

Walks from 2013

January

Wednesday 2nd January New Year Walk – Pengethley 2 Miles Moderate
Leave: 10:45 **Park:** Pengethley Manor Hotel **RVTD:** 60p **Lunch:** Pengethley Manor 12:30 for 13:00.

Route: Circular walk from Pengethley Manor Hotel including a visit to St. Dubricius Church, Hentland. No Stiles

Tuesday 8th January Walk with a talk, around Pwllmeyric 5.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** The Millers Arms, Mathern **GR:** (OL14) 523913
RTVD: £3.75 **Lunch:** Pub lunch at The Millers Arms, Mathern.

Route: Follow public access route and footpaths via Newton Meadows to Pwllmeyric; descending along scenic valley footpath and along flood plain to Mouton Church, Ticken Hill & Kite's Bushes. Visiting the site of Runston Medieval Village back to Millers Arms for lunch. This walk will be led by Des Thompson, a friend of Paula and Richard. Des will show and discuss points of geological and historical interest on the walk.

Tuesday 15th January Malvern St Anne's Well and Worc Beacon 5 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Malvern – Parking in Orchard Road at the rear of the Malvern Theatre & meet at the theatre gates.

GR: (190) 778458 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Climb 99 steps to St Anne's Well, climb above the Sugar Loaf Hill, around North Hill, across and up to Worcestershire Beacon, down and return via quarry and woodland paths. Long steep ascent, including 99 steps, at beginning. Also some steep downhill on return.

Thursday 17th January Three Choirs 10) Stanford Bishop 10 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:00 **Park:** Acton Beachamp Church (50p a head Donation for parking). **GR:** (149) 680503
RTVD: £3.40 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: East to Paunton Court then north to Upper Venn Farm to rejoin walk 9. Footpaths and roads past Stanford Bishop to Suckley Green. Return via fields, hills and orchards. Leaders will meet the group at the parking place.

Tuesday 22nd January Bromsberrow 4.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Bromsberrow Church **GR:** (190) 743336
RTVD: £1.70 **Lunch:** Morning walk

Route: A Winter Warmer, through Bromsberrow Estate, wonderful views from Howlers Heath. One steep bank.

Thursday 31st January Llandenny 5 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9.30 **Park:** Parking place along the wide grass verges on both sides of the road very close to the start point. Walk starts & ends at footbridge at GR Ref.

GR: (161) 421042 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Morning walk with early picnic if required

Route: A circular walk through undulating countryside and lanes which starts and ends at Llandenny. One steep slope and 10 stiles.

February

Tuesday 5th February Forest of Dean 5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** New Fancy View Picnic Area **GR:** (OL14) 628095 **RTVD:** £1.70 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Starting with a climb up to the viewpoint, then forest walk to Mallards Pike Lake for lunch, then back to start.

Thursday 7th February Doward and Symonds Yat West 5.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Following lane to Biblins camp site on Great Doward. Parking is on the right 200 meters after the lane goes off to the left to Williams Patio's.
GR: (OL14) 547156 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Ancient Byways and lanes of Symonds Yat West. Forest tracks to the Ancient Settlement in Lords Woods. Back to the cars via the Seven Sisters Rocks and King Arthurs Cave. No stiles, mostly easy walking under foot. Two short slippery descents and three steady climbs.

Saturday 9th February Welsh Newton 5.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Road near Welsh Newton Church
GR: (OL14) 497183 **RTVD:** £1.40 **Lunch:** Morning walk. Optional pub lunch – Royal Oak Llangrove at end of walk.
Route: From Welsh Newton church through fields, woods and small lanes, passing Pembridge Castle to Welsh Newton Common and back to the church. Pleasant views. 15 Stiles.

Tuesday 12th February Deerhurst, Glos. 9½ miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Odda's Chapel, Deerhurst, Glos
GR: (179) 867298 **RTVD:** £3.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Route along the river Severn, along the disused canal (now a nature reserve) and back via Deerhurst Walton. Muddy.

Thursday 14th February Ewyas Harold and Abbey Dore 6 miles Moderate
Leave: 08:45 **Park:** Car park behind church. **GR:** (149) 388285 **RTVD:** £2.40 **Lunch:** Pub Lunch at the Dog Inn (Ring Jon & Sue with your menu choice, the night before the walk please).
Route: Past Ewyas Harold Motte and Bailey, over field and around Prior's wood, wooded valley to Dulas Court, up and over Ewyas Harold Common to Abbey Dore, (Through deer park), past Dore Abbey and climb back up and over Ewyas Harold Common to return to the Dog Inn for Lunch. Stiles, moderate climbs and some rough ground).

