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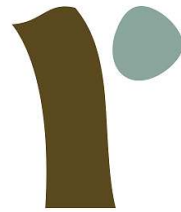
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Editorial

I am surprised to be writing this editorial, I had intended the previous Avon Area News to be my last, and had hoped that someone may have come forward at the Area AGM and volunteered to take it over. I am sure that out of the 2,000 members in Avon Area there are a few of you who would like to try your expertise in creating this tri-annual magazine.

If you are interested in taking over this please contact me jillfysh@aol.com and we can discuss the basic outline of the format, leaving the rest to your creativity.

As I have done so for the past 5 years I attended general council this year at Keble College, Oxford., after the doom and gloom of the last two years, which the venues for general council seemed to reflect, it was a sheer pleasure to be in such pleasant surroundings, and the mood of the Ramblers seemed to have lifted for the occasion and all the bickering and uncertainty of the last two years was lifted and the whole week end was proactive and auspicious. All the motions that were put forward will be on the Avon Area Website as soon as they are published, so you can see what the council requested the Board of trustees to pursue for the coming year.

As many of you will know David Waterstone retired as Chairman of the Area Council at the AGM in February, David led Avon Area for the past three years, which took us through the difficult financial times of the Association, and he was involved in many meetings with members of the board and senior management of the ramblers. David is also active in ensuring that paths are kept open and has set up a sub committee which ensures that council building plans take our footpaths into consideration and that they are kept open. So I would like to say thank you to David for guiding the Area for the past three years.

So one door closes and another one opens and I would like to welcome Tom Elson who was elected as the new area chairman, and I am sure that Tom will steer Avon Area into the 21st century.

Jill Fysh - Editor Avon Area News and Secretary Avon Area Ramblers.

From the Chair.....Hello everyone – as some of you will know I became chair of Avon Area Ramblers at the AGM in February. By way of background, I have previously been the Chair of Brunel Walking Group for four years and a Ramblers Trustee. I have great hopes for what we can do locally in the next few years. Most of my efforts are going to be focused around two key areas – 1) encouraging new members to join, and 2) enhancing our already strong campaigning activities.

I'd like to talk about promoting membership in Avon Area now and discuss campaigning in the next issue of Area news. Local membership numbers have been relatively stagnant in the last few years. This trend is reflected at the national level, with declining overall membership. There are likely to be a number of activities that we can undertake locally to enhance our membership.

Members have traditionally joined the Ramblers to one of two reasons. Either they wanted to support a 'good cause' or get out walking more and 'join a club'. I believe that the trend

in recent years has moved more towards people wanting to go walking. Perhaps this reflects a more benign campaigning environment with fewer high profile battles. This could start to change again in the current climate of cuts. It is also important to consider what the 'Ramblers' means to people and what they associate with the name. This isn't a simple question to answer but, at least amongst the younger generations, it is not entirely positive.

The Ramblers membership profile (both locally and nationally) is focused more on late middle aged individuals. I believe that this is an important dynamic to take into account – do we really want to put all our resources into attracting younger members when people approaching retirement join in much larger numbers? However, it is important to learn some lessons from younger groups – Brunel has rapidly become one of the larger groups in Area. It has done this fairly independently of Area and National level input. Going back to my earlier question about the Ramblers name – I believe it helps add some credibility and a level of 'solidness' to the group membership proposition. However, it doesn't (and certainly not for Brunel) convince people to join on its own. We have to sell our groups to prospective members for the walks and other social activities offered. Other membership benefits such as Walk magazine and email updates are often a secondary consideration.

What can we do to help promote membership locally? We have a number of groups in

the Area that have a lot to offer current and potential members. We need to make sure that the word 'gets out there' to ensure that anyone who loves walking and wants to walk in a group thinks of us first and enjoys the experience when they try us out. We will be taking some action in the next few months to promote the local Ramblers – a new Area website is being developed and we are looking at producing promotional posters to be placed in public places and large employers around Bristol and Bath. There will be help on hand for local groups if they want support developing their web presence or ideas to attract new members. We will also be publicising our activities more heavily in the press to raise the local profile.

