leaders - Brian & Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 17:50 for **18:00 start** from Bisley, Windyridge layby on Cheltenham road. (GL6 7BJ) L163/E179 SO903063 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyWindyridge>

Sat 29 Aug day 8m A Royal Walk from Charlton Kings
Charlton Kings, Ham, Colgate, Cotswold Way to Dowdeswell Reservoir and Lineover Wood, Ravensgate, Timberscombe and back. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Sally & Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** at the lowest point of Copt Elm Road, (a turning off A40), Charlton Kings. Park considerably either on Copt Elm Road or on neighbouring streets. (GL53 8BS) L163/E169 SO964208 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCoptElmRd>

Mon 31 Aug day 10m Railway, church, church, railway
An extra bank holiday walk via Sapperton, Cirencester Park, Coates Saw Mill, Tunnel House (Lunch or Picnic), Tarlton, Monarchs Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Frampton Mansell verge. (GL6 8JE) L163/E168 SO919022 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFramptonMansVerge>



Wed 2 Sep morning 5.8m Hills and views
Amberley war memorial, St Chloe to A46. Cross and wind through Woodchester. Through fields and woods to a stunning viewpoint. Down through vineyard to Windsoredge and recross A46 at Dunkirk Mill. Back up to common. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Lunch possible at Black Horse or Amberley Inn. **Leader - Colin B (Amberley)** 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Amberley War Memorial (NB this is up on the Common not by the Inn). Park with consideration on the Common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 SO851016 <http://tinyurl.com/mapAmberleyWM>

Sat 5 Sep day 10m The A419 from both sides now Up and down the Chalford Valley. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Richard & Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Rodborough, Car Park just above Fort on Rodborough Common. (GL5 5BL) L162/E168 SO851040 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodboroughCommonCP1>

Mon 7 Sep morning 4m Gently along Canal and River A local walk seeing the latest changes and a chance for a good chat. Terrain 0 Level. Possible lunch at Ebley Wharf after. **Leader - Anne C** 01453 752654 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Ebley Victory Park CP - From Westward Road coming from Tricorn House turn R along Church Road (P sign pointing R on L of main road). Turn L just before St Matthews Church (P sign) and park at far end in SDC CP near Victory Park. (GL5 4LH) L162/E168 SO830049 <http://tinyurl.com/mapEbleyVictoryCP>

Wed 9 Sep long morning 8m West of Kemble Canal, source of Thames, Kemble station, Jackament Bottom, Monarchs Way, Tarlton. Bring a snack. Pub lunch possible at end. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start**. Tunnel House Inn, Coates (turning off Coates to Tarlton road). (GL7 6PW) E168/L163 SO965006 <http://tinyurl.com/mapTunnelHouse>

Sat 12 Sep short day 7.8m 2 out of 6
Winchcombe, Waterhatch, Roel Gate, Deadmanbury Gate, Sudley Lodge, Winchcombe. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Jill** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Winchcombe, Back Lane Car Park (off B4632 Gloucester Street), currently £1 for all day. (GL54 5PZ) SP023284 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWinchcombeBackLnCP>

Wed 16 Sep morning 5.7m Over the top
From centre of Nailsworth up over the top to the old Tipputs Inn and back down the other side. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Lunch available at Egypt Mill bistro after walk. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Nailsworth, Egypt Mill CP, park over far side. (GL6 0AJ) L162/E168 ST850998 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNailsworthEgyptMill>

Fri 18 Sep evening 3m Rodborough Parish Council Walk
Kingscourt and Rodborough. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard & Diana** 01453 762373 Meet 17:20 for **17:30 start** from Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go up from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West. GL5 3UA L162/E168 SO847044 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodboroughPavilion>

Sat 19 Sep morning EITHER 5.5m A walk in the park
From Coaley Peak car park down and around Woodchester Park finishing at the Mansion for lunch if wanted. Mansion bus could be taken back up the hill for small contribution. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Lunches available at Woodchester Mansion, they now have a bigger range of food on offer. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 09:50 for **10:00** Coaley Peak CP. (GL11 5AU) L162/E168 SO794012 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCoaleyPeakCP>

Sat 19 Sep short day OR 8m Exploring the Berkeley Vale The proposed walk will be flora and fauna dependent. Terrain 0 Level. Bring refreshments and food for a coffee and lunch break. **Leader - Ray C** 01453 811545 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SF. Car parking is in my garden at the rear of the house. L162/E167 SO 685020 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBrookendLabCot>

Mon 21 Sep morning 4m Exploring eastwards from Barrow Wake
Heading SE to begin with, then NE to Coldwell Bottom, returning via some westerly route. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pub lunch possible at Royal George, Birdlip afterwards. For car sharing from Stroud ring Sheila on 01453 757295. **Leader - Sheila L** 01453 757295 on day 07972 904325 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Barrow Wake, Birdlip Viewing Point CP off A417. (GL3 4UH) L163/E179 SO931153 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBarrowWake>