Thursday 21st February 3 Choirs Way (11) Ankerdine Hill 8 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Cross Keys Inn Car Park, Ankerdine **GR:** (149) 715532 **RTVD:** £4.50 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Cross A44 at Knightwick and climb Ankerdine Hill to Darbys Green, return to Knightwick and follow Worcestershire Way and footpaths to cars. Leaders will meet the group at the parking place.

Tuesday 26th February Aconbury 6.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Kingsthorpe Bus Stop/Car Park **GR:** (189) 498321 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Aconbury wood passing the ramparts of Aconbury Iron Age Hill Fort then fields/tracks/lanes to Little Birch returning to Kingsthorpe. Several Stiles.

Thursday 28th February Staunton's Stones 7 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9.30 **Park:** Apron on forestry road, adjacent to main road. Any overflow on disused road section 400yards/366m west
GR: OL14 541 125 **RTVD:** £1.80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Brief outline of route: Mainly easy walking on hard forest tracks. Visiting the Suck Stone, Near Harkening Rock, Standing Stone, the village of Staunton and the Buck Stone. Great views. One shortish steep climb and one longer more gradual climb. One stile.

March

Tuesday 5th March Sollers Hope 8.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** St Michael Church Sollers Hope Parking is extremely limited
 - please share cars **GR:** (189) 612331 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic **Route:** Sollers
 Hope/Alfords Mill/Woolhope/Marcle Ridge/return. Some stiles.

Thursday 7th March White Castle Llantillio Crossenny 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Opposite White Castle **GR:** (OL13)
 380166 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: The walk starts at this well preserved Norman castle which can be explored at the finish.
 The walk follows parts of Offa's Dyke Path and the Three Castles Walk and passes along the
 banks of the river Trothy. Several Stiles.

Thursady 14th March Trellech / Whitebrook 7.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Beacon Hill Forestry Car Park (adjoins Beacon Farm) **GR:** (OL14)
 511053 **RTVD:** £2.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Cleddon Falls, Wye Valley Walk and Whitebrook Valley. Several steep climbs.

Tuesday 19th March Weston Under Penyard to Ross 4.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 10:20 bus from Hereford **Park:** Wilton Car Park.
GR: (189) 592239 **RTVD:** Bus Fare **Lunch:** Morning Walk with optional
 picnic at end of walk at Wilton car park.
Route: From Wilton car park bus stop at 10-17am (or any other convenient stop) catch the bus
 from Hereford to Gloucester, (bring your bus pass if you have one). Alight at the Weston Cross
 Inn. Walk via Kingstone Court across fields to Ross Campsite/track behind Morrisons to 'The
 Ropewalk' and back to Wilton along the river bank. 8 stiles and mostly field margins.

Thursday 21st March 3 Choirs Way (12) Ankerdine towards Worcester 8 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** On the Hill @ (150) 737567 **GR:** (150)
 737567 **RTVD:** £4.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Through Doddenham and Broad Green to Upper Broadheath and return to cars. Leaders
 will meet the group at the parking place.

Tuesday 26th March Llandenny 5 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Parking place along the wide grass verges on both sides of the road very
 close to the start point. Walk starts & ends at footbridge at GR Ref.
GR: (161) 421042 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Morning walk with early picnic if req'd.
Route: A circular walk through undulating countryside and lanes which starts and ends at
 Llandenny. One steep slope and 10 stiles.

Thursday 28th March Longhope / Mitcheldean 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Pub at Boxbush
GR: (OL14) 683204 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Follow Wysis Way over ridge to Mitcheldean and on to Plump Hill. Return via
 Gloucestershire Way skirting Longhope. Wonderful views. Some steep slopes up and down but
 also easier sections. Some stiles

April

Wednesday 3rd April Forest Steam Train, Walk and Lunch 4 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Norchard Station **GR:** (162) 628043 **RTVD:**
 £2.25 **Lunch:** Lunch in the Rising Sun Pub.
Route: Catch the steam train at Norchard, Alight at Parkend and walk through the forest to the
 Rising Sun for lunch, complete walk and return via train.

