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NEWSLETTER JULY 1997

Welcome to the Severnside Group's first newsletter. Since our inaugural meeting on 14th May, we have been working hard to put together our first programme of walks; this has been based upon ideas and requests put forward at the meeting and on those questionnaires returned. As a new group, we are anxious to attract members and realise we can only do so by providing a programme with something for everyone, so if you don't like what you see, let us know!

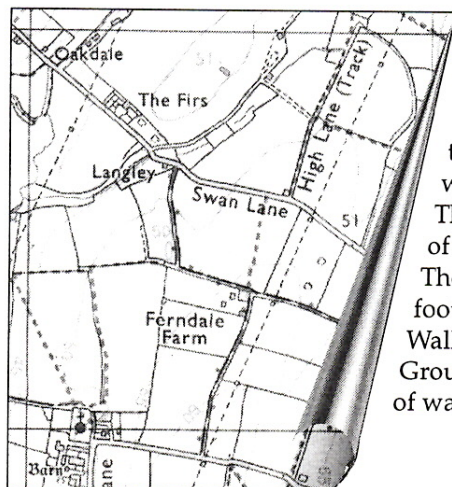
The Severnside Group covers a wide geographical area from Pilning and Aust, to Patchway, Bradley Stoke and Stoke Gifford, so we are looking forward to a rapid increase in members. The Steering Committee has much it would like to do but needs more helpers. If you would like to join we would be pleased to hear from you.

Pauline Curtis

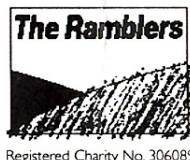
As Programme Secretary, I would like to say a very big thank you to all who have kindly offered their services to lead a ramble for our fledgling group; I hope you have fair weather for the walks and that they are well-supported. We have tried to provide a mix of themes, walking areas and lengths from short, local evening strolls to the pub, to wilder, more distant terrain where the refreshment consists of a thermos of tea and pure, fresh air. With the Severnside area being so large, it has been difficult to choose a central meeting point for our walks so I hope the Kwick-Save car park is found to be accessible to most people. The area is well-served by bus and we do want to encourage car-sharing where possible.

I have now started compiling our second walks programme (i.e. I'm sitting by the phone waiting for offers!) which will run from the middle of October to January. This will be printed on October 10th. I would be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas about the type of walk they would like, any items of news to fill this space, and above all, offers to lead walks!

Geoff Mullett



What can you tell about this little piece of England?
Well, next to the church with the spire there is a medieval barn. The countryside is fairly flat – no more than 70 feet separates the low land in the north from the high land in the south. The only road is narrow – less than 13 feet in width.
There are ponds, streams (the Parish Boundary follows one of them), orchards and a couple of power lines.
There are also nearly 2½ miles of Public Rights of Way – footpaths, bridleways and roads used as Public Paths.
Walk all of them and bring the map to life on Severnside Group's introductory map-reading course. See programme of walks for dates!



JULY

Sunday 20th	PATCHWAY TO LOWER ALMONDSBURY OS 162 3 miles <i>A pleasant circular afternoon stroll over the M5 to Cattybrook Brickworks, with optional pub lunch.</i>	11.45am Coniston Parade car park, Patchway GR 601821	Leo Greenaway 0117-9790218
Sunday 27th	PAINSWICK OS 162 12 miles <i>A Cotswold ramble with pub lunch. Joint walk with Kingswood group.</i>	10.00am Painswick car park GR 866096	Gill Davies 0117-9213808
Wednesday 30th	BITTERWELL OS172 5 miles <i>An evening walk around Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath. Joint walk with Kingswood group.</i>	Please contact leader for details	Dave Pow 0117-9616902

AUGUST

Friday 8th	KENDLESHIRE OS 172 5 miles <i>An early evening walk around Kendleshire and Winterbourne Down, finishing at the 'Golden Heart' pub in time to choose something tasty from their varied menu, (children welcome). Why bother cooking!</i>	6pm Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Doreen Symonds 01454-250354
Sunday 10th	WAUN FACH (Black Mountains) OS 161 12 miles <i>An energetic ridge walk in the Brecon Beacons with fine views. 2 climbs.</i>	8.45am Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Wednesday 13th	HANHAM MILLS OS172 3.5 miles <i>An evening walk along the banks of the Avon and across fields. Start and end at the 'Chequers' pub.</i>	6.30pm Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Sunday 17th	THORNFORD (Dorset) OS 194 11 miles <i>One of the 'Wessex Wanderer' series of walks from railway stations organised by Avon Area. 8.26am train from Patchway to Temple Meads, then 9.00 train Temple Meads to Thornford. Further details from leader.</i>		Sylvia Popham 0117-9793828
Wednesday 27th	PURDOWN OS 172 4 miles <i>Evening stroll through Stoke Park, onto Purdown, past St. Werburgh's City Farm, finishing with a pint (or two!) before catching the bus (City Line No. 70) back to the start.</i>	7pm New Rd. Filton (Slip-road by Sharpe & Fisher). GR 614789	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Sunday 31st	NORTH NIBLEY OS 162 7 miles <i>Ramble through quiet Cotswold woodland and along peaceful lanes. Two stiff climbs, but pub lunch available!</i>	10.30am Lay-by outside childrens' play area, N.Nibley. GR 738960	Joan Emery 0117-9696477

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th	CHARTERHOUSE OS 182 5.5 miles <i>A leisurely ramble around the Mendips, passing through Nature Reserves and taking a look at the remains of the lead-mining industry.</i>	9.30am Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Wednesday 10th	LOWER ALMONDSBURY / TOCKINGTON OS172 6 miles <i>Easy afternoon circular ramble around these south Gloucestershire villages</i>	2pm Car park by PO sorting office, nr. Patchway roundabout. GR 605817	E. Seviour 0117-617826
Sunday 21st	AVEBURY OS 173 10.5 miles <i>A Stone-Age perambulation taking in the archeological sights around Avebury. Two easy climbs. Pub lunch if required.</i>	9.30 am Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th	BLAKENEYHILL WOOD (Forest of Dean) OS 162 5.5 miles <i>A fairly energetic walk through broad-leaved woodland where different aspects of the Forest's heritage can be appreciated. A couple of short, steep climbs but with fine views as a reward!</i>	10am Kwick-Save car park, Bradley Stoke GR 613826	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Sunday 12th	INTRODUCTORY MAP-READING OS172 3 miles <i>Bring the map to life by understanding the symbols and signs. Basic map reading 'on the hoof'. All welcome but PLEASE PHONE for further information.</i>	10.30am Phone for details.	Geoff Mullett 0117-9315033
Sunday 19th	WESTONBIRT OS172 4.5 miles <i>Walk from Leighterton across fields to Westonbirt Arboretum with two hours free to view the famous Autumn colours. Refreshments available. Regret no dogs. Joint walk with Woodspring Ramblers.</i>	10am Phone box outside Leighterton Church GR 823912	Joan Emery 0117-9696477

NOTES

Cars are shared to the start of the walk and passengers should offer to pay 5p per mile • Non-members are welcome to join in rambles but after two walks they will be required to join the RA • All leaders must be over the age of 18 and members of the RA • Leaders are expected to carry a first-aid kit • Please make sure you have the correct footwear and clothing. If you are in ANY doubt contact the leader or a committee member • Please bring food and drink but don't consume these on pub premises • Assume there is no pub or café stop if none is mentioned • No leader can be responsible for anyone who proceeds ahead without directions • Dogs will be welcome on walks only if they are kept on leads.