



# South Cotswold Ramblers

## Led Walks Programme

### March 2010

**Wed 3 Mar morning 6m M Waterley Bottom Circular Jane & Janet 07774 485483/ 01793 850911/07717 543013**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from The New Inn CP Waterley Bottom. GL11 6EF. **L162/E167 ST 758963** Waterley Bottom, The Ridings and remains of an old church. Pub lunch possible at end if required. *NEW LEADERS*

**Sat 6 Mar morning 5.5m M/H Hawkesbury and Kilcot Anne E 01453 842551**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Beaufort Inn CP, Hawkesbury. **L162/E168 ST 778870** Kilcot valley and Hawkesbury Church Pub Lunch at end if required.

**Tue 9 Mar morning 5m M/H Piccadilly Wood - A New Footpath Patrick & Angela 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Sneedhams Green, Matson, Gloucester. Please park tidily by the lane. **L162/E179 SO 849142** Piccadilly Wood, Whaddon, Robinswood.

**Sat 13 Mar figure of 8 4m or 8m M Short and medium walks from Painswick Olivia 01453 751716**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stamages Lane CP pay & display, (may be free on day; check message board). **L162/E179 SO 865096** am 4 miles Juniper hill above Slad, Painswick, pub lunch possible, pm 4 miles Paradise. (*ALSO SEE BELOW*)

**Sat 13 Mar faster day 11m M/H Longer, faster Kingscote walk John G 01453 834141**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Chavenage Green. **L162/E168 ST 866957** Via Chavenage Green, Babdown, Lasborough, Kingscote (Pub Lunch), Ledgemore Bottom. (*ALSO SEE ABOVE*)

**Wed 17 Mar short day 8m L Kissing Gate Opening Walk Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Pike Lock Car Park. At Little Chef roundabout on A419 turn left towards Eastington and immediately L into Pike Lock CP. **L162/E168 SO 784061** Across fields to Leonard Stanley following path through South Cotswold financed Kissing Gates then picking up Cotswold Way and more of our Kissing Gates in King's Stanley. Back along the Canal. Bring a picnic.

**Sat 20 Mar morning 5m L Frampton-on-Severn gentle walk Kathy 01453 860004**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from small CP at far end of Frampton on Severn Green, on left. **L162/OL14 SO 747076** Canal, River Cam and Nebrow Hill. Pub lunch after if required.

**Wed 24 Mar day 10m M/H Walk around Stroud (WAS) Helen 01453 752720 on day 07932 694872**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Folly Lane Allotments Car Park, Stroud. Go up Folly Lane and turn left along drive immediately after last house. (Follow diversion sign from Beeches Green if Slad Road is still closed). **L162/E179 SO 856060** A waymarked trail around the Stroud Parish boundaries along footpaths, canal, river and roads. Bring packed lunch. Pub stop for drinks.

**Sat 27 Mar short day 8m H Hills around Dursley Karen & Tony 01453 545824**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Stinchcombe Hill Public Car Park. **L162/E167 ST 744983** Stinchcombe Hill, Cam Peak, Long Down, Dursley. Bring a packed lunch.

**Sat 27 Mar 19:30 Social Event Stroud Symphony Orchestra Concert** see newsletter - contact Mike 01453 873625.

*Good news! We have four more new leaders this time and we know you will support them, but Mike is never satisfied and is keen to encourage even more regular walkers to lead their first walk this year. Advice and backup is available - please ring him on 01453 873625, email [info@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk) or have a chat to other leaders on a walk. It's fun!*

*Please would leaders for July to October 2010 contact Karen D'Amico on 01453 545824 with weekend dates and Jacqui Pycroft 01666 826139 with midweek dates. Please reserve dates by 31 March and send details by 30 April.*

