

Walking Together Sat 20 April 10:00 am Temple Guiting.

Groups from across the Area walk together. See the programme on page 4

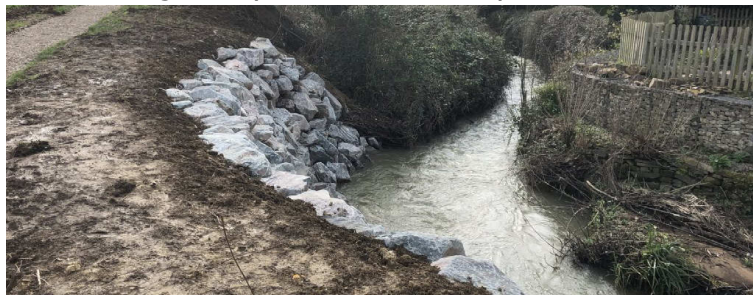


Meet us at Winchcombe Walking Festival Fri 17 to Sun 19 May.

22 walks including part of the legendary St. Kenelm's Way.



St Kenelm's well.



Rocks installed along the River Isbourne.

A wall of rocks should prevent the River Isbourne eroding its bank and footpath AWB41. Thanks to Winchcombe Walkers and the County Council.



A417 Update

The trees have been cut down and the ground scraped away next to the Air Balloon roundabout in readiness for the new A417 road. The old pub has already gone too.



The trees further down the hill, which used to hide the road, have been removed to allow the second carriageway to be constructed alongside.

Ramblers' input, now that plans have been approved, is to keep pressing for paths to be retained and kept green. Outside working hours paths can be kept open and suitable alternative routes provided at other times.

Robinswood Hill Golf Course

Gloucester Group have worked with GCC and Gloucester Golf Club to add waymarks through the golf course near Robinswood Hill. This helps walkers find their way along the many cross course routes, including the Wysis Way.

Vacancies.

Gloucestershire Walking Group is seeking someone independent to look over their annual accounts. Can you help? There are very few transactions. Chair@gwg.org.uk

50 Years Ago.

1974 saw reorganisation of Local Government in Britain. The southern part of Gloucestershire joined a new county - Avon.

It gave the opportunity for Ramblers to create the Gloucestershire Ramblers Area from the Gloucester & Swindon Area and the Midlands Area.

1974 was also a time to begin creating Groups to better handle footpath issues around the County.

Cirencester was the first of several groups to be created and eventually Cleeve Group in 1984.

Some of the founding members remain involved today.

In 2024 Cirencester Group celebrates 50 years while Cleeve Group has its 40th anniversary.

Area Council Meetings

Wed, 27 Mar 7:30pm
 Wed, 29 May 7:30pm

Walking Together

Sat, 20 April 10:00 am
 Temple Guiting Village Hall

Find us: Meetup, Facebook



2023 AGM at Yorkley Sunday 21 January 2024

Gerry Brown, Chair of Forest of Dean Ramblers, the host Group, gave a brief overview before introducing the Area Chair. Activities, in this leafy part of Gloucestershire with its industrial heritage and two AONBs, include walks, path work and 4 publications:- 'Exploring Historic Dean' 14 walks, Highmeadow Trail 11 miles, Beechenhurst Trail 8 miles and 3 Soudley Circles 9 miles.



The Area motion was carried to rationalise the number of years a role could be held so as to help allow fresh faces.

The motion to Ramblers General Council was also carried - to return to Members carrying out activities. The Area Council could defer or withdraw the motion if favourable response was received meantime.

Charlie Morriss was elected Chair, Michèle Holden as Minutes Secretary and Vice Chair. Gwen Chaney became Treasurer while Gerry O'Driscoll became Membership Secretary. Bernard Gill remained Secretary.

Some Group Activities

One of 59 Ramblers Areas, Gloucestershire has 8 Ramblers Groups: Cirencester, Forest of Dean, South Cotswold, Gloucester, Cleeve, North Cotswold, Gloucestershire Walking Group with its 20s-30s sub-group.

Gloucestershire Walking Group



GWG organises walks for those of working age including a sub-group for 20s-30s.

Here the group is crossing Fred Wood's Bridge, installed many years ago as part of a diversion away from Toddington Mill.



Gloucester Group



Our midweek walks have been gaining in popularity and several new members have joined. Numbers in the high twenties are now common, especially if the walk is near Gloucester.

Weekend walks are less well attended with fewer leaders available, so we have arranged some joint walks with Cleeve Group.



We are carefully monitoring the proposed housing development at Whaddon Grange, where multiple footpaths will be impacted, including the Glevum Way.

Our annual luncheon was held at the Lilley Brook Golf Club and enjoyed by 35 members (see photo). Future social activities include a walking holiday in Dovedale and a BBQ.

John Bent-Marshall (Secretary)

gloucester-ramblers.org.uk

Some Group Activities continued

Forest of Dean Ramblers



The Malvern Hills. Our longer walks are proving popular. This 12 mile walk brought out Members from other Groups across the county and from Warwickshire.

