

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JUNE 2018

**PLEASE READ MY
URGENT MESSAGE ON
THE NEXT PAGE OF THIS
NEWSLETTER.**

And this month's buzz word(s) is Data Protection. By the time you read this, and you probably won't if you haven't confirmed to Ramblers that you are happy to be contacted, the new Data Protection laws will have come into force and you should have been asked by Ramblers to give your consent to the processing of your personal information or in most cases to reaffirm your consent. I know it's an absolute pain but it will be the law and given the way personal information has been mishandled in recent years I am afraid it is in everybody's interests to comply. So if you want to go on reading my words of wisdom, to receive our regular newsletters and walks programmes and other news about Ramblers please reply as soon as you get asked whether by Ramblers or by Mike. And if you see Mike please thank him because he has put in an enormous amount of work to ensure that our Group complies with the regulations.

And talking of our walks programme I think we are still going from strength to strength thanks in no small part to Mike for coordinating the programme, the walk collectors for badgering us into submitting walks and indeed to the walks leaders for coming up with so many good ideas. In the last few weeks I have been on walks from Bourton on the Hill, Marlborough Downs, Bourton on the Water and Bisley interspersed with shorter walks closer to home. Needless to say the shorter walks closer to home prove the most popular and it is good to see a good crowd of followers, but this should not be our sole aim. It's nice to think that we can provide walks to members of all abilities and with three and sometimes four walks a week this should not be difficult. If you feel your type of walk is not catered for, speak to a member of the Committee or a walks collector with your ideas. Better still offer to lead a walk. If you lead, you choose where you go. Just to prove that we can diversify we have just had our first dog walk. Attended by four dogs it went very well, the hairiest moment being when Sid decided to jump in the lake to chase a family of ducks. I think they swam a bit too fast for him and he was soon glad to respond to our requests for him to come back. Dogs on walks has always been a contentious issue and I would not wish to see us change our stance but dog walks as a completely separate part of our programme may be possible.

The answer to our holiday programme is still providing food for thought. Ann is coming up with some brilliant ideas and has organised some excellent breaks. The last one, to Gozo, was one of the best. But attendances are low compared with numbers who came four or five years ago. It could be that there is not the desire to holiday with the Group. We are trying foreign holidays as well as domestic holidays but get very little change. We are going to Yorkshire in the Autumn and next Spring we are venturing out to the Amalfi Coast. Any other ideas are welcome as we would be interested to hear what you would like. There is a survey about this that you can either complete online, post, text the answers to or email. (see page 7). It only takes one minute!

A big thank you again to all who have volunteered in some capacity to help with the continued success of our Group whether it is in the operation of the walks programme, our footpath work or just the general administration. A lot of work goes on.

Richard Davis
Chairman



Gozo March 2018



Ravenscar next September



THIS SATURDAY!

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

The next concert will be on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Rd., Stroud

Programme

Beethoven:	Overture: Coriolanus
Beethoven:	Piano Concerto No 4 Soloist: James Brawn
Beethoven:	Symphony no. 8

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

Mike has not been selling tickets this time but you can buy them from Stroud Tourist Information Office,
Tickets £12 concessions £10. As time is short you can **pay on the door**.

Data Protection - Important Message from Richard

As most members are aware, over the last few years we have encouraged you to accept email communication. This makes it much easier for volunteers who are involved in the distribution of Newsletters and Walks Programmes as it relieves us of the need to print off so many letters, stuff envelopes and post them. It also saves Ramblers a considerable amount of money.

Following the recent communication from CO (Ramblers Central Office), of our 263 single or joint memberships accepting email, 124 have apparently now said NO.

While they are quite within their rights, this does mean that they will no longer receive Group and Area communications in this way. The extra workload on existing volunteers would be too great for us to consider sending out paper copies and therefore the only way which you will be able to access this information is by looking at our website.

I would like to believe that many of you who said NO did not understand the full implications of that course of action. If that is the case I would ask you to contact CO, either by phone or by accessing your account, find out what your instructions were and making the appropriate amendment. If you do this, it would be helpful if you could notify Mike Garner, Group Membership Secretary at membership@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk.

Thank you

Richard Davis

Group Chairman

Mike adds:

To check your Ramblers' Contact Preferences, you can go to www.ramblers.org.uk

If you have never logged in before, you will need to **Register** first. Simply fill in your name, contact details, membership number and then choose a password. Then

Login - My account - Update profile - Contact preferences.

There you will see how you have said you wish to be contacted. Make sure there is a tick against "I would like to be contacted by email".

OR Simply call Central Office Ramblers Membership Team on 020 7339 8595 during our office hours 9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday-Friday and they will help you.

We are sending the newsletter by email this time to our regular recipients as some people we have spoken to do not appear to have been contacted by Ramblers, including me! Officially I can't email myself.

Thank you, Mike Garner, Group Membership Secretary

GOZO Holiday March 2018

The Adams family boldly goes

On a cold early Sunday morning the Adams family of 10 (including Ralph) gathered at Bristol airport, and in the fullness of time, transported in timely fashion by Ryanair to Malta. Then by minibus to the Gozo ferry. The minibus was of elderly vintage and all our suitcases were piled roof high on the front seats of the passenger section. In order to ensure health and safety we called upon our stoutest member (Sally) to brace herself against the pile of luggage to ensure no landslide. Ferry trip short and also free. You can enter Gozo but it cost 1Euro to get out. A different minibus safely delivered us to our hotel.

The hotel San Andrea is a small very welcoming hotel right on the seafront in the small village of Xlendi (pronounced Shlende...don't ask!!). 9 hungry souls attended the first meal of the holiday.

Richard failed to appear. Pressure getting to him so early in the holiday.

The intellectual discussions of the evening, setting the tone for the rest of the week, ranged from one of our party being accused of suffering from the "manopause" to "how best to clean windows" and net curtains yes or no??

Day1 of our walks came with clear blue skies and temperature promise of 18 to 20 deg C. We met our walk leaders Colleen and Jill. Both from UK living in Gozo and both retired teachers. We started from Xlendi and walked along the cliff edge to a defence tower built by the Knights of St John in the 1600s. The fields beyond the tower were an absolute mass of brightly coloured wild flowers. Where is the flora expert when you need one?? Some of us settled for names like yellow ones, red ones and blue ones. But the pickier in the group

set themselves the task of identifying the exact names. We came to a beautifully scenic bay called Ta Mgarri. The vivid blue waters in the bay made a mass group paddle irresistible. A convenient restaurant provided excellent coffee for those in need. The walk progressed until towards the end as we approached the Gozo capital of Victoria we found ourselves walking through Bethlehem. This turned out to be a large area prepared for use at Christmas time. Jill did comment that the baby Jesus used at last year's festival looked to be 8 to 9 months.

Day 2: blue sky and promised temperatures of 18 to 20 deg C. The walk today started in Xlendi. We passed alongside a herd of goats. The young in the herd were having major difficulties climbing the rock face (all say ah!!). Passing a roman tower we came to the upmarket town of Kercem. On leaving the town we came across one interesting road sign (of which there are many in Gozo) requesting "that we did not squash hedgehogs". One other road sign in Victoria indicated that a parking space was reserved for the Archbishop of Gozo. As we walked from Kercem we paused at the only fresh water lake (small) on the island. It was populated with ducks and turtles and jellyfish. On closer inspection the latter turned out to be a plastic bag. Eyesight not so good these days. Next port of call was Dwejra Tower another defence built by the Knights. The tower was open and afforded dramatic views out to sea and across the island. From the tower we had a view across the coast. Surprise, surprise on the coastal edge was a crowd of penguins. As previously stated eyesight not so good and the crowd turned out to be a mass of sad

tourists looking for the most photographed tourist sight on Gozo ---the Azure Window. 2 years ago during a massive storm the Azure Window crashed into the sea. Tourist guidebooks have been slow in removing the entry. In the same area we did have more fields of bright wild flowers and an azure blue inland sea. As the sea was quite rough that day the effect on the inland sea caused by crashing waves through the tunnel feeding the



inland sea was spectacular. Pausing only for Peter to have his photograph taken with an owl on his shoulder we progressed to a little village San Lawrence that thanks to EU funding had a recently renovated church and town square.

No led walks on day 3 so we took a water taxi to the nearby small island of Comino. The island has 4 inhabitants and a hotel only open summer season. There is a disused fever hospital and a disused pig farm. The star attraction is the blue lagoon. From our party there were 5 paddlers and then 3 swimmers. Di waited for a large audience of tourist before changing into her bathers. In the clear azure sea there were countless small fish and small jellyfish. Several of the younger tourists followed Di's example and plunged into the less than warm blue lagoon. 4 of the party walked the island and came across numerous lizards and one enormous snake---or at least that's the story told!!! The return water taxi ride to Gozo was exhilarating. The 30 min trip was completed in 10 mins. We think our driver was in a hurry.