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- Thu 1 Apr morning**      **5m H**      **Ups and downs**      **Carol 01453 825461 on day 07709 978238**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cam Peak car park. **E167/L162 ST 767993** Up Cam Peak, along Cam Long Down, up to Uley Bury and up Downham Hill. Over 1200 feet of ascent on this very hilly walk.
- Sat 3 Apr day**      **11m M**      **Severn to Thames Canal Walk No 6**      **Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start. From Kemble east to Ewen then left towards Siddington for half a mile. Take a "No through road" on left. Park on wide verge on right. **L163/E169 SU 007985** Footpaths and canal to Siddington, Cowground Bridge, Cotswold Outdoor Shop; return via Clarks Lane, Bluehouse Bridge. Picnic Lunch.
- Wed 7 Apr morning**      **6m M**      **Uley and Nymphsfield**      **Steve & Rosemary 01453 860130 on day 07806 936085**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from far end of South Street in Uley, a turn opposite the shop. Park considerably at the side of road. **L162/E168 ST 794983** Owlpen, Nymphsfield village, Coaley Peak, Uley Bury, return via Cotswold Way. Pub lunch possible at Old Crown, Uley afterwards. *ONE NEW LEADER*
- Sat 10 Apr figure of 8**      **4m or 8m M**      **Short and medium walks near Haresfield**      **Mike & Heather 01453 873625**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood (Cripplegate) NT CP. **L162/E179 SO 832086** am 4 miles Topograph, Standish Park, Oxlynch, Standish Wood, pm 4 miles including picnic on Haresfield Beacon, Cotswold Way, Bird-in-Hand. (*ALSO SEE BELOW*)
- Sat 10 Apr faster day**      **11m M**      **Faster walk Sherborne Park Estate**      **Graham 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Ewepen Barn NT CP, Sherborne. Turn off A40. **L163/EOL45 SP 158143** Windrush, Little Barrington, Great Barrington. Bring a picnic lunch. (*ALSO SEE ABOVE*)
- Wed 14 Apr morning**      **6m M**      **Bottoms and Tops near Wotton**      **Mike & Heather 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from North Nibley, meet outside Black Horse PH, park considerably in village. **L162/E167 ST 740957** Waterley Bottom, Coombe Hill, Brackenbury Ditches, Tyndale Monument. Terrain M moderate. Pub lunch possible afterwards.
- Sat 17 Apr figure of 8**      **4.5m or 10m M**      **Foston's Ash Figure of 8**      **Bill 01452 813094**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Fostons Ash CP. **L162/E179 SO 914114** am 4.5 miles Overtown Farm, Sheepscombe. pm 5.5 miles Caudle Green, Brimpsfield. Terrain M moderate. Pub lunch at Foston's Ash.
- Tue 20 Apr morning**      **5.5m M**      **The highs and lows around Painswick**      **James 01452 611614 on day 07804 275394**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from The Royal William A46. (2 miles NNE of Painswick). Please park in the car park behind the pub, not on the A46. **L162/E179 SO 878127** Descend to Tocknells Court, gentle walking along the Painswick stream, before climbing to Painswick and then onto the Beacon. Terrain M moderate. Pub lunch at end if required. *NEW LEADER*
- Thu 22 Apr Social Event**      **Skittles Evening 7.30pm Kings Head, Kings Stanley** Please book in advance - see newsletter.
- Fri 23 Apr evening**      **3-5 mile** Rodborough Parish Council monthly walk from the Pavilion at 18:00. **Richard 01453 762373**
- Sat 24 Apr short day**      **8m M**      **Cam Peak and Dursley**      **David 01453 547580 on day 07891 918275**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Peaked Down car park. Also known as Cam Peak. **L162/E167 ST 767993** A circular walk from Cam Peak over farmland and through woods around Dursley. Moderate with some ups and downs. Bring a packed lunch.
- Wed 28 Apr morning**      **5.5m M**      **Pinbury prowling and Daneway dawdling**      **Brian & Sheelagh 01453 872220**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Daneway Inn. **L163/E179 SO 939034** Sapperton, Pinbury, Siccaridge. Pub lunch available at end.
- Thu 29 Apr evening**      **4m M/H**      **April evening walk around the Woodchester valley**      **Mike & Heather 01453 873625**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Ram Inn, South Woodchester lower car park. **L162/E168 SO 839021** Enjoy an April evening walk via Windsor Edge, Dunkirk and Theescombe. At a gentle pace. Enjoy a drink afterwards.