The local Ramblers simply wouldn't be what it is today without the support of members and volunteers. I hope that during the next few years many of you will become involved and enthused with our local work as well as supporting group walks. Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or ideas. Finally I would like to thank David Waterstone for the scale of his achievements as Area Chair in the last three years – he has enhanced the local Ramblers platform to a point where I think we will be able to leverage significant benefits more easily in the future.

Tom

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From the Access Officer

If he had a brain

There's a mildly amusing, if rather cruel, expression, *if he had a brain he would be dangerous*. A small cruelty sometimes made acceptable as part of the relief you feel when you have narrowly escaped disaster at the hands of someone who should have known better.

And so we come to Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs who announced the Government's *The Future of the Public Forest Estate in England – A Public Consultation* a few weeks back. I skimmed the document and had soon set down 21 objections to the flawed logic, non sequiturs, wishful thinking and dishonest questions. A message to my Member of Parliament was called for. As it happens he is a Conservative so I did not waste time trying to persuade him that sometimes the public ownership model is superior to the private one. That might be like trying to convince Karl Marx that capitalism is in the long term interests of the proletariat. Finding other holes to pick in that ill-judged and poorly expressed piece was as simple as finding potholes in our roads after a second hard winter.

Staying well away from core political ideology it seems to me that the correct stance for the Ramblers in this and similar debates is to stick closely to how proposals affect footpaths and ready access to the outdoors for the public, whether in town or countryside. During the short-lived forest consultation belated efforts

were made to explain that the public rights of way network and access would be protected. This missed the point by some distance. We do not just want to keep what we have but to see it extended and enhanced.

Green Infrastructure is something I wish I could summarise in a couple of sentences but it is a slippery concept, easier to recognise when you see it than to fully describe. So I concentrate on the bits of the definition which particularly affect Ramblers, i.e. the provision of green (concrete free) corridors that provide walking routes within towns and connect the town to the countryside. The West of England Partnership (the old Avon Area Councils working together) has just produced its Draft *Strategic Green Infrastructure Framework*. Bath and North East Somerset Council, struggling to keep up, held an event somewhere between a consultation, and a training exercise for the representatives of the myriad Council departments who turned up. I was among the token users who were present. Still it is all in a good cause.

Meanwhile over in Bristol the Council's proposals to sell off some of the less useful green spaces has come under fire despite it being informed by the Council's green infrastructure policy. It aims to re-invest in the better green spaces and keep the walking routes open. As with so many planning policies it is a matter of fine judgement which side you choose to be on. Fine judgement, of course, was manifestly missing from Ms Spelman's proposals for the public forest estate. Clear proof that you can still be dangerous even if you do not have a brain.

FOOTPATHS

REPORTING PATH PROBLEMS

A member told me she had not been made aware of the internal procedure for reporting obstructions, so it must be time for a reprise. In Avon, the simplest way is to email the Footpath Secretary who deals with the Highway Authority: BANES: David Waterstone, Bristol: Peter Gould, S Glos, Ron Phelps. If you email the wrong one, it will get swiftly forwarded: other peoples' problems we do not need. Outside Avon, it is probably quickest to use the national report form. There is a link on the Area Website. These complaints are referred to the appropriate Area Footpath Secretary: Wiltshire, Norfolk, Shropshire, Baresetshire wheresoever. Of course, you can do this on paper if you prefer. Whatever your preferred technology, what you need to send is a brief account of the problem and a six figure Grid Ref. (Ten figures and photos are useful but not strictly necessary)

NOW YOU SEE IT; NOW YOU DON'T

I was a little hasty in congratulating Bristol City Council about the Monarch's Way at Netham. True, it was in part legally recognised; but the ink was scarcely dry on the order before that part was closed on safety grounds. However, Council officers are seeking a cheap way to reopen it, and Bristol Group may be able to help keep it clear thereafter.