Day 4: walk started in Victoria. Walking via the Citadel on country roads to Ghasri. In

which all houses seemed to be called Mary or Maria or Marie, hard work for the postman. Next point of interest was the small village of Gharb which contained the Ta-Pinu shrine. This was an impressively large church built on the site where a woman from the village claimed to have seen a vision. The outer courtyard was decorated with the most amazing mosaic designs. Progressing on towards the coast we past the small church dedicated to St Dimitri. In the church is a depiction of the saint. Legend has it that brigands kidnapped the son of a local woman. The woman in great distress went to the church and prayed for her son's safe return. St Dimitri came alive and rode out of the picture on his fiery steed and hunted down the brigands at sea destroying them completely and saving the son.

A ghost story from Gozo: In the village there is a well. In order to keep children away from the edge the story is told that one little boy when standing on the edge of the well heard a donkey braying in the well. He died the next day!! (Yet another cheerful myth from Gozo.)

We stopped for lunch at a small very scenic secret little bay. It turned out to be not so secret for we were soon joined by a collection of young tourists. Again Di led the way but only for a paddle in the very clear blue waters. Cold but refreshing for hot feet.

On the coast we reach the "new azure window" which the tourist board are trying hard to promote as a replacement attraction



for the now collapsed original azure window.

Continuing along the coast we walked through lunar landscape of wind shaped sandstone surfaces. This brought us to the roman salt pans still in use (for tourists anyway) . Most of the group bought a bag of sea salt. Got to support Gozo tourist industry. Final stop was Marsalforn a small beachside tourist town from where we were transported back to Xlendi.



All too soon it was Friday and our last walk with our leaders Colleen and Jill. This time we were off to conquer the final quarter of the Island – the north west frontier! As ever armed with snacks from the great little shop next to the hotel (it is interesting making sandwiches on the bed with improvised instruments!) we went by minibus passing on the way women in Fontana still doing their family wash in the communal roadside wash area. Our destination was Ramla Bay, the only sizeable beach on the island (would not like to visit in summer) where the sand is orange/red due to the geology. Swimmers have to beware as the signs about what to do when in difficulty were all upside down! Though the usual statue of Mary in the midst of the sand would have helped more. Legends abound here about Calypso Cave said to be the cave where Calypso kept Odysseus a prisoner in Homer's 'The Odyssey'. However we scrambled up to another huge cave with fantastic views across the sands – only to find a table in it!! We discovered if you went out of the rear of the cave there was a road to it from above. Phew those leaders – masochists!

As we headed down along the cliff top (meeting UK HF walkers struggling up the other way), we passed a man keeping his bee hives on the most precarious cliff top site ever though they could certainly benefit from the wonderful wild flowers once again surrounding

us. Then on past farms– with the big shelters used to screen the cows from summer sun – in this case guarded by a battalion of small dogs, then more small allotments with orange trees and vegetables. Heaven!! We lunched at Dahlet Qarrot, an idyllic inlet where Di and Margaret again rose like Venus (Venii?) from the turquoise coloured (yes it was) waves after a swim. Then energised by our picnic we went up hill again only to be nearly trampled down in a very narrow lane by a large herd of sheep and goats followed by the smallest 'sheep' dog we have ever seen!!

Turning inland we made our way to the village of Qala (pronounced Arla!) – Gozo villages are all interesting and this one had a windmill in it which had been converted into a beautiful house. Then just time for a very welcome beer/fruit juice at the local hostelry (it had been a hot day) and – don't tell – for some a CAKE, before the minibus fetched us for the ride home. A great walking end to the programme and huge thanks to our two leaders Colleen and Jill.

Day 7 a free day. All took the local bus into the capital Victoria. The main attraction was the Basilica. Pre-roman, modified by the romans and every invader thereafter. Knights of St John were mainly responsible for what is there today though the British did add their own touches. The visit was interesting but standing upright on the highest rampart was challenging. Though it was sunny and 18degC the wind was extremely strong.

The strong wind made an impact on the sea in the harbour in Xlendi. Some of us were glad we were on the 4th floor.

Day 8 : early start to the airport. All well to and on the ferry. Off the ferry no bus to take us to the airport. The man who came to collect the 10 of us thought there was one passenger.!!! I won't print the expletives he uttered when he realized the situation. Eventually 2 cars and a taxi were organized. Our drive to the airport was hair raising. We were stopped by the police and the driver was done for dangerous driving and or speeding.

Once at the airport we discovered there was no plane. Bristol Airport closed because of snow. Ryanair's best offer was a flight to Bristol but not until April 1st or a flight to Manchester on the Wednesday. We opted for the Manchester flight. Ryanair arranged a hotel in Sliema just across the bay from the capital of Malta Valletta. Not a brilliant hotel. The following morning we were told the hotel had no rooms for the Monday and Tuesday so we were homeless. The tour operator came up trumps and found us a hotel in St Julian district just along the bay from Sliema. He also organized transport to the new location. On the way, we past several apartments for sale one of which attracted Peter's attention. This apartment was built directly above a MacDonalds. His comment was if he lived there he could just drop down for his nuggets!!! The new hotel was 4 * and even produced a comment from Richard that "the lift goes up and down" ...amazing.

Day 9 We took the local service bus into Valletta, which this year is EU city of culture. The old town was renovated and cleaned up for the event. The marks of the

Knights of St John are everywhere to be seen. We visited the Grand Masters Palace now used by the Malta Parliament. The formal rooms were highly elaborate and the armoury contained huge amounts of ancient weaponry. We did try to visit the Church of St Paul which claimed to hold a piece of the wrist bone of St Paul. However, we were thwarted by an elderly caretaker. He told us he had been there 67 years and it was time he closed for lunch. So out we went. A ferry trip back across the harbour to Sliema ended our visit to Valletta.

Day 10 and an early trip back to the airport. This time no problems. Ryanair to Manchester.

There is a story about missing pyjamas but that's for another day!!!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ann A for all her hard work organizing such an excellent holiday. She was ably assisted by Sally when arranging the hotel/boarding passes on the unplanned extra days.

Ron (assisted by Ros)

Ravenscar Holiday

There are still twin rooms available for the Ravenscar holiday. The price is £845 per person, half board and two walk options, the dates are September 16th to 23rd. Contact Ann (details below)

Ann's Holiday Survey

Ann would be grateful if you would consider completing the holiday survey as she has only recently started to organise the holidays and needs to know what members want from the holidays.

She would find it helpful if people would answer the 5 questions(it should only take a minute). There is a paper copy on page 7 of this newsletter, but the easiest option is to click on the survey on the Message Board on our website.

Amalfi Holiday

I have also booked a holiday to the Amalfi coast with Exodus for March 23rd to 30th 2019, I have had to do this well in advance because all the holiday companies I spoke to told me that it is their most popular holiday which books up very quickly. The price is £1379, no single supplement, this is half board and also includes 4 packed lunches. The week has been reserved solely for us (there are 11 people booked so far) but I do need to know as soon as possible. You can find details of the holiday on the Exodus web site " Walking the Amalfi Coast"

Contact Ann on
holidays@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk or
on 07931 114439

Holiday Questionnaire

You can either complete this by 1)
clicking on the Message on the Message Board
on our website

2) by texting the answers to 07931 114439

3) by completing a paper copy and posting it to
Ann, 2 Churchill Close, Nailsworth,
GL6 0DW

Name (optional)

1) In general terms are you interested in going on a
walking holiday with the South Cotswold Ramblers?

Yes/No

2) Have you ever been on a holiday with South
Cotswold Ramblers?

Yes/No

3) What affects your decision about whether to go or
not? (Please tick all that apply)

- Price
- Venue
- Level of difficulty of the walks
- Time of year
- Journey to and from the venue
- Single supplement
- I don't go because I go on plenty of other holidays
- I don't want to commit myself too far in advance
- I generally go and the above don't put me off
- Other please specify
.....

4) Where would you be interested in going for a
walking holiday?

- UK
- Europe
- No preference
- I wouldn't go anyway

Walks Collectors Needed

We need a couple more volunteers to collect offers of
dates for Monday and/or Wednesday walks. Ideally
people who walk on those days. Please try to help. It
isn't onerous (you do share the workload with other
collectors) and is ideal for someone who is reluctant to
lead walks but wants to "do their bit" to support all the
other volunteers. If you are up for this or would like
more information, please let Richard or Mike know, or
email info@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

If you would like to put anything in the next newsletter
which goes out in October, please send it to
newsletter@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk by **September
25th** at the latest. Thank you.

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.

