



# South Cotswold Ramblers' Group

## Newsletter - February 2019

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

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A happy New Year to everybody. I hope like me you are eagerly looking forward to another year's walking with South Cots.

We have reached the end of another AGM season. Our own, back in November, was attended by some 35 members. Committee members and other officials were thanked for all their hard work and a special thanks was proposed for the walks collectors who continued with their sterling work. Very pleasing was the fact that there was interest shown in helping Mike out with some of his workload and also getting involved in footpath work. It's a pity that we have been unable to attract additional members to the Committee.

The Area AGM was held in January in the Forest of Dean. It was agreed that we should hold another Walking Together weekend along the lines of the one held in King Stanley last September. It was also reported that Central Office had offered to stage another Roadshow in our Area. It was agreed that Bernard should take this matter forward and report to Area Council. The members of Area Council remained largely unchanged although Mike Ingleby was appointed Vice Chair and Mark Roberts volunteered as an independent member. At a subsequent Area Council meeting Mark also offered to take a look at our GDPR arrangements. In this connection it was also proposed that our Area should submit a motion to General Council calling on improvements to be made to GDPR procedures. The meeting concluded with a talk by Peter Carr, a Ramblers Trustee, on Central Office achievements in 2018 and plans for the future.

Those of you who take the regular newsletters and other communications from Central Office will have noticed that they have become more active with some of their projects. These have included the Festival of Winter Walks, a project to reach out to the lonely, encouraging them to come on our walks, and a project to walk and talk about mental health having teamed up with the anti-stigma campaign Time to Change to highlight the benefits of walking. I often think it would be good for us to be more involved in some of these initiatives and if there is anybody out there who thinks they might be interested don't be afraid to come forward. You might also feel that you would like to help with broader PR issues.

That's all for now and I look forward to meeting everybody on our walks.

*Richard Davis*

*Group Chairman*

## **St. Ives Holiday September 2019**

**Next September's holiday to St Ives** has now changed and we are no longer going with Ramblers Holidays as they could not offer the dates we wanted. For those who have already committed to the holiday I have booked holiday lodges at St Ives Holiday Park from Sept 14th for 7 nights, 2 people will share a lodge but each will have their own bedroom and bathroom. We will be arranging our own walks some of which I will plan with help from others coming on the holiday and eat out in the evenings. If you don't want to get your own breakfast there is a restaurant on site that does breakfast, full English etc. This also makes the holiday much cheaper and it will be under £300 per person for the accommodation . Please email me if you want to join the 12 people who have already signed up and I can answer any questions you have. Ann

holidays@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk or 07931114439



## STEP BY STEP

We gathered under an overcast sky  
The forecast was for rain at eleven o'clock  
Confirmed by several mobile phones  
All with the same weather app – probably

And off we set  
Prepared for the wet  
Of long foot-tangling grass and slippery  
glutinous mud  
But we didn't care  
We were ramblers – Walkers - Not talkers

Appropriately dressed for inappropriate  
weather

Starting off feeling comfortable

Then melting in the humidity

Sweat-soaked within

Discarding layers one by one

Tucking them into backpacks

Blissfully cooled by the gentle breeze

Negotiating awkward rickety stiles

Weaving through squeaky-hinged kissing  
gates

Then it rained - ten minutes later than  
predicted

A mad scramble to dress again

Stumbling down to a field full of bramble  
patches

Which looked like a herd of giant hedgehogs

But twice as prickly

Heavily laden with blackberries – big juicy  
sweet black berries

Time out for purple lips and sticky fingers

Continued on to the back way in to the  
motorway services

A break welcomed by coffee and a snack

Then back along the side paths

Still raining - Past caring

“Oh, look – I can see our car”

King's Head to unwind

Home

*John L*

### Dursley Walking Festival 2 - 6 October

Make a note of these dates. More details about  
the variety of walks will appear on the website  
below nearer the time. There will also be  
programmes available.

<http://dursleywalkfest.btck.co.uk/>

### Welcome to our new members

Membership is now 389 plus another 10 whose payment is  
pending. We were wondering what was happening in  
December as no new members joined, but the New Year  
brought an influx of people trying out our walks, and we have  
to date welcomed 16 people since the last newsletter. We hope  
they will enjoy being group members.

*Mike*

Membership secretary

[membership@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk](mailto:membership@southcotswoldramblers.org.uk)

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

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

### Going away with Ramblers Holidays?

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

## GROUP VOLUNTEERS 2019

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### Footpath Committee Member:

Penny F

### Led Walks Programme Co-ordinator:

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### Led Walks Collectors for July- Oct 2018: (dates needed by 30 April)

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Jacqui 01666 826139 Start the Week walks

Lenneke 01453 840939 Midweek walks

Sarah 01452 741590 Thursday evening walks



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A moment to pause. Breathing in clear air. Sharing interests and conversations as you ponder the hills ahead. We have your passion for exploring worldwide and in the UK.

Book a great value holiday: [ramblersholidays.co.uk](http://ramblersholidays.co.uk) or call **01707 386804**  

Choose any of our holidays and we'll contribute funds through **The Walking Partnership** to your group. Just tell us their name when you book.

Walking holiday partner



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Holidays 

## Thank yous

A big thank you to Angela who has helped Mike put together the Walks Programme for this edition, and also to Ron who is going to do the next one. If anyone else would like to help, - it is mainly cutting and pasting - contact Mike. As always, many thanks to all our walk collectors and leaders - their efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Website

You may have seen the message on the website at [www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk](http://www.southcotswoldramblers.org.uk) "We're sorry the website has been slow lately - we're working to get it back up to speed!" We are very grateful for all the help and support that Mark from "Mull Web Design" has given Sally and myself in the setting up and development of the website. It is pretty quick now and is a pleasure to update it regularly. Please visit it often if you can as quite a bit of late news appears there. *Mike*

## Annual Lunch January 2019

46 South Cots Ramblers signed up for the Annual Lunch at the Bear of Rodborough on Saturday 26 January. It was a dull day with some rain, so no-one was bothered about missing a walk that day. As usual, the Bear did us proud, with a varied menu, huge portions and good service. As it was their Festive Menu, we also got crackers!