NOW IT'S THERE; SOON IT SHOULD BE ON THE MAP

The path at Hill Farm, East Dundry, a short but important section of which was missed off the Definitive Map by a dozy council officer decades ago, is now practically open. All over, bar the paper work; so congratulations to Mike O'Neill and his neighbours who have been chivvying the council for at least a decade to achieve this. It's dogged as does it: and barking about it.

SEATON V SLAMA AND THE BIG SOCIETY

Once upon a time, in the Good Old Days of the Poor Law and Hospital Bazaars, there were two entrepreneurs in a seaside town. One ran a cafe. The other built a few bungalows, wanted to charge a toll on his private road and so obstructed some paths leading to the cafe. The cafe owner and his friends tore down about 200 yards of fence and burned them. You must admit that both parties were inspired by the righteous urge to make as much money as possible from their investments.

Though there may be honour among thieves, there is no accord between entrepreneurs; one took the other to law and the decision is still binding nearly eighty years later. As usually interpreted, it means that a private individual who removes an obstruction to a public path is within the law if, whilst on a *bone fide* journey, he removes the obstruction to such an extent as to enable him to pass. However, someone who goes out for the sole purpose of removing the obstruction as a public service is acting unlawfully.

Now we probably accept that it is excessive to tear down and burn two hundred yards of fence. Does it really follow that I should not lop six foot of bramble when, by brushing it aside to rend and tear the next walker, I might pass on my way? Or that by going out with the sole purpose of trimming the aforementioned bramble wilfully and with benevolence aforethought, I have committed a civil wrong? Even a criminal act of damage?

During the severe weather someone in Government declared it was OK to clear the pave-

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ment. Of course, a Judge might hold that the old distinction between nonfeasance and malfeasance is still valid, whatever a politico says on the telly, leaving some good neighbour lumbered with damages were someone's lumbar regions damaged by his well-meant feausance. In the greater interest of the Big Society, should *Seaton v Slama* be reviewed in the courts? Modified in the next appropriate statute? Or can it be dismissed off the ministerial cuff? so we can all get out and do some casual good.....Peter Gould

Go with the Flow

I can remember when I started work, I got my wages weekly in a little brown envelope with money inside and a little piece of paper telling me what I earned and what NI and tax contributions I paid. How simple life was then.

Then came monthly salaries, and I needed a bank account, me needing a bank account, that was an enormous step, and I shook when I went to the bank to open my first account, but how important I felt when my first cheque book arrived through the post.

But progress did not stop there, the bank card and cash points came, and after a few years of refusing to partake in these new methods of paying and obtaining cash, I submitted to progress, and soon this became natural.

Along side the changes in finances over the years was the changes in the way we shop first supermarkets and now hypermarkets and internet shopping. Then there's the changes in communication, the computer in the home, emails, the mobile phone and being able to text a short abbreviated message, all of which I reluctantly accepted, and all of which have now become part of my life, How things have changed. Now our lives are running on a different track and as much as we resist, progress will happen.

And your Ramblers communications have changed over the last two years, and we all now, have access to all kinds of useful information from the Ramblers and our area and group web sites. We resisted these changes in the same way as we have always resisted new things, with a thousand reasons why we can't accept this and that, but gradually we do.

Now there is a further change in your Ramblers communications. I would like all of you, if you have computer access with Broad Band to consider signing up to receive your group programmes and AAN by Electronic mailing. A minority of you have been successfully receiving this, for two years or more already. Brunel group have always worked this way and have never mailed any hard copies.

To sign up to this is simple, just email me: jillfysh@aol.com Let me know what group you are signed up to and I will ensure that you are added to their Electronic Mailing list. All email addresses will be kept on the Area records and by a nominated officer representing your group only. Emails will only used for the purpose of Ramblers business and will not be passed to any third party.