Thursday 4th April **Ashperton to Cannon Frome 7.8 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** St Bartholomew's Church, Ashperton **GR:** (202)
642415 **RTVD:** £2.10 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Undulating terrain across field and woodland paths, minor roads. At least 35 stiles!

Tuesday 9th April **Coppet Hill, Goodrich 5.5 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9.15 **Park:** Goodrich Castle **GR:** (OL14) 575196 **RTVD:** £0.60 **Lunch:**
Picnic
Route: Over Coppet Hill to Wye returning by river bank/edge of Coppet Hill. Steep climb good views, 2/3 stiles.

Thursday 11th April **Llangarron & Llangrove 6.5 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Llangarron Church **GR:** (189)
530212 **RTVD:** 0.70 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Undulating on fields and quiet lanes - one longer steady uphill section on lane.

Tuesday 16th April **Ketford 4.5 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 10:00 **Park:** Parking at (149) 308729 space is limited so try to fill cars. **GR:** (149)
308729 **RTVD:** £2:30 **Lunch:** Picnic in the Gorland Hut
Route: Gentle walk, good views, field paths & sunken Bridleways along some of the Poet's paths. 6 easy stiles.

Thursday 18th April **3 Choirs Way (13) Through Worcester 9 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9.00 **Park:** Elgar's birthplace, Upper Broadheath **GR:** (150)
807556 **RTVD:** £4.30 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Linear walk through Worcester to the junction with A38, then footpaths to Old Hills Country Park.

Tuesday 23rd April **Brockhampton / Capler Camp 4.5 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Picnic site on Right 1.4 miles after passing Brockhampton church.
GR: (189) 585313 **RTVD:** £1:20 **Lunch:** Morning walk with coffee stop.
Route: 2 stiles one climb diagonally across hillside (taken Steadily) One Slope.

Wednesday 24th April **Sellack 4.5 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9.30 **Park:** Red Lion Car Park on the A49 **GR:** (162)
555250 **RTVD:** £0.40 **Lunch:** Morning walk with lunch at the Red Lion at the end
Route: Bridle path to Sellack Church for coffee then back up the Herefordshire Trail to the Red Lion for lunch.

Thursday 25th April **Bransford 8 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:00 **Park:** Layby on Worcester side of bridge over River Teme on A4103 **GR:** (EX204)
804532 **RTVD:** £3:80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Leigh Church, Brace's Leigh, Bransford Manor. A few stiles.

Tuesday 30th April **Walk with a talk, around Pwllmeyric 5.5 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** The Millers Arms, Mathern **GR:** (OL14) 523913 **RTVD:**
£3.75 **Lunch:** Pub lunch at The Millers Arms, Mathern.
Route: Follow public access route and footpaths via Newton Meadows to Pwllmeyric etc.

May

Thursday 2nd May **Longhope & May Hill 8 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** A4136 layby on Micheldean/Gloucester Road by Gloucestershire
Way. **GR:** (OL14) 682184 **RTVD:** £2.50 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: From Longhope to The Slad via Blaisdon Wood and Nottwood Hill etc. 2 steady climbs.

Tuesday 7th May Putley Orchards 4 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Putley Post Office, Putley Green **GR:** (189) 652376 **RTVD:** £1:70 **Lunch:** Optional (Morning walk only).
Route: Walk through fields and orchards. One moderately steep area but numerous stiles.

Wednesday 8th May The Skirrid 3 miles Moderate
Leave 9.15 **Park** B4521 near Skirrid **GR:** (161) 328164 **RTVD** £2.70 **Lunch** Optional picnic at Skenfrith Castle.
Route: Climb the Skirrid. Although only 3 miles it will take over 2 hours. Steep climb

Thursday 9th May Catbrook 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Forest Car Park on right of minor road heading south (west of Cleddon). **GR:** (OL14) 515038 **RTVD:** £2.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Tracks, minor roads and over farmland etc. Ups and downs, 20 or so stiles - variety of types.

Tuesday 14th May Dumbleton Hill 8 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** On street near church in Wormington **GR:** (OL45) 039363 (The Cotswolds) **RTVD:** £5:20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Walk between villages. Mostly gentle farmland with ascent of 130m and 6 stiles.