There are more pictures of the lunch on our website on Photos, 2019, January. Note the fetching angle of the party hat on our website photographer. There were definite difficulties with negotiating the table labels when taking pictures. One suggestion for the seating arrangements for the next lunch is that they should be done randomly, splitting up couples (apart from where one partner is not a walker and therefore knows no-one else). Tell Sally what you think about this idea (politely!).

## Creativity and Ingenuity

One thing you notice on walks (if you're not too busy chatting) is the amount of creativity and ingenuity there is around, both old and new, artistic and practical. All these photos were on recent local walks - can you identify where they are to be found?





ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

The next concert will be on 30 March 2019 at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Rd., Stroud, Gloucestershire (next to the General Hospital)

**Programme**

**Vaughan Williams: Overture: The Wasps**  
**Delius: Piano Concerto (Soloist: Alexander Soares)**  
**Butterworth: The Banks of Green Willow**  
**Elgar: Enigma Variations**

Listen to extracts at [www.stroudsymphony.org.uk](http://www.stroudsymphony.org.uk).

Mike will be selling tickets on walks or by post (see order form below) or you can order your tickets from Stroud Tourist Information Office (01453 760960) or pay on the door.

Tickets £11.00 (concessions £9.00)

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

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

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

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

Signed .....

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

Name.....

Tel no:.....

Email address:.....

**Ramblers London New Telephone Numbers**

If you ever need to phone Ramblers in London, please note their new numbers:

London: 020 3961 3300

You can also contact the membership services team (020 3961 3232) and volunteer support (020 3961 3180) directly

## GREEN GRANDAD FOR A WEEK

Pottering through sunny, flat Copenhagen on a fat-saddled bicycle with high handle-bars is a joy. A road-side monitor on Norrebrogade shows that over six thousand cycles have passed this way already this morning and traffic gives way as we glide with the silent flow of commuting cyclists. Half the city's commuters cycle to work here and cycling starts young: toddlers can learn road-craft with tricycles provided by the municipality on painted "road-ways" in the local park.

We are on our way to the canal-side Kulturhus to watch grand-daughter take part in a safe cycling competition. Over a thousand local eleven-year olds in the city have been tested by police and the top sixty will compete for prizes. Grand-daughter has to cycle round a twenty minute course observed by a number of policemen. She does not win but it is good to know that she is up to cycling through the city alone and no longer needs to be transported in her mother's Christiana bike, a sort of large butcher's bike which can accommodate all three grandchildren (see photo).

My wife and I are here for a week to help working daughter while son-in-law is abroad and much of our time is spent on bikes cycling to drop grand-children off at school, to pick them up or to deliver them to friends' houses or after-school events such as cubs, ballet or piano classes etc.

Shopping is another bicycling task and provisions are brought home on a bike before being carried up the stairs to daughter's first floor flat. Most residents of inner Copenhagen live in blocks of flats five or six stories high many built in the early part of the last century without lifts or baths. Tiny shower rooms only have been squeezed into the flats as an after-thought.

Another task is dealing with the rubbish which has to be carefully divided it into plastic, cardboard, metal etc and carried down to different disposal hoppers. Some bottles have to be carried two hundred yards along the road to the bottle bank and other bottles and containers have to be taken to the supermarket where a clever machine identifies them and issues a ticket worth money at the shop.

Dealing with the family wash is another chore. Dirty clothes are taken down to the shared basement laundry and then pegged out on the ground floor to dry before being carried back up the stairs.

The planet benefits from all this cycling and re-cycling, the sharing of facilities from compact flats and quick showers rather than slow baths. But at the end of the week, it was a relief to get back to our ground-floor home with our own washing machine and recycling bins and travelling to the supermarket by car.

*Brian W*



# COME WALKING WITH SOUTH COTSWOLD RAMBLERS, 54 WALKS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MEMBERS AND VISITORS IN OUR OUTSTANDING COUNTRYSIDE

**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](http://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](http://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.

**\* AN AMAZING 49 VOLUNTEER LEADERS! \***

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**Sat 2 March Walking amongst Greats Moderate 8.3m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 Great Rissington, Windrush, Little Barrington, rivers Dikler and Windrush. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One gradual uphill climb (one mile) near to start of walk. Packed lunch. **Leader - Andrew H** 01452 857958 on day 07900 390351. Meet Barrington Village Hall CP (£2) On entering village turn right opposite war memorial and follow the signs. CP is on left hand side before village hall and after the football pitch. (OX18 4UR) L163/OL45 SP209136  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapGtBarringtonVHCP>

**Mon 4 Mar Cam Peak circular Leisurely 4m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Ashmead Green, Upper Cam, Dursley, Chestal, Cotswold Way. Option to climb/avoid Cam Peak. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Mike and Heather** 01453 873625 on day 07749 282087. Meet Cam Peak CP (Peaked Down). (GL11 5HH) L162/E167 ST 767993  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapCamPeakCP>

**Wed 6 Mar Count the Kissers Moderate 5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Five Acre Grove, Middle Street, Upper Downton Farm, Coaley Fields. Terrain 0 Level. There will be mud. Pre-order food at The George Inn, Frocester. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela** 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951. Meet George Inn Frocester CP if eating or park considerately in village. (GL10 3TF) L162/E168 SO785032  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapFrocesterGeorgelnn>

**Sat 9 Mar Bulls Cross circular Moderate 5.8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Jack's Green, Down Wood and Slad. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One steep hill towards end. **Leaders - Bill and Penny** 01452 813094 or 07928 676713 on day. Meet Bulls Cross layby on B4070 Stroud to Birdlip road, opposite turns for Sheepscombe and Painswick. (GL6 7QT) L162/E168 SO877087  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross>

**Wed 13 Mar Morning Coffee with Queen Anne Mod 5.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Stratton, Cirencester town, Cirencester Park. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Some pavement walking in town. Pre-book food and pay before walk. **Leaders - Brian and Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035. Meet 09:50 Stratton, Cirencester, Plough Inn Gloucester Road. If not eating please park in Overhill Road, opposite Stratton House Hotel. (GL7 2LB) L163/E169 SP014034  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapStrattonPlough>