Jill Fysh, Secretary Avon Area Ramblers

These routes are made for walking - Pensford to Bedminster

The 376 from Bristol bus station on Sunday 3 April, scheduled to depart from Bay 15 at 10.10, was delayed while a young couple made parting promises. The driver had already waited while my companion tried to work out the cheapest ticket - a South West Smart all day card at £7.20 or a single to Pensford, then a single from Hartcliffe to a destination in central Bristol. Thanks to a beneficial public, I travelled free.

Pensford is an ideal place to start a walk to Bristol. Here the A37 has a pedestrian crossing, a bus stop, a reliable bus service between Bristol and Wells, a Post Office, a pub plus historic charm - an empty Miner's Institute near a viaduct which should carry passenger trains. The shop keeper was amazed to we were walking to Hartcliffe and discussed the distance with the other customer. The path is waymarked and leads to a track and a bridge across the River Chew. Ordnance 155 shows that this is the Three Peaks Way which leads to an ancient track held together by the roots of the tree lined arcade. In Norton Malreward, having inspected a charming church where Sunday morning flower arranging was in progress, we joined the Community Forest Path and walked through fields and beside more streams.

Everything was perfect:- the weather, the signing of the routes by North Somerset and BANES Public Rights of Way teams and three benches which make an ideal break to rest and absorb the landscape. Waymark signs and a yellow bucket on a post were obviously there to encourage walkers.

The PROW from Rutland House, across the road from Yewtree Farm (582 654), is being altered, the farmer explained to me. Rage against cuts in public spending and delight that the BANES PROW team seem to have been spared is evidence that protecting paths is accepted. The attitude of some land owners is changing, Mike Parker explained in "The Wild Rover" 2011. After the

CROW Act in 2000, many recognised the benefits to the local economy of walkers.

Leaving the paths and being forced onto a country lane to link up with the PROW is a humiliating defeat but there are few short stretches of road walking on this route. The next target is North Hill Farm and the tower then down the Dundry slopes. This wonderful wilderness provides another opportunity to celebrate zealous Ramblers and Open Space Society members, Peter Gould and Chris Bloor, for their persistence in removing obstacles. Then onto Bishport Avenue and Morrisons Superstore. (approximately 585622.) Hartcliffe Morrisons is a token of successful community involvement; co-operation between planners and local people have created a caring store with a refreshment area which is welcoming and serves food which is good value for money. On my second visit I met a Rambler icon, Ray Hart, who manages a 12 hour walk without food, water or a map. Having feasted, Ray led me onto the beautiful cycle / walking route which winds around the lake and onto Crox Bottom. This area is a natural nature reserve and formed part of Maureen Johnson's walk in the Spring. There, again by chance, I met a woman who loved the tranquillity of Hartcliffe and we walked to Bedminster together.

This is an ideal walk to do on your own. But those not working can join up with the Avon Area Ramblers on Wednesday 27 July for part or all of this 10 mile route. The 376 from Bristol bus station, Bay 15 which leaves at 09.40.

Julie Boston 07791 867 512

**Avon Area Ramblers are looking for an Editor for the
Avon Area News**

This role involves gathering news from Area Council officers and from the Ramblers website and turning it into a small magazine.

Contact Jill Fysh on 01454 633001 or Email jillfysh@aol.com.

Mike Parker, the author of 'The Wild Rover ' launched this fascinating book at Stanfords in Corn Street, Bristol to a packed audience on 12 April 2011.

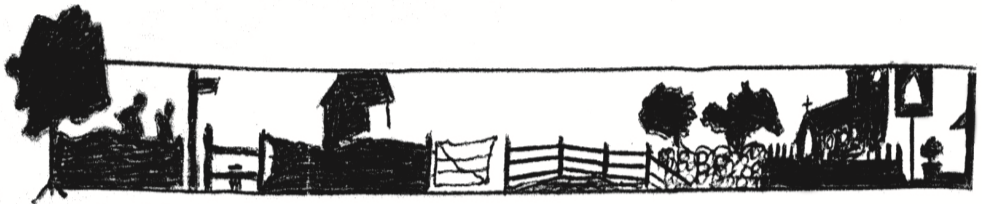
The book is published by Collins and the cover price is £12.99.
A great read for great Ramblers.. Julie Boston

Bristol Doors Open Day

Saturday 10 September, 10:00 till 16:00

Free leaflets available with full programme details, from Tourist Information Centre and public outlets. Walk between venues or take buses to locations outside Bristol centre.