This year's AGM is on Saturday 17 November
2018 at 13.00 at Rodborough Tabernacle. Could
members submit any motions for discussion by no
later than 31 August 2018 to the secretary, Andrew
Hawkins, at
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(Please collect date offers in August, and full walk details will be needed no later than 25 September)



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MEMORIES OF MAURICE DYETT

Many members will remember Maurice, who lived in Berkeley, and led over 50 walks for the Group starting in about 2004. Sadly he suffered a stroke. He then stayed in a Nursing Home at Breadstone for a while before moving back to Sheffield to be near his two sisters.

We have now heard the sad news that he died earlier this year.

Some of the weekend walks he led were with David R and some midweek walks were on his own, often from Berkeley and Ham and over the Deer Park. There are many photos of him in our old galleries.

We asked South Cots for memories of him and this is what they came up with:

Several people including John and Cheryl, and Sally remembered this walk on 12th November 2012. It had been raining for weeks and only 6 people got to the Salutation Inn at Ham for Maurice's walk before the A38 was closed because of the floods. Maurice said in his droll way that we couldn't do his Plan A walk because it was flooded and so was his Plan B walk so we would try his Plan C walk. This is what we found:



Olivia remembered that he put one of the walks in the South Cots walks books "Favourite South Cotswold Walks Book 1. It was Walk 11 from Berkeley through the Deer Park to Ham.

She also remembered that he found the cheapest pub for lunch - we think it was the Mariners Arms in Berkeley. We haven't been there recently, have we?

Bernard remembered his first meeting with Maurice:

I first met Maurice with David when sat at a picnic table outside a pub, I believe it was in Miserden. They came and sat opposite me. we began chatting and they said it was their first walk with the Group. I then saw Maurice on future walks especially the walks he led from Berkeley, he was always friendly and easy to get on with, a lovely man.

David talked about the time they went to Machu Picchu together.

Maurice also came on the Derwentwater holiday. Here is a photo taken by Mike on the Patterdale walk.



And Sophia took this near Derwentwater.



Sally remembered trying to persuade Maurice to join in the country dancing but he said he was happy just watching with his pint of beer.

R.I.P. Maurice

BLOWING IN THE MYND

Taken to be dead at birth, the premature, two-pound baby was wrapped in newspaper and placed in a cardboard box on a window-sill. Now over seventy years later the baby, Judith Wallace, is an energetic musician full of northern grit and conducts numerous bands, choirs and orchestras. She led a "Concert Band and Walking Holiday" at Long Mynd House, the HF house above Church Stretton where Sheelagh and I enjoyed her company. Church Stretton is one of many lovely, overlooked market towns in the Welsh Marches, and the nearby Long Mynd and adjacent hills provide excellent walking. But those of you who took part in the group holiday organised by Richard a couple of years ago in nearby Shrewsbury will know this.

The band consisted of over thirty skilled wind and brass instrumentalists but a few were novices like Sheelagh who just started playing the saxophone a couple of years ago. Judith was empathetic and the rest of the band was supportive so Sheelagh's apprehension was assuaged and she enjoyed the experience. Music-making took place in the morning and evening and, each afternoon, the musicians walked for four to five miles in the nearby hills when I joined them. I thought I would feel a bit spare, expecting to have to listen to conversations about embouchure, reeds and high F sharps but everyone was friendly and welcoming. In addition, while the band was rehearsing in the mornings, I enjoyed riding my electric bike in the traffic-free hills and finding out how far I could get on one battery charge.

Long Mynd House was built as a spa resort in 1904 but the plan was unsuccessful for the spring water had to be transported all the way from Llandrindod Wells. HF bought the house last year after renting it for a few years. The food was decent, the staff lovely but I fear the house, although large with good facilities, a dramatic garden and great views over the valley, needs some attention to the décor and plumbing.

The band played a concert on the last evening with music varying from Handel's Largo to "The Blue and Grey", a medley of songs from the time of the American civil war. The latter provided a rousing finale to our short break. A stay at the HF house at Church Stretton can be recommended.

Brian W

Bernard's Rambling Memories

I have always walked and in the 1930s when I grew up there was no alternative. My father had a bicycle to get to work but as a family we walked everywhere, we could not afford the bus, cars were very rare and way beyond our families' income. Shortly after moving from Gloucester to Newent where my father had found work I became very friendly with a girl of the same age as me, about 3 years old. We walked everywhere together over fields, through woods etc. and catching tadpoles and newts in the local streams also picking daffodils when in season. The only restriction was to be kept indoors when the gypsies were camped in the woods as we were told they stole children. One weekend my Mother, Father and I walked the 9 miles to Ross on Wye, I forget how we got back but we did not walk. Later we moved back to Gloucester when my father found work as the engineer at the Hospital (now Gloucester Royal) and I was about 4 years old. I had already been to Picklenash School in Newent but now I had to go to school in Calton Road and again I walked to school in the morning and back home in Lannet Road. Most weekends my Father, Mother, my older brother and me met my Father's Brother and his two boys then we all walked from Robinswood Road up to Painswick Beacon where we boys went wild roaming over the hill. At lunch time

it was sandwiches and tea or water and then a walk along to Coopers Hill for further roaming and then at dusk we walked back to Gloucester .

Sometimes when I was about 6 or 7 our family took a bus to Malvern (my father was by then in regular work). We then walked up Malvern hill to the top for the day, then home by bus. All this continued also with long walks with a group from the Air Raid Wardens (my father was a warden and out most nights after work, my mother was a Fire Watcher at night) we wore Ex Army boots and ordinary clothes with a gaberdine raincoat, the ladies wore skirts (no trousers). At 15 I started work but the walks continued until I was 17 when I joined the Cotswold Rambling Club.

We met at Gloucester Railway Station on a Sunday and took the train to the walk Start Point, for usually about 10 mile walks. At lunch time we stopped at a pub where the publican was pleased to let us eat our sandwiches as long as we bought a drink.(Pubs did not serve food at this time). After the walk we usually stopped at a Cafe for tea and cakes.

At 21 I had to do my National Service for 2 years.

On my return I found my Father had joined the Cotswold Ramblers and was a keen member also leading walks until just before he died.

I resumed my walks with the Cotswold Ramblers until I was 25.

(Whilst I was with them I remember Tony Drake being persuaded to take up footpath work)

At 25 I married and then joined a dinghy Sailing Club for the next 30 years.

I came back to rambling when I was 71 when I joined the South Cotswold Group.

I continued walking & leading walks until I was 87 years old, and still do walks of about 2 to 3 miles now and then.

My first weekend holiday with South Cots. was in Wales. On arrival we found that the husband and wife owners had a blazing row and she had left him to manage on his own. Well at the first evening meal time we all sat down expecting a lovely meal. In came the owner bearing a large iron pot which he placed on the table with some potato and veg. And then he left the room. We found the iron pot contained chops and gravy, some members served this to us. Being new I thought this was normal and we were expected to rough it.

On our first walk I was with the leader and 2/3 others were seeing the rest about 2 fields away the leader went into a wood. I was wearing bright yellow waterproof trousers (from my sailing days) so the leader said to me "Bernard please go and stand just outside the wood you will make a good marker" I did as he asked and it worked. I soon bought a pair of dark blue waterproof trousers.

On another day it rained heavily and being new did not realise that you could buy waterproof rucksac covers so I thought I would put my waterproof smock over my rucksac as well, this worked but I was called the "Hunchback" so I soon bought a waterproof cover.

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NON MEMBERS - You are very welcome to walk with South Cotswold Ramblers Group up to 3 times. Just turn up on the day. Ring the leader first if you have questions. We hope you will then join us at www.ramblers.org.uk or with a leaflet from Mike. Quote South Cotswold if you wish to be in our Group. You can then walk with any Ramblers' Group in Great Britain.

OUR WALKS ARE LISTED ONLINE HERE

<http://tinyurl.com/SCRWalks> with maps. **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, a whistle and your own simple first aid kit. Remove muddy boots in pubs/churches.

PLEASE do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.

BACK MARKER 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.

HOW HILLY IS THE WALK?

Terrain 0 Level.

Terrain 1 Not much climbing.

Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix.

Terrain 3 Hilly.

PACE Most of our walks are of **Moderate** pace, averaging 2 mph with stops. Monday walks at 1.5mph are all **Leisurely**.

RING the leader if you are in doubt, especially if you haven't walked recently. Perhaps try a shorter walk or two first.

OVERSEAS VISITORS are very welcome on any of our walks.

ALL MESSAGES on our website will show any walk changes or additional information (plus plenty of other news). Please check, especially if travelling a distance, at www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk

DOGS - Sorry, registered assistance dogs only.

IMPORTANT - KEEPING TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY IN A WOOD

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, please pause and tell the people in front of you to wait as well. One way is to give a long blast on your whistle.