**Sat 16 Mar Up the Valley to Buckholt Wood Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Following Painswick Stream to Cranham, Buckholt Wood, return via Cotswold Way, Beacon, Catbrain Quarry. Terrain 2 Hilly/level mix. Could be muddy in places. Picnic lunch. **Leader - Lawrence** 07486 415265. Meet 9:50 Painswick Stamages Lane P/D CP or nearby. (GL6 6UU) E179 SO865095  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapPainswickPayCP>

**Mon 18 Mar Woodland in Spring Leisurely 4.5m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Sheepscombe, Saltridge Hill, Overtown Farm. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Just one uphill

taken gently. Could be muddy. Pre-book a meal. **Leaders - Patrick and Angela** 01452 616886 on day 07778 662951. Meet 10:20 Fostons Ash CP, park tightly at back of CP. (GL6 7ES) L163/E179 SO914114  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapFostonsAsh>

**Wed 20 March Highlands of Berkeley Moderate 8.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Hilly walk to S of Berkeley. Terrain 3 Hilly. Exposed route, may be windy. Bring packed lunch. **Leader - Franceska** 07582 372711. Meet 09:50 Ham Village Green. Please park along road between Salutation Inn and village green. No parking on the green itself. (GL13 9QN) L162/E167 ST679983  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapHamVG>

**Sat 23 March Birdlip, prizewinner on the Syde Moderate 6m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Birdlip towards Syde via Brimpsfield return by R Frome. Following streams and rivers, may be muddy. Only 2 stiles. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. The George and Fostons Ash are nearest pubs. **Leaders - Tim and Ann** 07931 683162. Meet 09:50 Birdlip. Go past the primary school for 400 yards towards the houses. (GL4 8JL) L163/E179 SO932141  
<https://tinyurl.com/mapBirdlipErminWy>

**Wed 27 Mar Not the Magic Roundabout Moderate 5.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Steps Lane, Golf Course, Shiptons Grave Lane. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760. Meet 09:50 at Avening, park near church. (GL8 8NF) L162/E168 ST880980  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapAvening>

**Sat 30 Mar Hillesley to Kingswood and back Moderate 6m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Fields, woods, a sanctuary, more fields. Terrain 1 not much climbing. A few stiles. Can be muddy. Please pre-book lunch on day. **Leader - Colin B K** 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911. Meet 09:50 Hillesley Fleece Inn. If not eating there please park considerately in village. (GL12 7RH) L162/E167 ST770897  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapHillesleyFleece>

# A big thank you

to our leaders, and our collectors of offers for the amazing programmes of walks we manage to put together each time.

**DATE OFFERS FOR JULY TO OCTOBER  
WALKS NEEDED IN APRIL ONLY:**

Mondays - Jacqui - 01666 826139  
Wednesdays - Lenneke - 01453 840939  
Thursdays pm - Sarah B - 01452 741590  
Saturdays - John G - 01452 728760

**Ring in early April and surprise them!**



- Mon 1 Apr No B & B here! Leisurely 4m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Bear Inn Bisley, Rectory Farm, The Pike, Accommodation Lane, Nashend, Bisley. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bear Inn pre-book food. **Leaders - Brian and Ann** 01452 770510 on day 07770 895035. Meet 10:20 Bear Inn Bisley or street parking if not eating. (GL6 7BD) L163/E179 SO903060 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBisleyBearCP>
- Wed 3 Apr Kartikeya's vehicle Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 Kilkenny, Withington, Thorndale, Foxcote, Upper Dowdeswell. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Jill and Sue** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467. Meet 09:50 Kilkenny Viewpoint CP off A436 (GL54 4LT) L163/OL45 SP004186 <http://tinyurl.com/mapKilkenny>
- Sat 6 Apr Ups and Downs Moderate 5.8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Two vineyards. Terrain 3 Hilly. **Leader - Colin B A** 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510. Meet Amberley War Memorial. Park considerably on Common. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 <http://tinyurl.com/mapAmberleyWM>
- Wed 10 Apr 45 Furlongs Moderate 5.6m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Longfurlong, Monarch and Macmillan Ways, Chedworth. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Food available at farm shop - please pre-order. **Leaders - Ros and Sally** 01285 239054/01453 872729 on day 07752 397855. Meet 09:50 Denfurlong Farm Shop, left turn off A429 from Cirencester (GL54 4NH) Park in CP away from shop entrance. L163/OL45 SP066106 <http://tinyurl.com/mapDenfurlong>
- Sat 13 Apr Angry bulls? Hope not Moderate 9.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 Quite hilly walk to Bisley. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Picnic, possible pub for drinks only. **Leader - Alex** 01453 826907. Meet 09:50 Bulls Cross B4070 nr Slad. GL6 7QY L162/E179 S0877087 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross>
- Mon 15 Apr To Berkeley and back Leisurely 3.8m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Figure of eight from A38 to Berkeley, around castle and back. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 day 07931 114439. Meet 10:20 Newport lay-by, Chapel Hill down in dip off A38. (GL13 9PZ) L162/E167 ST698974 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNewportLayby>
- Wed 17 Apr Beverstone and Chavenage Moderate 5.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Hope bluebells will be flowering. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Colin B A** 01453 872349 on day 07717 317510. Meet 09:50 Chavenage Green (GL8 8XS) L162/E168 ST865957 <http://tinyurl.com/mapChavenageGreen>
- Sat 20 Apr White Horse Walk Moderate 11m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 16:30 White Horse Trail, Allington, Kennet and Avon Canal, Alton Barnes and back. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leader - Graham W** 01453 885408 on day 07977 863592. Meet 09:50 Walkers Hill CP. From Marlborough take A4 W to Fyfield, via Lockeridge, then 3m SW to second CP nr Pewsey Downs. Care - postcode SN8 4JX is further on. E157 SU115637 <https://tinyurl.com/mapWalkersHillCP>
- Wed 24 Apr Coaley Peak to Silver Street Moderate 5.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Cotswold Way, Coaley Wood, Tickshill, Silver St. Frocester Hill, Sandford's Knoll. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Several stiles. **Leaders - Karen and Tony** 01453 545824. Meet 09:50 Coaley Peak picnic site CP. Do NOT follow SatNav to postcode GL11 5AU on last part of route. Site entrance is on level B4066 rd nr Woodchester Park entrance. L162/E168 SO794012 <http://tinyurl.com/mapCoaleyPeakCP>
- Thu 25 Apr Rodborough Parish Walk Moderate 3.5m**  
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30. Short walk around Rodborough Common. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leaders - Richard and Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669. Meet 18:20 Rodborough Pavilion CP. Go up from Golden Cross and straight across Rodborough Hill into Butterow West (GL5 3UA) L162/E168 SO847044 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>
- Sat 27 Apr Sanger's Seat Moderate 8.5m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Miserden, Fishcombe Bank, Caudle Green, Winstone, Duntisbourne Abbots, Bull Banks. Terrain 3 Hilly. Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Jill and Sue** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467. Meet 09:50 Miserden by school and shop. Park considerably in the village (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 SO933089 <https://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenNrSch>
- Mon 29 Apr By canal and river Leisurely 3.8m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 Across fields to canal, towpath to The Ocean, fields following river Frome. Terrain 0 Level. Pub lunch available afterwards, please pre-order. **Leader - Margaret** 01453 828036 on day 07930 396204. Meet 10:20 King's Stanley SDC CP opposite the pub (GL10 3JD) L162/E168 SO811034 <http://tinyurl.com/mapKingsStanleySDCCP>
- Wed 1 May Regards to Pat and Mike Moderate 6m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Througham, Sudgrove. Terrain 3 Hilly. Pub lunch at end. **Leader - Olivia** 01453 751716. Meet 09:50 Miserden, Carpenters Arms. Only use pub CP if using pub after walk. If full park considerably in road (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 SO937088 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCArms>
- Thu 2 May The Commons - even another way round! Moderate 4m** Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Whitfield's Tump, The Bear, Little London, Winstones. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Tim C** 01453 757104 Meet Minchinhampton Common reservoir CP. (GL6 9AQ) L162/E168 SO855012 <http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchRes>
- Sat 4 May Tyndale Monument, North Nibley Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 15:00 via Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club, North Nibley, Tyndale Monument, Nibley Lane, Frog Lane, Snitend Bridge, Stinchcombe Hill. Terrain 3 Hilly and strenuous. Bring a picnic. **Leaders - Alan and Fiona** 01453 541982 on day 07817 560353. Meet 09:50 Kingshill pub. Kingshill Road, Dursley. Park opposite the parade of shops on Kingshill Road. (GL11 4EJ) L162/E167 ST751989 <http://tinyurl.com/mapKingshill>