Maureen (Avon Area mid week co-ord)



By The Way

Five Leaves: 4 The Beech

Many years ago a girl friend suggested that we go to Burnham Beeches In Buckinghamshire, and so on the following Sunday afternoon we caught a bus from Chertsey and soon arrived at our destination. And what a destination!- a large area of gently undulating ground softly covered in ferns grass and leaves from which soared lofty trees spreading their green shade whilst the sunshine gently penetrated the clerestories of this many naved cathedral. It was a place for Hardy's 'maids and their wights ' to walk through and this we did before a happy tea in a little cafe on the border of the Beeches.

The beech tree grows up to 40m high and is widespread in the south of England and Wales, usually preferring chalky soils. The leaves are silky green and oval with parallel veins turning to an attractive yellow-brown in autumn. The beech makes a good hedge and with wood has been used for centuries for furniture and turned work.

Eric Robinson - Bath Group

Past Times

The Ceremony was very imposing and fine and simple, and I think *ought* to make an everlasting impression on every one who promises at the altar to *keep* what he or she promises. Dearest Albert repeated everything distinctly.....I returned to Buckingham Palace along with Albert: they cheered us really most warmly and heartily; the crowd was immense.....I went and sat on the sofa in my dressing- room with Albert; and we talked together there from 10 m to 2 till 20 m. p.2.

Queen Victoria, 10th February, 1840

Noticing Nature

With a membership of around 400, my local ramblers group is large and covers a wide area; so even with up to six walks per week, we can easily get 20+ cars parked at the start of a walk. With the rural nature of the county, parking by arrangement in a farmer's yard is one option, but usually, a grass verge is the only possibility. Fortunately, we are blessed with wide verges along many of the roadsides, a result of the 19th Century Enclosures Act, which provided some grazing for smallholders who had lost their land. They also facilitated the movement of livestock when taken to market (Louth had a livestock market as early as the 11th Century). These broad grass verges, in places as much as 60 feet wide, are now one of the most pleasing aspects of the Lincolnshire countryside. They are havens for a variety of invertebrates and small mammals, and in summer they are coloured with many kinds of wildflowers. The richest verges are found on the alkaline soils of the chalk and limestone where they contain such rare plants as yellow-wort, autumn gentian, dyer's greenweed, clustered bellflower, pyramidal and man orchids. Some verges on clay soils have a varied meadow flora, including such species as cowslip, spotted-orchid and adder's tongue.

Because of the special role that verges play in wildlife conservation, a scheme for their protection and management was set up as early as 1960, quite an enlightened move in those days, considering that in the UK, agricultural use of DDT was only banned in 1984.



Roadside nature reserve, near Louth (photo taken June 2010)

There are now 65 'Roadside Nature Reserves' in the County covering either both sides of the road or only one side, which total a distance of over 50 miles. Each verge has a voluntary 'Wayside Warden' to help look after the biological interest in liaison with the Council and landowners. The Reserves are signed 'protected verge', so when planning a walk, we ensure they are left car-free.

Of course, one bonus for walkers is that road walking can (almost) be a pleasure. Last year, I counted around 40 butterflies of 4 varieties on a short stretch of the road in the photo. We tried to count the different flowers, but lost track!

As I write this in April, the verges are a blaze of yellow dandelions; by the time you read this, poppies, clover, buttercups and more will augment them. What joy!

Geoff Mullett, Louth, Lics.

