



South Cotswold Ramblers' Group

Newsletter - February 2020

Published each year in February, June and October. We look forward to hearing from you with stories, opinions, photos, poetry, art, funny tales, cartoons, appeals, you name it. This edition was edited by Sally 01453 872729, email: newsletter@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A very happy New Year to everybody. A warm welcome to all those who have joined us in the last year. I hope you enjoy walking with South Cots. Just remember, and I suppose this goes for new and old members, this is YOUR group. It's not the Chairman's group, nor the Secretary's group, not even the Committee's group. You all have a vested interest in how the group is run, what sort of walks are put on, what other activities we are involved in, what we as a group can do to further the objectives of the Ramblers Association in so far as providing a programme of walks, caring for footpaths and countryside, and protecting walkers' interests are concerned.

If all you want to do is go on walks organised by South Cots, just turn up and we have what you want. If, however, you want to become more involved, put forward your own ideas, become more active in the running of the group, step forward, we are here to listen.

If you have any bright ideas or suggestions don't be afraid to voice them. A good starting point is probably to consider leading a walk yourself. To some quite a daunting prospect but if you really want to do it, and don't forget it means you decide where to walk, how long etc., then we are here to help. If you like, one of our more experienced leaders can walk over the walk with you and explain some of the more important points of walks leading.

Another area which is worth exploring is to look at the various websites. Do you ever wonder what happens to the money you pay every year to Ramblers? As a group we are currently self funding so our annual subscriptions go to Central Office for their activities. Check out their website. See what they get up to in promoting our activities whether it is promotional work, workshops for training of volunteers or campaigning.

As a member you can sign up to the news letters issued by Central Office. The latest has just landed in my computer. It reports on the resignation of our CEO and the efforts to find a replacement. It gives advice on welcoming new walkers. It announces the next stage of the 'Don't lose your way campaign'. It reports on the Festival of Winter Walks. It announces the launching of a Groups Walks and Events Manager system to help improve support for volunteers who create and promote led group walks. It outlines proposals for monitoring the work of the new government with regard to public rights of way and the countryside. A new volunteer website, Assemble, is being rolled out. In addition there are a number of regional initiatives together with a campaign to restrict the use of 4x4s in the Lake District, an item which, thanks to Mike, has already appeared on our message board.

And when you have done all that, have a look at the Area website and our own group's website. I am sure you will be quite amazed at the volume of hard work which goes into our operation. You may even feel inspired to want to play a greater part yourself.

Richard Davis Group Chairman

Lovely village pubs and their car parks

We've got some lovely villages and lovely village pubs in our area, and leaders frequently choose one as a starting point for a walk. They choose them because they are in pretty locations with attractive scenery, making our walks more enjoyable. (Has anyone ever led a walk from an industrial estate???)

On many occasions these villages have narrow roads which make parking almost impossible, and the pub car park is a very useful base. Of course, the leaders have sought the permission of the landlord in advance to use their car park, it goes without saying, but does everyone recompense the pub for this privilege by buying a meal or, at least, a drink? Each car is taking up space, depriving the landlord of more lucrative custom, so it seems the least we can do is go in and buy something. The cost of a small soda water is minuscule compared with the cost of parking for a similar period of time in any of our town car parks, AND you get to use the loos and wash (currently) very muddy hands.

If pubs don't survive, they are taken over by developers who build private housing estates with 'residents only' parking. This will make that particular village a "No go" area for walkers, the paths will not be used and will deteriorate and disappear.

All for the cost of a small soda water!! *Sally*

Walks Collectors Timetable for July to October 2020

Following the very successful introduction of our Offer a Walk scheme last November, we will again be operating the system for the next programme starting on **Wed 1 April**. Mike was so pleased that nearly 90% of leaders' offers were made voluntarily before the inevitable phone call last time. I also know that many of our leaders were really pleased to have the chance to pick dates they really wanted by getting in touch early.

So we hope that our team of leaders will once again offer most dates on the online form in the month of April before our collectors have to start phoning you on 1 May 2020. The few leaders not online should ring Mike on 01453 873625 as soon as possible in early April to reserve their dates, first come, first served.

See <https://www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk/wp/offer-a-walk-date-here/>

Mondays - Mike G to find leaders to fill gaps from 1 May 2020

Wednesdays - Lenneke to phone leaders to fill gaps from 1 May 2020

Thursday evenings - Sarah B to phone leaders to fill gaps from 1 May 2020

Saturdays - John G to phone leaders to fill gaps from 1 May 2020

HOLIDAYS UPDATE

If any one is still interested in either the holiday to Catalonia or Polperro there may still be availability so give Ann a ring on 01453 839089 or 07931114439

Info on Catalonia is in our June 2019 newsletter and on Polperro in the October one

Welcome to our new members

The number of members joining has been a little disappointing lately. Perhaps it was due to the Brexit effect! Anyway we are on the way again, with three new members today alone. Twelve have joined since October. We are a bit puzzled why the total number of members has shrunk a bit, seeing how many walks we put on, and what a happy bunch of group walkers we have (see the photos to prove it!), So please tell your friends what fun we have, and see if you can get me working a bit harder welcoming new people! Also thank you to all members walking with other clubs and groups, or on their own, all keeping the network well used. Thanks a lot.

Mike

If you wish to put anything in the next newsletter (which goes out in June), please email it to *Sally* at newsletter@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk by May 29th.

When the weather is likely to be disruptive, don't forget to check the website for cancellations before setting out. You might live near a main (gritted) road, but your walks leader might live up a hilly side road and not be able to get out.

Going away with Ramblers Holidays?

We receive a sum of money for Group Funds from Ramblers Holidays where members taking a holiday with them have nominated South Cotswold Group. If you ever forget to tell them when booking, there is still time if you contact them before you go. By your doing so, they will donate £10, £20 or even £30 per person to our funds to be used to benefit walkers. For more info, click the link to Walking Partnership on our Messages page.