**Mon 6 May Mexico 1 France 0 Leisurely 4m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 A short walk around Miserden.  
Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pub lunch available. **Leaders - Richard and Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669. Meet 10:20 Miserden outside Carpenter's Arms. Only use pub CP if eating afterwards. (GL6 7JA) L163/E179 SO937088  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapMiserdenCArms>

**Wed 8 May A ramble round Combe Moderate 7.8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 Walk from Castle Combe to North Wraxall, Ford and Long Dean. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. May be muddy if wet. Bring packed lunch. Refreshments may also be available in pubs/cafe after walk. **Leader - Derek T** 01454 218691 on day 07711 445395. Meet 09:50 Castle Combe CP at top of village (SN14 7HH) L173 ST845776  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapCastleCombe>

**Thu 9 May Hog in the Evening Moderate 3.5m**  
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Horsley Wood, Nupend. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Food available in pub afterwards. **Leaders - Steve and Rosemary** 01453 860130. Meet Horsley, The Hog. Park in CP if using pub or considerately nearby. Village Hall further down lane has more parking (GL6 0PR). L162/E168 ST838980 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHorsleyHog>

**Sat 11 May Laurie Lee Moderate 6m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's walk past 10 Laurie Lee poetry posts. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One particularly steep climb. Food available at The Woolpack. **Leaders - Sally and Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088. Meet Bulls Cross layby B4070 above Slad (GL6 7QT) L162/E179 SO877087 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBullsCross>

**Wed 15 May Woodland Spring Flowers Moderate 8.2m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:45 Woodchester Park, Bown Hill and Stanley Wood. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a snack. **Leaders - Peter and Sue** 01453 860797 on day 07854 634090. Meet 09:50 Coaley Peak Picnic Site CP. Do NOT follow SatNav to a postcode. The site entrance is on the level B4066 road near Woodchester Park entrance. L162/E168 SO794013  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapCoaleyPeakCP>

**Thu 16 May Nailsworth circular Moderate 3.5m**  
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Nailsworth, Harleywood, Washpool, Horsley, Downend, Wallow Green, Shortwood. Terrain 2 Hilly /level mix. Some steep ups and downs, slippery if wet. Pubs in Nailsworth and Horsley. **Leader - Neil C** 07974 416017. Meet 18:30 NW Town Hall CP, Old Bristol Rd. (GL6 0JB) L162/E168 ST849993 <https://tinyurl.com/mapNailsworthTownHallCP>

**Sat 18 May Paths I know well Moderate 5.8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 13:15 Over to Swellshill, down to canal and back up. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Black Horse and Amberley Inn nearby. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439. Meet 09:50 Amberley War Memorial. Park on Common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA) L162/E168 SO851016 <http://tinyurl.co/mapAmberleyWM>

**Mon 20 May Over the hills, not that far away Leisurely 3.8m**  
Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 From Wotton down over fields to Kingswood, alongside a stream, and back over more fields and through woods. Pre-book lunch. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - Colin B K** 01453 843716 on day 07525 453911. Meet 10:20 Wotton-u-Edge, Royal Oak, Haw St Park CP top if eating, otherwise park in The Chipping CP. (GL12 7AG) L162/E167 ST755933 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonRoyalOakCP>

**Wed 22 May Stroud's Southern Marches Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14.30 Over to Selsley and Woodchester. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring picnic. **Leaders - Richard and Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669. Meet 09:50 Rodborough Common, CP just above Fort (GL5 5BL) L162/E168 SO851040 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodbComCP1>

