

## Walks from 2016

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5 January</b>  Grade: 1 Miles: 3.6	<b>Gloucester Waterways</b> Park: Toby Carvery, Over, Gloucester GL2 8DE (also known as The Dog at Over) • GR (162) 812195 From The Toby Carvery under the main Gloucester road to Telfords Bridge. From there to the Historic Gloucester Docks for a half hour coffee stop at "The Lord High Constable of England". Return to The Toby Carvery via Lower Parting where the two channels of the River Severn join. On flat ground of tarmac and grass with one short quite steep ascent and descent on tarmac path. Leaders: JP and SP
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7 January</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Colwall/Malvern</b> Park: Colwall Station • GR (190) 756425  From Colwall Station up on to the Malverns  Leaders: VJ and RS
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19 January</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Forest of Dean</b> Park: Cyril Hart Aboretum Car Park near Speech House off minor road to Parkend, Yorkley and Blakeney • GR (OL14) 622118 Speech House – Cannop – New Fancy. No stiles. Mainly level walking on old railway tracks and tramways. One medium gradient and two long gentle gradients. Leaders: KB and MR
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21 January</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>King's Thorn and Little Birch</b> Park: Car park by bus stop at northern end of King's Thorn ) • GR(189) 498323 Undulating terrain with far-ranging views and interesting houses. Country lanes, forest tracks and green lanes. Some shelter from January winds. Few stiles. Optional winter warmer in pub on way home. One steep slope up and some long drags. Leaders: MH and DH
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26 January</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 8.1 Leave: 9 am RTVD: £2.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Tidenham Chase, Nr. Chepstow</b> Park: Public car park on B4228 at "The Park". • GR (OL14) 558994 From Tidenham Chase to Boughspring, Tidenham and then hopefully a lunch stop at Wintours Leap with spectacular view of the River Wye. Return via Offa's Dyke and Devil's Pulpit. Few stiles, easy going.  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28 January</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 90p Lunch: Picnic	<b>Ganarew</b> Park: Doward • GR (OL14) 548157 From the Doward to Ganarew past the Deer Park. Along the English Border to Dixon. Use the Wye Valley Walk along the river back towards the cars. Great views. 3 steady climbs and 3 stiles.  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2 February</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 8 Leave: 9.15am	<b>Bigsweir</b> Park: Offa's Dyke car park. Take A466 South from Monmouth and turn Left before lights at Bigsweir bridge on road to Clearwell. CP is 600m on left. • GR (OL14) 544055 A varied walk through ancient forest with hints of Offa's Dyke visible, then through open farmland on higher ground and beside a brook which has

RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Picnic	interesting properties. A few stiles, some ups and downs and probably plenty of mud. Leaders: MS
<b>Thursday 4 February</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Staunton's Stones</b> Park: Apron on forestry road, adjacent to main road. Any overflow on disused road section 400 yards west. • GR (OL14) 541125 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. Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday 11 February</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 90p Lunch: Pub	<b>Carey</b> Park: The Cottage of Content car park HR2 6NG • GR (189) 563310 Carey to Broadway Lands and return along river, weather/flooding permitting. Lower end of grade 3 with some short steep slopes. Good views. Optional Pub lunch. 13 stiles. Leaders: JL and CS
<b>Tuesday 16 February</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 8 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Tintern and Cleddon</b> Park: Tintern Wireworks (CP free) • GR (OL14) 527001 We walk through the Angidy Valley past signs of an industrial past. Then climb steadily over open meadows to reach Cleddon Falls. We return, in the steps of Wordsworth, on the Wye Valley Walk. Various styles of stiles, some gentle ascents and a stream crossing. Leaders: MS
<b>Thursday 18 February</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Hanley Swan</b> Park: Little road near Swan Pub • GR (190) 813428  Hanley Swan, Blackmore Park. About 17 stiles. Leaders: VJ and RS
<b>Tuesday 23 February</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Red Marley</b> Park: Red Marley Village Hall • GR (190) 752311  Red Marley – Witherdine – Staunton Mill – Lowbands – Hanover Green – Grove Coppice. Couple of hills. Leaders: SB and GB
<b>Thursday 25 February</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.15a.m RTVD: £2.50 Lunch: Picnic	<b>South Malverns, Ragged Stone Hill</b> Park: Hollybush • GR(190) 758368  South Malverns, Ragged Stone Hill, Chase End Street Leaders: VJ and AC
<b>Tuesday 1 March</b>  Grade: 2 Miles: 6	<b>Forest of Dean, Soudley</b> Park: Old Colliery Yard on Ruspidge Road • GR (OL14) 648113

Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Picnic	Ruspidge, Soudley, Blaize Bailey, Soudley Ponds. 1 stile, a few short climbs, not too steep  Leaders: KB and MR
<b>Thursday 3 March</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Trellech/Whitebrook</b> Park: Beacon Hill Forestry Car Park (adjoins Beacon Farm) • GR (OL14) 511053  Cleddon Falls, Wye Valley Walk and Whitebrook Valley. Several steep climbs  Leaders: MR and AC
<b>Tuesday 8 March</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 10 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Newent/May Hill</b> Park: Newent car park (fee approx. £1.40, please share) GL18 1AN • GR (OL14) 721260 A gradual ascent of 300m through farmland and forest to the summit of May Hill. We return on a different route through orchards on a gradual descent. A gentle way of reaching May Hill. The forest tracks always seem to be muddy.  Leaders: MS
<b>Thursday 10 March</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Tintern Wynd Cliff</b> Park: Lower Wyndcliff car park on the A466 • GR (OL14) 530973 Morning walk with fabulous views over the Rivers Severn and Wye. Initial steep ascent of the 365 steps leading to the Eagles Nest Viewpoint. A stretch of the Wye Valley Walk over the Wynd Cliff is followed by a section along a rocky track and then a pleasant walk along quiet lanes. Suggested picnic back at the car park with picnic tables and a view. A steep ascent and descent Leaders: JH and GM
<b>Tuesday 15 March</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9.5 Leave: 9am RTVD: £5.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Black Mountains</b> Park: Forestry Commission Car Park at Mynydd Du (Blaen-y-cwm) NP7 7LY • GR (OL13) 253285. Grwyne Fawr Reservoir and Dam. Steady moderate climb for the first 2 miles to the Dam. Trail is mixture of stone tracks and moorland paths. Reaching the trig point at Rhos Dirion. Views in all directions. Some gates. Leaders: LD and WD
<b>Thursday 17 March</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6.6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>5 Bridges, Hereford</b> Park: Rotherwas, HR2 6JQ • GR (189) 532378 A pleasant and varied walk loosely following the River Wye. An opportunity to cross the new footbridge and visit the remains of the site where the “Canary Girls” worked. Fairly flat apart from short ascents to get on to bridges. 2 stiles.  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday 31 March</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £5.60 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Lingen</b> Park: Lingen Church • GR (201) 365670  Walk around iron-age farmsteads/hillforts. Good examples of some very old coppice and mature yew trees. 9 stiles and 4 short steep inclines.  Leaders: RB and BB
<b>* Additional Walk*</b> <b>Thursday 24th March</b> Grade: 3	<b>** Additional Walk **</b> <b>English Bicknor</b> Park: Dog and Muffler, GL16 7AS • GR (OL14) 579134

Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2.20 Lunch: Pub	A short walk through valleys, uplands, woodlands, with extensive views. One steep climb, a few stiles.  Leaders: MD and GM
<b>Tuesday 5 April</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: 40p Lunch: Picnic	<b>Hoarwithy</b> <b>Park:</b> Harwood End Inn, back of car park • GR (189) 530268  Paths and lanes over to Sellack. Cross the river to King's Caple then Hoarwithy and back to Harewood End. A few stiles.  Leaders: HBA and GB
<b>Thursday 7 April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £3 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Clodock and Longtown</b> <b>Park:</b> St. Clydawg Church (limited parking) • GR (OL13) 326275 Circular walk following part of the Monnow Valley. Lovely views, a couple of steep climbs. 25+ obstacles.  Leaders: PC and RC
<b>Tuesday 12 April</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Pub	<b>Ashperton</b> <b>Park:</b> Ashperton Church • GR (189) 643415 From Ashperton Church and Castle, along side of disused canal to Swinmore Court, returning via Munsley Court and Chapel to Ashperton. A flat walk with a few stiles.  Leaders: CB and GC
<b>Thursday 14 April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 60p Lunch: Morning walk	<b>Coppett Hill</b> <b>Park:</b> Goodrich Castle – Parking Fee £1 • GR (OL14) 576197  Over Coppett Hill, beside the river and back to Goodrich Castle. 2 stiles.  Leaders: JT and PC
<b>Tuesday 19 April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bolstone</b> <b>Park:</b> On wide grass verge near Shepherds Rough House and old railway bridge between Ballingham and Holme Lacy. • GR (189) 564328 Shepherds Rough to Bolstone and through part of the Holme Lacy estate. Lower end of grade 3 with one long gradual uphill and a couple of short steep slopes. Good views. 21 stiles. Leaders: JL and CS
<b>Thursday 21 April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9.5 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>The Holy Mountain (Skirrid)</b> <b>Park:</b> On road by Skirrid Inn • GR (OL13) 326206  Fields via Llangattock Lingoed and Offa's Dyke. Easy at first then steep climb to top of Skirrid. Quite a number of stiles.  Leaders: MR and RS
<b>Wednesday 27th April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Welsh Newton</b> <b>Park:</b> Welsh Newton Common • GR (ol14) 513176 To Newton Court Farm returning via Old Mill, Broome Farm, Welsh Newton church and Newton Wood. Stiles and two uphills.  Leaders: JP and GC