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BUGs and a Special Bug

Years ago when I worked at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, I was part of the second hospital BUG in the country, the first having been established a few months earlier at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. The purpose of the BUG or Bicycle Users' Group, was to encourage cycling to work and to press for better cycling facilities. One of our initiatives was to persuade a colleague in the Public Health Department to plot the home postal code of all three thousand members of staff on soft-ware normally used for plotting epidemics. We wanted to find out how many staff-members lived within five miles of work, a distance over which, in an urban environment, a bicycle has consistently been shown to be the fastest method of transport. Of course, we found that most staff lived within cycling distance of work. Much as expected, we also found that the lowest paid workers such as porters and cleaners mainly lived within walking distance of the hospital, nurses lived further out and consultants lived even further away, many near the flesh-pots and posh schools of Cheltenham.

If we were to use the same soft-ware to plot the homes of members of the South Cotswold Ramblers we would probably find that the epicentre of our membership lies just south of Stroud, perhaps near Rodborough or Woodchester. If we asked SCR members what our district is most famous for, we would get many different answers. Some would say wool and cloth production, alternative living, canal restoration or the five valleys. Others may even mention the commons, Jilly Cooper or Johnny Coppin, Budding and his first lawn-mower or the Dursley Pedersen bicycle. But, do you know what the answer should be? Our district's most important claim to fame is as the home of the man who saved more lives than anyone else in the entire world. Edward Jenner's work led to the complete eradication of the smallpox bug, which as recently as 1967 caused about fifteen million deaths each year worldwide together with disfigurement or disability in millions of others.

Jenner lived and worked on the edge of our patch at Berkeley, but he was a founder member of the Gloucestershire Medical Society which had its first meeting in the Fleece Inn in Woodchester. The Fleece Inn was situated in what is now Hillgrove House a few yards down the A46 from the "Old Fleece Inn". Presumably, at some time, the licence was transferred from one building to the next.

Brian



ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

The next concert will be on 28 March 2020 at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Rd., Stroud, Gloucestershire (next to the General Hospital)

Programme

Johann Straus: **Die Fledermaus**
Sibelius: **Violin Concerto (Soloist: John Pearce)**
Brahms: **Symphony No. 2**

Listen to extracts at www.stroudsymphony.org.uk.

Mike will be selling tickets on walks or by post **BUT ONLY BETWEEN 1ST AND 14TH MARCH** (see order form below) or you can order your tickets from Stroud Subscription Rooms Ticket Agency either online or on 01453 796880 or pay on the door.

Tickets £11.00 (concessions £9.00)

(This includes a £1.00 reduction if purchased prior to the evening of the concert)

Sat 28 March 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Stroud (next to the hospital with parking opposite)

To Mike Garner, Southcot, The Headlands, North Woodchester, Stroud GL5 5PS. Please send me the following tickets: @ £11 / concessions @ £9/ accompanied children under 14 free.

I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to Stroud Symphony Orchestra and a Stamped Addressed Envelope for the despatch of tickets.

Signed

Please print your name, phone number and, if possible, email address below.

Name.....

Tel no:.....

Email address:.....

Did you celebrate Palindrome Day?

Did you open up the champagne on Sunday 2nd February? You should have done because it was Palindrome Day. The second of February this year is in fact 02/02/2020 and can be read the same from back to front. They don't happen very often. There will be one next year on the 12th February, and the following year on the 22nd February, but after that..... When will the next one be? *Sally*

GALLIVANTERS WANTED

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WINTER WALKING

This winter we have had an excess of mud and water, such that many leaders have had to modify their walks to avoid flooded fields. But which of the two evils has affected you most? Is it

MUD



OR

WATER



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BEFORE WALKING WITH SOUTH COTSWOLD RAMBLERS, PLEASE CHECK THIS ADVICE

NON MEMBERS - You are very welcome to walk with the Group up to 3 times. Just turn up on the day, at least 10 or 15 minutes early for the leader's briefing. Ring the leader first if you have any questions. We hope you will then wish to join the Ramblers on-line at www.ramblers.org.uk or with a leaflet from Mike, so do ask him on a walk. On the form quote South Cotswold if you wish to be in our particular Group or code GR03. Once a member you can walk with any Ramblers' group in Britain. You can see all our published future walks here: <http://tinyurl.com/SCRwalks> with maps.

ON THE DAY Keep behind the leader unless asked otherwise.

TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF OUR WALKS

Wednesday, Thursday evening and Saturday walks are of **Moderate pace**, averaging 2 mph with stops.

Monday walks are labelled **Leisurely pace** and are about 1.5 mph; a 10:30 start 4 mile walk means a finish at about 13:00.

TERRAIN 0 - Level

TERRAIN 1 - Not too much climbing

TERRAIN 2 - Hilly and level mix

TERRAIN 3 - Quite hilly

TERRAIN 4 - Very hilly

WHAT TO BRING Bananas and bars are popular as a snack, and 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 in wet and muddy conditions. Bring waterproofs or warmer clothing and a simple first aid.

POSTCODES indicate areas, useful for car sat navs, but not specific points, so use with care and read the instructions too.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS Leaders may decide to cancel or shorten the walk, taking into account everyone's health and safety. If in doubt, please contact them or see our website.

DOGS - Sorry to disappoint anyone, registered assistance dogs only on our walks.

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. Give a long blast on your whistle if someone has lost touch. If you hear a whistle behind you, blow your own whistle to pass the message on to the leader.

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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Mon 2 Mar Around Berkeley Vale before development! Leisurely pace 4.5m Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Across fields to the Severn Way and then back inland via Berkeley Pill and passing the ancient, moated, Wanswell Court Farm. Terrain 0 Level. Paths could be muddy. A few stiles. The Salmon is an excellent place for lunch, no need to pre-book. **Leader - Steve C** 01453 811598 on day 07530 715297 Meet 10:15 Wanswell, Salmon Inn CP (OK for all), (GL13 9RW) L162/E167 SO681013 <https://tinyurl.com/mapWanswellSalmon>

Wed 4 Mar Lost for words !!!! Moderate pace 5m Start 10:00 Est finish 12:30 Eastcombe, Rectory Farm, Bournes Green, France Lynch. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre order lunch at Lamb Inn. **Leaders - Brian and Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 09:45 Eastcombe, Lamb Inn. Park on road if not using pub. (GL6 7DP) L162/E168 SO890044 <https://tinyurl.com/mapEastcombelamblinn>

Sat 7 Mar Will it snow? Moderate pace 11m Start 10:00 Est finish 16:00 Minchinhampton, Avening, Cherington Ponds, Avening, Minchinhampton. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring lunch. **Leader - Jennifer S** 01453 887419 on day 07749 032596 Meet 09:50 Minchinhampton (behind the church) (GL6 9JR) E168 SO872009 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMinchEdgeCommon>