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

= 44 VOLUNTEER LEADERS, THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN =

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Mon 2 Jul Pilgrims Barn and Medieval Castle Leisurely 4m
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 A circular walk, over fields from Chavenage to the village of Beverston and back along the Macmillan Way. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Sheila 01453 757295 on day 07972 904325** Meet 10:20 Chavenage Green. (GL8 8XS) L162/E168 ST865956 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc4r9ok3](https://tinyurl.com/yc4r9ok3)

Wed 4 Jul A gift from Maurice Moderate 7m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Ham, Berkeley Estate, Little Avon River, Stone, Deer Park. Terrain 1 Not much climbing, just one short steep climb. Lots of stiles. Bring a snack. Pub lunch possible. **Leader - Olivia G 01453 751716** Meet 09:50 Ham, Salutation Inn. Park in lane if not using pub. (GL13 9QJ) L162/E167 ST680984 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y98v6stk](https://tinyurl.com/y98v6stk)

Thu 5 Jul Would Chester join us Moderate 4m
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:45 Down the valley to view a Victorian mansion and a series of woodland lakes. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Stone tracks throughout. Bring a drink. **Leader - Franceska 01453 873304 on day 07582 372711** Meet 18:20 Woodchester Park NT car park. Turn off B4066 road towards Nympsfield. Follow signs to Woodchester Park (£2 or free for NT members). (GL10 3UP) L162/E168 SO798014 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y79bejvo](https://tinyurl.com/y79bejvo)

Sat 7 Jul Too soon for St Nicholas! Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 A hilly walk to Tresham, Ozleworth and Ozleworth Bottom. Terrain 3 Hilly. Parts of Newark House should be open afterwards for NT members and light refreshments. **Leaders - Steve and Rosemary 01453 860130** Meet 09:50 Newark Park NT Car Park (£3, NT members free). (GL12 7QD) L162/E167 ST780932 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y9twldj8](https://tinyurl.com/y9twldj8)

Wed 11 Jul A Peach of a day by the River Leach Moderate 8.5m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Morning and afternoon walks along the Leach Valley. a.m. 4.5 miles circular walk to the north to Sheepbridge. pm 4 miles to Southrop. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a picnic. Drinks stop possible at Victoria Inn. **Leaders - Sally and Ros 01453 872729 / 01285 239054 on day 07818 425088** Meet 09:50 Eastleach Turville, park in street near Victoria Inn. (GL7 3NJ) L163/OL45 SP197053 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycku7apr](https://tinyurl.com/ycku7apr)

Thu 12 Jul One of Severn/several ways Moderate 4m
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 One of several walks on or around the Peninsula. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. We shall be on the banks of the Severn at sometime which can be a bit exposed. **Leader - Ray W 01453 547213** Meet 18:20 Arlingham village park carefully on road or lower CP near to Red Lion. Only use pub CP if intending to use pub. (GL2 7JT) L162/OL14 SO708109 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc6dkzvz](https://tinyurl.com/yc6dkzvz)

Sat 14 Jul Five Nature Reserves Moderate 5.5m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Canal, Woodland and Meadows. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Nearby pubs: The Butchers Arms at Oakridge, Daneway and The Crown at Frampton Mansell. **Leader - Dave G 01242 862564 on day 07969 907274**

Meet 09:50 Oakridge, park sensibly near the church. (GL6 7NS) L163/E168 SO913034 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ybqjsr6e](https://tinyurl.com/ybqjsr6e)

Mon 16 Jul Bisley Circular Leisurely 4m
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Bisley, Calfway, Battlescombe, Bisley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bear Inn prebook if eating. **Leaders - Brian and Ann 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035** Meet 10:20 Bisley, The Bear CP or on road if not using the pub. (GL6 7BD) L163/E179 SO903060 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y784pnck](https://tinyurl.com/y784pnck)

Wed 18 Jul A Duck's Cloaca is the Pivotal Point Today Moderate 9m
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Undulating walk along the Cotswold escarpment, through Tresham, Alderley, Wortley and Ozleworth. Some steep climbs. Terrain 3 Hilly. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Franceska 01453 873304 on day 07582 372711** Meet 09:50 Tresham, long layby. On L if coming from A46, or on R if coming from Wotton-u-Edge. (GL12 7RW) L162/E167 ST793912 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y8svsbt5](https://tinyurl.com/y8svsbt5)

Thu 19 Jul Canal westwards and views Moderate 4m
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 via Hilly Orchard, canal, Ryeford, Cotswold Way, Victory Park. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix with just one steep hill. **Leader - Tim C 01453 757104** Meet 18:20 Cainscross CP entrance opp. Tricorn House, park top end. (GL5 4JH) L162/E168 SO834051 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y7hs9j8b](https://tinyurl.com/y7hs9j8b)

Sat 21 Jul Not a race to the Bottom Moderate 8m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 A circular walk through woods and fields. Hermitage Wood, Bowcott Farm, Waterley Bottom, Ashen Plains Wood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Some short steep climbs followed by much level walking. Bring a picnic. **Leader David R 01453 547580 day 07903 505462** Start 09:50 Stinchcombe Hill Public CP (not Golf Course CP). (GL11 6AQ) L162/E167 ST743983 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y8nvku9a](https://tinyurl.com/y8nvku9a)

Wed 25 Jul Arts and crafts Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Oakridge, Waterlane, The Frith, Siccridge Wood, Trillis, Oldhills. Terrain 3 Hilly with some steep ascents and descents. **Leaders - Jill and Sue 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467** Meet 09:50 Oakridge Rec. Ground roadside parking. (GL6 7NZ) L162/E179 SO918036 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yicsmyck4](https://tinyurl.com/yicsmyck4)

Thu 26 Jul Rodborough Parish Evening Walk Moderate 4m
Start 18:30 Est finish 21:00 Through Manor Woods to Amberley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard and Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669** Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go up hill from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West. (GL5 3UA) L162/E168 SO847044 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y7vv85xh](https://tinyurl.com/y7vv85xh)

Sat 28 Jul Cotswold Way with deviations Moderate 10m
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:30 Selsley Common, Ruscombe, Whiteshill, Randwick, Doverow Hill, canal. Picnic lunch. **Leader - Alex 01453 826907** Meet 09:50 King's Stanley car park (NOT the Village Hall)(GL10 3JD). L162/E168 SO811034 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yicsr3ajw](https://tinyurl.com/yicsr3ajw)

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Mon 30 Jul Over the fields and not that far away Leisurely 3.8m Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Across fields and past farms to Kingswood, alongside a stream and some woodland. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Several cafes and pubs in Wotton. **Leader - Colin B K 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911** Meet 10:20 Wotton-under-Edge, Royal Oak, Haw Street. Park top end of CP if eating and pre-book. If not, nearby Chipping CP. (GL12 7AP) L162/E167 ST755933 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y94e8r23](https://tinyurl.com/y94e8r23)

Wed 1 Aug Don't jump! Moderate 5m Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Cranham, Saltridge Wood, Cranham Wood, Buckle Wood, Buckholt Wood. Terrain 3 Hilly. A couple of lengthy and steep climbs. Pre-book meals at pub. **Leader - Dave I 01453 872760 on day 07770 632652** Meet 09:50 Cranham, Black Horse pub CP (GL4 8HP), please park at far end. L163/E179 SO896129 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ya8me3se](https://tinyurl.com/ya8me3se)

Thu 2 Aug A Common Lot Moderate 4m Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Leisurely romp around Minchinhampton Common and environs, finishing in the Black Horse. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. On common and quiet lanes. **Leader - Franceska 01453 873304 on day 07582 372711** Meet 18:20 Amberley War Memorial. Park with consideration on the Common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 SO851016 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycq4qwa5](https://tinyurl.com/ycq4qwa5)

Sat 4 Aug Around the Badminton estate Moderate 5m Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Seven Mile Plantation, Little Badminton and the Great Park. Terrain 0 Level. May be muddy through the woods if wet. 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 outside PO on High Street. (GL9 1DG) L167/E168 ST803826 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycfdx6ab](https://tinyurl.com/ycfdx6ab)

Mon 6 Aug Summer in Sherston Leisurely 3.5m Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Walk from Sherston through Pinkney Park to Pinkney. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Two minor hills. Various lunch options in Sherston. **Leader - Jacqui P 01666 826139** Meet 10:20. Park considerately in Sherston High St, start outside Rattlebone Inn. (SN16 0LH) L173/E168. ST853858 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yclbkrbt](https://tinyurl.com/yclbkrbt)