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### OUR NEW LED-WALKS PROGRAMME

After talking to lots of members, we are trying some innovations with our walks, which, while still intended to appeal to regular walkers, will hopefully satisfy some members not specifically catered for in the past.

**THREE WALKS ON ONE DAY** Once a month on Saturdays 13 March, 10 April, 8 May and 5 June we are putting on three options for you. (1) A **short walk** (4 or 4.5 miles) as part of (2) a **medium walk** (8 or 9 miles). The short walk is aimed at everyone, but particularly as a welcome to those new to walking, or those who only have time or energy for a short walk. The medium walk will finish early to mid-afternoon. Walks this time are figures of eight, and in the future might include one with an optional early return by bus. (3) On the same day a **longer faster walk** of 11+ miles, sometimes well over. These are intended for fit, more experienced members, or those wishing to improve their level of fitness. If you are uncertain about your ability to keep up, it would be wise to ask the leader about the walk before the day.

**EVENING WALKS** The other new regular feature through the lighter evenings is to have regular short **evening walks** with perhaps a drink or even food afterwards.

We hope the increased variety of walks will go down well, and even more important, our team of leaders will volunteer to continue the experiment in the next led walks programme, July to October. As they say, enjoy!

**Sat 1 May day out**      **6.25m M/H**      **Diesel and Dander in Dean**      **Patrick & Angela**      **01452 616886 on day 07778 662951**  
Meet 10:00 for 10:15 start from Norchard Station car park (near Lydney). **L162/OL14 SO 629042** Bring cash to purchase railway ticket (approximately £6 last year). Train to Parkend leaves at 10:40. Circular walk from Parkend, Bix Slade, Nagshead. Picnic lunch. Return by train to Norchard at 16.15.

**Wed 5 May morning**      **6m M**      **Whiteshill meander, or What You Will**      **Denys**      **01453 751581 on day 07783 269574**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from car park by the Playing Field in Whiteshill. **E179/L162 SO 839071** Randwick, Standish Wood and somehow back to Whiteshill. *NEW LEADER*

**Thu 6 May evening**      **3.5m M/H**      **Uley Evening Walk**      **Steve & Rosemary**      **01453 860130 on day 07806 936085**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Old Crown, Uley. Park on road by Church or use pub car park at rear if visiting afterwards. **L162/E168 ST 793986** Climb up to Uley Bury to see setting sun and views across the Severn Estuary (if fine), return via footpaths and lanes around Uley.

**Sat 8 May figure of 8**      **4m or 8m L**      **Short and medium walks from Frocester**      **Mike & Heather**      **01453 873625**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from The George Inn CP, Frocester, please park tidily. **L162/E168 SO 785032** am 4 miles Five Acres Grove, Middle Street, pub lunch possible, pm 4 miles Frocester Court, Silver Street, Coaley. *(ALSO SEE BELOW)*

**Sat 8 May faster day**      **12m H**      **A longer faster walk to Cleeve Hill**      **Graham**      **01453 885408 on day 07977 863592**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Andoversford near the Cattle market in Station Road. **L163/OL45 SP 023198** Syreford, Sevenhampton, Brockhampton, Cleeve Hill, Whittington. Bring a picnic. *(ALSO SEE ABOVE)*

**Wed 12 May faster day**      **12m M/H**      **A long walk for mid-weekers**      **Richard & Diana**      **01453 762373 on day 07973 860669**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Rodborough Common. First car park on the right after passing Rodborough Fort. **L162/E168 SO 851040** Road from Rodborough - Butterow - Swells Hill to Brimscombe. Brownhill, Bussage, Toadsmoor, Lypiatt. Pub lunch - Ram at Bussage.

**Thu 13 May evening**      **4m M**      **Avening Evening Stroll**      **John G**      **01453 834141**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from outside The Bell, Avening. **L162/E168 ST 880980** Via Ledgemoor and Harley Wood.