Wed 11 Mar Bowled Down Moderate pace 8.2m Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Westonbirt Silk Wood and Leighterton. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Paths muddy in places and some difficult stiles. Bring a snack. **Leaders - Peter and Sue** 01453 860797 on day 07854 634090 Meet 09:50 Leighterton, layby on A46 Bath Road next to 3rd L turning to Leighterton if coming from Nailsworth, 1st if coming from S. Layby almost opp Tresham turn. (GL8 8UQ) L162/E167 ST809905 <https://tinyurl.com/mapLeightertonLayby>

Sat 14 Mar Callowell, Cotswold Way, Canal Moderate 6.5m **NOTE LATER 11:30 START** to avoid Park Run parking problems Est finish 15:00 Callowell, Whiteshill, Ruscombe, Westrip, Cotswold Way, Ryeford, relaxing walk along the canal. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Sue P** 01453 751809 on day 07446 645046 Meet 11:20 Stroud, Stratford Park Leisure Centre CP, park where you can. Meet top L of CP (GL5 4AH) L162/E168 SO843057 <https://tinyurl.com/mapStroudLCTopCP>

Mon 16 March Slimbridge to Cambridge in Reverse Leisurely pace 4m Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 A flat walk across meadows and along country lanes. Terrain 0 Level. Lunch available afterwards at the Tudor Arms. **Leader - Margaret** 01453 828036 on day 07930 396204 Meet 10:15 Slimbridge, Tudor Arms, Shepherds Patch. Strictly only if using, otherwise park considerably in road. (GL2 7BP) L162/OL14 SO72750412 <https://tinyurl.com/mapTudorArms>

Wed 18 Mar Looking down on Stroud Moderate pace 5.8m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Brimscombe, The Heavens, Middle Lypiatt, Bussage, Old Neighbouring, Blackness, canal to return. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Initial 400ft climb. Stiles.

May be wet and muddy; ideal for poles. Lunch at Ship Inn, pre-book available. **Leader Dave I** 07770 632652 Meet 09:45 Brimscombe, Ship Inn. Use car park if eating. There is parking nearby if not. (GL5 2RD) L162/E168 SO867023 <https://tinyurl.com/mapBrimscombeShiplinn>

Sat 21 Mar Off to see Gwen and Vera again Moderate 7.8m Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Oxenhall Church, Greenaways Wood, Hay Wood, Kilcot, Newent Arboretum. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Packed lunch. **Leader - Andrew H** 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351. Meet 09:50 Newent free CP off the High Street (GL18 1AN) EOL14 SO721260 <https://tinyurl.com/mapNewentCP>

Wed 25 Mar Fields and farms near Kingswood Moderate 5.7m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Elbury Hill, Swinhay, Bradley Green, Hawpark Farm, Abbey Gate. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Could be some slippery overgrown stiles in places. **Leader - Colin B K** 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911. Meet 09:50 Kingswood, park considerably in village, meet on the Chipping outside Dinneywicks. (GL12 8RT) L162/E167 ST746917 <https://tinyurl.com/mapKingswood>

Sat 28 Mar Gladys would not have to leap now Moderate 5m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Sheepscombe, Ebworth, Cranham, Gladys' Leap, Sheepscombe. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Pre-order lunch at Butchers Arms. **Leaders - Brian and Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 09:45 Sheepscombe, Butchers Arms. Parking in pub car park if eating after walk. Alternatively road parking. (GL6 7RH) L162/E179 SO891104 <https://tinyurl.com/mapSheepscombe>

Mon 30 Mar A View of the River Severn Leisurely Pace 4m Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Circular walk around the Purton area where we will be able to view the river. **Leaders - Gwen and Ray** 01453 811545 Meet 10:20 Purton by Church. (GL13 9HS) E167/L162 SO692041 <https://tinyurl.com/mapPurtonCP>

Wed 1 Apr The Quiet Cotswolds Moderate pace 6.5m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Pinbury Park, Dark Ride, Duntisbourne House, Edgeworth, Bywells, Tunley, Daneway. Lots of views. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Mike and Heather** 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087 Meet 09:50 Sapperton village, near Church. (GL7 6LG) L163/E179 SO947033 <https://tinyurl.com/mapSapperton>

Sat 4 Apr The Great Barn Moderate pace 10m Start 10:00 Est finish 16:00 Longcot, Little Coxwell, Great Coxwell, Badbury Hill, Coxwell Wood, Coleshill. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring picnic. **Leader - Graham W** 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592 Meet 09:50 Coleshill NT Estate Yard (SN6 7PT) E170 SU236935 <https://tinyurl.com/mapColeshillNT>

Mon 6 Apr You did say you liked Bisley! Leisurely pace 3.8m Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Copsgrove, Toadsmoor Wood, Fidges Lane, Nashend. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre-order lunch. **Leaders - Brian and Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035 Meet 10:15 Bisley, The Bear CP or street parking if not using pub. (GL6 7BD) L163/E179 SO903060 <https://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyBearCP>



Wed 8 Apr Enry and Ary Moderate pace 8.2m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 From Temple Guiting we head up the Windrush Valley to Ford, Cutsdean, Beckbury Camp, Farmcote and Pinnock. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Packed lunch. **Leaders - Jill S and Sue C** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 Temple Guiting Village Hall CP next to village school. (GL54 5RW) OL45/L163 SP089279
<https://tinyurl.com/mapTempleGuitingVHall>

Sat 11 Apr Loop the loop at Chelworth Moderate pace 8.5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Eastcourt, Hankerton, Crudwell. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Will be muddy. Option for easy shortcut back to car park (makes walk 7.2m). Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Sally and Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088 Meet 09:50 Chelworth. From Cirencester to Chippenham road (A429) follow sign to Chelworth Business Park. Pass all entrances marked Alvan Blanch until you get to small circular building on bend in village. Go straight ahead (with circular building on your left) into Alvan Blanch car park. Continue to far end. Thanks to Andrew Blanch. (SN16 9SF) L163/E168 ST970941 <https://tinyurl.com/mapChelworthCP>