Did You Know That.....

there is a strip of woodland in Petts Wood, Kent containing a sundial in memory of William Willett, the originator of Summer Time – introduced in 1916 and made permanent by Act of Parliament in 1925. The sundial, unsurprisingly, indicates the correct time only when Summer Time is operative,

2. it is most unlucky to bring hawthorn indoors, although another superstition is that good luck is due to the person who receives a gift of may blossom on May Day,
3. Bench marks are cut on milestones, on the corners of buildings, on posts, and bridges by government surveyors. A bench mark consists of a broad arrow with a cross-piece along the top. The cross-piece is the bench or ledge from which the exact height above sea-level or the Ordnance Datum of Great Britain – taken as the mean level of the sea at Liverpool. The broad arrow is simply the Government's official mark dating from the reign of William 111 ie. the late 17th century.

From @

From 'Walk' – Winter 2010

'Back then, in the 1950s and 60s, nobody talked about footpaths, you just walked. If you ever saw a farmer all you did was wave and he waved back.'

John Bainbridge – Volunteer with the Ramblers in Devon for nearly 50 years.



Wessex Wanderer Rail Walks Programme 2011

Outgoing train times are based on the departure times from Bristol Temple Meads Station (BTM)

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Saturday 14 May **L** **PL**

Walk commences on arrival of Weymouth train due at 11.29

Meet leader outside **BTM** station

6 mile linear walk of Urban and Historic interest to Redland railway station on the Severn Beach line

Leader: Peter Gould

Wednesday 18 May **M** **PL**

Train: 08.40 to **Maiden Newton** arriving at 10.37

8.5 mile circular walk via Cruxton, Wynford, Eagle, Toller Porcorum and Chilfrome

Return train from **Maiden Newton** to BTM 15.33

Leaders: Ken & Audrey Worden - 01935 389840

Saturday 21 May **M** **PL**

Train: 08.40 to **Dorchester** arriving 10.38

7 mile circular walk. Town and country with time to explore Dorchester afterwards

Return train from **Dorchester** to BTM 17.41

Leaders: Susan Blake & Kevin Aplin - 01305 263759

Saturday 28 May (Bank Holiday) M PL

Walk commences on arrival of the Weymouth train due at 11.29
Meet leader outside **BTM** station
7 mile circular walk via the River Avon, St Anne's Wood and Arnos Vale Cemetery
Leader: Julie Boston - 07791 867512

Wednesday 1 June L PL

Train: 10.49 to **Bath** arriving 11.06
8 mile circular walk. Bath Skyline with good views of Bath and beyond
Frequent trains from **Bath** to BTM
Leader: Marietta Starbuck - 01225 333295

Saturday 4 June M PL

Train: 08.40 to **Bruton** arriving 09.48
11 mile linear walk from Bruton to **Castle Cary** via Lamyatt, Ditcheat and Alford
Return train from **Castle Cary** to BTM 17.19
Leader: Carl Earl - 01460 30163

Wednesday 8 June BP M PL

Train: 08.40 to **Weymouth** arriving 11.02
8.5 mile circular walk. Bus to Portland for a walk on Portland and then bus to Ferrybridge and walk back to Weymouth
Return train from **Weymouth** to BTM 17.30
Leader: Austin Knock - 01305 788467

Saturday 11 June M PL

Train: 09.49 to **Avoncliff** arriving 10.18
10 mile circular figure of 8 walk. (Or 5 miles - by arrangement with the walk leader, walkers can join or leave at Avoncliff)
Return train from **Avoncliff** to BTM 18.02
Leader: Erin Bland

Wednesday 15 June M PL

Train: 08.40 to **Upwey** arriving 10.55
10 mile linear walk from Upwey to **Dorchester** via Friar Waddon, Corton to Martinstown (*for ice-creams!*)
Return train from **Dorchester** to BTM 17.43
Leaders: Val Ingram & Sue Frizzle - 01202 731363

