

Walks from 2017

Thursday 5 January Grade: 1 Miles: approx. 3.5 Meet at Pub 9.45 Lunch: Pub **	New Year's Walk – Over and Maidenhall Park: Toby Carvery Pub (aka “The Dog at Over”) GL2 8DE • GR (162) 813195 Circular walk from Pub car park at Over to Maidenhall **NB: Lunch – Pub carvery £6.99 or choose from Menu. Leaders: VJ & SD
Tuesday 10 January Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.60 Lunch: Picnic	Forest of Dean Park: Arboretum car park opposite the school • GR (OL14) 623118 Through arboretum to Crabtree Hill, Birch Wood, Serridge to Cannop Ponds, return via Russell's Enclosure. Two short inclines, could be muddy in places. Leaders: JP & CB
Thursday 12 January Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.50 Lunch: Picnic	Stone Street Madley Park: Brampton Golf Course, Madley, HR2 9LX • GR (OL13) 409374 Along to Little and Great Brampton then picking up Stone Street (an old Roman Road) which takes us up Brampton Hill Wood with a scenic return via New Barns Farm and Lady Coppice, Shenmore and Cublington. Pretty woodland paths and fantastic views. Some stiles. Leaders: RS & MR
Tuesday 17 January Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Picnic	Holme Lacy Park: Holme Lacy Village Hall • GR (189) 555356 Leaders will meet at start of walk Village Hall - River Wye – Hightrees – Hollington Farm – Lower Bolstone Wood – Trilloes Court Wood – Upper Bolstone Wood – Gannah Farm – Green Drive and return. Will be muddy. Steep climb up onto Trilloes Court Wood (total of 625 feet of ascent) Leaders: S & G Blows
Thursday 19 January Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.40 Lunch: Picnic	Redbrook Park: Second car park in Redbrook (travelling from Monmouth) on A466. CP Fee £1. • GR (OL14) 537098 Redbrook, Kymin, Monmouth returning along Wye Valley Walk to Redbrook. 2 fairly steep climbs. Mainly gates but also 2 stiles. Leaders: KB & RH
Tuesday 24 January Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3 Lunch Picnic	Tintern and Devils Pulpit Park: Old Wire Works car park MP16 6TQ • GR (OL14) 527002 Start Abbey Mill, woodland paths along former Wye Valley Railway. Ascent to Offa's Dyke and Devils Pulpit. Back via Brockweir and along the Wye to Tintern Leaders: E & J L

Thursday 26 January Grade: 3 Miles: 4 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: morning walk	Huntley Park: Right-hand side of Huntley Church, signed to Garden Centre • GR (162) 714196 Up Glasshouse Hill and around Huntley Hill. 6 stiles. Leaders: MR & RS
Tuesday 31 January Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.30 Lunch: Picnic	Garway Hill Park: Outside old school in Garway village • GR (161) 460227 A different approach to Garway Hill starting south to Garway Court and then following the Monnow valley to White Rocks and the hill. Back via Little Garway. A couple of steep ascents, 5 stiles and numerous gates. Leaders: H B-A & GB
Thursday 9 March Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 90p Lunch: Picnic	Llanwarne Park: Car park opposite Llanwarne Church • GR (189) 505282 **Note: Car park is very restricted, please all meet at Wilton CP to maximise car sharing.** Llanwarne church, Bryngwyn Hill, The Mynde, Orcop Hill and Hills Farm. A few inclines, one steep descent, lots of stiles a few of which are not easy. Leaders: JL & RH
Thursday 16 March Grade: 3 Miles: 10 Leave: 9 am RTVD: £2.50 Lunch: Picnic	Colwall/Malvern Park: Brockhill Road, Colwall • GR (190) 758430 From Colwall to walk the central Malvern Ridge north to The Wyche, up to Worcestershire Beacon then around North Hill with wonderful views of West Malvern, Clee Hills, Black Mountains and May Hill. Back to Colwall on lower level . Leaders: MR & JH
Wednesday 22 March Grade: 2 Miles: 4 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.20 Lunch: Pub	Forest Walk and Steam Train Ride Park: Norchard Station, two miles north of Lydney on B4234, GL15 4ET • GR (162) 628043 Catch the 10.44am steam train at Norchard. Alight at Parkend and walk through the forest to the Rising Sun for lunch, complete walk and return via train to Lydney and back to Norchard ** NOTE: Please let leaders know if you intend to go so they can negotiate a group rate for the train. Leaders: H B-A & GB
Thursday 23 March Grade: 2 Miles: 4.5 Leave: 9.30am	Daffodil Walk Park: Turn into Kempley Road, Gorsley and park near Little Pound Farm • GR (OL14) 688275 A pleasant short walk to admire the daffodils. Shaw Common and Betty Daw's Wood.