<b>Thursday</b> <b>28 April</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £2.60 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Ewyas Harold/Abbey Dore</b> Park: Car Park • GR (OL13) 388287  Ewyas Harold, Wigga Farm, Dulas Church, Ewyas Harold Common, Dore Abbey return via Prospect Farm. One fairly steep climb, other gentler slopes, several stiles.  Leaders: KB and MR
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3 May</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £1.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Peregrine Trail, Biblins to Monmouth</b> Park: Broadstones layby, approx. 2.5 miles from Monmouth • GR (OL14) 539124  St. John's Well, Biblins, Peregrine Trail to Monmouth. Offa's Dyke and Wysis Way back to Broadstones. One short steepish ascent and one longer more gradual ascent. Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday</b> 5th May Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Llantilio Crossenny</b> Park: St. Teilo's Church, Llantilio Crossenny • GR (161) 398149  Via Hen Gwrt to Three Castles Walk, White Castle, and Offa's Dyke Path. A few steep slopes and several stiles.  Leaderd: DH and MH
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10 May</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD:£1.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bromesberrow</b> Park: Bromsberrow church, HR8 1RU • GR (190) 742336  From Bromesberrow Church a circular walk to Howlers Heath. A climb to Howlers Heath and some stiles.  Leaders: SD and GM
<b>Thursday</b> <b>12 May</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Kings Wood – Wonastow</b> Park: Car Park Monmouth (Please Share parking fee) • GR (OL14) 505124  From Monmouth up into King's Wood and then working our way down to Wonastow and Mitchel Troy. Forest tracks and pasture land. Long, steady climb and some stiles.  Leaders: RS and MR
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>17 May</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Forest of Dean – Dark Hill Furnace</b> Park: Forestry Commission Car Park just off B4228v• GR (OL14) 587086 Darkhill, Parkend, Parkhill Inclosure, Whitecroft, Brockhollands, Bream Scowls, Mill Hill, Noxon Park, Sling. A walk through history of the Forest. Time to look over impressive Dark Hill Site at end of walk.  Leaders: CJ and GJ
<b>Thursday</b> <b>19 May</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 3 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £2.90 Lunch: Morning walk	<b>Skirrid</b> Park: On B4521 near Skirrid • GR (161) 328164  Climb the Skirrid. Although only three miles it will take over two hours. Optional picnic at Skenfrith Castle on way home.  Leaders: HBA and GB

