

## June, July, August & September 2018

### **From the Chair - Welcome to the summer programme of walks.**

We hope summer is on the way. Oh the joy of walking without mud! Long may the drying up of the countryside continue. Again many thanks to our walk leaders for another varied programme of walks over the next four months.

Severnside hosted a very successful and well attended Avon Area AGM in February. Many thanks to all who helped with arrangements and catering. Tessa Wyatt was re-elected as Chair of Avon Area Ramblers.

We had a very successful stay at Simonsbath Hotel on Exmoor, many thanks to Gill King for arranging this weekend break. We have another break planned for November at Lulworth Cove which again has proved to very popular and we have been able to fully book the HF West Lulworth House over the weekend of 9 - 12 November. Please contact Heather Rickards (tel 01454 632134) for details.

Membership having dropped to 129 in December 2017 is now on the rise again, with 134 members. This includes four new members. Of course there are always those who leave or transfer to another group, but it is lovely to welcome new members, and sad to say goodbye to those who leave us or transfer.

Ken Mill - *Chairman*

### **New Forest - Lyndhurst Sunday 8 July 18**

We are arranging a coach trip to Lyndhurst and looking forward to exploring part of the New Forest. Two walks are on offer of 8.5 or 12 miles.

Jean Williams (tel 0117 976 1445) is arranging this trip. Cost for the day out will be £17.50 per person. Please make cheques payable to **Severnside RA Social Fund** and send to Jean Williams, 16 Buckingham Drive, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8L. Details have also been published on our website. We will be leaving from Aztec West at 08:00. Pre-booking is essential.

### **Severnside Walking Festival 13th May 2018 - 17th Jun 2018**

The Severnside Walking Festival celebrates the wonderful landscape of the Lower Severn Vale Levels. A Forgotten Landscape has created 15 new walking routes in the area. From June all the routes will be signposted and leaflets available with maps and route descriptions. To celebrate the new routes we are walking each 13 May-17 June. Come join us and explore the area's special wildlife habitats, discover hidden histories, hear a story or just enjoy the view! All ages from young to old and all levels of fitness are welcome. Walks range from 2-10km. All events are free but booking is essential. You can view the festival programme here <https://tinyurl.com/yajhpe68> or visit our [events page](#) to book onto a walk or find out more details.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The GDPR is a new EU legal framework which will come into operation on 25 May 2018 and introduces additional regulations for all organisations that process (collect, manage and use) personal data. As the Ramblers process data, and our volunteers process data on our behalf, staff and volunteers are legally required to comply with the GDPR.

The GDPR applies to personal data, which is any information relating to a living person who can be directly or indirectly identified by that information. This includes name, postal address, email address, telephone number and Ramblers membership number. We are not allowed to contact individuals (members or non-members) unless we have their active, informed consent and they have positively opted-in to hearing from us. This means we can't use pre-ticked checkboxes, or assume that if someone is happy to hear from us by email we can also send them post. They must actively choose to hear from us, and tell us which channels they are happy for us to use. We must also record how and when consent was given.

For more information see the Ramblers website - <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone/support-and-development/volunteer-toolkits-alphabetically-sorted/gdpr-toolkit.aspx>

**For all Walk Leaders we will need a signed consent form agreeing to publishing First Name and Telephone Number on our Walks Programme, Website and Ramblers Walks Finder.**