RTVD: £1 Morning walk	Leaders: MR & JW
Tuesday 28 March Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £3.70 Lunch: Picnic	Sugar Loaf Park: Porth-y-Parc, Chapel Road, Abergavenny • GR (161) 288167 A circular walk from the south east of Sugar Loaf taking in its summit and the beautiful wooded section through St. Mary's Vale. Long steep climb to the summit and a "sting in the trail" ascent Leaders: JH & JP
Tuesday 16 May Grade: 3 Miles: 6.4 Leave: 9.30.am RTVD: £3 Lunch: Picnic	Ullingswick and Stoke Lacy Park: Car Park at Ullingswick Church, HR1 3JQ • GR (202) 596499 • N52°8' 45" W2°35' 30" Mainly gentle rolling hills from Ullingswick through Little Cowarne, past the Wye Valley Brewery, Hopton Court and Stoke Lacy. One steep hill. Some stiles. Leaders: J & H S
Thursday 18 May Grade: 3 Miles: 7.3 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4.20 Lunch: Picnic	Painswick, Cotswolds Park: Public Car Park on A46 (New Street) in centre of Painswick. GL6 6UZ All day parking fee £2 • GR (162) 865095 • N51°47' 2" W2°11' 49" Affectionately known as the Queen of the Cotswolds, Painswick originally grew as a result of the wool trade but it is now best known for its parish church's 100 yew trees and the local Rococo Garden. Extensive views of beautiful Painswick Valley to the east, named by King Charles I as "Paradise". Starting with a walk through the church yard and its yew trees, passing through the old village, onto Painswick golf course, before reaching the iron age at Painswick Beacon, 283 metres above sea level, one of the highest points for miles. Stunning views across the Severn Valley to the Bristol Channel, Forest of Dean and Malverns. Descending Painswick Beacon continuing through gorgeous countryside via Spoonbed Hill, Holcombe, Edge Farm, Wragg Castle Farm, Painswick Valley and back into Painswick from the south. Numerous stiles. Lot of ups and downs but well worth it. Leaders: J & H S
Tuesday 23 May Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	Eaton Bishop Park: Eaton Bishop Village Hall • GR (189) 443389 • N52°3' 13" W2°48' 49" Eaton Bishop to River Wye, along the riverbank to Ruckhall, Tuck Mill, Clehonger and along Cage Brook. Good views of the river. 12 stiles and several steep and difficult sets of steps between Ruckhall and Tuck Mill Leaders: JL & CS
Thursday 25 May Grade: 3 Miles: 6 with option to extend to 6.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4 Lunch: Picnic	Slad Valley, Stroud Park: Bulls Cross on B4070 • GR (162) 877087 • N51°46' 36" W2°10' 46" 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. Five stiles. Muddy if wet. At end of walk, there will be an option to have an "end of walk" drink at Laurie Lee's local pub. Leaders: R & R Harrison

Tuesday 30 May Grade: 1 Miles: 9 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4 Lunch: Picnic	Caldicot and the Severn Estuary Park: Caldicot Castle and Country Park P.C. NP26 4HU • GR (154) 484886 • N51°35' 37" W2°44' 46" 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 a clear day. We go past the (free) Estuary Railway Tunnel Centre and the Victorian Pumping Station, plus many other interesting sights. Optional (free) visit of Caldicot Castle at the end of the walk. Leaders: M & E A
Thursday 1 June Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.50 Lunch: Picnic	Stone Street Madley Park: Brampton Golf Course, Madley, HR2 9LX • GR (OL13) 408375 • N52°1' 57" W2°51' 51" Along to Little and Great Brampton then picking up Stone Street (an old Roman Road) which takes us up Brampton Hill Wood with a scenic return via New Barns Farm and Lady Coppice, Shenmore and Cublington. Pretty woodland paths and fantastic views. Some stiles. Leaders: RS & MR
Tuesday 6 June Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.60 Lunch: Picnic	Newnham on Severn Park: Car Park at Gloucester end of town, beside the river. • GR (162) 694120 • N51°48' 20" W2°26' 42" Newnham, Bullo Pill, Blaize Bailey. Stunning views if clear. 1 steep field up and one downhill. Couple of stiles. Leaders: GM & MD
