

SevernSide Ramblers

June, July, August & September 2017



From the Chair

Welcome to our summer programme of walks.

Firstly a big thank you to all our Walk Leaders for another full programme of walks. We are very grateful to our members who have stepped forward to be new Walk Leaders and helped to share the responsibility of organising and leading walks.

We had a very successful quiz evening back in February at the Filton Golf Club. Many thanks to our quiz masters Ellie and Morgan for keeping us entertained for the evening. Willing volunteers to arrange the next social are always welcome.

We are looking forward to celebrating 20 years of Severnside Ramblers in July and hope to see old and new friends on the day. More details below.

A discounted trip has been arranged for the MV Balmoral cruise from Clevedon on Saturday 30 September, taking in Five Bridges and Three Rivers - The Severn, The Avon and the Usk, with the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the Avon M5 Bridge, the 2 Severn Bridges and the Transporter Bridge at Newport. See flyer for details.

Ken Mill- *Chairman*

20th Celebration of Severnside Ramblers

2 July 17

Patchway Community Centre

Come and join us to mark 20 years of Severnside Ramblers. There will be a 4 mile walk followed by a buffet lunch. Meet up with past members and friends of Severnside.

Please let Gill King know if you are attending so we can arrange catering.

Just 20 years ago, in July 1997, the first walks programme of this new group of The Ramblers Association was published. The new group was formed by a steering committee created by Avon Area to serve the rapidly growing local population, centred on Bradley Stoke, and the committee first met in the May of that year. Their first modest programme, running from July 20th to October 19th 1997, boasted 14 walks covering lengths between 3 and 12 miles, and destinations from Patchway to The Black Mountains. The programme also included 'Introductory Map-Reading'.

Our programmes continue to provide a rich variety of walks for a wide range of capabilities. Friday Ambles, consisting of short two hour local walks on alternate Friday mornings, followed by a pub or café stop for (optional!) tea/cake/lunch are consistently popular, while the more challenging Sunday walks ranging from between 6 and 13 miles with a much wider geographical reach, are great for those who are a little more adventurous. During the summer months of May to August there are also some evening walk options – always quite local and short (3-4 miles) and including an optional pub stop. The group has always aimed to be friendly and welcoming to newcomers - the main aim being to enjoy ourselves and appreciate the countryside.

Severnside are looking forward to the next 20 years!

Waterfalls Walk

Sunday 18 June 17

We are visiting Waterfalls Country in the Brecon Beacons for an 11 mile walk taking in a number of waterfalls including Sgwd yr Eira (the Fall of Snow). As this will be a longer day out we will leave from Aztec West at 8 am. We will start the walk from Pontneddfechan. There may be an optional pub stop towards the end of the walk.

Walking the Mumbles - Coast and Common

23 July 17

Coach trip to the Mumbles with two walks on offer.

Walk 1 – 8 miles - The walk follows the cliff path west from Bracelet Bay to Langland and Caswell before heading inland through Bishop's Wood, returning to the start via Oystermouth Castle and Mumbles Head.

Walk 2 – 12 miles – We follow the coast path west from Bracelet Bay to Pwlldu Bay, we turn inland and follow Bishopston Valley onto Clyne Common. Return via Mumbles Head.

Cost £16.20 per person.

Please contact Jean Williams (01179 761445) to book a place.

Wessex Wanderer Railway Walks

The Wessex Wanderer Programme for 2017 is available on the Wessex Wanderer Website:

<http://www.wessexrailwaywalks.org.uk/>

These are free public guided walks from stations on the Bristol to Weymouth Railway line. The programme of walks runs from Saturday 20 May through to Wednesday 4 October 17.

