

### From the Chair

#### Welcome to the winter programme of walks and social events.

Looking back to July we had an excellent day out to Lyndhurst in the New Forest with good weather (very hot), good company and two good walks. Many thanks to Jean Williams for all the arrangements.

Our Friday Ambles have again been very popular and many thanks to Jean Aellen and her team for the variety of ambles that have been arranged. Our Friday Ambles end in November but will re-start in February 2019.

We're always on the lookout for new walk leaders and we welcome Geoffrey and Jacquie who will be leading walks in November.

Looking ahead we have a weekend break to Lulworth Cove in November, our AGM, and our Xmas Meal, see details below. Please support these events.

Ken Mill- *Chairman*

### **Severnside Annual General Meeting Sunday 18 Nov 18**

AGM will be held at Mafeking Hall (Scout Hall), Pilning. This is always well attended and is preceded by a walk and free buffet lunch. Please consider supporting your Group by attending our AGM. Even better think about volunteering to take on one of our committee roles. More information is available on our website or from Chris Gaymer or Ken Mill.

### **A date for your diary: Sunday 16 Dec 18 Xmas Meal - The Anchor at Oldbury Pre-booking essential.**

**A walk followed by lunch at 14:30.  
See separate flyer.**

Contact: Gill King tel: 01454 601180 or  
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### **Walk Leadership Training**

Ramblers are looking into the provision of a Walk Leader Induction Course. Initially this will be a free one day course, likely to take place from early 2019 in suitable venues across England and Wales. This day long course will provide structured training on how to plan, run and manage a Ramblers group walk and it will be suitable for potential new walk leaders and for existing walk leaders who would like some refresher training.

Details will be circulated when received from Ramblers Central Office.

### **Cancelling a Walk**

It is not very often we have to cancel a walk but it can happen due to non-availability of the Walk Leader through illness or family commitments but usually it's down to the weather. The cancellation of a walk is at the discretion of the Walk Leader based on weather forecast and where the planned walk is taking place. We will advise Members via e-mail, Facebook and our website of a cancelled walk and arrange for someone to be at Aztec West or Aldi in case anyone turns up expecting to go walking.

### **First Aid Training**

**Saturday 6th October 2018**

**Time: 12 to 4 pm** (you will need to arrive at 11:45 am)

**Venue: Bradley Stoke** (details will be sent to successful applicants)

Contact Chris Gaymer - [cmegaymer@gmail.com](mailto:cmegaymer@gmail.com)

### **Lulworth Cove Weekend**

Our November break at Lulworth Cove has proved very popular and is now fully booked. We will be staying at HF West Lulworth House over the weekend of 9 - 12 November. Further details available from Heather Rickards - tel 01454 632134.

**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](http://www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk)**

# Walks and Social Events Programme

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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 website 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 7 Oct M	<b>Cotswolds.</b> A walk that will take us through arguably two of the loveliest Cotswold villages, Stanton & Snowhill. One stiffish climb en route.	08.30 AW	8 miles	OL45	100 miles £10.00	Chris B. 01594 845423
Wed 10 Oct L	<b>Themed Walk 'Brunel' hosted by Southwold.</b> Starting from SS Great Britain it will include places associated with Brunel and other interesting places around Bristol.	11.00 SS Great Britain	5-6 miles	E155	N/A Parking £5.00 (5 hours)	James G. 01454 775951
Fri 12 Oct L	<b>Clevedon.</b> Scenic coastal walk with one descent and two stiles.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E154	33 miles £3.30	Jean W. 01179 761445
Sun 14 Oct M	<b>Goytre Wharf &amp; Mynydd Garnlochdy.</b> Woodland, moorland, pasture, canal towpath. Moderately hilly with some stiles and steep climbs.	08.30 AW	10 miles	E152 OL13	65 miles £6.50 + toll + parking £1	Kathy 07890 113179
Sun 21 Oct L	<b>Castle Combe and the By Brook.</b> A Cotswold village & a tributary of the Bristol Avon via fields, lanes, woodland, a golf course & a clapper bridge. Some modest hills. <b>A shorter Sunday option.</b>	09.30 AW	6 miles	E156	40 miles £4.00	Jean A. 01454 419274
Sun 21 Oct M+	<b>Gaer &amp; Crug Mawr.</b> A mountain walk from Queens Head Stanton to Partishow via Gaer, then up to Crug Mawr, down to Pont Cadwgan and back.	08.30 AW	10.5 miles	OL13	45 miles £4.50 + toll	Brian P. 07547 325438
Fri 26 Oct L	<b>Britannia crash site Downend.</b> A very varied country, village and suburban walk from Hambrook to visit the 1957 crash site.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E155	5 miles £0.50	Jenny A. 01454 777963 07773 176845
Sun 28 Oct L	<b>Faukland and Wellow.</b> Countryside and following river to Wellow with ford and café.	10.00 AW	9-10 miles	E142	64 miles £6.40	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 4 Nov M	<b>Sugar Loaf.</b> The best starting point you are likely to get for an ascent to the summit for good views, taken at an easy pace. Open hillside so come prepared! <b>A shorter Sunday option.</b>	08.00 AW <b>Early start</b>	7 miles	OL13	86 miles £8.60 + toll	Chris B. 01594 845423
Fri 9 Nov L	<b>Bristol Docks.</b> A circular walk around Bristol Dock area, taking in Arnolfini, M Shed, Underfall Yard and many more places of interest.  Meet in St. Augustine's Quay - Neptune Statue.	10.30 Neptune Statue	2 hrs	Travel by bus recommended		Ros 07790 637221 Or Doreen 07799 586903
Fri 9 Nov- Mon 12 Nov	<b>Lulworth Cove Weekend.</b> Pre-booking required.	Please contact Heather for more information. 01454 632134				
Sun 11 Nov M	<b>Coaley.</b> Undulating walk covering part of the Cotswold Way. Good views on a clear day.	09.00 AW	6 miles	E168	46 miles £4.60	Jean A. 01454 419274
Sun 18 Nov L	<b>Pilning.</b> A pre-AGM 2 hour walk in the local area starting from Mafeking Hall (Scout Hall).	10.00 From hall	2 hrs	E154	N/A	Heather 01454 632134