Saturday 18 June BP L PL

Train: 08.40 to **Dorchester** arriving 10.38
9.5 mile linear walk. Bus to Tolpuddle with time to look in the museum and return to **Dorchester** via Puddletown
Return train from **Dorchester** to BTM 17.41
Leaders: Dave Ace & Derek Munts 01305 787790 or 784668

Tuesday 21 June L PL

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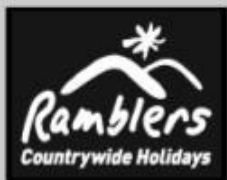
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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Title (AAW)</u> | <u>10am start at:</u> | <u>OS Exp Map</u> | <u>Grid Ref</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Leader</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
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| 8/6/11 | Draycott | War memorial on A371 | 141 | ST477509 | 8m | CHolloway J Osborne | 07734331671 07734331675 | Park in street opposite. Pub lunch in Cheddar |
| 8/6/11 | Clutton | The Church, park elsewhere in village | 141/142 | ST623589 | 8m | N Burlton | 07760 346453 | (Bus 376) Pub stop |
| 22/6/11 | Farnborough | Butchers Arms BA2 0AE, park along Timsbury Rd, off A39 | 155 | ST664607 | 5m | MStarbuck | 01225 333295 | (Bus 178) Pub lunch |
| 22/6/11 | Bathampton Down | 10:30 Eastside of Bath Abbey | 155 | ST751647 | 6m | P Selby | 01275 834152 | Bus X39; T/Mds 09.49 Train to Bath, 10min walk to start. Pub /picnic lunch |
| 13/7/11 | Glastonbury & Tor | 11:00 The Abbey busstop | 141 | ST498388 | 5-6m | C Loring | 01275 332698 | Bus 376, 09.40 frm Bristol B/Stn Pub lunch |
| 13/7/11 | Bathford | Brown's Folly car park | 155 | ST798662 | 7 miles | T Wyatt | 01761 470453 | Picnic lunch |
| 27/7/11 | Hills & Woods above Blagdon | Free car park on Station Rd | 141 | ST501591 | 6m | M Magro | 01275 392643 | Pub / picnic lunch (Bus 672) |
| 27/7/11 | Pensford-Bedminster | Pensford PO | 155 | ST619638 | 8-10m linear | J Boston | 07791867512 | Bus 376, 09.45 frm Bristol B/Stn Lunch at Morrisons, Hartcliffe |
| 10/8/11 | Newbridge | The Crown at Kelson, Park opposite in side road only | 155 | ST701671 | 5-6m | M Marsh | 0117 986 5559 | (Bus 332, 319) Pub lunch |
| 10/8/11 | Hengrove & Whitchurch | Maes Knowle pub, Whitchurch | 155 | ST614677 | 10m | BEdwards | 01275 831727 | Pub lunch. Bus 376 Black Lion busstop. |
| 24/8/11 | Paradise Bottom | Opp The George, Abbots Leigh | 155 | ST542737 | 4-5m | MJohnson | 07960473378 | Park opp pub in Church Rd. Buses 358, 359. Pub stop |
| 14/9/11 | Thornbury & Littleton | The Church nxt to the Castle | 167 | ST634906 | 6m | R Mathias | 0117 962 9386 | (Bus 309, 310) Pub stop/cafe |
| 14/9/11 | Coalpit Heath- Keynsham via Dramway | Church in Coalpit Heath | 155 | ST674807 | 11m linear | N de Bray | 07946313388 | Bus 342, 09.30 frm Bristol B/Stn. Bus 349, 178 frm Keynsham |
| 28/9/11 | A visit to Colerne | Selwyn Hall, Box | 156 | ST824686 | 6m | M Lambert | 01179607266 | Pub lunch |
| 28/9/11 | Backwell | Meet at Backwell Stn & carpark | 154 | ST478693 | 8m | Dan | 01454625313 | Train 09.25 from T/Meads, check Traveline. Pub stop/ picnic lunch |