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24 May</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.1 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>South of Ruardean</b> Park: "Speculation" Forestry Commission Car Park • GR (OL14) 614136 Forest walk through Brierley and Astonbridgehill Inclosure and onto the open high ground above Ruardean. Excellent views to the Malverns and the Black Mountains. No steep climbs. A few stiles. An easy grade 3 walk.  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25 May</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 4 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Pub	<b>Forest Cycle Trail and Alternative Walk</b> Park: Cannop Ponds • GR (162) 610106  12 mile cycle ride around the Forest stopping for lunch at the Rising Sun. Alternatively, a 4 mile walk stopping at the Rising Sun for lunch.  Leaders: HBA and GB
<b>Thursday</b> 26th May Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £3.50 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Black Mountains</b> Park: Forest Coalpit • GR (OL13) 292201  Around Bryn Arw via Little Stanton Farm and Bettws, return via Blaenawy. Two steady climbs and stiles.  Leaders: JP
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>31 May</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £4.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Caudle Green</b> Park: Brimpsfield Village Hall • GR (179) 938128 Past remains of Brimpsfield Castle, follow water meadows to Caudle Green. Mixed terrain through Climperwell Valley. Mostly flat or gently undulating. 10 stiles. One fairly steep short grassy slope followed by a not so steep but slightly longer road ascent.  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2nd June</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Holme Lacy</b> Park: St. Cuthbert's Church, Holme Lacy • GR (189) 568348 A lane from the church to an orchard, around the grounds of Holme Lacy House and then through the village to the river. Some of the walk is high above the Wye and along the river bank where the Lugg enters the Wye.  Leaders: JH and GM
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7 June</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Fownhope</b> <b>Park: Fownhope Recreation Ground Car Park • GR (189) 579341</b> Up onto the ridge of Common Hill, down to Capler Farm, down to the River Wye at Mancell's Ferry and then alongside the Wye back to Fownhope. Fairly steep in places up to Common Hill. Some stiles  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9th June</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 8.55am RTVD: £4 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Slad Valley, Stroud</b> Park: Layby Bulls Cross on B4070 • GR (162) 877087 Walking one of England's most beautiful valleys, immortalised in the works of Laurie Lee. Linking four Gloucestershire Wildlife nature reserves largely untouched for over 100 years it has over 300 plant species and orchids plus some rare butterflies. One very steep 100m climb. Six stiles. Muddy if wet. Leaders: RH and RH
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14 June</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.7	<b>Skenfrith – The Swan Walk in reverse</b> Park: Next to Skenfrith Castle • GR (189) 457202 Up Coedanghred Hill and down to join the River Monnow at Ruthlin Mill. On

Leave: 9.15 am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	to St. Maughans Green, Church Farm, Linthill and down the Skenfrith. Steep climb at start on to Coedanghred Hill. Some stiles.  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Thursday 16 June</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £3.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Twynning - Tewkesbury</b> Park: Twynning Green • GR (190) 901367 Shakespeare's Avon Way, river and meadows to Tewkesbury, returning on the east bank of the Severn via fields and through Puckrup Hotel Golf Course and Church End village.  Leaders: MR and JW
<b>Monday 20 June</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 2 Leave: 5.30pm RTVD: £2.30 Evening Walk: Picnic	<b>Herefordshire Beacon</b> Park: British Camp Public Car Park on A449 (Fee: £4 per car) • GR (190) 763404 Evening walk and picnic on the Longest Day, weather permitting. Walk south along Three Choirs Way, pass Clutter's Cave, climb up Millennium Hill then picnic on Herefordshire Beacon. Plenty of steps up and down. 152m ascent. Mostly made paths.  Leaders: MH and DH
<b>Thursday 23 June</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 10.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £1.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Brockhampton to Marcle Ridge</b> Park: Brockhampton Parish Hall HR1 4SE • (OL 189) 592319 We start with a climb to Capler Camp then Fishpool Hill after which we head east to reach Marcle Ridge for lunch. We head south along the ridge and return via Sollers Hope and Brockhampton churches. 5 hills giving a combined ascent of 1000 ft. There is a muddy descent where poles will help. Some interesting stiles. Leaders: MS
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b> Grade: 4 Miles: 8 Leave: 8.30am RTVD: £7.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Brecon Beacons Horseshoe</b> Park: To reach CP go past Pontsticill & Pentwyn reservoirs, turn left onto unclassified road, continue until reaching CP on left (near the No. 393 on map) • GR (OL 12) 037170 Cross the valley below reservoir, then a steep climb onto Graig Fan Ddu Ridge. Three peaks Corn Ddu, Pen-y-Fan & (optional) Cribyn. Easy route along Roman road back to CP. One steep climb, others moderate  Leaders: VJ and AC
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 3 Leave: 10am RTVD: £0 Lunch: Morning Walk	<b>Ross-on-Wye – John Kyrle Walk</b> <b>Park:</b> Wilton Road Car Park • GR (OL14) 593240  Walk around Ross, some steps which will be taken at a leisurely pace! Can have pub lunch afterwards. Steps.  Leaders: GJ and EB
<b>Thursday 30 June</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 2.5 OR 5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.70 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Brockhampton Estate, Bromyard (National Trust)</b> <b>Park:</b> Upper Car Park Brockhampton Estate, WR6 5TB • GR (149) 683549 Two walks on this NT estate, both starting together from the upper car park and splitting into two groups after a mile. Woodland, farmland and good views. A few slopes. Refreshments/light lunches available at café.  Leaders: JL, CS, RH and RH