Thursday 16th May 3 Choirs Way (14) Through Malvern Hills 9 miles Difficult
Leave: 9:00 **Park:** Old Hills Country Park on B4424 **GR:** (150) 804477 **RTVD:** £3.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Linear Walk through Malvern and Malvern Hills etc.

Tuesday 21st May Vowchurch 6 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:00 **Park:** Layby opposite Vowchurch Church. **GR:** (149) 362365 **RTVD:** £2:80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Varied walk over farm and woodland tracks. 14 stiles.

Thursday 23rd May Soudley, Forest of Dean 6.5 miles Grade 3
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Soudley Ponds Nature Reserve Car Park **GR:** (OL14) 662116 **RTVD:** £1:70 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Soudley, Staple Edge & Bradley Hill. Few stiles. Steady ascents and steeper descents.

Tuesday 28th May Black Mountains 7.5 miles Grade 3
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Pont Cadwgan car park, Grwyne Fawr **GR:** (OL13) 267252 **RTVD:** £3:60 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Ascend to Ffawyddog Fawr, then Bal Mawr and Chwarel y Fan. Return via Blaen-y-cwm and Cefn-coed. A mountain walk with two steep ascents

Thursday 30th May Gorsley around Queens Wood & Kempley 6 miles Grade 3
Leave: 9.30 **Park:** Romanee Burrups Lane Gorsley HR9 7FA Ample parking. **GR:** (162) 679261 **RTVD:** £0.80 **Lunch:** morning walk. Soup drinks and cake provided.
Route: From Gorsley around Queens wood and Kempley. Fairly flat with very few stiles.

June

Tuesday 4th June River Wye and English Bicknor 3.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Walford road. Past Upper Lydbrook turning. .6mls at sign on left OFFA'S DYKE Nursing Home park in lay by by Phone box. **GR:** (OL14) 590175 **RTVD:** £1:10 **Lunch:** Morning walk with coffee stop. **Route:** River Wye under bridge along riverbank Wind uphill to English Bicknor. Few Stiles. two climbs/slopes.

Thursday 6th June **Waterfalls, Ystradfellte** **10 Miles** **Difficult** **Leave:** 08:30
Park: Near Pen-y-Porth, 1 mile south of Ystradfellte. Please share CP fee. **GR:** (OL12) 928123 **RTVD:** £8.00 **(Negotiable with individual drivers)**
Lunch: Picnic. Bring plenty to drink. **Route:** - Along rivers Mellte & Hepste with several waterfalls leading to Sgwd-yr-Eira (walk behind). A fantastic walk.

Saturday 8th June **Welsh Newton** **5.5 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Road near Welsh Newton Church
GR: (OL14) 497183 **RTVD:** £1.40 **Lunch:** Morning walk. Optional pub lunch – Royal Oak Llangrove at end of walk. **Route:** From Welsh Newton church through fields, woods and small lanes, passing Pembridge Castle.

Tuesday 11th June **Pen y Fan** **4 Miles** **Difficult**
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Forestry Commission Car Park at the foot of Pen y Fan
GR: 987198 **RTVD:** £6.30 **Lunch:** Picnic. **Route:** - Steep and relentless ascent to the top of the highest peak in South Wales. Equally steep descent! Stunning views.

Thursday 13th June **Llandenny** **5 Miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 9.30 **Park:** Parking place along the wide grass verges on both sides of the road very close to the start point. Walk starts & ends at footbridge at GR
GR: (161) 421042 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Morning walk with early picnic if required
Route: A circular walk through undulating countryside and lanes which starts and ends at Llandenny.

Saturday 15th June **Cats Back** **9 Miles** **Difficult**
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Cats Back car park **GR:** (OL13) 288328 **RTVD:** £3.90 **Lunch:** Picnic.
Route: - 1st walk in Herefordshire Walking Festival. a steep start, climbing up to Cats Back on the top of Black Hill.

Thursday 20th June **3 Choirs Way (15) South of the Malverns** **9 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Hollybush Car park on A438 **GR:**(190) 759369 **RTVD:** £2.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: This walk takes us back to the circular variety after three linear walks.

Tuesday 25th June **Forest of Dean** **6 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Cyril Hart Arboretum Picnic Site near Speech House off minor road to Parkend, Yorkley and Blakeney
GR: (OL14) 2622118 **RTVD:** £1.50 **Lunch:** Picnic **Route:** Speech House-Cannop-New Fancy. Mainly level walking on old railway tracks and tramways. No stiles.