Wed 8 Aug From Fort to Court Moderate 6m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Via hill fort to Horton Court. Return via Horton and Little Sodbury via Cotswold Way. Terrain 3 Hilly. **Leader - Derek T 01454 218691 on day 07711 445395** Meet 09:50 Old Sodbury Church, travel down A46. Turn R traffic lights at Cross Hands Hotel. Carry on down into village and turn R by Dog Inn up to Church, park considerately. (BS37 6NB) L172/E155 ST756817 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y9qag52v](https://tinyurl.com/y9qag52v)

Thu 9 Aug Hills with views! (Leader with attitude?) Moderate 4m Start 18:30 Est finish 20:45 Cam Long Down, Uley Bury, Downham Hill, Cam Peak. Terrain 3 Hilly. **Leader - Karen D 01453 545824** Meet 18:20 Cam Peak CP (Peaked Down). (GL11 5HH) L162/E167 ST766993 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ya4jbx3k](https://tinyurl.com/ya4jbx3k)

Sat 11 Aug Discovering Dowdeswell Moderate 6m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Through Dowdeswell village to

church. Lineover wood, along Glos way. Terrain 2 Hilly & level mix. **Leader - Enid S 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317** Meet 09:50 Kilkenny Viewpoint CP off A436. (GL54 4LT) L163/OL45 SP004186 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y84mp6ld](https://tinyurl.com/y84mp6ld)

Wed 15 Aug Hamlets around Bisley Moderate 5.5m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Mostly through fields and along tracks. Bournes Green and the Oakridges and back via Water Lane. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre book lunch before walk. **Leader - Colin B A 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510** Meet 09:50 Bisley, The Bear CP if using or street nearby. (GL6 7BD) L163/E179 SO903060 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc5zn3h3](https://tinyurl.com/yc5zn3h3)

Thu 16 Aug Rare trees in the woods Moderate 3.5m Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 See rare Large-Leafed Lime trees on a walk in Lineover Wood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Please pre-book food. **Leader - Graham B 01452 725405 on day 07774 086896** Meet 18:20 Koloshi Indian Restaurant CP opp. Dowdeswell reservoir. On A40 E of Charlton Kings. (GL54 4HG) L163/E179 SO985197 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y7ftjcmr](https://tinyurl.com/y7ftjcmr)

Sat 18 Aug Luckington and Didmarton Moderate 7m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Sopworth, Didmarton, Brook End. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a snack. Pub Lunch available afterwards. Please pre-order. **Leader - John G 01452 728760** Meet 09:50 Royal Ship Inn CP, Luckington. (SN14 6PA) L173/E168 ST833840 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yau97en6](https://tinyurl.com/yau97en6)

Mon 20 Aug Looking for a Castle Leisurely 4m Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 From Brimpsfield to Syde and Caudle Green, through woodland, steep narrow valleys and villages. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Margaret T 01453 828036 on day 07930 396204** Meet 10:20 Brimpsfield Village Hall CP. From Birdlip CP is on LH side. (GL4 8LD) L162/E179 SO938127 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycsrxt6t](https://tinyurl.com/ycsrxt6t)

Wed 22 Aug A Winter Walk! Moderate 5m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Winter walk, curtailed by Storm Eleanor as path was under water. Canal, river and field walk. Terrain 0 Level. Food available, pre-order. **Leader-Ann A 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439** Meet 09:50 Upper Framilode, Ship Inn CP. Park on L one behind another. (GL2 7LH) L162/OL14 SO751102 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y8839m98](https://tinyurl.com/y8839m98)

Thu 23 Aug Rodborough Parish Evening Walk - A Family Affair Moderate 4m Start 18:30 Est finish 21:00 Tim leads a short walk to take in some of the old canals and railways passing through our valleys. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard, Diana and Tim 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669** Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go uphill from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West. (GL5 3UA) L162 SO847044 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y7kjknuv](https://tinyurl.com/y7kjknuv)

Sat 25 Aug Catch a Flight Home? Moderate 6.8m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Part of Cotswold Way, Shab Hill, South Hill, National Star College, Crickley Hill Country Park, Air Balloon. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a snack for coffee time. **Leader - Andrew H 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351** Meet 09:50 Barrow Wake, Birdlip View Point CP off A417. (GL3 4UH) E179 SO931153 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycp35hw5](https://tinyurl.com/ycp35hw5)

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Wed 29 Aug It rained last year Moderate 5.3m
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Follow Shakespeare's footpath along river Avon to Twynning, then to Church End and back across fields. Terrain 0 Level. **Leader - Enid S 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317** Meet 09:50 Tewkesbury Long Stay CP (£1 all day). From M5 past Morrisons, go R into Chance Street then 2nd R into Station Road and follow signs to car park. (GL20 8AB) L150 SO899329 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc75qxrm](https://tinyurl.com/yc75qxrm)

Thu 30 Aug The last evening walk of the year Moderate 3.5m
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:15 Bownham Common, Rodborough Fort. Terrain 0 Level. Food available at the Bear. **Leaders - Sally and Keith 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088** Meet 18:20 Amberley War Memorial (up on the Common not by Amberley Inn). Park on common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 SO851016 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc4z4hvd](https://tinyurl.com/yc4z4hvd)

Sat 1 Sep Shangri-La country Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Bagpath, Ozleworth Bottom, Lasborough. Terrain 3 Hilly. Pub lunch available at finish. **Leader - Olivia 01453 751716** Meet 09:50 Kingscote, Hunters Hall Inn CP (GL8 8YA). L162/E168 ST 814960 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc8j4qv](https://tinyurl.com/yc8j4qv)

Mon 3 Sep Hyde Away Leisurely 3.5m
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Walk across Minchinhampton Common and down the hill to Hyde. Return via Hyde Common and Besbury Common. Lovely views. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Minor hills will be taken quietly. **Leader - Jacqui P 01666 826139** Meet 10:20 Minchinhampton, edge of common behind Church. (GL6 9JR) L162/E168 SO872009 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y9eznrrd](https://tinyurl.com/y9eznrrd)

Wed 5 Sep A riotous time Moderate 7.3m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Oxpens Farm, Yanworth, Chedworth Woods, Chedworth, Fossebridge, Stowell Park. Terrain 3 Hilly. Bring a picnic lunch. **Leaders - Jill and Sue 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467** Meet 09:50 Hangman's Stone layby on old A40 west of Northleach between Hampnett and Yanworth. L163/OL45 (GL54 3QF) SP088151 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y77n7myw](https://tinyurl.com/y77n7myw)

Sat 8 Sep Water, water, everywhere! Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 A flat walk along the Thames Path to Somerford Keynes. Return route is thro' Somerford Keynes, alongside the lakes back to Ashton Keynes. Plenty of bird life and big skies. May be soggy in parts.. Terrain 0 Level. Food available at the White Hart in Ashton Keynes. Please order lunch before start. **Leaders - Ron and Ros 01285 239054 on day 07752 397855** Meet 09:50 Ashton Keynes. Park carefully in village and meet at White Hart. (SN6 6NL) L163/E169 SU045940 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ya3xcfsv](https://tinyurl.com/ya3xcfsv)

Wed 12 Sep A Hill Fort and Horton Court Moderate 5.3m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 To Bodkin Hazel Wood, the Hill Fort, Horton Court and back via Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One steepish climb up to the Cotswold Way. Food available at the Beaufort Arms. **Leader - Ray W 01453 547213** Meet 09:50 Hawkesbury Upton Beaufort Arms, park at

rear of car park if using pub (GL9 1AU) or at village hall (donations please in honesty box). L162/E167 ST777869 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ycj9m9ry](https://tinyurl.com/ycj9m9ry)

Sat 15 Sep Woodchester by the back door Moderate 10m
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:30 Selsley Common, Woodchester Mansion, Coaley Peak, back to start. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Part of Gloucestershire Ramblers Walk Together event. Leader - Jenny S 01453 887419 on day 07749 032596** Meet 09:50 King's Stanley V Hall CP. (GL10 3JB). L162/E168 SO812035 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y9w2zwsa](https://tinyurl.com/y9w2zwsa)

Mon 17 Sep Another easy walk near the Severn Leisurely 4m
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 A circular walk in the Berkeley Vale. Terrain 0 Mainly level. **Leader - Ray C 01453 811545** Meet 10:20 Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley. Car parking is in my garden at the rear of the house. (GL13 9SF) L162/E167 SO685020 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/ya6ky5be](https://tinyurl.com/ya6ky5be)

Wed 19 Sep Vine View to Fine View Moderate 5.5 m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Lane for a mile then climb through vineyards and fields to Selsley Common. Descent through woodland and Boundary Park. Terrain 3 Hilly. Lunch available at Ram. **Leaders - Brian and Sheelagh 01453 872220 on day 07761039595** Meet 09:50 South Woodchester, Ram Inn lower CP. Limited parking in lanes if not using pub. (GL5 5EL) L162/E168 SO839021 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yakzps06](https://tinyurl.com/yakzps06)