Wed 15 Apr A Royal Return Moderate pace 10.5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Out to Star Farm, Cherington, down to the Trouble House, back through Ashley and the Monarch's Way. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 09:50 Tetbury old station CP (free). (GL8 8EY) L162/E168 ST893933 <https://tinyurl.com/mapTetburyOldStation>

Sat 18 Apr Thames or Churn? Moderate pace 6.5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Several pretty villages, Coberley, Cowley, Cockleford. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix, two gradual inclines, tracks fields (could be muddy). **Leader - Lenneke** 01453 840939 on day 07790 282978 Meet 09:50 Seven Springs layby on A436 opp. Hungry Horse (lunch possible afterwards) (GL53 9NG) L163/E179 SO966169
<https://tinyurl.com/mapSevenSprings>

Mon 20 Apr Round Robin Leisurely pace 3m

Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 A circuit of Robinswood Hill. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix, hilly sections will be taken very slowly. Cafe at end if building work has been completed. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela** 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951 Meet 10:15 Robinswood Hill Country Park CP off Reservoir Road. (GL4 6SX) L162/E179 SO837158
<https://tinyurl.com/mapRobinswoodCountryPark>

Wed 22 Apr If paradise was half as nice Moderate pace 5.5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Cranham and Painswick, with Olivers and Paradise on route. You may see Damsells. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. No pub booked, but Prince William and Black Horse (now reopened) nearby. **Leaders - Tim S and Ann T** 07931 683162 Meet 09:45 Cranham nr school. Park Cranham Common. (GL4 8HZ) E179 SO894126
<https://tinyurl.com/mapCranhamCommon>

Sat 25 Apr Just missed the count Moderate pace 6.7m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 From Cotswold Outdoor CP, Down

Ampney, Latton. Through North Meadow fritillary fields back along canal path with Cerney lakes on L. Terrain 0 Level. Cafe available. **Leaders - Ron and Ros** 01285 239054 on day 07917 808234 Meet 09:50 Cotswold Outdoor Shop CP. Please park in area furthest from store entrance. (GL7 5TL) L163/E169 SU071970 <https://tinyurl.com/mapCotswoldOutdoorCP>

Wed 29 Apr Through woods to Whiteshill Moderate pace 8m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 A mainly woodland walk with views of the Severn Vale and old quarries passing Haresfield Beacon, Pitchcombe, Whiteshill and Ruscombe. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring picnic lunch. **Leader - Lawrence** - 07486 415265. Meet 09:50 Shortwood NT CP (Cripplegate) ½ mile before Haresfield Beacon. NT members free (swipe card), otherwise pay and display (£3) or park nearby. (GL6 6PP) L162/E179 SO831086 <https://tinyurl.com/mapShortwoodCP>

Thu 30 Apr Rodborough Parish Walk Moderate pace 3.5m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:15 Short walk round Rodborough Common. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Richard D** 01453 762373 on day 07579 219065. Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavillion CP. Go uphill from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West. (GL5 3UA) L162/E168 SO847044 <https://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>

Sat 2 May 4 valleys and 3 woods Moderate pace 9m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Blackstable Wood, The Camp, Througham, The Scrubs. Terrain 3 Quite hilly with 2 steep climbs down and up. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Olivia** 01453 751716 on day 07538 160563 Meet 09:50 Bulls Cross layby on B4070 above Slad (GL6 7QT) L162/E179 SO877087
<https://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross>

Mon 4 May Selsley Common and Woodchester Leisurely 3.5m

Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 South & North Woodchester, Water Lane, The Toots. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Mike and Heather** 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087 Meet 10:20 Selsley Common largest CP on B4066. (GL5 5PL) L162/E168 SO828026 <https://tinyurl.com/mapSelsleyCom>

Wed 6 May Let them eat gateaux Moderate pace 7m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Peaches Farm, Devils Churchyard, Aston Farm, Cherington Pond, Golf Course. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760 Meet 09:50 Minchinhampton, edge of common behind Church. (GL6 9JR) E168 SO872009 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMinchEdgeCommon>

Thu 7 May Beer and boats Moderate pace 4m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Stroud Brewery, Far Thrupp, Park Wood, The Heavens, Bowbridge. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Steep climb for first 30 minutes. Level or down hill for the rest. Many stiles of different heights and designs! Food at Stroud Brewery if required. **Leader - Neil C** 07802 272035 Meet 18:20 Stroud Brewery CP, Kingfisher Business Park, London Rd. From Chalford direction take 1st entrance to Business Park, 2nd ent. if coming from Stroud. Or park in lay-by on R in Hope Mill Lane (room for 3-4 cars) or on London Road. E168 (GL5 2BU) E168 SO863028 <https://tinyurl.com/mapStroudBreweryCP>



Sat 9 May Birdlip to Caudle Green Moderate pace 8m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 A mainly woodland walk through Hazel Hanger, Climperwell, Barn and New Seal Woods before returning to Birdlip via Ostrich, Poston and Rookery Woods. Bring Picnic Lunch. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Lawrence** 07486 415265 Meet 09:50 Birdlip, roadside parking near school. (GL4 8JH) L163/E179 SO928142 <https://tinyurl.com/mapBirdlipSch>

Wed 13 May Mills and Manors circular Moderate pace 6m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 St Chloe, Manor Woods, Rooksgrove, Woodchester Station, Dunkirk Mill and Manor, uphill finish. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. **Leader - Tim C** 01453 757104 Meet 09:50 Minchinhampton Common reservoir CP. (GL6 9AQ) L162/E168 SO855012 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMinchResCP>

Thu 14 May Paths above Nailsworth Moderate pace 4m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Newmarket, up to Wallow Green, back through Ruskin Mill. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 18:20 Nailsworth Library. Park anywhere, no evening time limit. (GL6 ODU) E168 ST849995 <https://tinyurl.com/mapNWLibrary>

Sat 16 May Along Painswick Valley Moderate pace 7.8m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Down to Hammonds Farm, along valley to outskirts of Painswick, back across top. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring packed lunch. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 09:50 Stroud Uplands Field CP - From Slad Road turn left up Folly Lane. Where houses end on L follow narrow drive over 2 high humps about 200 yds past allotments on L to large CP with views. (GL5 1FU) E179 SO854061 <https://tinyurl.com/mapUplandsFieldCP>

