

### From the Chair

**Welcome to our programme of walks and social events.**

**All too soon Autumn is on the way.**

Looking back to July we had an excellent day out to the Gower with good weather (mostly), good company and two good walks. Many thanks to Jean Williams for all the arrangements.

We also celebrated 20 years of Severnside Ramblers. It was a very well attended event and friends old and new enjoyed a short walk, buffet lunch and a chance to catch up. Many thanks to all who made this event a success.

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 2018.

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

Ken Mill - *Chairman*

### **Severnside Annual General Meeting Sunday 19 Nov 17**

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.

### **Forgotten Landscape Project**

We have been invited to support the Forgotten Landscape Project by walking 10 proposed routes. The task is to walk the route and answer the following questions:

Where would you want a way marker? Where are stiles and could they be converted to kissing gates? Are there any bridges or gates that need improvement? Are there any particular views or other points of interest you would mention if you were doing a leaflet on the walk? What's parking like? What about refreshments?

If you would like to help please get in touch with Andy Pearson or Ken Mill.

### **A date for your diary:**

**Xmas Meal - Saturday 16 Dec 17  
Pre-booking essential.**

The Failand Inn, BS8 3TU

Time 6 for 6.30 pm

Contact: Gill King tel: 01454 631500 or gill.king@talktalk.net

### **Brecon Beacons Weekend**

Again a weekend in the Beacons has proved very popular. 40 members are booked into Nythfa House for a 3 night break from 20 October. We will be the only guests at Nythfa House which boasts comfortable rooms, excellent food and an indoor swimming pool. We will lead walks in the scenic countryside and will offer a choice of moderate or strenuous rambles.

**Please note this event is fully booked.**

For more information please contact  
Heather Rickards tel 01454 632134

### **Avon Area Ramblers AGM**

Severnside Ramblers have agreed to host the next Avon Area AGM. It will take place on Saturday 3 February 2018 and will be held at the Patchway Community Centre, Rodway Road.

Details will be issued nearer the time.

**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.

**Walks Leaders Wanted** - We would like to be able to offer a shorter walk on a Sunday as an alternative to the usual longer walks. Ideally the distance should be around 5 - 6 miles. Departure time from Aztec West would be 10 am. This would be an opportunity to offer more local walks. Please consider volunteering to lead a shorter walk. For more information contact Ken Mill ([ken.mill57@talktalk.net](mailto:ken.mill57@talktalk.net)) or Peter Spring ([peterspring1@hotmail.com](mailto:peterspring1@hotmail.com)).

Date / Walk Grade	Venue	Depart time / place	Walk Length /Time	Map	Distance / Suggested Donation	Leader or Contact
Sun 1 Oct M	<b>Miserden.</b> Hilly walk along streams in woodland valleys with lakes, through Caudle Green and Bimpsfield.	09.00 AW	9 miles	E179	63 miles £6.30	Andy G. 01454 411305
Wed 4 Oct M	<b>WWW Railway Walk BTM to Bruton</b> A 6 mile linear walk to Castle Cary via Knaps Hollow. Return train from Castle Cary to BTM at 14:22 or 16:10.	08:41 BTM	6 miles		N/A	Peter G.
Sun 8 Oct M	<b>Picturesque Piercefield and beyond.</b> Further exploration taking inspiration from Heather's recent Piercefield walk, against an Autumnal backdrop. Weather permitting fine views down the Bristol Channel.	09.30 AW	9 miles	OL14	30 miles £3.00 + toll	Chris B. 01594 845423
Fri 13 Oct L	<b>Frampton on Severn.</b> An easy walk with few stiles following the Sharpness Canal and River Cam, with attractive views of the Severn and varied farm and woodland. Optional pub at end of walk.	09.30 Aldi	2.5 hrs	OL14	40 miles £4.00	Jenny & John 01454 777963 07773 176845
Sun 15 Oct M	<b>Hawkesbury and Hillesley.</b> Cotswold villages and countryside, including part of the Cotswold Way.	09.00 AW	8 miles	E167	34 miles £3.40	Michael 01179 798477 07419 350050
Fri 20 Oct - Sun 22 Oct	<b>Brecon Weekend.</b> Pre-booking required.	Please contact Heather for more information				Heather 01454 632134
Sun 22 Oct S	<b>Usk Valley.</b> Strenuous but rewarding walk which follows the Usk Valley and returns through hilly farmland and woods.	09.00 AW	14 miles	OL13 E152	58 miles £5.80 + toll	Don 07879 711197
Fri 27 Oct L	<b>Stone.</b> Pleasant and mainly flat walk from Falfield to pastures new at Stone and Little Stone. Optional pub at end.	09.30 Aldi	2.5 hrs	E167	22 miles £2.20	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 29 Oct M	<b>Part of Cotswold Way.</b> Quite hilly, starting at Coaley Peak Car Park, taking in Dursley, Uley and Nymphsfield.	09.00 AW	10 miles	E167	48 miles £4.80	Sue L. 01452 741229 07808 116725
Sun 5 Nov M	<b>Crook Peak.</b> Climb to top of Crook Peak and return via Loxton and the Strawberry Line. Following part of the West Mendip Way.	08.30 AW	11 miles	E141/ 153	60 miles £6.00	Ken 01179 315108 07581 698944
Fri 10 Nov L	<b>Wotton &amp; Wortley.</b> Fields, tracks, lanes, a nature reserve and meandering stream. Some stiles, steady climb back to Wotton.	09.30 Aldi	2.5 hrs	E167	29 miles £2.90	Jean A. 01454 419274