**Thu 23 May Rodborough Parish Walk Moderate 4m**  
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30. To Manor Woods. 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 E168/L162 (GL5 3AU) SO847044  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>

**Sat 25 May Towel Day Moderate 12m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 16:30 Across valley to Oakridge, Bisley and Waterlane. Terrain 3 Hilly. Bring picnic. **Leaders - Richard and Diana** 01453 762373 on day 07973 860669. Meet 09:50 Frampton Mansell. Turn off A419 near Jolly Nice Cafe. Park on verge before village. (GL6 8JE) L163/E168 SO919022  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapFramptonMansVerge>

**Wed 29 May Comestibles at Cranhill Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 Frampton Mansell, Daneway, Sapperton, Hailey Wood, Tarlton, Oxtalls Farm. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Picnic. **Leaders - Jill and Sue** 01242 255994 on day 07815 786467. Meet 09:50 Frampton Mansell. Turn off A419 nr Jolly Nice. Park before houses. (GL6 8JE) L163/E168 SO919022 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFramptonMansVerge>

**Thu 30 May Selsley down along and back Moderate 4.5m**  
Start 18:30 Est finish 20:45 via Water Lane, Woodchester, cycle track, Dudbridge Station, Cotswold Way. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Uphill finish. **Leader - Tim C** 01453 757104. Meet Selsley Common main CP on B4066. (GL5 5PL) L162/E168 SO828026 <http://tinyurl.com/mapSelsleyCom>

**Sat 1 Jun Frankly my deer, I don't give a Ham Moderate 8m**  
Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 Ham, Whitcliff Deer Park, Hill, Upper Hill. Terrain 3 Hilly. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Olivia** 01453 751716. Meet 09:50 Ham village green. Please park along the road between the Salutation Inn and the village green. No parking on the green. (GL13 9QN) L162/E167 ST680984 <http://tinyurl.com/mapHamVG>



**Mon 3 Jun Summer in Sherston Leisurely 4m**

Start 10:30 Est finish 13:00 Lovely walk from Sherston village to Fosse Way and Ladyswood Estate. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pubs in Sherston after walk. **Leader - Jacqui P** 01666 826139. Meet 10:20 Sherston High St. Please park considerately. (SN16 0LH) L163/E168 ST853858  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapSherstonHighSt>

**Wed 5 Jun Across the fields to Whiteshill Moderate 8m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:00 Through Standish Woods to Ruscombe, fields to Whiteshill, peaceful Pitchcombe Wood to Edge, returning via Cotswold Way to Haresfield Beacon and Topograph. Terrain 2 Hilly and Level mix. Bring picnic lunch. **Leader - Lawrence** 07486415265. Meet 09.50 National Trust Shortwood CP (P&D) or nearby (GL6 6PP) L162/E179 SO831086  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapShortwoodCP>

**Thu 6 Jun Near the Crown but not Jolly Nice Moderate 4m**

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 Via Cowcombe Wood and canal path. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Crown at Frampton Mansell is near end of walk. **Leaders - Sally & Keith** 01453 872729 on day 07818 425088. Meet 18:20 Frampton Mansell. Turn off A419 near Jolly Nice and park on verge near village. L163/E168 SO919022 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFramptonMansVerge>

**Sat 8 Jun Half and half Moderate 5.5m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Horse ride, Cirencester Park, Sawmills, Coates, Tunnel House, Hailey Wood Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. **Leader - John G** 01452 728760. Meet 09:50 at Sapperton village, near Church. (GL7 6LG) L163/E179 SO947033 <http://tinyurl.com/mapSapperton>

**Wed 12 Jun Rodmarton Squareular Moderate 6m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:00 Macmillan Way, Tarlton, Monarch's Way. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. **Leader - Tim C** 01453 757104. Meet Rodmarton, park Cherington Road verge. (GL7 6QB) L162/E168 ST939979 <http://tinyurl.com/mapRodmarton>

**Thu 13 Jun A Thousand Year Old Wood Moderate 3.5m**

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:30 See rare Large-Leaved Lime trees on a walk through Lineover Wood (an SSSI). Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Pre-book food at Koloshi Indian Restaurant. **Leader - Graham B** 01452 725405. Meet 18:30 Koloshi Indian Restaurant CP opposite Dowdeswell reservoir on A40 east of Charlton Kings (GL54 4HG) L163/E179 SO985197  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapDowdeswellRes>

**Sat 15 Jun Exploring the Berkeley Vale Moderate 8m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:15 Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Bring a packed lunch. **Leader - Ray and Gwen C** 01453 811545. Meet 09:50 Laburnum Cottage, Brookend, Berkeley. Car parking is in our garden at the rear of the house. (GL13 9SF) L162/E167 SO685020 <http://tinyurl.com/mapBrookend>

**Mon 17 Jun Summer on the horizon Leisurely 3.5m**

Start 10:30 Est finish 12:45 London Road, Conygre Woods, Coombe Hill, Dyers Brook, Holywell, Marchesi Walk. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. One climb at easy pace. Great views. Food

available at Royal Oak or cafes in High St. **Leader - Chris L** 01453 842298 on day 07512 478477. Meet 10:20 Wotton-u-E Royal Oak CP top end. Pre-order food. (GL12 7AG) L162/E167 ST755933 <http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonRoyalOakCP>

**Wed 19 Jun A Walk on the Wild Side Moderate 6.3m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 From Falfield to Rockhampton back via Lower Stone. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Paths seem rarely walked, poor stiles, muddy gateways, rusty five bar gates, but still a nice walk. Food available at The Huntsman, please pre-order. **Leader - Ann A** 01543 839089 on day 07931 114439. Meet 09:50 at The Huntsman CP Falfield on A38 Please park at end away from pub (GL12 8DF) L162/E167 ST682930 <http://tinyurl.com/mapFalfieldHuntsman>