**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)**

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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 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 3 Jun M	<b>Cleeve to Redhill.</b> Through woodland, past Airport & return via Wrington.	10.00 AW	8-9 miles	E154	44 miles £4.40	Joy 01179 334998
Fri 8 Jun L	<b>Chipping Sodbury.</b> Mainly flat walk over fields, including part of the Monarch's Way. Some stiles.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E167	22 miles £2.20	Emma & Joyce 01454 612752
Sun 10 Jun M	<b>Shepton Mallet.</b> Walk from Shepton to Cranmore, short train ride to Mendip Vale (fare £5 concession, £6 adult), return walk to Shepton via Doulling.	08.00 AW	8 miles	E142	62 miles £6.20	Chris G. 07812 057748
Sun 17 Jun M	<b>Sand Bay &amp; Woodspring Priory.</b> Walk from Worlebury Woods to Sand Bay, taking in Woodspring Priory. Good coastal views.	09.00 AW	12 miles	E153	45 miles £4.50	Peter S. 07963 164511
Thur 21 Jun L	<b>Evening Walk: Berkeley Deer Park.</b> Leisurely walk, Deer Park, fields & tracks, 2 small hills with fine views of Cotswolds & Severn Vale. Pub stop after. No dogs.	18.30 AW	3.5 miles	E167	26 miles £2.60	Andy & Chris 01454 416321
Fri 22 Jun L	<b>Ashton Court.</b> Scenic views of Bristol. Wooded landscape around the deer park. One hill.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E154	24 miles £2.40	Doreen & Ros 07799 586903 07790 637221
Sun 24 Jun M	<b>Cotswolds.</b> Walk in the bright Mid-Summer, Cotswold Way, Gustav Holst Way. Undulating walking, fields, woods, track & lane in the Cotswolds.	09.00 AW	9 miles	E179	60 miles £6.00	Chris B. 01594 845423
Sun 1 Jul M	<b>Painswick &amp; The Slad Valley.</b> Hilly walk taking in valleys, ridges, nature reserves, poetry and mills.	09.00 AW	11 miles	E179	60 miles £6.00	Sue L. 01452 741229
Fri 6 Jul L	<b>Conham River Park.</b> Riverside path, woodland, fields and country lanes. Optional ferry ride for refreshment 50p.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E155	26 miles £2.60	Jean W. 01179 761445
Sun 8 Jul	<b>New Forest Coach Trip - Pre-booking essential</b>	See featured article for details. Jean W 01179 761445				
Sun 8 Jul M	<b>WWW Railway Walk.</b> BTM to Dorchester West - Choice of distances to Weymouth via Sutton Poyntz & Bowleaze Cove (for shorter options). Rtn. Train to BTM 16.10 or 17.56	08.23 BTM	6, 8 or 10 miles		n/a	Sylvia 01179 793828
Sat 14 Jul M	<b>WWW Railway Walk.</b> BTM to Westbury. Walk to Trowbridge via Beckington, Rode, Tellisford, Wingfield & McMillan Way. Meet leader outside station. Rtn. Train to BTM from Trowbridge 17.54	09.49 BTM	6 or 12 miles		n/a	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 15 Jul M	<b>Forest of Dean.</b> Forest walk to the highest point in the Dean, stopping at Pan Tod. Walking through mixed woodland & over fields, good views en-route.	09.00 AW	11 miles	OL14	72 miles £7.20 + toll	Chris B. 01594 845423
Thur 19 Jul L	<b>Evening Walk: Littleton on Severn.</b> Easy stroll across fields & tracks, some quiet road walking. Taking in Cow Hill giving fine views across the Severn. Pub stop after. No Dogs.	18.30 AW	3.5 miles	E167	18 miles £1.80	Andy & Chris 01454 416321
Fri 20 Jul L	<b>Luckington &amp; Sherston</b> Mostly level walk along field paths & lanes. Return along riverside. Several stiles & gates	09:30 Aldi	2/2.5 hrs	E168	38 miles £3.80	Jan & Roger 01454 313585 07917 679141
Sun 22 Jul L	<b>Wick, Upton Cheyney and Swineford.</b> Fields & country lanes through Upton Cheyney & Swineford, incorporating river, railway, cycle paths & Monarch Way.	09.00 AW	11 miles	E155	27 miles £2.70	Peter R. 07860 167899