Thursday 27th June **Monmouth** **9 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 09.15 **Park:** Lay-by close to Dixon School. 1st exit off A40 roundabout "after " Lay-by close to Dixon School.
GR: (OL14) 517135 **RTVD:** £1.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Cross Monmouth Bridge over the Wye, climb to the Kymin, Highmeadow Woods, Biblin's Bridge, Wye Valley Walk back to Dixon. Two steep climbs.

July

Tuesday 2nd July **Fownhope** **9 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Recreation ground Off Capler

Lane **GR:** (189) 578342 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Steep climbs, styles, gates, footbridges and beautiful countryside. Frequent stiles and climbs.

Thursday 4th July Myndd Llangorse 5.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Small parking area on bend at highest point of minor road 1.75 miles (2.8Km) east of Llangorse Village.
GR: (OL13) 160283 **RTVD:** £5.60 **Lunch:** Picnic **Route:** Circuit of 'Mynydd Llangorse' provides superb and ever changing views for relatively little effort.

Tuesday 9th July Brecon Beacons, Blorengce 8 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.30 **Park:** Keepers
Pond **GR:** (OL13) 254107 **RTVD:** £4.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: We will walk to the cairn on the Blorengce. One gradual climb and a steep descent and ascent.

Thursday 11th July Docklow Pools off A44 Bromyard to Leominster. 6 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Doclow
Pools **GR:** (202) 554575 **RTVD:** £3.50 **Lunch:** Picnic/drink in pub depending on time..
Route: From Docklow through fields and undulating countryside via Buckland to Risbury.

Tuesday 16th July Above the Caerfanell Valley Brecon Beacons 5.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Large car park at start, 3 miles (4.8km) west of Talybont Reservoir. **GR:** (OL12) 056175 **RTVD:** £6.70 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Walk offering Spectacular escarpments above a wild and remote.

Thursday 18th July 3 Choirs Way (16) Pendock to Staunton 9 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Pendock (Via M50 Junction 2 and lanes. **GR:** (150) 786329 **RTVD:** £2.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: From Pendock across fields to ridge looking towards Staunton Mill etc.

Tuesday 23rd July Brockhampton/Bringsty Common 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.15 **Park:** Car Park opposite Brockhampton School @ junction of A44 & Bromyard Downs Road
GR: (202) 667543 **RTVD:** £3.64 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: From the top of Bringsty Common with wonderful views and on to Bromyard Downs.

Thursday 25th July Bredon Hill – Perry Country 7.5 Miles Moderate
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Roadside parking in Great Comberton Village
GR: (OL45) 955423 (The Cotswolds) **RTVD:** £ 4:80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Through farmland, orchards and woods to escarpment with views South. Some steep slopes up and down - 340m ascent in total - 11 stiles.

Tuesday 30th July Pontypool 7.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09.15 **Park:** Star Inn, Mamhilad (opposite Church) **GR:** (152) 305034 **RTVD:** £3.90 **Lunch:** Picnic at Pontymoill
Route: From the Star Inn up the 'Roman Road' to the Folly. Down through Pontypool Park to Pontymoill Canal Basin, back along the canal to Mamhilad. One long steep climb to the Folly from the Canal Bridge at Mamhilad

August

Thursday 1st

August **Kilpeck** **7 miles** **Moderate**
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Kilpeck Church **GR:** (189) 305445 **RTVD:** £1.60 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: On the Herefordshire trail to Penttyn Common, across Saddlebow Hill with good views to Malverns.

Tuesday 6th August Darren Lwyd near Capel-y-ffin Black

Mountains 5.7 miles **Moderate**

Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Small parking area on bend at highest point of minor road 1.75 miles east of Llangorse Village.

GR: (OL13) 236350 **RTVD:** £5.00 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Circuit of `Mynydd Llangorse` provides superb and ever changing views for relatively little effort.

Thursday 8th August

Llangattock

5 miles

Moderate

Leave: 08:30 **Park:** Laybys on roadbridge over canal at grid reference **GR:** (OL13) 207171 **RTVD:** £6.70 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Steady climb upto disused tramroad, follow tramroad with great views over Usk valley to Black Mountains.