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5 July</b> Grade: 2 Miles 6.5 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £3.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>North East Usk</b> Park: Free Car Park, Central Usk • GR (152) 376007  Coed-y-brain – Ty Freeman Road – Pentwyn Farm. Through lanes and farmland. Stiles and wooded area.  Leaders: GM and MD
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7 July</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4.40 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Arlingham</b> Park: Car park 100 metres beyond Red Lion on the right side of Passage Road • (OL14) 707110 Exploring the Severn River meadows across farmland to Barrow Hill for extensive views, south to follow the Severn Way back along the left bank of the river. Views across to the Forest of Dean including Newnham. 50 metre ascent of Barrow Hill. Leaders: MH and DH
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12 July</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Coberley</b> Park: Birdlip scenic car park • GR (OL179) 931154  Using A417 underpass and a lot of easy undulating walking on mainly hard paths. 5 stiles.  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday</b> <b>14 July</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7.8 Leave: 9am RTVD: £4.60 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bredon Hill, near Tewkesbury</b> Park: Great Comberton Village Hall • GR (190) 954420 Heading SW, following the lower slopes of Bredon Hill past Woollas Hall (1611) and on to Bredon's Norton. Then heading NE and gradually climbing onto the ridge of Bredon Hill with its Iron Age Fort, Parson's Folly and superb views. Returning to Great Comberton via Doctor's Wood and Even Hill. The 800ft ascent onto Bredon Hill is not particularly steep being spread out over a 2 mile distance on this route. Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19 July</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9.8 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.70 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bishops Frome</b> Park: Bishops Frome Village Hall Car Park • GR (202) 662483 Bishops Frome – Cheyney Court Wood – Fromes Hill – Gospel Yew Cottage – Woodlow – Fox Hill – Catley Southfield – Moorend Farm – the Bramleys – Kingstone Bridge – Bishops Frome. Couple of hills, couple of stiles.  Leaders: SB and GB
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21 July</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bamfurlong</b> Park: Churchdown Parish Council Car Park GL3 2JH • GR (OL179) 883205 Mostly field tracks around Down Hatherley and Bamfurlong. 12 stiles, two of which are fairly difficult.  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26 July</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £1.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Prior's Frome and Haugh Wood</b> <b>Park:</b> Car park at the view point on the Prior's Frome to Checkley road • GR (189) 577386 From the view point to Mordiford, Hope Springs Farm, through Haugh Wood, Checkley and Broomy Green and return to view point. Good views. 8 stiles, 1 steep downhill and 2 steepish climbs.  Leaders: JL



<b>Thursday 28 July</b> Grade: 4 Miles: 10 Leave: 8.30am RTVD: £6.60 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Ystradfellte – Waterfall Walk</b> Park: Near Pen-y-Porth. CP 1 mile south of Ystradfellte • (OL12) 928123 Along rivers Mellte and Hepste with numerous waterfalls, one we walk behind. Bring camera, walking poles useful. A fantastic walk. Some parts rocky underfoot, a few undulations with some steps, lots of easy walking and we stop to enjoy the falls.  Leaders: VJ and AC
<b>Tuesday 2 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: 70p Lunch: : Picnic	<b>Bulls Hill</b> Park: Bishopswood CP – approx. 400m after Kerne Bridge on B4234 • GR (OL14) 581188  Leys Hill, Howle Hill and Bull's Hill. Some steep bits and a few stiles.  Leaders: VJ and JH
<b>Thursday 4 August</b> Grade: 4 Miles: 7.2 Leave: 9am RTVD: £4.70 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Twmpa and Hay Bluff, Black Mountains</b> Park: Free public car park at stone circles 4 miles south of Hay-on-Wye • GR (OL13) 240373  The walk starts at an altitude of about 1,600ft which minimises the height to be climbed. The first section heads SW following the lower slopes of the escarpment. Turning SE we ascend a steep climb to the top of the ridge where the high point of Twmpa (Lord Hereford's Knob) is quickly reached. After a short walk on top of the ridge the path descends to Gospel Path from where a second ascent is made to the ridge which leads on to Hay Bluff. A short walk to the SW finds the Offa's Dyke Path which takes us down to the car park. Tremendous views. This is a weather dependent walk. No stiles. Two steep climbs.  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Tuesday 9 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9am RTVD: £3.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham</b> Park: Quarry Car Park, south of Golf Club House • GR 990271  This is a clockwise walk around the edges of Cleeve Hill Common, which is one of the country's most fascinating and precious limestone grassland habitats. In the early stages there are views to the NE including a wonderful view of Winchcombe nestled in its valley. The last quarter of the walk follows the top of the escarpment with huge views as far as Sugar Loaf about 45 miles away. The walk leads through variable countryside including woodlands and grasslands. This is an upper end grade 3 walk and there is one particular short but steep section. No stiles. The Golf Club House near the car park offers drinks and light meals.  Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Thursday 11 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Blorenge and Punch Bowl</b> Park : B4246 at Penffordd Pond • GR (161) 255108  Easy ascent to summit with excellent views of Black Mountains & Brecon Beacons. Descend to Punch Bowl with its beautiful beech trees. Follow an old tramway before ascent to car park. Fairly steep descent and steep, but steady, ascent for return.  Leaders: JH and JS