Mon 18 May Special meadows and beech woods in May

Leisurely pace 3.5m Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Up to meadows - Site of Special Scientific Interest, through Ebworth NT Centre, back through Saltridge beech woods. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre-booked lunch available. **Leader - Sheila L** 01453 757295 on day 07972 904325 Meet 10:15 Sheepscombe, Butchers Arms. Park in CP if eating after walk. Alternatively road parking. (GL6 7RH) L162/E179 SO891104 <https://www.tinyurl.com/mapSheepscombe>

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE COTSWOLD WAY

Wed 20 May Where there's a will there's a way Moderate

pace 8.5m Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Painswick, Jack's Green, Sheepscombe, Saltridge, Overtown, Cranham, Buckholt Wood. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. 1,523 feet ascent, 2 stiles, 6 hills. Picnic. **Leaders - Jill and Sue** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467 Meet 09:50 Painswick Walkers CP, off B4073. (GL6 6RR) L162/E179 SO867104 <https://tinyurl.com/mapPainswickWCP>

Thu 21 May Hoggin' the Evening Moderate pace 3.5m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:15 Mixture of footpaths and tracks through Horsley Wood to Nupend. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Food available in pub afterwards. **Leaders - Steve and Rosemary** 01453 860130 Meet 18:15 Horsley, The Hog. Park in Car Park if using pub or considerately nearby. Village Hall, further down lane has more parking. (GL6 0PR) L162/E168 ST838980 <https://tinyurl.com/mapHorsleyHog>

Sat 23 May Peak and Mansion Moderate pace 7.3m

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Stanley Woods, Pen Hill then Inchbrook and Woodchester Park. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders Malcolm and Helena** 07817 395486 Meet 09:50 Coaley Peak Picnic Site CP. Do NOT follow SatNav to GL11 5AU for last mile as it is not near the CP. The site entrance is on the level B4066 road near Woodchester Park entrance. L162/E168 SO794012 <https://tinyurl.com/mapCoaleyPeak>

Wed 27 May Sink the Bismark Moderate pace 6m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Exploring country to the north east of Miserden. Lunch available afterwards. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. **Leader - Richard D** 01453 762373 on day 07579 219065 Meet 09:45 Miserden, Carpenters Arms. Only use pub CP if using pub after walk. If full park considerately in the village. (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 SO937088 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCArms>

Thu 28 May Rodborough Parish Walk Special Moderate 3.5m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 A walk round Rodborough Parish with "Remembering Rodborough" looking at photos of then and now. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Richard D** 01453 762373 on day 07579 219065 Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavilion CP. Butterow West (GL5 3AU) L162/E168 SO847044 <https://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>

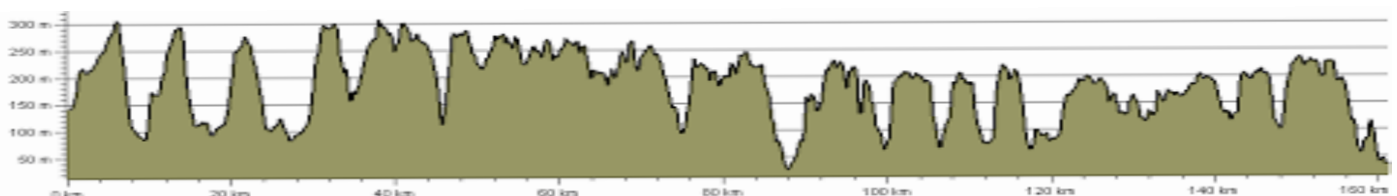
Sat 30 May In Ivor Gurney's footsteps Moderate pace 5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Ashleworth Quay on the Severn, superb views mid walk, then along the river bank. Pre-order food. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Graham B** 01452 725405. Meet 09:45 Ashleworth Quay, Boat Inn CP (turn R off A417 at Hartbury then R in Ashleworth to Boat Inn. Small CP, but space in nearby lane. (GL19 4HZ) L162/E179 SO818251 <https://tinyurl.com/mapAshleworthQuayBoatInn>

Mon 1 Jun Brokenborough, R Avon, Fosse Way Leisurely 4m

Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Brokenborough Church, across fields to Fosse Way, then Boakley Farm on the Avon. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Lunch possible, pre-book if required. **Leader - Jacqui P** 01666 826139. Meet 10:15 Horse Guards CP Brokenborough. Park there only if using. (SN16 0HZ) L162/E168 ST918892 <https://tinyurl.com/mapBrokenborough>

COTSWOLD WAY ASCENT: 14,442 feet
CHIPPING CAMPDEN TO BATH: 100.1 miles





Wed 3 Jun Ozleworth Bottom and Lasborough Moderate 6m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Bagpath, Ozleworth Bottom, Lasborough Park. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Pub lunch at the finish.

Leader - Olivia 01453 751716 on day 07538 160563. Meet 09:45 Kingscote, Hunters Hall Inn CP. If not using the pub, please park in the lane opposite. (GL8 8YA) L162/E168 ST814960 <https://tinyurl.com/mapKingscoteHuntersHall>

Thu 4 Jun Purton in Summer Moderate pace 4m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Severn Way to Sharpness, returning via Hinton over fields and along a short stretch of minor road.

Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Karen and Tony** 01453 545824. Meet 18:20 Purton CP, alongside canal, opposite church (GL13 9HS) OL14/ L162 SO692041

<https://tinyurl.com/mapPurtonCP>

Sat 6 Jun Safe Landing Moderate pace 7m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Sopworth, Didmarton, Brookend.

Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch possible at end, please pre-order. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760. Meet 09:45

Luckington, Royal Ship Inn CP. (SN14 6PA) E168 ST833840

<https://tinyurl.com/mapLuckington>

Wed 10 Jun Easy does it Moderate pace 5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 12:30 An easy walk through part of the Water Park, across fields, along the old railway line, through the pretty village of South Cerney and along the old canal path.