Thursday 8 June Grade: 1 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.60 Lunch: Picnic	Stroudwater Canal Park: Turn off A419 towards Eastington, then first left. Can be very restricted parking • GR (179) 784061 • N51°45' 11 W2°18' 51 Through community orchard and lovely river meadows. Back along the mostly renovated Canal with lots of interesting buildings. Lots of wildlife. There are a few shortcuts for those who like a shorter distance – see leader for details. Leaders: M & E A
Tuesday 13 June Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.00 Lunch: Picnic	Staunton Parking: Car Park behind Staunton Village Hall, GL16 8NX GR (OL14) 550 126 Staunton to Kymin via Wysis Way. Offa's Dyke to Redbrook. Knockall's Inclosure and Birchen Wood. About 4 styles. Two steep climbs. Leaders: L & W
Thursday 15 June Grade: 3 Miles: 6.25 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £5 Lunch: Picnic	Llandegfedd Reservoir, Near Usk Park: Visitor Centre • GR (152) ST 328985 • N51°40' 52" W2°58' 24" This walk takes us around the Reservoir, completed in 1966, on unmade tracks or paths passing through a variety of wooded areas as well as open fields where a variety of orchids (Common Spotted and Southern Marsh) as well as hay meadow species (Yellow Rattle and Red Bartsia) may be seen. Some steps and gentle ascents enable us to take in all that this area has to

	<p>offer. Binoculars are a must. An easy grade 3.</p> <p>Just under an hour's drive from WCP part of the walk passes through a Conservation Area and Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the journey is rewarded with scones, jam and cream available from the Café at the Visitor Centre!</p> <p>Leaders: MR & RS</p>
<p>Tuesday 20 June</p> <p>Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Picnic</p>	<p>White Castle Park: Lower Green, side of road parking area • GR (OL13) 385192 • N51°52' 4" W2°53' 40"</p> <p>Three Castles walk to Cae Scribbor, White Castle, Middle White Castle and on to Brynderi. Good views. About 28 stiles and a few not too challenging climbs.</p> <p>Leaders: JL & CS</p>
<p>Thursday 22 June</p> <p>Grade: 2 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Picnic</p>	<p>Churcham Park: Churcham Church car park • GR (OL14) 769182 • N51°51' 42" W2°20' 12"</p> <p>A lovely mostly flat walk with quite a few stiles. We go to Minsterworth and along the banks of the Severn.</p> <p>Leaders: MR & SD</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 June</p> <p>Grade: 4 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.60 Lunch: Picnic</p>	<p>Cats Back, Black Mountains Park: The Black Mountain car park (free). GR (OL 13) 288 328.</p> <p>A relatively short but probably the most spectacular walk in the Black Mountains with marvellous views. The Black Hill is known locally as the 'Cat's Back,' as viewed from Herefordshire it looks like a crouching cat about to pounce.</p> <p>Leaders: JS & SB</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 June</p> <p>Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15 RTVD: £3.30 Lunch: Picnic</p>	<p>Twynning - Tewkesbury Park: Twynning Green • GR (190) 901367</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leaders: MH & MR</p>
<p>Thursday 29 June</p> <p>Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Picnic</p>	<p>Dinedor near Hereford Park: Car park at Dinedor Village Hall, HR2 6LQ • (189) 535367 • N52°1' 36" W2°40' 44"</p> <p>Starting with a steady ascent from Dinedor village to Dinedor Camp, an iron age hill fort. Views to the Black Mountains and across Hereford. Down to Dinedor Cross and then up to The Cot on the edge of Aconbury Hill. Down to Aconbury Court and return via Tar's Mill Farm. The church of St. Andrews in Dinedor can be visited at the end of the walk. An ascent of 370ft in the first mile. A second one mile ascent of 290ft. Some stiles.</p> <p>Leaders: J & H S</p>