**Sat 15 May morning**      **7m M**      **Lansdown - a Civil War Battle for Bath**      **Jacqui P**      **01666 826139 day 07778 948615**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Blathwayt Arms CP, Lansdown, just south of racecourse entrance. **L172/E155 ST 726685** Langridge, Greville's Monument, North Stoke. Lunch at end if required.

**Wed 19 May morning**      **7m L/M**      **A spring walk in Berkeley Vale**      **Maurice**      **01453 811162 on day 07912 552075**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Mariners Arms CP Berkeley. **L162/E167 ST 682993A** a spring walk in Berkeley Vale. Pub lunch available afterwards.

**Thu 20 May evening**      **3.5m M/H**      **Edgemoor Evening Walk**      **Steve & Rosemary**      **01453 860130 on day 07806 936085**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Edgemoor Inn Car Park, A4173 near Edge. **L162/E179 SO 851091** Fairly easy ramble over Edge Common, Scottsquar Hill and through Pitchcombe. Return in time for food at the Edgemoor.

**Sat 22 May morning**      **6m L**      **Rodmarton Circular**      **Tim**      **01453 757104**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start. Park on verge of Cherington Road in Rodmarton. **L162/E168 ST 939979** Tarlton Down, Macmillan Way, Monarch's Way.

**Sun 23 May afternoon**      **4m M**      **Get Walking Day with the Ramblers**      **Mike & Richard**      **01453 873625 / 01453 762373**  
Meet 13:50 for 14:00 start from London Road CP Stroud - free on a Sunday. **L162/E168 SO 852048** A gentle paced walk along the soon to be restored canal to Bagpath, then gradually up to Winstones for a delicious reward. Across Rodborough Common with hopefully wide views to reach the Fort, then down to the River and back into Stroud.

**Wed 26 May morning**      **6m M**      **Round Hillesley**      **Jacqui P**      **01666 826139 on day 07778 948615**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Fleece Inn CP, Hillesley. **L162/E167 ST 768897** Wortley, Ozleworth Valley, Tresham. Lunch after walk if required.

**Thu 27 May 19:30**      **Social Event Fauré Requiem Gloucester Cathedral** see newsletter - contact Denys 01453 751581

**Fri 28 May evening**      **3-5 mile** Rodborough Parish Council monthly walk from the Pavilion at 18:00. **Richard** **01453 762373**

**Sat 29 May day**      **9m M/H**      **A Walk in the Forest**      **Richard & Diana**      **01453 762373 on day 07973 860669**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Christchurch - A4136 Monmouth Rd from Huntley. Turn right at Five Acres into Christchurch following signs to Symonds Yat. At crossroads turn R then bear L. After about 440yds park on waste ground on L. **L162/OL14 SO 569133** Symonds Yat, Biblins, Highmeadow Woods, Staunton. May have chance to stop at tea rooms but bring a picnic.



### Friday Evening Rodborough Walks

After last year's successful evening walks on behalf of Rodborough Parish Council, Richard Davis, helped by Diana Davis along with Tim Chambers are once again leading another series of Friday evening walks at 6 pm from Rodborough Pavilion (3-5 miles) and invite you to join in.

23rd April - An alternative route up to Rodborough Common.

28th May - Across the valley to Selsley.

25th June - Minchinhampton Common.

There may be pub stops on some of the walks. The walks will continue through July to September.