Help us save money - sign up for electronic mailing. You can still pick up a yellow paper copy of the programme on any walk. Details on www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk

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Notes:

Please ensure you are **well equipped with suitable footwear and waterproof clothing**: contact the leader well before the walk if you have any doubts. We assume that walkers are aware the countryside can be muddy after rain so we do not put this on the programme. You should assume there is no pub or café stop if none is mentioned, so **please bring food and drink**, but **never** consume these on pub or café premises. **All walkers should carry their own first aid kit** and this is especially important for leaders.

All walk leaders must be **members and over the age of 18**. Leaders are required to carry with them a **copy of the Accident Form** (obtainable from the Severnside web-site or contact the Secretary) and a **mobile phone** for emergencies.

No leader can be responsible for **anyone who proceeds ahead** without directions. Registered assistance dogs are welcome, but other dog owners should confirm with the walk leader whether it is appropriate to bring them - the decision is entirely at the discretion of the leader and will be based on their observations of terrain and farm livestock during pre walks - if permitted, dogs should be kept on leads at all times.

Some members like to take photographs on the walks. These often appear on our website. Please advise the leader should you not wish to appear in a photograph.

Non-members are welcome **but after three walks** will be expected to join the Ramblers.

Date / Walk Grade	Venue	Depart time / place	Walk Length/ Time	Map	Distance / Suggested Donation	Leader or Contact
Sun 4 Jun M	Beacon Ash. Following the Gloucestershire Way through narrow wooded valleys and grazing fields with views over the Severn.	09.00 AW	11 miles	OL14	30 miles £3.00 + Toll	Andrew 01454 411305
Fri 9 Jun L	Lamplighters Marsh & Kingsweston. A little known gem of a walk by the River Avon. Footpaths, tracks and some steps. Cafe at Kingsweston House.	09.30 Aldi	2.5 hrs	E154	14 miles £1.40	Heather 01454 632134
Sun 11 Jun M	Uphill & Loxton. Limestone paths, meadows and farms with some fine views over the Somerset Levels and Bristol Channel.	09.00 AW	12 miles	E153	52 miles £5.20	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Wed 14 Jun L	Failand. An easy evening stroll through woodlands and over fields with some fine views. Two gentle climbs. Optional pub after for drinks/snacks.	6.30pm AW	3.5 miles	E154	20 miles £2.00	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Sun 18 Jun M	Waterfall Country - Brecon Beacons Pontneddfechan. Taking in the riverside scenery of the Afon Pyrddin, Afon Nedd, Afon Mellte and Afon Hepste. Note early departure from AW - possible pub stop at end of walk.	08.00 AW	12 miles	OL12	150 miles £10.00 + Toll	Ken 01179 315108
Fri 23 Jun L	Clevedon. Mainly flat walk along the Bristol Channel coast. One climb.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E153	33 miles £3.30	Jean W 01179 761445
Sun 25 Jun M	Bredon Hill. Pershore. Tracks, woodland paths and minor lanes. Several stiles.	08.30 AW	11 miles	E190	100 miles £10.00	Kathy 07890 113179
Sat 1st Jul M	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Frome. Circular walk to Blatchbridge and East Woodlands countryside. Rtn. train from Frome to BTM 14.29	09.06 BTM	6-7 miles	E142	N/A	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 2 Jul L	20th Celebration Patchway/Almondsbury. A 'reproduction' of the very first walk organised by Severnside in 1997! A simple 2 hour walk across the 'banana' bridge and around lower Almondsbury area prior to the celebratory buffet lunch. See flyer for more details.	10.00 AW	2 hrs	E167	N/A	Andy P. 07771 550219
Fri 7 Jul L	Littleton on Severn. A varied stroll over fields, orchards and part of the Severn Way, taking in Cowhill and its church.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E167	18 miles £1.80	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Sun 9 Jul M	Brean Down. A walk along the River Axe and Brean Down to visit the Fort and Brean Beach. One steep climb.	08.30 AW	11 miles	E153	76 miles £7.60	Peter S 07963 164511
Thur 13 Jul L	Bitterwell. Reprising an area walked in 1997, taking in part of The Dramway and Bitterwell Lake. Pub after.	6.30pm AW	3-4 miles	E155	18 miles £1.80	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Sun 16 Jul M	Bourton on the Water. Cotswold villages and countryside. Through the Slaughters, round the Warden's Way, past Naunton and along the Windrush Valley.	09.00 AW	11 miles	E167	100 miles £10.00 + parking	Michael 01179 798477 07419 350050
Fri 21 Jul L	Bourton Combe. Undulating ramble over pasture and woodland paths. Views over the city and passing Barrow Court. Lunch at Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	L182	32 miles £3.20	Sandra 07818 057508
Sun 23 Jul	Mumbles outing	See featured article for details.				
Wed 26 Jul M	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Dorchester West. Linear Walk from Dorchester to Weymouth via Bowleaze Cove. Bus into Weymouth for shorter walk) Rtn. Train to BTM 17.30	08.41 BTM	8 or 10 miles	E117	N/A	Sylvia 01179 793828