Tuesday 4 July Grade: 4 Miles: 6.1 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4.20 Lunch: Picnic	Longtown and Mynydd Ferddin Park: Longtown Village Hall car park. HR2 ONB • GR (OL13) 323288 • N51°57' 12 W2°59' 11" Beautiful countryside with huge views. Leaving Longtown and Olchon Brook, crossing River Monnow to start the ascent of Mynydd Ferddin. Stunning views back to the Black Mountains which tower over the green Olchon Valley. From the upper parts of the hill, views are mainly to the west across Herefordshire. A gentle descent leads to Oldcourt Farm and then steeply down to Escley Brook with a very short but steep climb out of the valley. Then steeply down again to follow the Monnow back to Longtown. Two steep climbs. 570ft in 1.1 mile and 90ft in 0.1 mile. Many stiles, some of them difficult. Recommended route from Ross to Longtown – B4521 Skenfrith road and A465 to Pandy, or via Monmouth and Abergavenny. Leaders: J & H S
Thursday 6 July Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £5.30 Lunch: Picnic	Stanton Park: Free car park adjacent to village hall. GR (LR150) 067 343. A lovely circular walk around the quintessential villages near Stanton and up onto the Cotswold Edge. Stanton to Stanway via Laverton, Buckland and Shenberrow Hill. Leaders: PC & RC
Tuesday 11 July Grade: 2 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.20 Lunch: Picnic	Usk Park: Free Car Park – Usk Centre. Please fill cars • GR (152) 376206 • N51°52' 49" W2°54' 28" Castle Farm, Lady Hill Wood, Gwehelog, Ash Wood, River Usk. 1 steep uphill climb. Please note, there are about 17 stiles. Terrain crosses farmland and woods. Leaders: GM & MD
Thursday 13 July Grade: 4 Miles: 8 Leave: 8.30am RTVD: £7.10 Lunch: Picnic	Brecon Beacons Horseshoe Park: Towards the end of lane. CP is on left-hand side • GR (OL12) 038169 • N51°50' 32" W3°23' 52" Steep climb onto Graig Fan Ddu Ridge, 3 peaks Corn Du, Pen-y-fan & Cribyn (or need only do one). Return by Roman track, an easy downhill route. Bring camera and walking poles and plenty to eat and drink. One steep climb, others moderate. Leaders: VJ & AC
Tuesday 18 July Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	Redbrook Park: Redbrook - specifically 2nd car park coming from Ross and adjacent to bridge crossing to Boat Inn. £1 charge. GR (OL 14) 536099. Along the Wye, climb up to Penalt Old Church with lovely views. Further climb through woodland to Penalt. Through grounds of The Argoed where some trees are 300yrs old and part of the National Arboretum. Steady descent and then back along the Wye with a stop at the Boat Inn if required Long steep climb initially with uneven ground. Last part of descent consists of many steps. Expect mud if it has been wet. 12 stiles. Leaders: JL & EL

Thursday 20 July Grade: 2 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3 Lunch: Picnic	Churchdown Park: Churchdown Parish Council Car Park, GL3 2JH • GR (179) 883205 N51°52' 58" W2°10' 16" A pleasant route with an interesting mix of green corridors and a tunnel through Elmbridge and Longlevens and along part of the Gloucester Way. 5 stiles. Leaders: M & E A
Thursday 27 July Grade: 4 Miles: 5.6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4.70 Lunch: Picnic	Llangattock Park: Between Llangattock Village & Canal - Details on the day. GR (OL13) 204 174 A high walk above the Usk Valley along quarry tramways to Craig y Cilau Nat. Nature Reserve. Waun Ddu is a site of Special Scientific Interest. A short scramble to the entrance of the cave system can also be seen. Very steep and stony climb up old tramway. Leaders: GM & MD
Tuesday 1 August Grade: 3 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.40 Lunch: Picnic	Fownhope & Capler Camp Park: Fownhope Recreation Ground Car Park. PC HR1 4PR GR (189) 579340 From Fownhope up onto the Wye Valley Walk over Common Hill and Lea Pagets's Wood. Then over Capler Camp Iron Age hill fort and down to the viewpoint. Return to Fownhope, partly alongside the River Wye, passing the old Mancell's Ferry cottage. Some stiles. Two steepish short climbs of 100' in 0.3 mls and 150' in 0.15 mls. Leaders: J & H S