Tuesday 13th August Ganarew and English/Welsh Border

7.5 miles

Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Following lane to Biblins and Doward Campsites on Great Doward. Parking is on the right 200 meters after the Doward Campsite. **GR:** (OL14) 547156 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: From the Doward car park, walk past King Arthurs Cave and up to the Fort with a 390ft. steady climb.

Wednesday 14th August

Tewkesbury – Social Walk

2 & 3 Miles

Easy and

Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Vineyards Long Stay Car Park - £2. up to 4 hours, £4. over 4 hours. Off Gander Lane.

GR: (190) 893324 **RTVD:** £3.64 **Lunch:** Picnic for those doing second part of walk; picnic or cafe for those stopping after 2 miles. **Route:** Morning: Easy stroll exploring part of town trail and riverside - 2 miles or less. Followed by 3 mile easy walk

Thursday 15th August Black Mountains

7.5 Miles

Moderate

Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Pont Cadwgan Car Park, Grwyne Fawr **GR:** (OL13) 267252 **RTVD:** £3.60 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Through woods to Ffawyddog Fawr, ascend to Disgwylfu and return. One steep climb and occasional stiles.

Tuesday 20th August 3 Choirs Way (17) Staunton to Maismore 9.5 miles

Moderate

Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Maismore Village Hall **GR:** (179) 814213 **RTVD:** £2.60 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: From Maismore through Hartpury to Corse Wood Hill, return on Three Choirs Way via Ashleworth.

Thursday 22nd August Welland

8.5 Miles

Moderate

Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Spitalfields - school car park on north side of A4104 opposite Parish Hall.

GR: (190) 796400 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Welland, Longdon Hill End, Duckswich, Hook Bank. Open farmland, field paths and tracks.

Tuesday 27th August Pen y Fan 4 Miles Difficult

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Forestry Commission Car Park at the foot of Pen y Fan **GR:**

(OL12) 987198 **RTVD:** £6.30 **Lunch:** Picnic.

Route: - Steep and relentless ascent to the top of the highest peak in South Wales.

Thursday 29th August Sugar Loaf 7 miles Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Porth y Parc, Chapel Road. Abergavenny **GR:** (161)

288167 **RTVD:** £3.90 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: A circular walk from the South East of Sugar Loaf, taking in its summit and the beautiful wooded section.

September

Tuesday 3rd September Wellington bomber site in Brecon Beacons 7.5

Miles Difficult

Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Drive to talybont-on-usk, and on thro' aber village, passing the talybont reservoir to the free car-park.

GR: (160) 055176 **RTVD:** £7.00 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: A hill walk that takes in many vantage points and the remains of the wellington bomber from ww 1.

Wednesday 4th September Coopers Hill, Cotswold Way 7 miles Moderate

Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Street parking alongside Cranham church, Cranham common

GR: (179) 890124 **RTVD:** £3.30 **Lunch:** Picnic lunch

Route: Over Cranham Common, climb to Cotswold Way, Coopers Hill nature reserve. Medium climbs, several stiles.

Tuesday 5th September Bromsash to Gorsley and Back for BBQ 8.75

miles Moderate

Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Eccleswall Narn, Bromsash

GR: (OL14) 650237 **RTVD:** £0.50 **Lunch:** Picnic at Dalcross Gorsley, drinks provided.

Route: Eccleswall Barn to Linton and for picnic lunch. Return to Bromsash via Linton Ridge. Lovely views.

Tuesday 10th September Symonds Yat / Doward / Little Doward / Biblins 8

miles Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** "Old Court Hotel" Whitchurch **GR:** (OL14) 553174 **RTVD:** £0.80 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Circular walk mostly through woodland around: Great Doward, Little Doward and Symonds Yat. steps Two sets of styles, uneven rocky sections Dangerous Cliffs.

Thursday 12th September 3 Choirs Way (18) In and Out of Gloucester 10

miles Moderate

Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Maismore Village Hall **GR:** (179)

814213 **RTVD:** £2.60 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: A chance to visit Gloucester Cathedral on foot. Across fields and river to the Cathedral via the Beatrix Potter shop.

Tuesday 17th September Upton Bishop to Hole-in-the-Wall 7.5

miles Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Allison Chalmers House. Leeward House, Upton Bishop **GR:** (OL14)

641269 **RTVD:** £0.50 **Lunch:** Picnic

Route: Upton Bishop to Hole in the Wall via Perrystone Hill and Yatton Wood following parts of the Herefordshire Trail.