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### June 2010

- Wed 2 Jun day**      **10m M/H**      **Standish Woods and Painswick**      **Helen 01453 752720 on day 07932 694872**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Shortwood car park. **L162/E179 SO 832086** Standish Woods, Pitchcombe and Painswick Valley, returning via Cotswold Way. Pub lunch or packed lunch in Painswick: your choice!
- Thu 3 Jun evening**      **4m L**      **Evening Stroll from Purton**      **John C 01453 845574 on day 07860 651691**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Purton by Church **E167/L162 SO 692042** To Sharpness and back along canal / river bank past the remains of the Severn Railway Bridge. Optional visit to Berkeley Arms on the banks of the Severn for refreshment afterwards.
- Sat 5 June figure of 8**      **4.5m or 9m L/M**      **Short and medium walks - Getting About Pre-Car**      **Tim 01453 757104**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cainscross CP opposite Tricorn House. **L162/E168 SO 834050** am 4.5m Canal to Bowbridge, Frome Banks, cycle track, picnic, pm 4.5m Canal to Ryeford, Cotswold Way, Cashes Green. (ALSO SEE BELOW)
- Sat 5 June faster day**      **14m H**      **A walk on the wild side**      **Richard & Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Pavillion Lay-by Brimscombe. **L162/E168 SO 876022** Up Toadsmoor Valley to Bisley. Sudgrove, Edgeworth and Sapperton. Picnic lunch. (ALSO SEE ABOVE)
- Wed 9 Jun morning**      **5.5m L**      **Lakes around Somerford Keynes**      **John C 01453 845574 on day 07860 651691**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Neigh Bridge Country Park Car Park. **L173/E169 SU 019947** Thames Path, Ashton Keynes.
- Thu 10 Jun evening**      **4m L/M**      **Woods and Commons evening stroll**      **Tim 01453 757104**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Reservoir Car Park, Minchinhampton Common. **L162/E168 SO 855013** Rodborough Common, Manor Woods, St Chloe, Amberley, drink stop at the Black Horse, short walk to cars.
- Sat 12 Jun figure of 8**      **6m or 11m M**      **Countryfile**      **Errol & Pip 07716 752391**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Guiting Power Village Hall CP. **EOL45 SP 095247** am 6 miles Naunton, Gazeley Wood, pm 5 miles Castlett, Kineton. Picnic lunch.
- Wed 16 Jun short day**      **8m H**      **Two hills**      **John G 01453 834141**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from off A46 near Bottlegreen Factory, Woodchester. **L162/E168 SO 840017** Woodchester, Selsley Common, Inchbrook, Amberley. Bring a packed lunch.
- Thu 17 Jun evening**      **4m M**      **Kingcote evening stroll**      **Mike & Heather 01453 873625**  
Meet 18:20 for 18:30 start from Hunters Hall Inn CP, Kingscote. **L162/E168 ST 813960** Binley Farm, Kingscote Woods and Congre. Food and drink possible afterwards.
- Sat 19 Jun day**      **11m M**      **Severn to Thames Canal Walk No 7**      **Bernard 01453 884013 on day 07816 834828**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Cotswold Outdoor Shop CP. **L163/E169 SU 071971** Latton, Eysey Manor, Marston Meysey Picnic.
- Wed 23 Jun faster day**      **14m H+**      **Midsummer walk: the hills around Stroud**      **Helen 01453 752720 day 07932 694872**  
Meet 09:20 for 09:30 start from Bear Hotel car park, Rodborough. Park to left away from main building. **L162/E168 SO 853026**  
VERY hilly. Swifts Hill, Wickridge Hill, Whiteshill, Selsley Hill, Rodborough Hill. Bring packed lunch.
- Fri 25 Jun evening**      **3-5 mile** Rodborough Parish Council monthly walk from the Pavilion at 18:00. **Richard 01453 762373**
- Sat 26 Jun day**      **10m L**      **Coates and Kemble Circular**      **Tim 01453 757104**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start. Park on verge of Kemble Road in Coates. **L162/E168 SO 983002** Monarch's Way, Ewen, Kemble (Pub Lunch possible), Thames Path, Thames and Severn Canal, Tarlton Bridge and Basset Dockem.
- Sat 26 Jun 19:30**      **Social Event Stroud Symphony Orchestra Concert** see newsletter - contact Mike 01453 873625.
- Wed 30 Jun faster day**      **12m L/M**      **Five Cotswold Villages**      **Bruno 01451 822465**  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start from Notgrove Village CP. **EOL45/L163 SP 108203** From Notgrove to Hazleton, Turkdean, then Cold Aston (7 miles) for an optional pub snack. Return via Aylworth. Open views, walked at a brisk pace.

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