Sat 22 Sep Royal Return Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Fields, woods, canal path. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pre-book lunch at the Crown. **Leaders - Brian and Sheelagh 01453 872220 on day 07761039595** Meet 09:50 Frampton Mansell, Crown Inn. Park tightly in the overflow car park at the back if using pub or, if not, in nearby lanes. (GL6 8JG) L163/E168 SO923027 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yahzc4v7](https://tinyurl.com/yahzc4v7)

Wed 26 Sep Roundabout the Bury Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Nymphsfield, Uley and Uley Bury. Terrain 3 Hilly. **Leaders - Steve and Rosemary 01453 860130** Meet 09:50 Coaley Peak Picnic Site CP. Site entrance on B4066 near Woodchester Park entrance. Postcode is misleading. L162/E168 SO794012 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/yc8a4ghx](https://tinyurl.com/yc8a4ghx)

Sat 29 Sep Exploring the Berkeley Vale Moderate 8m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 We shall include Berkeley in our route. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Ray C 01453 811545** Meet 09:50 Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley. Car parking in garden at rear of house. GL13 9SF L162/E167 SO685020 <https://tinyurl.com/y8k8t86k>

Mon 1 Oct Leisurely Paced Walk With Wide Views From Tresham Leisurely 4m Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 From the ridge take in amazing views westwards towards the Severn, before descending to Alderley, and then on an easy route towards Ozleworth, with a short climb taken gently back up to Tresham. **Leaders - Mike and Heather G 01453 872349 on day 07749 282087** Meet 10:20 Tresham, long layby. On L if coming from A46, or on R coming from W-u-E. (GL12 7RW) L162/E167 ST793912 [Maps https://tinyurl.com/y7on75dk](https://tinyurl.com/y7on75dk)

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Wed 3 Oct Uncle Tom Coberley and All Moderate 6.4m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Cockleford, Upper Coberley, Coberley, Coldwell (Not Bottom!) Harecombe Bottom, Cowley Wood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Lunch available at Green Dragon - please pre-book before the walk. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela M 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951** Meet 09:50 Cockleford, Green Dragon, near Cowley. Park in top end of CP opposite pub. (GL53 9NW) L163/E179 SO968141 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y97wta48>

Sat 6 Oct Dursley Walking Festival River and Deer Park Moderate 8.2m Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Along Berkeley Pill on to the Severn Way going south and cutting back across fields and lanes to climb up to the Deer Park. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Ann A 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439** Meet 09:50 Berkeley, outside town hall, junction of Salter Street and Marybrook Street. There is a long stay CP by library and plenty of street parking. (GL13 9BP) L162/OL167 ST683992 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/yd9a6qap>

Sat 6 Oct Dursley Walking Festival From Coaley Peak to Silver Street Moderate 5.5m Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Cotswold Way, Coaley Wood, Tickshill, Silver Street, Frocester Hill, Sandford's Knoll. Terrain 3 Hilly, several stiles. **Leaders - Karen and Tony D 01453 545824** Meet 09:50 Coaley Peak Picnic Site CP. The entrance is on the level B4066 road near Woodchester Park entrance. Nearest postcode GL11 5AU is misleading (down a narrow lane) so see above when approaching. L162/E167 & E168 SO794012 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y8bn7xrn>

Wed 10 Oct Around the Berkeley Vale Moderate 6m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 The actual route will be dependent upon the weather and the flora and fauna. There will be some stiles on route. Terrain 0 Mainly level. **Leader - Ray C 01453 811545** Meet 09:50 Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley. Car parking is in my garden at the rear of the house. (GL13 9SF) L162/E167 SO685020 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y7wzm6yd>

Sat 13 Oct Well worth coming to Chelworth Moderate 7m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Eastcourt, Hankerton, Crudwell. Terrain 0 Level. Could be muddy in places. 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 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y99fqspj>

Mon 15 Oct Towering views and tinted trees Leisurely 4.5m
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:15 Bournstream, Tyndale Monument, Brackenbury Ditches, Wotton Hill. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One moderate climb taken at an easy pace. Just over the 4 mile limit but worth it for the view! Food can be pre-booked at the Royal Oak. **Leader - Chris L 01453 842298 on day 07749 277921** Meet 10:20 Wotton-u-Edge, Royal Oak, Haw St. Park at top end of CP. (GL12 7AG) L162/E167 ST755933 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/yau8oxm5>

Wed 17 Oct Tunnel House Triangle Moderate 5.5m
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Tarlton Down, Casseywell Bottom, Macmillan Way, Hailey Wood. Pub lunch possible. Please pre-order. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G 01452 728760** Meet 09:50 Tunnel House Inn, Coates (turning off Coates to Tarlton road). (GL7 6PW) E168/L163 SO965006 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y9p7dakf>

Sat 20 Oct Farmland and river walk Moderate 5m
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:30 An easy walk through meadows to the Severn, following the river and back through fields. Terrain 0 Level. Lunch available at Red Lion pub. Pre book before walk. **Leader - Colin B A 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510** Meet 09:50 Arlingham, Red Lion CP if eating (space for 7 cars). Otherwise park carefully on road nearby. (GL2 7JR) L162/OL14 SO708109 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y75nfvsm>

Wed 24 Oct A Quay and a Medieval Trio Moderate 5.2m
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Start from Ashleworth and along the banks of the Severn past tithe barn and Quay. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Through fields and easy footpath **Leader - Enid S 01242 863283 on day 07570 789317** Meet 09:50 Ashleworth, Queens Arms. Park there only if you are eating afterwards. Please pre-book meal. If not park carefully in village. (GL19 4HT) E179 SO812256 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/yd3wgmzr>

Sat 27 Oct Along the Evenlode river Moderate 9m
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Bledington, Kingham, Daylesford, Adlestrop, Lower Oddington. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Graham W 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592** Meet 09:50 Bledington near the King's Head by the green. (OX7 6XQ) L173/E156 SP244227 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y833x7sz>

Mon 29 Oct Boxing Clever Leisurely 4m
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Box, Minchinhampton, Burleigh. Terrain 1 Mainly level. Two short climbs taken at very easy pace. Villages, common and lanes. Lunch possible at Old Lodge but order after walk. **Leaders - Brian and Sheelagh 01453 872220 on day 07761039595** Meet 09:50 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 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/ybrs7wl5>

Wed 31 Oct It's Magic Moderate 8m
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 A walk of magic and mystery taking in Haresfield Topograph from where witches can be seen flying to the Brecons every 31st October. Standish Woods, Doverow, Randwick. Bring a picnic. Toffee apples appropriate as this is also Toffee Apple Day. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard and Diana 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669** Meet 09:50 Shortwood NT CP (Cripplegate) ½ mile before Haresfield Beacon. Display NT sticker, or £3 for 4 hours or £4 for all day to non members if machine working or park on road. (GL6 6PP) L162/E179 SO831086 **Maps** <https://tinyurl.com/y7euwzka>

Ramblers in Gloucestershire, Walking Together, Welcoming Walkers

10:00 am Saturday 15 September Kings Stanley

Groups (and affiliated Clubs) from across the Area are meeting at Kings Stanley Village Hall for a choice of walks. Why not come along or let your friends know about the long and short walks we have planned for the day. If you'd like to help lead or backmark a walk let us know that too. Bring a packed lunch to eat out on longer walks or eat in the hall for short walks. All meet back at the hall 3:30pm. Teas/coffees etc kindly hosted by Gloucester Group. The morning will have a map reading course. Kings Stanley is a great place for walks either low level along the Stroud canal or higher up on the Cotswold Way. The more the merrier!

Winchcombe Walking Festival 18-20 May



Once again we displayed our wares and helped with some walks at this celebration of what's become known as the centre of walking for the Cotswolds. Proceeds help maintain local paths and install gates. The sun decided to show its appreciation over the weekend too.

Lost Ways - restoring the record

Some of our members attended an event with the British Horse Society about restoring lost ways to our current maps. We may be using these paths all the time without realising. If you'd like to join in or find out more, please email footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

Path Maintenance Volunteers

The Path maintenance volunteers continue along the Wysis Way updating waymarks etc as they trek from Kemble to Monmouth.



Stowfield Bridge Update

Stowfield Bridge in the Forest of Dean is closed while Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Councils carry out a feasibility study. The Wye Valley AONB has applied for Lottery funding to help towards the project.

Cheltenham Circular Path

A temporary closure while works are carried out is supposed to let us have the footpath back when works are complete. It's good to have an alternative route in place during the closure. The image shows the CCP in Yellow. While it was closed through the site, a temporary path came into use (Orange dots) but now that's closed too. Gloucester Group are discussing with Tewkesbury Borough Council what to do next.