Thursday 19th September Longhope/Mitcheldean 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 **Park:** Pub at Boxbush **GR:** (OL14)
683204 **RTVD:** £1.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Follow Wysis Way over ridge to Mitcheldean and on to Plump Hill. Return via Gloucestershire Way

Tuesday 24th September Walford 8 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:30 from Falaise Close or 10:00 from Wilton **Park:** Members who live close to Falaise Close can walk from their home and meet the leaders at Falaise Close (limited parking). They will then walk to Wilton car park for a 10am start. At the end of the walk we pass close to Falaise on the way to Wilton car park and they can walk home en-route **GR:** (OL14) 595233 (Falaise Close) **RTVD:** £0 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: From Wilton car park along the river to Hom Green. Across fields to the Wye Valley Walk at Walford.

Thursday 26th September Stockton Ride, Kimbolton 9 miles Moderate
Leave: 9:15 **Park:** Overflow car parking area, opposite entrance to car park for Stockton Cross Inn (Post Code HR6 0HD)
GR: (203) 518612 **RTVD:** £4.50 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Following the Stockton Ride through woodland and then open fields to The Hundred etc.

October

Wednesday 2nd October Wellington 7 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Street parking, meet by church
GR: (202) 497482 **RTVD:** £3.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Through Wellington woods to Westhope and back by field paths. Some steady moderate climbs, muddy when wet, several stiles.

Thursday 3rd October Queenswood Country Park 7.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Queenswood Country Park **GR:** (149)
506515 **RTVD:** £3.00 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Woodlands, fields, common. Uphill at the end. Many stiles.

Tuesday 8th October 3 Choirs Way (15) South of the Malverns 9 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Hollybush Car park on A438 **GR:** (190)
759369 **RTVD:** £2.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: This walk takes us back to the circular variety after three linear walks. Southern end of the Malverns, cross M50 and follow footpaths to Pendock and then re-cross the M50 and return to Hollybush. Some climbing at beginning and end. Leaders will meet the walkers at the parking place.

Thursday 17th October 3 Choirs Way (19 Final) Rudford to Kilcot 9 miles Easy
Leave: 09:00 **Park:** Dalcross, Gorsley **GR:** (OL14)
675261 **RTVD:** £0.80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Linear walk, with initial parking at Dalcross. Cars will be used to ferry walkers to Rudford with drivers being taken back to Rudford to collect cars at the end. Fields, tracks and woods to Cliffords Mesne and back to Kilcot, finishing with celebratory tea at Dalcross. Leaders will meet the group at the parking place.

Tuesday 22nd October Skenfrith & Llanrothal 5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Skenfrith Castle **GR:** (161)
 457203 **RTVD:** £1.40 **Lunch:** Optional Picnic @ Castle
Route: Pretty walk along Monnow Valley. Several stiles and some rugged bits in woodland.
 Good views.

Thursday 24th October 'English' Welsh Newton Common, 'Welsh' English Newton Common 7.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** On the 'Green' at Welsh Newton
 Common **GR:** (OL14) 512175 **RTVD:** £1.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: To Welsh Newton Church. fairly flat and downhill to Buckholt Woods. Short fairly steep ascent into Buckholt Woods. fairly flat to Newton Court Farm via Buckholt Farm. A long gradual ascent with two short steeper stretches and some flatter sections back to the cars. Lovely views, including the Malverns. 14 Stiles.

Thursday 29th October Corse & Staunton 8.5 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** At the former Prince of Wales Pub @ Staunton on
 A417. **GR:** (150) 792292 **RTVD:** £2.30 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Predominantly walking the Witmore Way. The walk passes through beautiful undulating countryside with surprisingly good views. One short steep climb and several stiles. Ground rutted in places and muddy if wet.

November

Tuesday 5th November Skenfrith 6.25 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Skenfrith Castle **GR:** (OL14)
 457203 **RTVD:** £1.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Along Monnow Valley via Llanrothal to Tregoti Bridge, return via Ruthlin Mill. Pretty riverside scenery to begin with lovely views after the climb. 25 stiles, one steep climb of 440ft.