Thursday 3 August Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.50 Lunch: Picnic	Ewyas Harold and Rowlestone Park: Along the road by the Temple Bar Inn GR (LR 161) 387286 A pleasant walk past the Castle, along field paths and short stretches of lane to St Peter's Church, Rowlestone, past the Farm Park for an ice cream maybe, returning to the Temple Bar Inn. Plenty of stiles. Leaders: V & B B
Tuesday 8 August Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4.60 Lunch: Picnic	Tretower and River Usk Park: Pay & Display Car Park Central Crickhowell GR (LR161) 219184 Tretower and the River Usk from Crickhowell, return through part of Glenusk Estate. Ascent 930ft. (It is a steep ascent, not a gradual one !) 11 Stiles. Easy stream crossings. (If very wet, route will be changed) Leaders: GM & MD
Thursday 10 August Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.70 Lunch: Picnic	Vowchurch Park: Church at Vowchurch GR (OL 13) 362363 Footpaths and stiles through fields and woodlands with great views from Vowchurch Common. The walk could be shortened to 4 miles if anyone wished it, but the walk would remain a grade 3. There are two very steep ascents, a gradual descent and a few stiles. Leaders: JH & AC

Tuesday 15 August Grade: 4 Miles: 9 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4.60 Lunch: Picnic	Brecon Beacons (Allt Mawr & Table Mtn) Park: Lay-by at T-junction, Neuadd • GR (OL13) 234203 • N 51°52' 33" W3°6' 50" From Neuadd up Tal Trwynau to Pen Twyn Glas and on to Pen Allt Mawr. Return via Pen Cerrig-calch and Table Mountain. A mountain walk with two steep climbs and one steep descent. Leaders: CB & GM
Thursday 17 August Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9am RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	Credenhill Park: St. Mary's Church, Credenhill • GR (202) 449438 • N52°5' 23" W2°48' 20" A nice gradual ascent around Credenhill Park Wood and up to the Age Hill Fort where we have beautiful views towards Wales. The tranquil paths then lead us down from the woods and we head over to Tillington Common before returning via Roman Road. Leaders: RS & VJ
Tuesday 22 August Grade: 2 Miles: 6.4 Leave: 9.49am RTVD: N/A (Bus & Walk) Lunch: Picnic	Bishopswood Park: Fernbank Road Car Park HR9 5PP GR (OL14) 598 231 (Note: Leave from Fernbank Road car park not Wilton) Bus No 35 Coleford Monmouth. Leaves Cantilupe Rd. 0942. We catch it at 0949 at Tudorville. Walk from Bishopswood contouring around Leys Hill. Past Coughton (drained) Marsh and the Homme. Then back to Fernbank. 12 Stiles 4 of which are step through on bridges. 2 short steep climbs one of them with steps. If flooded some of the walk will be moved to higher ground e.g. Arbour Hill. Leaders: M & E A
Thursday 24 August Grade: 3 Miles: 6.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	Llangrove – Llangarron – in the flight of the Wellington Park: Llangarron Village Hall • GR(OL14) • N526191 51°52' 6" W2°41' 23" Walking in the historic Archenfield area of south/west Herefordshire, the walk takes us along country lanes, bridleways and across fields which offers us the opportunity to enjoy the open countryside and the county at its best. At the end of the walk we will have time to visit Christ Church at Llangrove to read all about the Wellington bomber. Leaders: RS & MR
Wednesday 30 August Grade: 2 Miles: 2.5 Leave: 10.00am RTVD: £1.00 Lunch: Morning Walk	Gorsley Romanee, Gorsley, HR9 7FA GR (OL 14) 679262 Gentle walk around Gorsley prior to barbeque. Visit the SSSI quarry and Oxlodge wood to see sculptures. Two stiles. To be followed at 13.00 by the Summer BBQ ! Leaders: C & G J