We continue to respond to planning and footpath matters too.



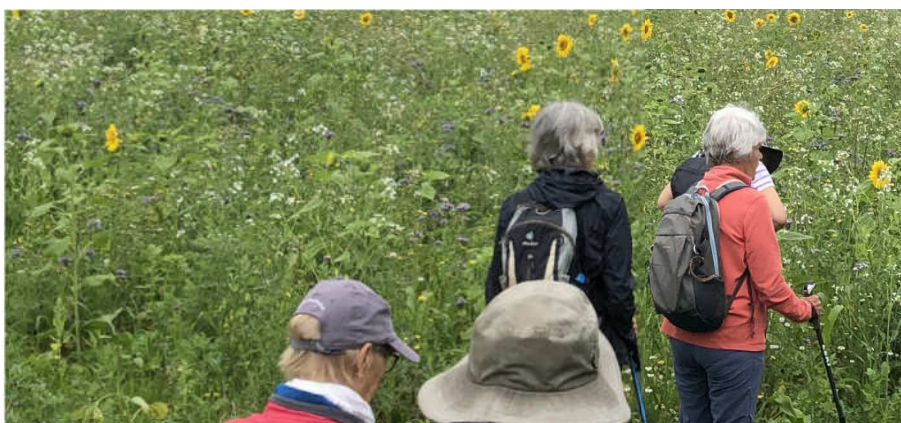
North Cotswold Group



A sunflower walk near Ebrington. Our December AGM in Blockley included a choice of soups and tempted a new committee member.

We're walking the paths around Temple Guiting prior to the April Walking Together event.

Simon Jones
ramblers.org.uk/north-cotswold



Cirencester Ramblers



A hazy day on the Cotswold Way at Ravensgate Common with Cheltenham in the distance.

We welcome members of other groups to join our walks when there is a gap in their programme.



South Cotswold Group



We recently updated our walks programme to increase the number of walks available each week. We are still walking every Saturday and mid week but have now decided to have a leisurely Monday walk every week instead of every other week as they have proved so popular with upward of 30 walkers attending.

We also recognised that some members like a longer faster walk so we're going to allocate some dates for these. If we can find enough walk leaders we will keep a shorter walk on the same date. The walk and picnic last year was popular as it allowed an option for members who don't walk to join in. We're planning another in July.

The Group continues to monitor numerous developments near the M5 that include a canal, football stadium, eco-park, new housing and a solar farm, responding where appropriate.

Cleeve Group



We are linking with Gloucester Ramblers to fill gaps in our weekend walks.

The first of these joint walks was very well attended, and we hope this will continue as the year progresses, to the mutual benefit of both groups.

Temple Guiting Walking Together Saturday 20 April 2024

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Walking Together Programme

Members and prospective members can join any of the walks below.

Meet: Temple Guiting Village Hall. GL54 5RW

Hosts: North Cotswold Ramblers

Grid Ref: SP090279 W3W :///steadier.pace.sparks

10.00	All	Welcome and Walk Leader Introductions at TG Village Hall – by North Cotswold Group Chair.
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All Day Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.15	Cheltenham Rambling Club	Six Hamlets: New Barn Farm, Pinnock Farm, Farmcote, Stumps Cross, Wood Stanway, Stanway, Taddington, Cutsdean, Ford.	11	Carol S Liz J
10.21	South Cotswold	Worcestershire in Gloucestershire Ford, Cutsdean, Stumps Cross, Farmcote, Pinnock.	7.8	Jill S
10.24	North Cotswold	Gloucestershire Ways: Ford, Hinchwick Wood, Ford Hill Farm, Jackdaws Castle.	8	Carol T
10.27	North Cotswold	Cotswold Farm Park: Buy tickets online in advance or on the day. Picnic or Café lunch.	5 plus in the farm	Simon J
11.30 late start	Gloucester GWG	To Guiting Power for lunch: A walk to the Farmers Arms for a pub lunch, or picnic on the green, return via Kineton.	6	Maggie S Margaret A

Morning Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
10.18	North Cotswold	A Hare and a Tortoise: A Diamond Way Sparkling Walk to medieval Pinnock and Ford. Return along the Windrush Valley.	4.5	Sue S

Afternoon Walks

Start Time	Group	Description	Miles	Leader and Backmarker
1.30 pm	Cleeve	Guiting Wood: Lynes Barn and skirt Guiting Wood before returning to Temple Guiting.	4.5	Gerry O
1.40 pm	Area	Easy walk: on footpaths tracks and roads including some time at the Templars' medieval church.	1.5	

3:30 pm	All	Tea cake etc. at the hall.		
3.45 pm		Brief talk on origin of village names		Julia S

Bring stout shoes or boots, suitable walking clothing/rain gear as well as water and a picnic.

Tea, Coffee etc available at the Hall. Activities subject to change. Times and miles are approximate.