**Thu 20 Jun Up and Down in Nailsworth Moderate 3.8m**

Start 18:30 Est finish 20.30 Zig-zag up to Forest Green, down to the Miry Brook and up to Wallow Green. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Various eating establishments in Nailsworth. **Leader - Ann A** 01453 839089 on day 07931 114439. Meet 18:20 near Nailsworth Library. Park anywhere, no time limit. (GL6 ODU) L162/E179 ST849995 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNWLlibrary>

**Sat 22 Jun Northleach Church from all angles Moderate 7m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 13:30 Northleach, Farmington, Diamond Way, Monarchs Way, Hampnet. Terrain 1 Not much climbing. Pubs and cafes in Northleach. **Leaders - Ron and Ros** 01285 239054 on day 07917 808234. Meet 09:50 in Market Place. At traffic lights on Fosse Way at Old Prison turn into Northleach. Roadside park shortly after lights. (GL54 3EJ) L163/EOL45 SP113145 <http://tinyurl.com/mapNorthleachMktPlace>

**Wed 26 Jun Around the Badminton Estate Moderate 5m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 12:45 Walk around estate including Seven Mile plantation, Little Badminton and the Great Park. Terrain 0 Level. May be muddy through 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 by bus stop in High Street. (GL9 1DF) L167/E168 ST803826  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapBadminton>

**Thu 27 Jun Rodborough Parish Walk Moderate 4.5m**

Start 18:30 Est finish 20:45 Over to Boundary Court. 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 3AU) L162/E168 SO847044  
<http://tinyurl.com/mapRodbPav>

**Sat 29 Jun Finding Common Ground Moderate 7.5m**

Start 10:00 Est finish 14:30 A scenic walk through woodlands and fields, over commons at Painswick, Cranham and Sheepscombe. Terrain 2 Hilly and level mix. Bring a picnic. **Leader - David R** 01453 547580 on day 07903 505462. Meet 09:50 Painswick Walkers CP off B4073 (GL6 6RR) L162/E179 SO867104 <http://tinyurl.com/mapPainswickWCP>

**Gloucestershire Ramblers AGM in the Forest of Dean, Saturday 19th January 2019**

Members from across Gloucestershire travelled by bus, car or on foot to Coleford Catholic Hall, for our AGM, this year kindly hosted by Forest of Dean Ramblers Group. The committee team remains largely the same with the addition of a Vice-Chair to lend a hand. A motion was passed on improving GDPR procedures, to go General Council in April.



Peter Carr a volunteer Ramblers Trustee and Chair of Shropshire Area gave a lively talk on the changes happening at Central Office in London, to better support the work we do as Ramblers.

**New Year's Resolution? – January Walks**



The first walks of the year can always be a popular. January 2nd saw 34 keen walkers join an Area walk to the Centre of Gloucestershire at Brockworth (the most under-promoted place in the County?). The day continued to Great Witcombe Roman Villa, Cheese Roller Hill and Prinknash Abbey café.

The Area Walks began years ago as a way for all the organisations affiliated with Ramblers to meet up and exchange ideas. Walking mid-week found a common space outside their own walk programmes.

Today the regular 10-12 mile walks see members from Groups across the Area enjoy a great time together both in the county and sometimes further afield.

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**Diary Dates**

Fri 17-Sun 19th May 2019

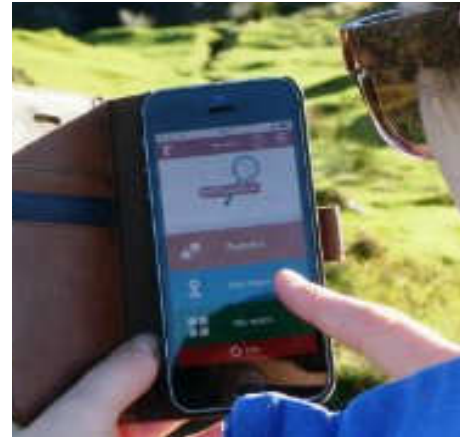


Winchcombe Walking Festival 10th Anniversary  
Come and see our stand in Abbeyfields Hall.

Gloucestershire Ramblers Area Council Meetings  
Wed 27th Mar 2019 7:30pm  
Gloucester Room, Premier Inn, A38 Twigworth. GL2 9PG

Wed 22nd May 2019 7:30pm  
Gloucester Room, Premier Inn, A38 Twigworth. GL2 9PG

**Pathwatch** – a way to let Ramblers know about a path issue, when you're out walking.



It can be great to see footpath maintenance work going on in the countryside. Unfortunately sometimes it's not as good as it should be, as can be seen with this newly fenced in path, if you can call it a path.

Barbed Wire - if there really is a need, it should be fixed to the outside of the posts.

The latest British Standard BS5709:2018 says no barbed wire within 1 metre of a structure (in case you try to grab it). New structures on paths should not be stiles except in exceptional circumstances – in order of preference Gap, Gate, Mobility Kissing Gate, plain Kissing Gate, Stile. If something beyond a gap is needed, a two-way-opening -self-closing gate is the preferred option, except where it adjoins roads & safety concerns may indicate a mobility kissing gate (uses a special key to open fully). [Pittecroft Trust]

With the surface of the path as it is, holding onto the fence gives little comfort when you're stuck in boot swallowing mud. Is there any semblance of drainage works to keep standing water clear of the path?

Issues like these can be reported using Pathwatch, the free downloadable App for your smart phone from Apple Store or Google Play. There's a chance your phone will try to convince you to pay (zero) but go back and fore a few times and it should let you download it for free. It'll need a contact email to register.