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>16 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.2 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Brockhampton</b> Park: Brockhampton Parish Hall, HR1 4SE • GR (189) 592319 Brockhampton Church to How Caple, Fawley, Fawley Cross, the Wye Valley Walk to the view point, Peartree Green and return to the church and Parish Hall. A couple of stiles and a few not too challenging inclines.  Leaders: JL and CS
<b>Thursday</b> <b>18 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Forest of Dean – Dark Hill Furnace</b> Park: Forestry Commission Car Park just off B4228 • GR (OL14) 587086 Darkhill, Parkend, Parkhill Inclosure, Whitecroft, Brockhollands, Bream Scowls, Mill Hill, Noxon Park, Sling. A walk through history of the Forest. Time to look over impressive Dark Hill Site at end of walk.  Leaders: CJ and GJ
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles 8.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 70p Lunch: Picnic	<b>Llangarron</b> Park: St. Deinst Church, Llangarron • GR (OL14) 530212  Fields, meadows and lanes. Beautiful views. Visiting Welsh Newton Church and Llangrove.  Leaders: MR and JW
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>30 August</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 70p Lunch: Picnic	<b>Hoarwithy</b> Park: On road by church and/or Car Park by Hoarwithy Bridge • GR (189) 546293  Hoarwithy, King's Caple, Sellack and Llanfrother. A few stiles and a couple of gentle climbs but mainly on grassland and field paths, minor roads and tracks.  Leaders: KB and MR
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1st September</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Marcle Ridge</b> Park: Much Marcle car park • GR (189) 630346 This walk takes full advantage of the extensive views across to the Malvern and Cotswold Hills before descending down into the secluded wooded countryside of Woolhope Dome to visit the purported home of Dick Whittington. Several climbs and descents.  Leaders: RS and MR
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6 September</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 4.5 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Hereford by River Wye</b> Catch 33 bus to Hereford at 8.47 from Cantilupe Road returning to Ross at 15.53 or 16.58 A nice level pathway walking alongside the river on the west side of Hereford retracing our steps on the return leg. Steps at beginning and end. May be muddy. Pace will be generally slower than is usual. Leaders: NS and RS
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8 September</b> Grade: 4 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.50 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Black Mountains</b> Park: Llanthony Abbey car park • GR (OL13) 288278 From Llanthony Abbey south to Henllan, Noyaddllwyd & Ty-ddraenen. Then to Cwmyoy & Ty-hwnt-y-bwlch, and up onto Hatterall Hill. Return via Offa's Dyke Path to the Abbey. One steep climb and one stony descent.  Leaders: JP and CB
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>20 September</b> Grade: 3	<b>Llantilio Crossenny</b> Park: St. Teilo's Church, Llantilio Crossenny • GR (161) 398149

Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30 RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	Via Hen Gwrt to Three Castles Walk, White Castle, and Offa's Dyke Path. A few steep slopes and several stiles.  Leaders: DH and MH
<b>Thursday 22 September</b> Grade: 4 Miles: 9 Leave: 9am RTVD: £6.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Western Black Mountains to Waun Fach</b> Park: at marked car park • GR (OL 161) 177303 Good mountain walk from Pengefnffordd off the A469 towards Talgarth. Climb eastwards and north along NW scarp of the Blacks to Y Das Talgarth with lovely views to North and West. Turn SE to reach Waun Fach at 811 metres, the highest in the Blacks. Return down Pen Trumau and Rhiw Trumau round Castell Dinas and back to cars. Plenty of climb. Mountain walk with good climbs Leaders: CJ and GJ
<b>Tuesday 4 October</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 8 Leave: 9am RTVD: £4.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Lonely Shepherd, Brecon Beacons</b> Park: Public car park Gilwern • GR (OL13) 248146 A short distance along the Brecon canal and then a track to Llanelli. Fields and tracks lead to the large pillar of rock on the skyline known as the Lonely Shepherd. Open moorland, tracks and minor roads will take us back to Gilwern via Maesygywartha. Some steep ascents and descents and rocky terrain on the summit. Leaders: JH and AC
<b>Thursday 6 October</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9am RTVD: £4.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Pembridge</b> Park: Village Green car park • GR (LR 149) 390585  A walk upstream of the River Arrow crossing the river at Staunton on Arrow and back downstream to Eardisland before re-crossing the river to return to Pembridge. 1 stile.  Leaders: RB and BB
<b>Tuesday 18 October</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Longhope/Mitcheldean/Abrahall</b> Park: Nags Head pub at Boxbush • GR (OL14) 683204  Over ridge to Mitcheldean and on to Plump Hill. Return via Abenhall church and Longhope Common  Leaders: MH and DH
<b>Thursday 20 October</b>  Grade: 4 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £4.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Goytre Wharf</b> Park: Goytre Wharf, NP7 9EW. Parking charge £1 per car • GR (OL13) 312065  Goytre Wharf, Pen-y-stair, Holy Well, Cerrig Mawr, The Goose and Cuckoo and returning along the canal towpath from Bridge 79. Interesting but challenging walk with far reaching views. Farmland, woodland and along ancient tree lined sunken paths. One very steep climb. Slippery and very uneven paths in places, muddy in wet weather. Walking sticks recommended. 11 stiles. Leaders: JL, RH and RH
<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>  Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am	<b>Hartpury</b> Park: Barbers Bridge • GR (OL14) 772222. Turn right off B4215 Tibberton turn, then immediate right behind nursery. Leaders will meet group at Barbers Bridge.

RTVD: £1.80 Lunch: Picnic	Barbers Bridge across meadows following River Leadon to Hartpury church then to Hartpury College past Rugeley Wood to Catsbury Hill back to Hartpury Church (interesting bee shelter in churchyard) then lane to Murrell's End across fields to Barber Bridge. 10 stiles, one fairly long gentle incline.  Leaders: BS and SD
<b>Thursday 27 October</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.70 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Valley Valley (Redbrook)</b> Park: Second Car Park in Redbrook (if travelling from Monmouth) on A466. CP Fee £1 • GR (OL14) 537098  Follow Coxberry Lane for the first section (which is Grade 3). The second section is mainly farmland (Grade 2). The third section includes following Valley brook down the valley (Grade 1). Interesting walk with good views. 5 stiles  Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Tuesday 1 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Coddington and Colwall</b> Park: Next to Coddington Church • GR (190)718427  Coddington to Colwall church via Pithouse Farm, then Oyster Hill, Upper Lodge return to Coddington. 14 stiles and several short fairly steep climbs.  Leaders: KB and MR
<b>Thursday 3 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Aconbury</b> Park: King's Thorne bus stop/car park • GR (189) 498321  Aconbury Wood passing the ramparts of Aconbury Iron Age Hill Fort then fields/tracks/lanes to Little Birch, returning to King's Thorne. Several stiles.  Leaders: JS and AB
<b>Tuesday 8 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.20 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Moseley Green</b> Park: the Rising Sun Inn, Mosely Green GL15 4HN. Park at lower car park. Refreshments available. Fairly strenuous woodland walk. Mosely Green – New Fancy – Staple Edge – Danby Lodge. Almost entirely along forestry roads and woodland paths. Several short, very steep climbs.  Leaders: GM and MD
<b>Thursday 10 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Mitchel Troy and Penallt</b> Park: Car Park next to Mitchel Troy church • GR (OL14) 492104  Penallt Church, Caer Llan, Wern Farm. One steep climb. 18 stiles.  Leaders: MR and AC
<b>Tuesday 15 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 9.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.70 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Bishops Frome</b> Park: Bishops Frome Village Hall Car Park • GR (202) 662483 Bishops Frome – Cheyney Court Wood – Fromes Hill – Gospel Yew Cottage – Woodlow – Fox Hill – Catley Southfield – Moorend Farm – the Bramleys – Kingstone Bridge – Bishops Frome. Couple of hills, number of stiles. Leaders: SB and GB
<b>Thursday 17 November</b>	<b>Caldicot and the Severn Estuary</b> Park: Caldicot Castle and Country Park P.C. NP26 4HU • GR (154) 484886