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Sat 28 Jul M	<b>WWW Railway Walk.</b> BTM to Dorchester West. Walk via Charminster, Forston & River Frome. Rtn. Train to BTM 17.43	08.39 BTM	10 miles		n/a	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 29 Jul M	<b>Mendips-Priddy-Ebbor Gorge.</b> Circular route taking in Priddy, Wookey Hole & Ebbor Gorge. Some steep climbs.	08.30 AW	12 miles	E141	60 miles £6.00	Ken 07581 698944
Fri 3 Aug L	<b>Iron Acton &amp; Frampton Cotterell.</b> A fairly flat Frome Valley walk.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E167	14 miles £1.40	Michael 01179 798477
Sun 5 Aug S	<b>Crug Hywel.</b> Taking in Table Mountain, river & castle. Follows part of the Beacons Way. Some steep climbs. <b>Parking £3.20</b>	08.30 AW	10-12 miles	OL13	94 miles £9.40 + Toll	Don 07879 711197
Sun 12 Aug 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 12 Aug S	<b>Usk Valley Walk.</b> Fairly strenuous but rewarding walk which follows the Usk Valley, through hilly farmland & woods. Good views & some moderate climbs.	09.00 AW	14 miles	E152 OL13	60 miles £6.00 + Toll	Don 07879 711197
Fri 17 Aug L	<b>Newton St Loe.</b> Very pretty walk of fields, lakes & wooded Stantonbury Hill Fort.	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E155	30 miles £3.00	Jenny & John 01454 777963 07773 176845
Sun 19 Aug M	<b>Chew Magna &amp; Stanton Drew.</b> Including the Stone Circle & Chew Valley Lake.	10.00 AW	9-10 miles	E141 E154	40 miles £4.00	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 26 Aug M	<b>Mendips.</b> Meander over the Mendips along the Strawberry Line, West Mendip Way & the Limestone Link providing lovely views.	08.30 AW	12 miles	E141	60 miles £6.00	Chris B. 01594 845423
Thur 30 Aug L	<b>Evening Walk: Oldbury Stroll.</b> Traditional 'end of evening season' walk - simple loop from Oldbury out to the vicinity of the power station & back along the Severn Way for a celebratory meal at the Anchor pub. No dogs. (If bad weather we'll go straight to the pub).	18.30 AW	3 miles	E167	18 miles £1.80	Andy & Chris 01454 416321
Fri 31 Aug L	<b>Castle Combe.</b> Fields, country lanes, woodland & a beautiful Cotswold village. Optional drink at end. For additional info please contact Jean before 4 pm the day before the walk.	09.30 Aldi	2/2.5 hrs	E156	40 miles £4.00	Jean A. 01454 419274
Sun 2 Sep M	<b>Portishead to Clevedon.</b> Seaside walk that offers two lengths, for the full circular, walk from Portishead to Clevedon Pier via the Mariners Path with moderate return over Portishead Down - approx 12 miles. Alternatively walk the easier to moderate 6 mile linear route from Portishead to Clevedon Pier, then take the bus option back to car park.	09.00 AW	6 or 12 miles	E154	24 miles £2.40	Chris B. 01594 845423
Wed 5 Sep M	<b>WWW Railway Walk.</b> BTM to Maiden Newton. Walk to Dorchester along the Frome Valley. Rtn. Train from Dorchester West to BTM 17.43.	08.41 BTM	10 miles		n/a	Sylvia 01179 793828
Sun 9 Sep L	<b>Arlingham Peninsula.</b> Around the Peninsula & back along the Sharpness Canal towpath.	09.30 AW	11 miles	OL14	40 miles £4.00	Terry 07745 742133
Fri 14 Sep L	<b>Severn Beach Stride.</b> Walk based on a route devised for the Forgotten Landscape. Café at end.	09.30 Aldi	2-2.5 hrs	E154	14 miles £1.40	Heather 01454 632134
Sun 16 Sep M	<b>Stinchcombe &amp; North Nibley.</b> A few hills, even more steps (optional ascent up the glorious Tyndale Monument) and very fine views.	09.30 AW	7 miles	E167	36 miles £3.60	Heather 01454 632134
Sat 22 Sep M	<b>WWW Railway Walk.</b> BTM to Frome. Walk via Blatchbridge & East Woodlands. Rtn. Train to BTM 14.39.	08.39 BTM	6-7 miles		n/a	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 23 Sep L	<b>Chew Magna &amp; Chew Valley.</b> Very leisurely walk through the beautiful Chew Valley, very few stiles, some road walking. Includes possibly the only waterfall in the Mendips.	09.30 AW	7-8 miles	E141 E154	40 miles £4.00	Martin 07786 609940
Fri 28 Sep L	<b>Codrington &amp; Kingrove.</b> Fields, paths & country lanes. Mainly flat with a few stiles.	09.30 Aldi	2-2.5 hrs	E155	18 miles £1.80	Jean A. 01454 419274
Sun 30 Sep L	<b>Berkeley Deer Park.</b> Largely flat walk (only one hill!) of the Deer Park, fields & tracks, part of the Severn Way & decommissioned nuclear power station.	09.30 AW	10 miles	E154	40 miles £4.00	Andy & Chris 01454 416321

**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

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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

**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 October, November, December & January 2019 by 1 September 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)

## Wessex Wanderer Railway Walks

The Wessex Wanderer Programme for 2018 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 12 May through to Saturday 6 October 18.



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**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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