Terrain 0 Level. The Gateway Centre provides quality snacks and lunches. **Leader - Janet W** 01793 752540 on day 07765 276534. Meet 09:50 South Cerney Gateway Centre CP. Please

park at far side of the car park. (GL7 5TL) L163/E169 SU072971

<https://tinyurl.com/mapSCerneyGateway>

Thu 11 Jun Steep and Flat Moderate pace 3.6m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Steep climb at start, Park Wood, Bowbridge, canal. Pre-order at the Ship at Brimscombe if

required. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Sally and Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088. Meet 18:15

Brimscombe, Ship Inn. Use car park if eating. There is parking nearby if not. (GL5 2RD) L162/E168 SO867023

<https://tinyurl.com/mapBrimscombeShipInn>

Sat 13 Jun Commons and Woods Moderate pace 6m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Amberley, St Chloe, Manor Woods, Rodborough and Amberley Commons. Terrain 2 Hilly and level

mix. **Leader - Tim C** 01453 757104 Meet 09:50

Minchinhampton Common reservoir CP. (GL6 9AQ) L162/E168

SO855012 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMinchResCP>

Mon 15 Jun To Coombe with views Leisurely pace 3.5m

Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Up to London Road, Conygre Woods, Coombe Hill, Dyers Brook, Holywell, Marchesi Walk

Terrain 2 Hilly / level mix, 1 climb, great views. **Leader - Chris L** 01453 842298 on day 07512 478477 Meet 10:15 Wotton-u-

Edge, Royal Oak, Haw St. Park at top end. Pre order food. If not eating, park Chipping CP short stay 3hr. (GL12 7AG) L162/E167

ST755933 <https://tinyurl.com/mapWottonRoyalOakCP>

Wed 17 Jun Don't follow the squirrels! Moderate pace 6m

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:45 Monarch's Way, Rendcomb, Macmillan Way, Woodmancote. Lunch available, pre-order.

Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Sally and Ros** 01453 872729/ 01285 239054 on day 07752 397855/ 07818 425088

Meet 09:45 North Cerney, Bathurst Arms. Use overflow CP if staying, or park in side road. (GL7 7BZ) OL45/L163 SP019079

<https://tinyurl.com/mapNCerney>

Thu 18 Jun Stroudwater canamble Moderate pace 4m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Dudbridge, cycle track,

Fromebanks, Bowbridge, canal. Terrain 1 Not much climbing.

Leader - Tim C 01453 757104. Meet 18:20 Cainscross Car Park opposite Tricorn House, top end. (GL5 4JQ) L162/E168

SO834050 <https://tinyurl.com/mapCainscrossCP>

Sat 20 Jun Walking not surfing Moderate pace 12m

Start 10:00 Est finish 16:00 Down through Rodborough. Up to Selsley. Cotswold Way down and up. Down through

Woodchester Park. Along the cycle track. Up through Manor Woods. Terrain 3 Quite hilly. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Richard D**

01453 762373 on day 07579 219065. Meet 09:50 Rodborough, CP just above Fort on Common. (GL5 5BL) L162/E168

SO851040 <https://tinyurl.com/mapRodbComCP1>

Wed 24 Jun Around the Badminton estate Moderate pace 5m

Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Including Seven Mile Plantation, Little Badminton and the Great Park. Terrain 0 Level. May be

muddy through woods. Nearest pub: Fox And Hounds, Acton Turville. **Leader - Derek T** 01454 218691 on day 07711 445395

Meet 09:50 Badminton village, car share if possible and park considerately. Meet by PO on High Street. (GL9 1DG) L167

/E168 ST803826 Maps <https://tinyurl.com/mapBadminton>

Thu 25 Jun Rodborough Parish Walk Moderate pace 4m

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:45 Through Manor Woods to Amberley - calling at Black Horse. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix.

Leader - Richard D 01453 762373 on day 07579 219065. Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavillion CP, Butterow West. (GL5 3UA)

L162/E168 SO847044 <https://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>

Sat 27 Jun Strawberry Fields Moderate pace 8m

Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 River Wye, Wye Valley Walk, Chase Wood, Ross-on-Wye. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring picnic

lunch. **Leader - Graham W** 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592 Meet 09:50 Ross-on-Wye, Wilton Road CP, (HR9 6AQ)

SO592240 <https://tinyurl.com/mapRossOnWyeWiltonRd>

Mon 29 Jun Tip top Tipputs Leisurely pace 4m

Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Tipputs to Ledgemore Bottom, Shipton's Grave Lane and back via Barton End. Terrain 2 Hilly

and level mix. One longish but fairly gentle hill, one short sharp hill. Lots of stiles a couple of which are very high. Lunch

available after. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439 Meet 10:15 Tipputs Inn on A46 S of Nailsworth (GL6

OQE) car park if eating or drinking, otherwise where you can L162/E168 ST844972 <https://tinyurl.com/mapTipputsInn>

Cotswold Way 50th Anniversary Sunday 17th May 2020

At midday, the Cotswolds Conservation Board and Cotswold Way Association will host an event at Chipping Campden to celebrate the launch of the Cotswold Way by Gloucestershire County Council during Footpath Week 1970.

The Way was first mooted by Tony Drake of Gloucestershire Ramblers following the passing of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act of 1949 - prompted by the 1932 Kinder Scout Mass Trespass.

A memorial to Tony is at Painswick. A bench to the other principal Cyril Trenfield (Cotswold Voluntary Wardens) is at Dyrham Park. Some of the original waymarks with a white spot are still to be found along the route. In 2014 Ramblers helped sponsor a significant 'beginning & end' marker stone outside the Market Hall at Chipping Campden.

North Cotswold Ramblers will open with a morning walk on the Sunday up to Dover's Hill. Other Groups are organising walks on the day and throughout the year.



2019 AGM Blockley Jubilee Hall

10:00 am on Saturday 7th December 2019 saw Ramblers from across the Area meet up for our Annual General Meeting. North Cotswold Group kindly hosted the event and Paul Rhodes a volunteer Ramblers Trustee spoke about the work of the organisation. We're once again grateful to members who volunteered to take on committee roles as well as those who continued in post.



Diary Dates

Winchcombe Walking Festival
Fri 15th – Sun 17th May 2020
including a walk along the original route of the Cotswold Way 50 years ago.
Why not check out our stand!

Gloucestershire Ramblers
Area Council Meeting
Wed 27th May 2020 7:30pm
Gloucester Room, Premier Inn,
A38 Twigworth. GL2 9PG



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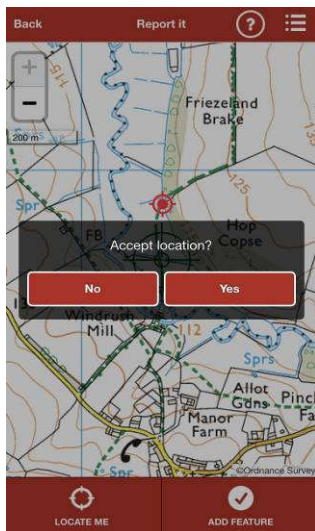
After lunch, Sue Salmon the Group Secretary led a short walk around Blockley – and found this intriguing gate sign.