For social media, find our Glos Ramblers page on Facebook or search for GWG over on Meetup

Aerial Image Google

GDPR- These new regulations should help give us all control of our email.

If GRNews arrived by post and you're ok to receive it by email, it would be great if you could amend the settings at www.ramblers.org.uk/my-account (Update profile. Contact preferences)

The first selection needs a tick for email. Other tick boxes are for post and phone. If you prefer to do it by phone try Ramblers 0207 339 8500. Otherwise please email us at grnews

Diary Dates

Mon 27 Aug from 10:00am

Winchcombe Country Show

Why not meet us at our stand

Sat 15 Sep Walking Together

Kings Stanley see left

Wed 26 Sep 7:30pm

GR Area Council Team Meeting

Gloucester Room, Premier Inn

A38 Twigworth GL2 9PG

Jobs

We're all volunteers. If you can spare some time, helping the organisation run, perhaps putting together items for meetings, collating footpath issues or creating say a data base for a website, please let us know.



Pathwatch is a way to send footpath issues to Ramblers Central office. The problems are collated and issued to our footpath teams and to local authorities. Pathwatch operates on a smartphone or can be accessed on a computer when back home. <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/pathwatch.aspx>

As a further benefit, Pathwatch gives free on screen access to OS maps and lets you know where you are!

A417 Air Balloon Update

www.gloucestershireramblers.org.uk/A417

Since the last newsletter Highways England has carried out a consultation on two route options 12 & 30. Option 12 forms a loop following much of the present road but HE suggests it would require speed limits and variable speed cameras in the loop. It also mixes local traffic with through traffic. Option 30 instead takes a route around the back of Shab Hill to Nettleton and could separate the types of traffic.

Ramblers have campaigned for a tunnel ever since traffic levels built up. Some footpath crossings became just about impassable. 2004 saw the 'toot for a tunnel' protest with other interested local bodies. Imagine walking, cycling, horse riding and local driving around the Air Balloon with most of the through traffic gone. However it may not have to be with a tunnel, is there another way?

Highways England concluded the way to solve the problem (same in both options), was to dig a 20-30 metre (100ft) deep cutting through the area, and demolish the pub. It also requires a new bridge over the deep cutting for A436 and B4070 traffic.

Back in 2014, the County Council opened a consultation which first came up with a green bridge for footpaths to cross the new road and eventually the possibility appeared of keeping the pub on top too. The Air Balloon can be a great meeting place for walkers with the Gloucestershire and Cotswold Ways passing by.

A number of members attended the presentations and in consultation with Gloucestershire Ramblers Area Council, Option 12 was rejected. Option 30 was also rejected but left an opening that support could be given, if some modifications were included as the proposal developed. A plan was submitted, which seemed cost neutral, keeping the pub on a green bridge - a 150 metre tunnel.

Members were asked to support this simplified Option 30 (below right) if they could. The local press seemed supportive too. Just about everyone wants something done about the traffic at the Air Balloon; it's how to do it with least effect on the countryside.

As a follow up, we were invited to attend an informal meeting at Highways England. Although HE were still trying to promote Option 30 they did give some insight into some of the issues involved. It's just about impossible to put a road through this part of the Cotswolds without having an impact on some special or restricted sites, so one has to be balanced against the other. In both options they felt demolishing the pub was favourable. They are considering creating a distinct memorial feature nearby.

However HE seems unsure how to build the new road. How to keep traffic moving when a 100ft deep cutting has cut through the pub & present A417 before they can build a new bridge? Alternative routes via the A436 or A46 in Cheltenham could quickly come to a standstill

It brought us back to simplified Option 30 with its 150 metre wide green bridge (or short tunnel). The whole of the new route could be constructed while the present A417 traffic flows unimpeded, over it.

Should we continue to press for the simplified Option 30?

email: A417@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk

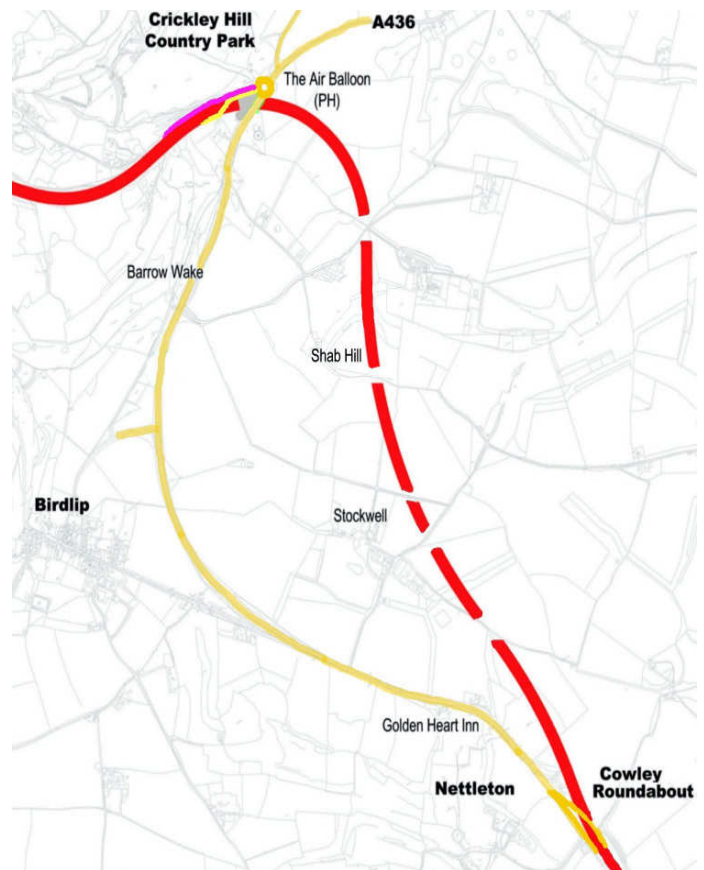


Photo: mouth of the curved tunnels at Hindhead courtesy Martinvl and Wikipedia

Map Highways England



Over 50 Ramblers Areas get together form the Ramblers Association. Gloucestershire Ramblers Area includes seven Ramblers Groups and around a dozen affiliated Organisations and Clubs. Groups respond to footpath issues within their territory. A territory is reasonably aligned to Borough/District Council Boundaries:-

- **North Cotswold** - the northern half of Cotswold District, generally north of the A40.
- **Cirencester** – generally the southern half of Cotswold District except around Tetbury
- **South Cotswold** - mainly Stroud District, including Tetbury of Cotswold District
- **Gloucester** – Gloucester City plus nearby parts of Stroud District and southern Tewkesbury Borough
- **Cleeve** – Cheltenham Town plus the rest of Tewkesbury Borough
- **Forest of Dean** - all Forest of Dean District

Gloucestershire Walking Group GWG organises walks across the County for members of working age and has a 20-30s sub-group. **Gloucestershire Area** itself operates a get together mid week walks programme (see page 4) for any member. Most members join a Group but all are automatically a member of the Gloucestershire Ramblers Area.

Some Group News:-

North Cotswold Ramblers Group www.ramblers.org.uk/north-cotswold

Our Group has enjoyed walks in all corners of our patch and beyond. Memorable walks include a stroll along the canal from the Wharf Inn at Fenny Compton where the towpath was nearly 2 feet underwater (and the walk leader had checked it out two days before!!) and a walk around Bearley followed by tea and cakes in a historic setting in Snitterfield and a tour of a member's delightful garden (which had been under about a foot of snow earlier in the week!). Our 4-night Away break took us to Larpool Hall in Whitby where we managed to include walks along the coast, the Esk Valley and over the Moors at Castleton Rigg where there is a new statue of the Seated Man which has generated quite a bit of debate regarding its appropriateness on the North York Moors, its meaning and its likeness to Jeremy Corbyn. The HF property at Whitby has the advantage of being within walking distance of the town with lots to see and do plus the famous Magpie Cafe for fish and chips.

Sue Salmon

Forest of Dean Ramblers Group www.fodramblers.org.uk

2018 is a special year for the group which celebrates its 40th year in September. We are fortunate to have two of our leaders, Susan Warren and Roger Cox, who have regularly led walks over these 40 years which is a stunning achievement. Roger's celebratory walk was earlier in the year with 27 members walking with him. Susan's celebratory 5 mile walk will be on Sunday 5th August starting from Lydney, full details will be in the July to October programme.



In early May the Forest of Dean Ramblers enjoyed a wonderful week's walking in the Yorkshire Dales. Based in Skipton, members not only had two walks daily to choose from but enjoyed seven days of sunshine....it was great not to have muddy boots to clean at the end of the day! The Dales were seen at their best and members were delighted to see so many curlew and lapwings on the moors as well as dippers, kingfishers and grey wagtails in the clear waters of babbling brooks.