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Sun 18 Nov	<b>Severnside AGM.</b> At Mafeking Hall, (Scout Hall), Pilning.	Lunch at 12.30 - AGM start time 1.30pm.				
Fri 23 Nov L	<b>Clifton Down.</b> From Clifton Down through Clifton, down to the River Avon and back up to Clifton Down. Be prepared for a steep ascent and descent.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E155	15 miles £1.50	Michael 01179 798477 07419 350050
Sun 25 Nov S	<b>Redbrook, Wye Valley.</b> A hilly Autumnal circuit (2,500ft of ascent) spanning both banks of the River Wye around Redbrook. Pub to finish. <b>Please note early meeting time for this walk.</b>	<b>08.00</b> AW	13 miles	OL14	50 miles £5.00 + toll + Parking £1.60	Geoffrey 07772 584802
Sun 2 Dec M	<b>Woodchester Park.</b> Hilly walk in National Trust woodland in a sheltered valley, with 5 lakes and a spooky deserted mansion.	09.00 AW	8 miles	E168	43 miles £4.30	Andy G. 01454 411305 07748 995298
Sun 9 Dec M	<b>Mendip Meander.</b> A moderate meander over the Mendip hills, a shorter offering than the weather enforced cancelled walk from August, but will still enjoy good views.	08.30 AW	9 Miles	E141	60 miles £6.00	Chris B. 01594 845423
Sun 16 Dec	<b>Severnside Christmas Lunch.</b> At The Anchor, Oldbury on Severn at 2.30pm. Preceded by a short walk led by Andy P.	<b>Pre-booking essential</b> Contact Gill on 01454 601180				
Sun 23 Dec M	<b>Coopers Hill/Painswick.</b> Some stretches of the Cotswold Way, Painswick Beacon, woods and fields and that (in)famous cheese rolling hill! Optional tea shop near end.	09.00 AW	10 miles	E179	56 miles £5.60	Andy P. 01454 416321
Thur 27 Dec M	<b>Cotswolds, A Christmas jumper walk!</b> Albeit a walk of very modest length to stretch your legs over the festive period and meet up with fellow Severnsiders. Cotswold Way to Nibley and return, good views. Feel free to wear your Christmas jumper!	09.30 Aldi	5 miles	E167	27 miles £2.70	Chris B. 01594 845423
Sun 30 Dec M	<b>Portishead Circuit.</b> A varied walk centred on Portishead and includes town, countryside and views of Bristol Channel. Pub or tea shop to finish.	10.00 AW	7.5 miles	E154	24 miles £2.40	Jacqui 07969 017884
Tue 1 Jan M	<b>Blaise &amp; Kings Weston.</b> Walk into the New Year with a stroll around the estates of Blaise Castle and Kings Weston. History, architecture and fresh air. Parkland, woods, occasional pavement and a wander down memory lane for me!	09.00 Aldi	5-6 miles	OL154	7 miles £0.70	Chris B. 01594 845423
Sun 6 Jan L	<b>Arlingham Peninsula.</b> An easy walk taking in stretches of the Severn Way, canal path and some interesting industrial archaeology. Optional tea shop near end.	09.00 AW	10 miles	OL14	40 miles £4.00	Andy P. 01454 416321
Sun 13 Jan M	<b>Mendips-Beacon Batch.</b> A route from Burrington Combe, taking in the highest point in the Mendips, Dolebury Warren and Rowberrow Warren.	08.30 AW	11 miles	E141	50 miles £5.00	Ken 07581 698944
Sun 20 Jan L	<b>Chipping Sodbury.</b> The lower Cotswold Way area, taking in Little Sodbury and Horton	09.00 AW	11 miles	E167	20 miles £2.00	Ken 07581 698944
Sun 27 Jan M	<b>Gordano Valley.</b> Starts on the bank of the Severn, then swings inland, under the M5 and up to Cadbury Camp with grand views, then back across the valley over fields and up through Weston Wood near Portishead, back to cars.	09.00 AW	10 miles	E154	40 miles £4.00	Andy P. 01454 416321

**Key: AW** - Aztec West Blue Zone, **Aldi** - Aldi car park,

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**Meeting points:** 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. Maybe 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 climbs on steep paths, open hillsides or moorland and maybe 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, rough countryside and 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 February 19, March 19, April 19 & May 19 by 31 Dec 18.**

Either via our website at [www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk) or phone Peter on 0117 931 2185 or 07963 164511

To submit a **Friday Amble** please contact Jean on 01454 419274 or [jeanaellen@talktalk.net](mailto:jeanaellen@talktalk.net)



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[www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk](http://www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk)

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

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