PathWatch Restores a Bridge?



These before and after photos show a bridge at Arlingham. A South Cotswold walk found the broken planks and made a report through PathWatch. Three months later and the bridge is as good as new!



Change in use of the Countryside

Gloucestershire Ramblers have a new volunteer Area Walking Environment Officer to help protect the countryside and the places we like to walk. The role includes protecting and enhancing precious landscape, improving access to the outdoors, and inspiring people to have increased contact with nature. There is also supporting local communities to influence the future of their surroundings and supporting sustainable development to reduce our carbon footprint.

The biggest observation in the first few months has been the sheer scale of “change of use” that is taking place in our regional countryside both now and in future plans.

This includes multiple new housing developments within the green belt, especially around Tewkesbury, Stroud, Gloucester and the Forest of Dean. Farming is changing into industry, a proposed school included plans to stop up a popular footpath and a major infrastructure road scheme could change our landscape in the AONB.

Ramblers volunteers review planning applications, respond to statutory consultations, register ancient trees and hedgerows and work with other organisations to protect and defend the heritage and environment in these places. If you're concerned about a change of use near you please email countryside@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

A417, Air Balloon, Cotswold Way, Consultation

Thanks to great efforts of Ramblers volunteers, a 40 page response was submitted to Highways England on their plans for the new A417 dual carriageway. Our forbears only wanted through traffic removed so local roads could become walkable and crossable again. They didn't seek a landscape where most paths crossing the new road were either diverted or extinguished. We're not the only organisation trying to find an appropriate balance for the Cotswolds.

It seems the project may have stalled while plans are rethought. Meanwhile survey work is being carried out in the countryside near Shab Hill. Deep bore holes are used to monitor ground water at the 30 metre, 100ft depth of the proposed road. The swathe of land examined is some 100metres wide.



A concern now is whether the scheme will pass the high threshold for planning consent in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Other schemes around the country (Shoreham, Hindhead) used tunnels in preference to cuttings.

Some Group News

North Cotswold Ramblers Group

Our Group members are scattered across the North Cotswolds and beyond with a number of our regular walkers travelling some distance to join our sociable Group for a Saturday walk. Similarly, our regular walks can take us to the extreme edges of our region and beyond. Keen walkers will travel for a good walk! One example is where Beatrice took us on a delightful walk through Felix Dennis's Heart of England Forest, an inspirational area of woodland containing over 1.8 million examples of native species trees plus some interesting memorial statues and poetry. Along the way we had some glimpses into the lavish lifestyle of Felix Dennis, the philanthropist who donated the land and created the concept of this Forest.



2020 has started well with a classic Figure of 8 round Guiting Power and a circular walk round the Slaughters. Despite recent wet weather, both walks were well attended so here's to an active and varied year of good, friendly walks with the North Cots Group.
Sue Salmon

Cirencester Ramblers Group

January 2020 Cirencester Group

We had a successful AGM on 17 November preceded by a walk in the Ampney Crucis area with a delicious lunch being provided by members. Thanks to the team who organised it. We also gained one new Committee Member, Alan, who is a welcome addition to the team.

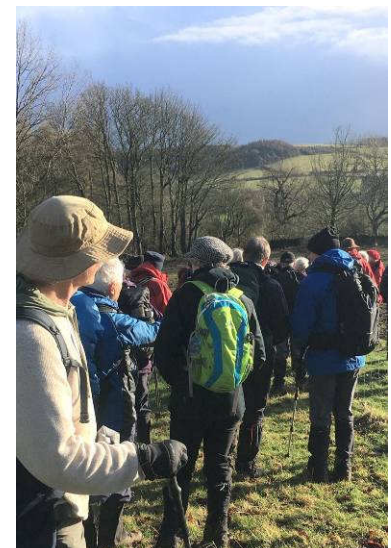
The Corinium Hotel provided members and guests with a superb Christmas Lunch on 24th November. On Saturday 30th November 47 members and guests enjoyed a visit to Longleat with a 2 hour drive through the Safari Park. There was time to explore Longleat and its beautiful house decorated to represent a Christmas Party in the 1920's. By 4.30pm as darkness fell we were able to experience the Festival Light.

Walks have been very well attended and included a dog friendly one at Bourton on the Water.

Path Maintenance Volunteers are progressing with clearing and signposting the Wysis Way and have now reached Rudford near Gloucester.
Pat Beckley - Cirencester Ramblers

Gloucestershire Area mid week walks

Our regular 10-12 mile walks, where members of groups from across the Area can meet up for a great day out, are proving as popular as ever. Below at Haresfield and Charlton Abbots.



A page of Mid Week walks for the Gloucestershire Ramblers Area

Gloucestershire Ramblers Area organises a series of day walks, approx 10-12 miles long, usually mid-week, in or perhaps outside the county. If you're not yet a member, why not give us a try (please contact leader beforehand). Once a member, all our walks are free! (Sorry Registered Assistance dogs only but see www.fodramblers.org.uk)

Wed 4 Mar 10:00 - 10 miles/16 km - Moderate **Kilkenny**
Park Picnic Site near radio mast/Kilkenny Inn off A436
Andoversford - Seven Springs Rd. OL45. (GL54 4LW,
SP005184) Walk Shill Hill, Elwell, Withington, Thorndale and
Foxcote. Picnic. Contact: Barry, 07407 359600

Wed 11 Mar 10:00 - 10 miles/16 km - Mod **Malvern Hills**
Hollybush CP (off A438). E190. (HR8 1ET, SO759369)
Passing over Midsummer Hill, British Camp, Worcestershire
Beacon. Picnic. Mod/Stren walk.
Contact: Catherine, 01452 559924 or 07456 425880 on day

Wed 18 Mar 10:00 10m/16km Mod **South Malverns Eastnor**
Hollybush CP off A428. E190. (HR8 1ET, SO759369)
Midsummer Hill, Eastnor, Bromsberrow, Chase End Hill. Picnic.
Contact: Robert, 07807 342238

Wed 25 Mar 10:00 10m/16km - Mod **Birdlip Caudle Green**
Park near Birdlip school but please leave the area near school
clear for afternoon pick-up. E179. (GL4 8JH, SO928142)
A mainly woodland walk passing through Hazel Hanger,
Climperwell, Barn and New Seal woods before returning to
Birdlip via Ostrich, Poston and Rookery woods. Mixed
hilly/level terrain. Bring picnic lunch.
Contact: Lawrence, 07486 415265

Wed 1 Apr 10:00 10 miles/16km Moderate **Bisley**
Bisley village hall/playing field CP, at the end of Van Der
Breen street. E168. (GL6 7BP, SO907061)
Bisley to Waterlane and Sudgrove, past Honeycombe farm
and return via Sydenhams. Picnic.
Contact: Susanne, 01453 757212 or 07587 713668 on day.