Thursday 31 August Grade: 2 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.80 Lunch: Picnic	Preston-on-Wye Park: Preston-on-Wye Village Hall HR2 9LL. GR (OL13) 384416 A nice easy walk over farmland, along the river and through orchards with lovely views of the Wye Valley countryside. 4 Stiles. Leaders: RS & MR

Tuesday 5 September Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.00am RTVD: £2.30 Lunch: Picnic	Hollybush – Malverns Park: Hollybush - GR (190) 758368 • N52°1' 44" W2°21' 14" From Hollybush, Gullet Quarry, British Camp and return on east side of Malverns. Two fairly steep climbs, one steep down and several easier ups and downs. Leaders: VJ & SH
Thursday 7 September Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.00 Lunch: Picnic	Devauden and Wolvesnewton Park: Devauden Green and Village Hall GR (OL14) 485988 To Kilgwrrwg and Wolvesnewton Churches and through the woodlands of Cobbles Plain. One steep climb. Leaders : MR & JW
Thursday 14 September Grade: 3 Miles: 5 approx Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £4.00 Lunch: Picnic	Leckhampton Hill Hartley Lane Car Park (as shown on OS map, Explorer 179) GR 946 177 After a short steep ascent out of the car park it is a long descent on paths and tracks around the base of Leckhampton Hill passing The Devil's Chimney and Limestone Quarries to the base of Hartley Hill. Gradual ascent to then traverse the tops of the hills with superb views out over Cheltenham, The Malverns, Clee Hills etc. Two short steep ascents. Leaders: C & G J
Thursday 21 September Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.20 Lunch: Picnic	Odda's Chapel & Deerhurst Park: Odda's Chapel, GL19 4DA. Small fee applies (suggested 50p pp) • GR (179) 868299 Through Deerhurst to Coombe Hill disused canal and Nature Reserve. Back through Apperley and along the River Severn. Top end grade 2 with 12 stiles. Leaders: M & E A & BS
Tuesday 26 September Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.00 Lunch: Picnic	Lydbrook/English Bicknor Park: Lydbrook Riverside Car Park (50p Honesty Box) GR (OL 14) 8596170 Lower Lydbrook, along river, round Rosemary Topping, English Bicknor, Eastbach, Lydbrook. A few moderate climbs, some steps, stiles and gates. Leaders: KB & MR
Thursday 28 September Grade: 3 Miles: 8.5 Leave: 9.00am RTVD: £3.70 Lunch: Picnic	Storridge Park: Layby on A4103 R-Hand side between Norrest & Halfkey turn. GR (Explorer 190) 764496 Fields. orchards & woodlands to Birchfield, Halesend & Crumpton Hill. Lovely views. Moderately hilly & 14 stiles. Leaders: AC & VJ
Tuesday 3 October	Kilcot, near Newent Park: Briery Lane on the south side of the main road just before the Kilcot Inn. Limited parking space GR (OL 14) 698 255

Grade: 2 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £1.00 Lunch: Pub	Before walking place lunch orders at the Kilcot Inn 350yds further east of parking place. Starting SE to Wyatts Farm and then heading N to Oxenhall Church and down to a section of the disused Hereford and Gloucester Canal. Along the towpath and then returning via Holders Farm and the Three Choirs Way. A few small hills and about 10 stiles. Leaders: J & H S
Thursday 5 October Grade: 1 Miles: 6.8 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £3.60 Lunch: Picnic	Stroudwater Canal Park: Turn off A419 towards Eastington, then first left. Can be very restricted parking • GR (179) 784061 Through community orchard and lovely river meadows. Back along the mostly renovated Canal with lots of interesting buildings. Lots of wildlife. There are a few shortcuts for those who like a shorter distance one of which includes a short hill – see leader for details. Leaders: M & E A
Tuesday 10 October Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £ N/A Lunch: Picnic	Penyard, Coughton & Chase Woods Park: Meet at Fernbank Road Car Park GR (OL14) 598 231 Lawns farm with a short detour to see the restoration work at Penyard Castle. Then forest tracks to the Cobrey blueberry farm at Coughton. Pick up the Wye Valley Walk into Chase Woods. A surprisingly strenuous walk for our local area, with several ascents and descents. One particularly steep ascent into Chase Woods. However, only one stile! Leaders: JH & GC