Cleeve Ramblers Group www.cleeveramblers.org.uk

Cleeve Ramblers has continued to offer its normal full programme of walks each Sunday and first Wednesday of the month. Sadly between December 10th and March 18th we lost 5 Sunday walks, 2 due to snow, 1 due to flooding and 2 due to extreme wind and rain. Many of our walkers have been struggling to remember a winter when so many walks had to be cancelled. Our November to February programme saw 19 walks completed at an average of 8 miles and 17 walkers. We have seen some new faces on our Sunday walks and had hints that amongst them there may be a couple of new walk leaders.

The General Committee has also seen an increase in active members and meeting numbers, the bi-monthly meetings are still popular especially as it ensures all business is complete and up to date. Since the AGM we have a new Treasurer in David which has allowed Gerry to move to Webmaster which will hopefully help with a maintaining a more relevant and informative site.

In April we held our Annual Dinner, returning to the Cotswold Hills Golf Club for an enjoyable evening with good food and obviously great company. All being well we shall return there next year. Sue and Ruth are working hard to try and extend our range of social activities in an attempt to attract more participants.

Cleeve Ramblers Footpaths Committee has been active across our area checking on issues and making reports to the County Council. The Inspector has rejected the Council's Order re-establish public access to Bentley Lane because they used the wrong legal instrument. The Committee has taken prompt action so a new order is raised using the correct process which should enable this ancient Right Of Way to be restored. This process, which will take some months to complete, will include us collecting written statements from walkers who used the route before it was closed in 2009 by the wooden gates which currently remain in place. Brian Payne Cleeve Ramblers Secretary



A page of Mid Week walks for the Gloucestershire Ramblers Area

Gloucestershire Ramblers Area organises a programme of day walks of approx 10-12 miles long, usually mid-week, in the county & neighbouring counties. Why not give us a try (please contact leader beforehand).

Once a member, all our walks are free! (Sorry Access dogs only but see walks at www.fodramblers.org.uk)

Wed 4 July 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **Nailsworth to Chavenage**
Park Wyevale Garden Centre, Nailsworth, off B4041 to Avening. E168 close to CP entrance. Drinks in café at end (GL6 0AL, ST854996)
Starting from Nailsworth we follow a circular route of hills, valleys, woods, views, and farmland up to Chavenage and back. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Susanne, 01453 757212 or 07587 713668 on day.

Wed 11 July 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km – Moderate **Winchcombe**
Meet Back Lane CP (P&D £1.00) (OL45/LR163) (GL54 5PZ, SP023284)
Sudeley, Waterhatch, Roel Gate, Lynes Barn, Little Farmcote, Dunn's Hill. Picnic.
Contact: Arnold, 01242 603576 or 07789 317291

Wed 18 July 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **Three Pens and a Table**
Crickhowell Info Centre CP (parking fee). OL13 (NP8 1BN, SO218183)
Pen Gloch-y-pibwr, Pen-Alt-mawr and Pen Cerrig-cach then returning via Table mountain. Picnic.
Contact: Jenny & Peter, 01600 715719 or 07455 257262 on day

Wed 25 July 10 am - 10m/16.1 km – Mod **Black Mountains Pilgrimage**
Goytre Wood CP (just off A4042 south of Goytre Hall) OL13. (NP7 9DL, SO317062) AM - Hilly - Climb Pentre Hill to Bomber Crash Memorial. Continue to Cwmavon to reach the unique Goose and Cuckoo Pub for lunch/drink or picnic. PM - mostly flat to reach Mon& Brecon canal.
Contact: Guy, 01242 251412 or 07968 797186 on day.

Wed 1 Aug 10 am- 11 miles/17.7 km – Mod **Broadway by Steam**
Park at Toddington Railway Station. OL45. (GL54 5DT, SP050323)
Travel by steam on the newly completed rail link to Broadway Station which now looks as it did originally. Meet 10am buy single ticket to Broadway £6.00. Walk back Cotswold Escarpment. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Catherine, 01452 559924 or 07456 425880 on day

Wed 8 Aug 09:50 am - 12.5 miles/20.1 km – Mod **St Tewdrig's Way**
Meet free CP behind Severn Bridge Social Club in Bulwark. Short walk to catch bus from Chepstow to Tintern. (NP16 5JX, ST534928) Long gradual climb from Tintern Station and gradual descent to Mathern. A well is where Tewdrig's wounds were washed, a church where he died
Contact: Lynn, 01291 689954 or 07957 662209 on day Picnic lunch.

Wed 15 Aug 10 am - 11 miles/17.7 km – Moderate **Kerne Bridge**
Meet Kerne Bridge. park at Canoe Centre next to Bishop's Wood Village Hall (signposted from B4234) £2 car (was £5). Please consider café after OL14. (HR9 5QT, SO581189) Follow Wye Valley Walk Leys Hill and Bulls Hill before a steep climb up Chase Woods. On to Penyard park return via Howle Hill. About 2000 ft ascent. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Jackie, 01594 564417 or 07767 351190 on day

Wed 22 Aug 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km – Moderate **Tresham**
Park in Tresham on the verge alongside the Millenium Green. E167. (GL12 7RW, ST793913) Moderate but quite hilly walk taking in Hawkesbury Monument and Kingswood. Picnic.
Contact: Mick, 01453 542082 or 07443 643462 on day

Wed 29 Aug 10 am - 11.5m/18.5 km – Mod **Which Lench for Lunch**
Park at Sports Bar CP, Lench Rd, Church Lench. (WR11 4UQ, SP024514) Walk Church Lench, Wychavon Way, Sheriffs Lench, Craycombe Coppice, Hill, Throckmorton and Bishampton. Picnic.
Contact: Martin, 07790437908

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. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace.

Wed 5 Sep 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate **Miserden**
Meet at CP adjacent to Miserden School. E179. (GL6 7JA, SO934089)
Gloucestershire countryside and villages. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Hilary, 01453 753398 or 07503754620 on day

Wed 12 Sep 10 am - 10m/16.1km – Mod **Stinchcombe and Nibley Knoll**
Meet Stinchcombe Hill Walkers CPark. L162/E167. (GL11 6AQ, ST743983)
Walk Hermitage Woods, Ashen Plain, Waterley Bottom, Laycombe Woods, Westridge, Nibley Knoll, then return to Stinchcombe on the Cotswold Way. Bring picnic. 1000 ft of Ascent, Moderate to Hard.
Contact: Richard, 07512758229

Wed 19 Sep 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate **Tor y Foel Wander**
Henderson Hall, Talybont, parking £1.00. OL13 (LD3 7YQ, SO113228)
Following the Henry Vaughan Trail and Brinore Tram Road, then walking over Tor y Foel and returning via the canal. Picnic.
Contact: Jenny & Peter, 01600 715719 or 07455 257262 on day

----- New walks welcome for Nov -Feb programme -----

Wed 26 Sep 10 am- 10 miles/16.1 km – Moderate **Coaley Peak**
Meet at Coaley Peak Picnic Site. E168. (GL10 3TP, SO794018)
An undulating walk including Cam Long Down and Uley Bury. Picnic.
Contact: Dave, 01452 721792 or 07593 296983 on day

Wed 3 Oct 10 am- 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate **Stroud Boundaries**
Meet Stroud Leisure Centre (Stratford Park). E179. (GL5 4AH, SO844057)
Hilly with good views following boundaries around Stroud. Picnic lunch.
Contact: Catherine, 01452 559924 or 07456 425880 on day

Wed 10 Oct 10 am - 10 miles/16.1 km - Moderate **The Malverns**
Hollybush Upper CP. Free parking. Additional parking along Ledbury Road A438. E190. (HR8 1ET, SO758368)
Walk along the hills to the Wyche cutting, drop down to Colwall, back along the West side of the hills. Picnic.
Contact: Maggie, 01684 592727 or 07938 543055 on day.

Wed 17 Oct 10 am - 12 miles/19.3 km - Moderate **Birdlip**
Meet at Birdlip School, parking nearby. E179. (GL4 8JH, SO928143)
A route around the scarp on some less frequented tracks to lunch in a bus (hopefully) at Seven Springs, with other options.
Contact: David P, 01793 771068 or 07824 603711 on day

Wed 24 Oct 10 am- 11 miles/17.7 km - Moderate **Seven Springs**
Meet at the Hungry Horse CP, Seven Springs. E179. (GL53 9NG, SO968169)
Walk Cotswold Way, Hartley Hill, Devil's Chimney, Long Barrow, Cowley Wood & Cockleford Wood. Picnic.
Contact: Robert & Barry, 07407 359600 or 07807 342238



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