Thursday 7th November Preston-on-Wye & Bridge Sollers 5.5 miles Easy
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Preston-on-Wye Village Hall **GR:** (OL13)
 384416 **RTVD:** £2.80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: A nice easy walk over farmland, along the river and through orchards with lovely views of the Wye Valley countryside. Just a few stiles.

Tuesday 12th November Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal 5 Miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Llanfoist Crossing Car Park **GR:** (OL13)
 287133 **RTVD:** £4.20 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: A leisurely walk along the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal then up through woodland paths to return back to cars on canal towpath. 1 stile. 1 long ascent, 1 short ascent & 1 short descent all on roads.

Thursday 14th November Gilwern 9 miles Moderate
Leave: 08:30 **Park:** Free car park at Gilwern. **GR:** (OL13)
 248146 **RTVD:** £2.60 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Climb Gilwern Hill walking besides canal, footpaths and quiet roads. Return via Cwm Llanwenarth. Total ascent 1765 feet.

Tuesday 19th November Garway 6 miles Moderate
Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Lane to Garway Church **GR:** (189)
 454225 **RTVD:** £ 1.40 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: From Garway Church to top of Garway Hill & return (different route back). Steady climb to top of Garway hill but stunning views. 8 stiles.

Thursday 21st November Lowbands and Gadfield Elm 4.5 miles Moderate

Leave: 09:15 **Park:** Rose and Crown Pub, Playley Gren on A417 **GR:** (190) 764313 **RTVD:** £2.00 **Lunch:** Coffee stop & pub lunch @ Rose & Crown
Route: Circular walk on quiet lanes track and fields taking in Gadfield Elm Chapel & Chartist Cottages. Good views towards Stanton. One short incline. A number of stiles.

Tuesday 26th November Joyford, Edge End 3.75 Miles Moderate

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** Dog and Muffler at Joyford **GR:** (OL14) 578133 **RTVD:** £1.20 **Lunch:** Coffee stop, optional lunch at Dog and Muffler
Route: Lane and across field path to picnic site for coffee. Through woods and village to Dog and Muffler. One stile, one slope up, two slopes down.

Thursday 28th November Monmouth, Kings Wood Area 6 miles Easy

Leave: 09:30 **Park:** At Bridges Community Centre (with permission) Please fill cars.
GR: (OL14) 503 **RTVD:** £1.50 **Lunch:** Coffee stop. Picnic lunch or at Bridges cafe.
Route: From Bridges to Vauxhall, Ancre Hill, then up into Kings Wood, back to Monmouth through Lady Grove. Good views over Monmouth. Nothing very steep, but there are a number of stiles of varying heights.

December

ues 3rd Dec Abbey Dore/Ewyas Harold/Dulas Valley 6.25 Miles Moderate

Leave: 09.15 **Park:** Roadside parking adjacent to Dore Abbey **GR:** (OL13 / 161) SO 386 303 **RTVD:** £2.50 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: The walk begins from the site of the abbey, crossing an ancient common to nearby Ewyas Harold. The return is by a roundabout route above the neighbouring Dulas Valley. Several steady climbs with a dozen or so stiles.

Thursday 5th Dec Mitcheldean / Wigpool 6.5 Miles Moderate

Leave: 09.30 **Park:** Lea Village Hall **GR:** (OL14) 657218 **RTVD:** £0.70 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Mainly field paths & forest tracks to 'Living Wood' and Mitcheldean, then through Wigpool. 2 climbs, various stiles (1 difficult) & gates that may not open. Possible views.

Tuesday 10th Dec – Dingestow, Offa's Dyke Path 5.5 Miles Moderate

Leave: 09.00 **Park:** Dingestow car park opposite post office. **GR:** (OL14) 458103 **RTVD:** £2.10 **Lunch:** Morning walk.
Route: Circular walk to include Treowen House, Whitehill Farm and Offa's Dyke Path. Two steep climbs, total ascent of 730 feet, no stiles.

Thursday 12th December Round the Houses in Ross and Beyond 4 Miles Easy

Leave: 10:00 **Park:** Wilton Car Park **GR:** N/A **RTVD:** £0.80 **Lunch:** Picnic
Route: Our Annual Round the Houses social walk takes in a variety of paths and walkways with some change of scenery. Refreshment stops, with the thanks to three mystery hosts, for morning coffee, picnic lunch and afternoon tea. Please bring your own lunch, mug and slippers.