Grade: 1 Miles: 6.9 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4 Lunch: Picnic	The route goes under the newer Severn Bridge and it can be seen from a lot of angles. Great views of the Estuary including the older Severn Bridge and as far as Exmoor on the clear day. We go past the (free) Estuary Railway Tunnel Centre and the Victorian Pumping Station, plus many other interesting sights. Optional (free) visit to Caldicot Castle at end of walk. Leaders: MA, EA and MR
<b>Tuesday 22 November</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 4 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Pub	<b>Taynton</b> <b>Park:</b> Car park at The Glasshouse Inn • GR (OL14) 710214 Along the Wysis Way to Taynton and then back via Taynton House. Mainly flat with a few slopes. Very few stiles. Leaders: JS and HS
<b>Thursday 24 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Oyster Hill</b> <b>Park:</b> Colwall Church • GR (109) 739423 From Colwall Church, fields and lanes to Oyster Hill, steady occasionally steep, climbs. Many difficult stiles. Leaders: GM and MD
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 6.9 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 90p Lunch: Picnic	<b>Crockers Ash</b> <b>Park:</b> Follow lane to Biblins Camp Site on Great Doward. Parking is on right, 200 metres after the lane goes off to the left to Williams Patio's • GR (OL14) 547156 Follow Ancient Byways and forest tracks past Kings Arthur's Cave to Crocker's Ash. Through the "entertainments" to Whitchurch Church. Walk past the ferries and remains of industrial heritage to Biblins Bridge. Through Lord's Wood to Settlement, Quarrie and Seven Sisters Rock. Steps over a stile and 2 short steepish descents. Leaders: MA and EA
<b>Thursday 1 December</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.90 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Pontypool</b> <b>Park:</b> Star Inn, Mamhilad, opposite church • GR(152) 305034 From the Star Inn up the "Roman Road" to the Folly. Down through Pontypool Park to Pontymoile Canal Basin, back along the canal to Mamhilad. One long steep climb to the Folly from the Canal Bridge at Mamhilad. Leaders: GM and MD
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b> Grade: 3 Miles: 4.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.20 Lunch: Pub	<b>Usk</b> <b>Park:</b> Maryport Street Car Park, Usk NP15 1AB • GR(152) 375008 Usk – Llanbadoc – Bridleway – Coed Duon. Moderate climbs and stiles. Some steepish downhill sections – walking poles advisable. Leaders: PC and JT
<b>Thursday 8 December</b> Grade: 2 Miles: 5 approx.	<b>Round the Houses</b> <b>Park:</b> Wilton car park. Those not wishing to use the steps up from Wilton can join the group at 10.45am at Fernbank Road car park

Leave: 10am Lunch: Picnic	Our annual Round the Houses social walk takes in a variety of paths and walkways with some change of scenery. Paths may be muddy in places.  Leaders: PC and JH
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b>  Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Mathon</b> Park: St. John Baptist Church car park Mathon • GR (190) 733458 Leaders will meet at start of walk  Church – Warners Farm – South End – Riddings Farm – Nash End – Noverings Farm – Beacon Hill – Tanhouse Lane and return. Lots of stiles/foot bridges, will be muddy.  Leaders: SB and GB
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>  Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4 Lunch: Picnic	<b>Crickley Hill</b> Park: Salterley (Quarry, disused) Hartley Lane • GR(179) 946176  Lots of escarpment walking along Crickley, Hartley and Leckhampton hills. Terrific birds eye views of Cheltenham and Gloucester with Hay Bluff and the Wrekin etc. beyond. Close view of The Devil's Chimney and Ancient Settlements etc. Two stiles and a few gradual slopes.  Leaders: MA and EA