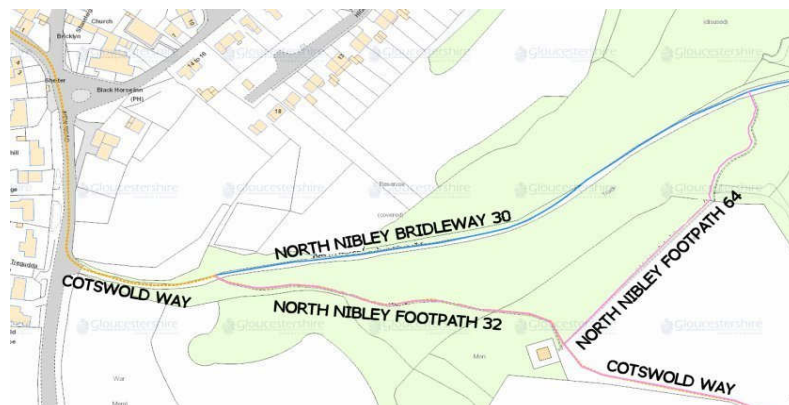
You don't have to use Pathwatch on your phone. It's also possible to report the issue through Pathwatch on Ramblers website. Although you can click through and select the specific type of issue, if you choose 'other' it allows you to give a written description. Pathwatch currently doesn't let you review the report once it has been sent so take a separate photo for your own records.

The reports are distributed to our Footpath teams and to the County Council. Naturally the most reported issues tend to be attended to first. If you'd like to help, email [footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk](mailto:footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk)

### **Cotswold Way - North Nibley**

Extinguishment of Footpath CNN32 was confirmed on 5th December 2018. This path up to the Tyndale monument had been temporarily closed for several years due to a landslip. There was little prospect of the council finding the funds to open it up again.

The new route for the Cotswold Way (which has been used during the closure) is from the road, along Bridleway CNN30 Wood Lane, before using Footpath CNN64 back to the monument.



PROW Map courtesy Gloucestershire County Council

### **A417 Missing Link - Update**

Highways England is still refining its plans for a Dual Carriageway cutting across the Cotswolds AONB. The new Weymouth link road in the Dorset AONB uses bridges with grass flanks to allow migration of wildlife. Much of the new A417 is in a cutting with bridges across the top. With support from other local organisations, Green Bridges could be used for footpaths, bridleways & tracks in our AONB too.





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Gloucestershire Ramblers Area includes eight Ramblers Groups and a number of affiliated Organisations. Over 60 Ramblers Areas join together to form the Ramblers Association.

### **Cleeve Ramblers Group**

Our group main efforts go into maintaining a week in, week out walking programme on fixed days. Since the last issue there has been 15 walks of an average 7.5 miles with an average of 18.5 walkers, the longest walk was 10 miles and the biggest group 34. There have been new faces walking on a regular basis and new walks leaders have come forward which means Cleeve is a healthy walking group.



Our Cleeve Ramblers Footpath Committee meets regularly and tries to keep up to speed dealing with Footpath issues in our district. We would also like to expand our maintenance work. A warm welcome would be given to anyone interested in maps, or wishing to join a working party or maintenance team.

Our AGM was held in November and again was felt to be a successful event. We had a pleasant short walk followed by the AGM. All posts were filled but our 3 Walks Co-ordinators seek replacement. This role organises the 3 walking programmes each year with each co-ordinator taking responsibility in turn. The task is to contact known walk leaders and ask them for details of their next walk.

Your Committee is here for the members as well as to keep the Group organisation active. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact any of us. Thank you for supporting Ramblers Association work.  
Brian Payne- Cleeve Ramblers Secretary

### **Gloucester Ramblers Group**

We continue to have a full weekend and midweek walks programme and In January we had our successful Annual Dinner at Brickhamton Golf Complex which was attended by 55 people. After dinner we enjoyed a talk given by Chris Evans of Dundry Nurseries who, we were interested to hear, does a lot of charity work with disabled people.

David Sanderson – Gloucester Ramblers

### **Cirencester Ramblers Group**

The Cirencester Group have had a busy time in between the many walks which included Blenheim Palace & Woodstock in Oxfordshire and Aldbourne & Mildenhall in Wiltshire as well as our own beautiful county.

On 9th September 27 members and guests enjoyed a boat trip around Gloucester Docks after a short walk on the Severn Way. The boat, Queen Boadicea II, was used during the evacuation of Dunkirk, but now takes tourists on gentler trips up and down the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal.

Thirty six members and guests attended a Skittles Evening in the Down Ampney Football Club on 20th October while 27 members and guests travelled to Torquay for midweek break on 8th October, which included cider tasting and a cream tea.

At our AGM in October we welcomed Alison Goodall as our new chair and thanked John Bookwood for his sterling work over the last 4 years.

We rounded off the year with an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Corinium Court Hotel attended by over 50 members and guests.

Pat Beckley - Cirencester Ramblers

**Path Maintenance Volunteers** continued on the clearance and marking of the Wysis Way as far as Gloucester Docks. We made quite a spectacle walking through the city centre with our secateurs, loppers and saws! Thanks to Mark from Gloucester group who guided us through the city to the docks.

If you're interested in helping to maintain paths in a team please contact Richard at [footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk](mailto:footpaths@gloucestershireramblers.org.uk)



**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 Registered Assistance dogs only but see [www.fodramblers.org.uk](http://www.fodramblers.org.uk))**

Wed 6 Mar 10am 11miles/17.7 km – Mod **Winchcombe**  
Winchcombe Back Lane CP (£1.00) OL45. (GL54 5PZ, SP023284)  
Walk part of the Winchcombe Way north westward towards Gretton and Alderton, returning Cleeve Hill and then along the river Isbourne via Postlip Mill and back. Picnic.  
Contact: Rosie and John, 01684 273746 or 07933 783799 on day

Wed 13 Mar 10am 10 miles/16.1 km - Mod **Stroud & Painswick**  
Park at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. (GL5 4AF, SO845056)  
Walk through fields to Painswick and join the Cotswold Way. There will be the usual things ie mud, stiles, ascents and descents, and hopefully lovely views and spring flowers. Picnic.  
Contact: Hilary, 01453 753398 or 07503754620 on day

Wed 20 Mar 09:30 10.5m/16.9km Mod **Striding out from Birdlip**  
Meet old Ermin St. Birdlip by school. E179. (GL4 8JH, SO926143)  
Typical Cotswold Ups and Downs. Birdlip - Brimpsfield - Elkstone - Cockleford - Upper Coberley - Pub lunch/drink or picnic at the Hungry Horse. Short return via Coberley - Cuckooopen Barn Farm - Barrow Wake. Note earlier start on account of long AM walk.  
Contact: Guy, 01242 251412 or 07968 797186 on day.