Wed 23 Sep morning 5.5m Search for Stanley St Leonard Coaley Peak, Knapp Lane, Leonard Stanley, Gypsy Lane. Fields and Cotswold Way with great views and about 600 of ascent and descent. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Brian & Sheelagh** 01453 872220 on day 07761 039595 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Coaley Peak CP. (GL11 5AU) L162/E168 SO794012 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCoaleyPeakCP>

Sat 26 Sep morning 5.5m Duke of York Woodchester Walk
Amberley, Manor Wood, Woodchester, Selsley Common, Windsoredge, Pinfarthings. About 1200 feet of gentle ascent and descent. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Lunch available at Old Lodge Inn. **Leaders - Brian & Sheelagh** 01453 872220 on day 07761 039595 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Minchinhampton Common Old Lodge Inn. Find Tom Long's Post in middle of common, turn south towards Nailsworth and pub is along track on the right. Park on nearby common. (GL6 9AQ) L162/E168 SO853008 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchComOldLodge>

Wed 30 Sep morning 6.3m There be Dragons!
Cowley Wood, Elkstone, Pen Hill Farm, Churn Bank. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Food may be pre-ordered at the pub. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela** 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Cockleford, Green Dragon, near Cowley. Park in upper area of car park opposite pub. Two miles south of Seven Springs on A435 turn right down narrow lane to Cockleford and Elkstone. (GL53 9NL) L163/E179 SO968141 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCockleford>

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RING the leader if you are in any doubt, especially if you haven't walked recently. Perhaps try shorter walks first.

PACE Most of our walks are of **Moderate** pace, averaging 2 mph with stops. Monday walks are labelled **Leisurely** and are about 1.5 mph; a 10:30 start on a 4 mile walk means finishing between 12:45 and 1pm approximately. **Choice** of walks - once a month we arrange two walks on the same Saturday to give you more choice.

NON MEMBERS - You are very welcome to walk with the Group a few times. Just turn up on the day. We hope you will then wish to join, either on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk or with a leaflet, quoting GR03 if you wish to be in our particular Group. Once a member you can walk with any Ramblers' group in Britain.

MESSAGES on our website will show any walk changes or additional information (plus other news). Please check if travelling a distance.

www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk/messages

DOGS - Sorry, registered assistance dogs only.

PLEASE do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.

HOW HILLY? Terrain 0 Level. Terrain 1 Not much climbing.

Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Terrain 4 Very hilly.



Sat 3 Oct day 10m Wood, hills and valleys
[Part of Dursley Walking Festival, 1-4 October] Dursley, Hermitage Wood, Bowcott Farm, Waterley Bottom and Breakheart Hill. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring your own lunch. **Leader - Allen M** 01453 545588 on day 07749 564232 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Dursley Town Hall. Park your car where you can, perhaps Dursley long stay CP (signed via Long Street) (GL11 4LS). Drive steeply up and round LH bend to park on top level. Walk back up Long Street. OR check website (address below) to see if long stay parking at Sainsburys CP has been agreed. L162/E167 ST757982 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDursleyLongSt>

Sat 3 Oct afternoon 5.5m Shakespeare in Dursley?
[Also Part of the Dursley Walking Festival] Shakespeare's Walk, Hermitage Wood, Little Hill and circuit of Stinchcombe Hill. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. **Leaders - Sue and Peter** 01453 860797 on day 07969 984796 Meet 13:50 for **14:00 start** from Market House, Dursley Town Centre. Park your car where you can, perhaps Dursley long stay car park (signed via Long Street) (GL11 4LS). Drive steeply up and round LH bend to park on top level. Walk back up Long Street. OR check Walking Festival information for further parking instructions. L162/E167 ST757982 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDursleyLongSt>
MORE WALKS HERE: www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Mon 5 Oct morning 4m Painswick - Beacon to Stream
Gently paced walk from Painswick Beacon, The Park to Painswick Stream. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Mostly level with odd hill. Lunch possible at The Royal William. **Leader - Margaret** 01453 828036 on day 07930 396204 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Royal William A46. Please park in the car park behind the pub, not on the A46. (GL6 6TT) L162/E179 SO878127 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRoyalWilliam>

Wed 7 Oct long morning 6.5m Virgin's Folly Autumn Colours
Woods of Uley and Waterley Bottom - Lampern, Bowcote, Round Wood, Old Hollow, Dursley Wood, Elcombe. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Muddy in places. Cafe or Pub in Uley afterwards. **Leaders - Peter and Susan** 01453 860797 on day 07854 634090 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Uley, meet far end of South Street (a cul-de-sac). (GL11 5SP) L162/E168 ST793983 <http://tinyurl.com/mapUleySouthSt>