Wed 8 Apr 10:00 10.5m 17km Mod **Woodchester Selsley**
Coaley Peak CP. E167. (GL10 3TP, SO795015)
Coaley Peak, Woodchester Park, Woodchester, Selsley
Common and return via Stanley Wood. 1500ft ascent. Picnic.
Contact: Richard, 07512758229

Wed 15 Apr 10:00 10m 16km Mod **Eastern Edge Malverns**
CP at Hollybush A438 (crest of hill). E190. (HR8 1ET,
SO761369)
Malvern Ridge to Hangmans Hill - down to Boulters Farm -
picnic/pub lunch at Robin Hood pub Castlemorton. Return via
Birts Street - Rye Street - Whiteleaf Oak.
Contact: Guy, 01242 251412 or 07968 797186 on day.

Wed 22 Apr 10:00 10m 16km Mod **'Earth Day' Benthams**
Park Dog Lane past Benthams. E179. (GL3 4XB, SO917160)
From Benthams an ancient road then (noisy in places) up to
Crickley Hill to find a coffee stop. Head to the longest source
of the Thames before using quiet trails past a veteran
hedgerow for lunch. Views to Gloucester Beeches. Return past
Barrow Wake - all within range of the proposed A417.
Contact: Bernard, 01242 602024 Picnic.

Wed 29 Apr 10:00 11m 18km Mod **Kings Stanley**
Kings Stanley free CP (opposite King's Head). (GL10 3NS,
SO803035)
Woodside Lane then Gypsy Lane/Stanley Wood to Coaley
Peak Viewpoint; south following Holloway down to
Hodgecombe Farm, Cam Long Down, Cam Peak, Uley,
Nymphsfield, back to Coaley Peak and return. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Pete V

Wed 6 May 10:00 11.5m 18.5km Mod **The Lenches**
Park in the Sports Bar CP, Church Lench, in Ab Lench Road.
E205. (WR11 4UQ, SP024514)
Church Lench, Throckmorton, Bishampton, Wychavon Way.
Picnic or pub lunch.
Contact: Martin, 07790437908

Wed 13 May 10:00 10m 16km Mod **Spring in Monmouthshire**
Meet Fedw Wood forestry commission CP, off minor road
between St Arvans and Devauden. OL14. (NP16 6HJ,
ST505984)
Walk through Ravensnest wood, along the Anghidi stream,
fields and wood to Cobbler's Plain. Return via Great House,
past Kilgwrrwg and fields to Chepstow Park Wood. Picnic.
Could be tricky/broken stiles and a locked gate to climb.
Contact: Susanne, 01453 757212 or 07587 713668 on day.

Wed 20 May 10:00 10m/16.1 km - Moderate **Painswick**
Starts at 10:00: Stamages lane CP on the A46 in Painswick.
E179. (GL6 6UU, SO865095)
Walk will include part of the Laurie Lee Poetry Trail and a
Nature Reserve. Picnic.
Contact: Sue L, 01452 741229 or 07808 116725 on day

Wed 27 May 10:00 13m/21km Stren **Cotswold Link Trail (1)**
Charlton Kings to Andoversford
Parking at rear of Charlton Kings Social Club, Church Street by
kind permission of manager. (GL53 8AP, SO965204)
This is the first walk of the Cotswold Link Trail, a 420m circuit
around the northern section of the Cotswolds AONB. Currently
being established. Walk Wistley Hill, Chatcombe Wood, Foxcote,
Dowdeswell Manor, Andoversford, Upper Dowdeswell, Lineover
Wood, Ravensgate Hill, return through village. 1500ft of
ascent. Andoversford pub lunch drink/picnic.
Contact: Roy, 01242 245488 or 07766413176 on day

Wed 3 Jun 10:00 - 10m/16km - Moderate **Miserden**
Park near but avoid Miserden School. E179. (GL6 7JA,
SO934089)
A walk around Miserden and the surrounding villages and
countryside. Picnic.
Contact: Hilary, 01453 753398 or 07503754620 on day

Wed 10 Jun 10:00 12.5m/20km Moderate **Dovers Hill**
Cotswold Link Trail, Circular Walk #11
Park at Dover's Hill CP. OL45. (GL55 6UW, SP136397)
Chipping Campden, Broad Campden, Blockley. Return
Northwick Hill, Broad Campden, Westington. Picnic/possible pub
lunch/cafe in Blockley. Approx. 1100ft of ascent.
Contact: Roy, 01242 245488 or 07766413176 on day

Wed 17 Jun 10:00 10m/16km Moderate **May Hill**
Park in road beside Huntley Church just off A40 signposted to
Leaf Garden Centre. OL14. (GL19 3EX, SO714196)
Walk May Hill, Aston Ingham, Clifford's Mesne, Three Choirs
Way, Glasshouse. Picnic.
Contact: Anne, 01242 863504 or 07718499523 on day

Wed 24 Jun 10:00 - 10m/16km Moderate **Castle Combe**
Park CP Dunns Lane above Castle Combe SN14 7JN ST845777
Walk to West Kington, North Wraxall and Ford. Several climbs.
Bring a packed lunch.
Contact: Mick, 01453 542082 or 07443 643462 on day

This walks list is also available at
gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/midweek

Moderate- a good level of fitness. May include some steep
paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace.
Strenuous- above average fitness level. Could include hills
and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace.

Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.
If in doubt about fitness please contact the walk leader beforehand.