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Sun 30 Jul M	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Maiden Newton. Linear walk Maiden Newton to Dorchester West. Rtn. train from Dorchester West to BTM 18.09	09.25 BTM	10 miles	E117	N/A	Sylvia 01179 793828
Sun 30 Jul L	Picturesque Piercefield. Having done Wintour's Leap, this is the other side of the Wye and Lover's Leap. Romantic viewpoints, follies and ruins. One hill up and over, 300 steps down.	09.30 AW	6 miles	OL14	20 miles £2.00 + toll	Heather 01454 632134
Fri 4 Aug L	Abbots Leigh. Pleasant walk through delightful countryside including woodland and field paths, passing through Fish Pond Wood	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E155	26 miles £2.60	Jean W 01179 761445
Sat 5th. Aug M	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Freshford. Circular walk to Hinton, Norton St. Phillip and Wellow. Rtn. train from Freshford to BTM 18.06	08.41 BTM	11 miles	E155	N/A	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 6 Aug L	Chew Magna & Chew Valley. A very leisurely walk through the beautiful Chew Valley, very few stiles, some road walking. Includes possibly the only waterfall in Mendip. Could be muddy in places.	09.30 AW	7-8 miles	E141/ E154	40 miles £4.00	Martin 07786 609940
Sun 13 Aug M	Acton Turville. Including pretty villages, Old Badminton Station and McMillan Way	10.00 AW	7-8 Miles	E168	31 miles £3.10	Joy 01179 334998
Fri 18 Aug L	Filnore Woods. An easy stroll through Thornbury's very own wood, good views even of May Hill!. Includes a short stretch of The Jubilee Way.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E167	12 miles £1.20	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Sun 20 Aug M	Gray Hill. Hilly walk in the Went Woods, Monmouthshire, with views over the Severn estuary and ancient stone circle.	09.00 AW	10 miles	OL14	34 miles £3.40 + Toll	Andrew 01454 411305
Sun 27 Aug S	Hatterall Hill. Mountain walk with fine views on a good day. <i>You must be fairly fit!</i>	08.30 AW	10.5 miles	OL13	70 miles £7.00 + £2 parking	Brian 01454 880580 07547 325438
Wed 30 Aug L	Oldbury. Our traditional 'long walk to the pub' to celebrate the end of the evening season. Dinner, with an appetiser walk beforehand. If it pours then it's just the meal!	6.30pm AW	3.5 miles	E167	18 miles £1.80	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Fri 1 Sep L	Marshfield. Lanes, paths and bridle paths. Quite steep in places.	09.30 Aldi	2.5 hrs	E155	36 miles £3.60	Jean A 01454 419274
Sun 3 Sep M	Chew Magna & Stanton Drew. Including the Stone Circle and Chew Valley Lake.	10.00 AW	9-10 Miles	E141/ E154	40 miles £4.00	Joy 01179 334998
Wed 6 Sep L	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Bath Spa. Circular walk with parks, gardens and Georgian Bath. Rtn. trains from Bath Spa to BTM frequent service.	10.49 BTM	5 miles	E155	N/A	Sylvia 01179 793828
Sun 10 Sep L	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Upwey. Linear walk Upwey to Weymouth. Afternoon historical tour of Weymouth. Rtn. train from Weymouth to BTM 16.10 or 17.56	08.23 BTM	3.5 miles	OL15	N/A	Sylvia 01179 793828
Sun 10 Sep M	Castle Coombe. Walk taking in Castle Combe & Nettleton. Start Castle Combe Car Park (free)	09.00 AW	11 Miles	E156	39 miles £3.90	Terry 01454 881770
Wed 13 Sep M	Thornbury. Joint walk with Bristol Group, from Thornbury taking in the River Severn. Meet at Rock Street Car Park.	10.15 Venue	11 miles	E167	N/A	Ann 01179 798628
Fri 15 Sep L	Oldbury on Severn Mainly flat walk, from the Anchor in Oldbury on Severn. Optional lunch after.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E167	14 miles £1.40	Helen 07815 463259
Sat 16 Sep M	WWW Railway Walk. BTM to Avoncliff. Linear walk to Turleigh, Winsley, Conkwell, Limpley Stoke to Freshford. Rtn. train from Freshford to BTM 15.06	09.49 BTM	6-7 miles	E155	N/A	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 17 Sep S	The Three Hills. Winchcombe - The Three Hills - Langley, Nottingham, Cleve and Cotswold Way and Belas Knap. Parking £1. Toilet 20p	08.30 AW	12.5 miles	OL45	90 miles £9.00	Ann 01179 798628
Sun 24 Sep S	Crug Hywel. Route taking in Table Mountain, river and castle. Follows part of the Beacons Way. Some steep climbs. Parking £3.50.	08.30 AW	12 miles	OL13	94 miles £9.40 + toll	Ken 01179 315108 07581 698944
Fri 29 Sep E	Severn Bridge. A stroll across one of Bristol's iconic bridges.	09.30 Aldi	5-6 miles	LR172- 89	12 miles £1.20	Ellie 07718 486030
Sat 30 Sep	Severnside Ramblers trip on MV Balmoral	See featured article for details.				