Sat 10 Oct short day 7.5m A Hike to Hailes
Winchcombe Way, Hailes Abbey, Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Picnic. **Leader - Enid** 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Winchcombe, Back Lane Car Park (off B4632 Gloucester Street). £1 all day. (GL54 5PZ) OL45/ L150 SP023284 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWinchcombeBackLnCP>

Wed 14 Oct morning 5.5m A walk in the woods
From Daneway Inn briefly through Siccaridge Wood (to avoid short road section), then on through Dorvel Wood, up to Gloucester Beeches, across to Pinbury Park, down Macmillan Way to Sapperton then Wysis Way back to Daneway. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Phil** 01285 771257 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Daneway Inn car park. Parking in car park if visiting pub afterwards for drink or food. Some parking in layby just along road from pub. (GL7 6LN) L162/E179 SO939034 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDaneway>

Sat 17 Oct morning 5.7m Hopefully not a hold-up!
Winstone, Duntisbourne Abbots, Bull Banks, Salters Hill Farm. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pub lunch available afterwards. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela** 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from The Highwayman just off A417. About 2 miles south of Nettleton roundabout. Follow brown signs left to The Highwayman. (GL53 9PH) E179/L163 SO966107 <http://tinyurl.com/mapA417HighwaymanPub>

Mon 19 Oct morning 4m Views from the hills of Wotton
One long incline up to Wotton Hill and from there we will go through the woods to Coombe Hill. The uphill will be taken slowly and the down will be a joy! Terrain 1 Not much climbing. The Royal Oak does a good range of food. **Leader - Anne E** 01453 842551 on day 07773 292363 Meet 10.20 for **10:30 start** from Wotton-u-Edge, Royal Oak, Haw Street. The pub has a large car park. Park at far end if you're not going into the pub. (GL12 7DF) L162/E167 ST755933 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonRoyalOakCP>

Wed 21 Oct morning 6m Woodland, lanes and trails
Along Diamond Way, through Guiting Wood and via village of Kineton. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Afterwards lunch possible at two pubs in Guiting Power or short drive to Kineton. **Leader - Dave G** 01242 862564 on day 07969 907274 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Guiting Power, village green near Farmer's Arms in centre of village. Park considerably in village or at the village hall (honesty box). (GL54 5TT) L163/EOL45 SP095248 <http://tinyurl.com/mapGuitingPower>

Sat 24 Oct short day 7.3m Is Moreton really in a Marsh?
Monarch's Way, Batsford Arboretum, Blockley, Batsford, Diamond Way, Queen Victoria Gardens. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. No lunch stop but there may be an extra short snack break. **Leader - Andrew** 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Moreton, Pay and Display car park (£2.30 all day) train station. (GL56 0DE) L151/OL45 SP206325 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMoreton>

Wed 28 Oct morning 5m We won't Dillay Dally in the valley
A hilly walk from Bulls Cross via Longridge Wood, Dillay Farm, Piedmont & Snows Farm. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. **Leader - Ray W** 01453 547213 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** from Bulls Cross layby B4070 above Slad. Please park diagonally if possible. It will enable more cars. (GL6 7QT) L162/E179 SO877087 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross>

Sat 31 Oct day 8m Tetbury Tramp
Long Newnton, Escourt Park, Sipton Moyne. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Olivia** 01453 751716 Meet 09:50 for **10:00 start** Tetbury old station CP (free). (GL8 8DQ) L162/ E168 ST893933 <http://tinyurl.com/mapTetburyOldStation>

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WHAT TO BRING Bananas are popular as a snack, and bring plenty of water. On day walks you are advised to bring food, even if planning a pub lunch, in case the pub is closed. Wear strong footwear. Bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing and a simple first aid kit. Remove muddy boots in pubs/churches.

IMPORTANT - KEEPING TOGETHER ON A WALK Most parties will have a back marker appointed for the walk. Please inform this person if you need to drop behind for a comfort stop, and tell them when you catch up again. All members of larger parties are asked to help by keeping a look out behind them. If the people behind you are in danger of losing touch, perhaps in a wood, please pause and tell the people in front of you to wait a minute as well. Thank you.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS Leaders may decide to cancel or shorten the walk, taking into account everyone's health and safety. Please contact them if doubt before travelling or see www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk/messages. See all our group walks online <http://tinyurl.com/SCRWalks>

ALL LEISURE ACTIVITIES have inherent hazards associated with them including rambling. In spite of participants' safety always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important that each person appreciates their responsibility to identify hazards and take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise the potential for accidents.

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