Wed 27 March 10:00 10.5m/16.9 km Mod **Winchcombe**  
Park Back Lane CP (£1.00 all day) OL45 SP023284 GL54 5PZ  
Follow the Gloucestershire Way over Fluke's Hill and through Little Farmcote, Campden Lane to Stumps Cross. Cotswold way to Wood Stanway. Up to the Beckbury Monument. Return to Winchcombe on the Winchcombe Way through Hailes. Picnic.  
Contact: Michael 07986 6162575

Wed 3 Apr 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km - Strenuous **Sugar Loaf**  
Abergavenny Byefield CP (free) nr river. (NP7 5YL, SO297140)  
Strenuous (but no harder than usual for the Black Mountains). Along the river and over Sugar Loaf. Picnic.  
Contact: Catherine, 01452 559924 or 07456 425880 on day

Wed 10 Apr 10:00 10m/16.1 km – Mod **To the Cheese Roller**  
Painswick Stamages Lane (Pay & Display). (GL6 6UU, SO865095)  
Starting at Painswick, up the valley following Painswick stream to Cranham and onward through Buckholt and Brockworth woods to Coopers Hill. Return via Cotswold Way to Painswick, passing Painswick Beacon and Catbrain Quarry. Bring picnic  
Contact: Lawrence, 07486 415265

Wed 17 Apr 10am 13m/22km Mod **A Bard, a King, a Commoner**  
Rosebird Centre CP, Shipston Rd (next to Waitrose), Stratford on Avon. Parking £2.00 all day. (CV37 8LU, SP205534)  
Combination of river bank and cross country (Heart of England Forest). Mostly flat with just a couple of stiles so easy walking.  
Contact: David O'B, 07976 941676 Bring a picnic.

Wed 24 Apr 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **Winstone**  
Park roadside verge Lodge entrance Miserden park. E179. (GL7 7JZ, SO955094) Walk from Winstone to Duntisbourne Abbots, Edgeworth and back through Miserden park. Picnic.  
Contact: Susanne, 01453 757212 or 07587 713668 on day.

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.

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

Wed 1 May 10:00 10 miles/16.1 km Mod **Wickwar to Hawkesbury**  
Wickwar Playing Field CP. Wickwar head west on B4509 Charfield, pass Alderley Group sign on left, take next narrow left signed Playing Field. Follow track 500yds to CP. L162/E167 (GL12 8JZ, ST722886)  
Walk Wickwar, Sturts Bridge, Wetmoor Woods, Hawkesbury Common, Hawkesbury Upton for lunch, return via common and woods. Bring a picnic lunch. Cafe and pub at end. 500ft climb.  
Contact: Richard, 07512758229

Wed 8 May 10:00 11 miles/17.7 km – Mod **Aldbourn**  
Meet the Square in Aldbourne. LR174. E157. (SN8 2DG, SU265757)  
Figure of 8 walk from Aldbourne in Wiltshire. AM 6.5m The Lamas Field Walk, PM 4.5m The Green Hill Walk. Picnic, pub or cafe at end  
Contact: Martin, 07790437908

Wed 15 May 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **Llangattock**  
Park nicely Park Drive or side of road. OL13 (NP8 1PA, SO212178)  
Ascent at a moderate pace with some off path walking through Craig y Cilau. Stunning views of Llangattock Escarpment weather permitting. Return via Lonely Shepherd and bluebell wood. Picnic.  
Contact: Jenny & Peter, 01600 715719 or 07455 257262 on day

Wed 22 May 10:00 - 11 miles/17.7 km – Mod **Kingscote**  
Park rear of Hunters Hall CP. E168. (GL8 8YA, ST814960)  
Walk Hay Bottom and Ozleworth Bottom, to Hens Cliff, Newark Park, Ozleworth Park and Bagpath. Picnic lunch. Food drink at pub after.  
Contact: Dave, 01452 721792 or 07593 296983 on day

Wed 29 May 10:10 - 13m/20.9 km – Mod **River and Bridges Walk**  
Start St John Ancient Chapelry, for the 10.28am 7XP bus from M48 roundabout. Park in Aust village. (BS35 4BB, ST573891)  
Bus to Chepstow (English bus pass should be accepted) then inland route north, down into the Wye Valley, up the leap, and back to Chepstow for a return over the bridges. Some rough forest tracks with an airy walk to the finish. Bus assisted walk, check website in May for changes. Call leader if wish to join at Chepstow bus station.  
Contact: David P, 07824 603711 Picnic

Wed 5 Jun 10:00 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **Bredon Hill**  
Eckington Bridge CP, Pershore road. (WR10 3DD, SO922422)  
Follow the river Avon, then to Bredons Norton and Westmancote. Around the top of the hill to the tower, then down to Nafford Lock and Birlingham returning to Eckington Bridge. A varied walk with lovely views. Picnic.  
Contact: Maggie, 01684 592727 or 07938 543055 on day.

Wed 12 Jun 10:00 - 10 miles/16.1 km – Mod **"More Golden Valley"**  
Park at the west end of the lay-by top of Cowcombe hill away from the "Glider cafe". E168. (GL6 8HR, SO910019)  
As with the previous walk we weave back and forth across the valley, via Chalford, Brimscombe, Besbury Common and France Lynch. Several steep paths and quite a few stiles. Bring a packed lunch.  
Contact: Bruno, 01451 822465 or 07925 595285

Wed 19 Jun 10am 11m/18km Mod **Forest Dean Woodland Wander**  
Speculation CP (off B4234). OL14. (GL17 9LT, SO613135)  
Explore Buckholt, Eastbach, Lydbrook, Barninged Hill. Varied walking on forest trails and footpaths. Picnic.  
Contact: Jackie, 01594 564417 or 07767 351190 on day

Wed 26 Jun 10:00 11.5miles/18.5 km **Marlborough Downs**  
Meet car park on the downs south east of Broad Hinton. (SU129747)  
A midsummer stroll through Sarsen, stone circle, Ridgeway and White Horse country. Picnic.  
Contact: Mick, 01453 542082 or 07443 643462 on day