Key: AW - Aztec West Blue Zone, Aldi - Aldi car park, WWW - Wessex Wanderers Railway Walks, BTM - Bristol Temple Meads, BPW - Bristol Parkway, FAW - Filton Abbey Wood station

Walks and Social Events Programme

BEFORE COMING ON A WALK PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT NOTES ON PAGE 2

Meeting point for all walks: Weekend and evening walks meet at the Blue Zone, Aztec West BS32 4TD. Friday Ambles continue to meet at the Aldi car park, Brook Way Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA. Both are served by First Bus service 73 (please check times). We operate a car-share policy: drivers appreciate a voluntary donation towards petrol costs – suggested amount for this programme is 10p per miles plus a share of any toll or parking charges. A suggested donation for each walk is given in the programme.

Times given are departure times from meeting point.

Friday Ambles: A morning sociable stroll for about 2 hours, within easy driving distance. Lifts available from Aldi meeting point. Usually optional pub or café stop at end of walk.

Grading of Walks – Definitions

Easy (E): Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

Leisurely (L): Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include un-surfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate (M): Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Strenuous (S): Walks for experienced country walkers with above average fitness levels. May include hills and rough country and maybe at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

If in doubt about your fitness please contact the Walk Leader in advance.

Walk Leaders

Please submit walks for October, November, December & January 2018 by 31 December 17.

Either via our website at www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk or phone Peter on 01179 312185

To submit a Friday Amble please contact Jean on 01454 419274 or jeanaellen@talktalk.net



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Do Ramblers have your up-to-date contact details? If not, update them at membership@ramblers.org.uk or ring 020 7339 8595

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