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Sun 12 Nov M	<b>Mells.</b> Scenic village walk taking in Chantry, Nunney Castle, Whately and Great Elm.	09.00 AW	9-10 miles	E142	76 miles £7.60	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 19 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	4 miles	E154	N/A	Heather 01454 632134
Sun 19 Nov L	<b>AGM.</b> At Mafeking Hall, (Scout Hall), Pilning. Lunch at 12.30 - AGM Start time 1.30pm.	10.00	2 hrs	E154	N/A	Heather 01454 632134
Fri 24 Nov L	<b>Tyntesfield.</b> Scenic figure of 8 through woodland and farmland, using paths and tracks. Gentle slopes, one stile. NT Members please bring membership card. <b>Last Friday Amble until next year.</b>	09.30 Aldi	2 hrs	E154	26 miles £2.60	Jean W. 01179 761445
Sun 26 Nov M	<b>Ozleworth Bottom.</b> Hilly walk in woodland with lakes and mansions. Could be muddy.	09.00 AW	8 miles	E168	38 miles £3.80	Andy G. 01454 411305
Sun 3 Dec S	<b>Cam Long Down.</b> Cotswolds Way over Cam Long Down around Downham Hill to Uley Bury, pick up Cotswolds Way, turn off to Nymphsfield, through Uley and back.	08.30 AW	10 miles	E167	36 miles £3.60	Brian 07547 325438
Wed 6 Dec M	<b>Joint walk with Bristol Ramblers.</b> A circular walk taking in Westbury on Trym, Southmead, Filton, Purdown, St. Andrews and Henleaze. Can be shortened at any time. Meeting at Westbury on Trym Primary Care Centre car park. Westbury Hill, BS9 3UJ	10.00 See aside	11 miles	E154	N/A	Ann 01179 798628
Sun 10 Dec M	<b>Wye Valley.</b> Starting from Brockweir, along field and woodland paths taking in Hewelsfield and St Briavels. Fine views and historic interest. One steep climb.	08.30 AW	8 miles	OL14	32 miles £3.20 + Toll	Peter S. 07963 164511
Sat 16 Dec	<b>Christmas Meal.</b> The Failand Inn - 6 for 6.30pm.	To book a place please contact Gill King. Tel 01454 631500 or <a href="mailto:gill.king@talktalk.net">gill.king@talktalk.net</a>				
Sun 17 Dec M	<b>Woodchester Park.</b> Hilly walk in secluded wooded National Trust valley, with many lakes and spooky deserted mansion.	09.00 AW	8 miles	E168	43 miles £4.30	Andy G. 01454 411305
Sun 24 Dec	<b>No Walk</b>					
Wed 27 Dec M	<b>Clifton Suspension Bridge.</b> A chance for some exercise. A walk taking in the Suspension Bridge, Nightingale Valley and the Under Fall Yard. <b>Meet at The Promenade, Clifton Down, BS8 3NB.</b> Coffee stop at Under Fall Café. Steep climb back to the suspension bridge.	10.00 See aside	6 miles	E155	N/A	Ken 01179 315108 07581 698944
Sun 31 Dec	<b>No Walk</b>					
Sun 7 Jan M	<b>Purton Hulks.</b> Canal towpath, grassy tracks and fields. Chance to view the boats' graveyard at Purton.	09.00 AW	10 miles	OL14 E167	36 miles £3.60	Kathy 07890 113179
Sun 14 Jan M	<b>May Hill.</b> A picturesque walk taking in this iconic Hill that 'you can see from everywhere', undulating terrain with a good climb to the top. Could be muddy in places.	09.00 AW	8 miles	OL14	70 miles £7.00	Andy & Chris 01454 416321 07771 550219
Sun 21 Jan M	<b>Cleeve to Redhill.</b> Through woodland, past Airport and return via Wrington.	09.00 AW	8-9 Miles	E154	44 miles £4.40	Joy 01179 334998
Sun 28 Jan M	<b>Wotton under Edge.</b> A wander in the Cotswolds, taking in Newark Park and Tresham. Some steep climbs.	08.30 AW	12 miles	E167 E168	30 miles £3.00	Ken 01179 315108 07581 698944

**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

**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, March, April and May 2018 by 31 Dec 17.**

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

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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