Wednesday 11 October Grade: 2 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: 2.20 Lunch: Picnic	Lower Redbrook Park: Lower Redbrook. Redbrook R.F.C. car park. Second car park on right coming from Ross GR (OL 14) SO536099 Wye Valley Walk northwards, cross the Wye by former railway bridge and return via Troy Farm. 420 feet ascent. 2 stiles. Leaders: MR & MW
Tuesday 17 October Grade: 2 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £4.60 Lunch: Picnic	Tretower and River Usk Park: Pay & Display Car Park Central Crickhowell Tretower and the River Usk from Crickhowell, return through part of Glenusk Estate. Ascent 930ft. (It is a steep ascent, not a gradual one !) 11 Stiles. Easy stream crossings. (If very wet, route will be changed). Leaders: GM & MD
Tuesday 31 October Grade: 3 Miles: 4 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £2.10 Lunch: Pub	Newland, near Coleford Park: On road outside The Ostrich pub or on the road 180yds further on to the east. GR (OL 14) SO 554 095 Order pub lunches before walking. Picnic lunches can be taken in the churchyard opposite. Passing the church (the "Cathedral of the Forest") and then down into the "secret valley". Heading up the valley past Valley House and back to Newland. Very few stiles. Short climb near the start 120ft in 0.25mls. One downhill section of 340ft in 0.33ml. Otherwise grade 2. Leaders: J & H S

Thursday 2 November Grade: 3 Miles: 8 Leave: 9.00am RTVD: £3.60 Lunch: Picnic	Bransford Park: Layby Worcester side of bridge over R. Teme on A4103 GR (EX 204) 804533 Along banks of River Teme, woodland, Leigh Church, Brace's Leigh, Old Hop Fields. Several stiles and a few gates to climb over. Leaders: VJ & AC
Tuesday 7 November Grade: 3 Miles: 7 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.20 Lunch: Picnic	Trellech Park: Red Lion Inn Inn. Trellech. Post Code NP25 4PA. Please Fill Cars (OL 13) 510 066 Cwmcarfan, Craig y Dorth, Gockett & Glanau. 1 Moderate ascent. Stiles. Woodland, lanes, fields, good views. Leaders: GM & MD
Thursday 9 November Grade: 3 Miles: 7.5 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.70	Cadira Beeches Park: Cadira Beeches Woodland Car Park GR (OL14) ST 422949 Passing Foresters Oak picnic site, climb up Gray Hill with views over the two Severn bridges, returning through Wentwood Forest. One steep awkward hill. Leader : MR
Thursday 16 November Grade: 3 Miles: 5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.10 Lunch: Picnic	Little Doward Park: Verge by Little Doward Woodland Trust GR (OL14) 533 162 Wyastone Deer Park to King Arthur's Cave and Seven Sister. Descend to Biblins Bridge and walk along the river Wye. Return through Woodland Trust passing preserved lime kiln. Fairly steep gradients. Leaders: JH & HR
Thursday 30 November Grade: 2 Miles: 5.5 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £2.90 Lunch: Picnic	Tidenham Park: Tidenham Chase Car Park • GR (OL14) 558992 Paths, tracks, lanes via heathland and woods with quite a long steady uphill on Offa's Dyke to Devil's Pulpit. Return via Miss Graces lane. Superb views of Severn and Wye plus Tintern Abbey. Leaders: RS & GM
Tuesday 5 December Grade: 2 Miles: 6 Leave: 9.30am RTVD: £1.50 Lunch: Picnic	Cannop Ponds Park: Cannop Ponds FC car park GL15 4JS GR (162) 610 107 Cannop Ponds, view a 280 million year old tree. New Fancy View and coal screens, Speech House & lake. Cyril Hart Arboretum. No stiles. Leaders: HB-A & GB
Tuesday 12 December Grade: 3 Miles: 8 Leave: 9.15am RTVD: £3.00 Lunch: Picnic	Hanley Swan Park: St Gabriel Parish Church car park GR (190) 810427 Hanley Swan - Sink Farm - Priestfield - Guarlford Court - Woodbridge Farm - Hanley Swan. Some stiles and maybe muddy fields. Leaders: SB & GB