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Capability Brown Anniversary



Blenheim Palace – “the finest view in England”

Celebrating England’s greatest landscape designer

The scene greeting visitors to Blenheim Palace who enter its parkland via the Woodstock entrance has been described as “the finest view in England”: the baroque palace off to the left, with the great lake and its poplared island in the foreground, John Vanbrugh’s Grand Bridge and Capability Brown’s hanging beechwoods beyond. All so seemingly natural – and yet so carefully “contrived to pleasing effect”.

The palace, on the northeastern edge of the Cotswolds, is set in more than 2,000 acres (810 ha) of parkland, widely recognised as one of Brown’s masterpieces of landscaping. Throughout 2016 many more visitors are set to explore it as part of nationwide celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the

designer’s birth. Brown’s story is one of rags to riches, the son of a farm labourer who rose to become royal gardener and took his pioneering landscape style to more than 200 places around the country. Before he set to work, 18th-century country houses were typically framed by highly formal gardens. Brown – his first name was Lancelot, the ‘Capability’ derived from his favourite advice to clients that landscapes had “great capabilities” – became the most prodigious exponent of a new, naturalistic fashion.

Brown called himself a “place-maker”, moving earth and hills, creating serpentine rivers and lakes, planting clumps and belts of trees that teased the eye with changing views: all in a magical world of seamless green that cleverly kept

livestock in their place with ha-has (sunken fences) invisible to the onlooker.

Commissioned by the 4th Duke of Marlborough, Brown explored the “capabilities” of Blenheim for 11 years from 1763. Karen Wiseman, Head of Education at the palace, has been rummaging through the records in preparation for a special exhibition (13 Feb–2 May 2016) highlighting what he did: sweeping away the formal parterre and laying it to lawn, damming the River Glyme and transforming the lake, planting trees and building the ha-ha.

“His landscapes were designed to be seen on horseback or from a carriage, so that as you travelled the views continually changed, with trees strategically planted to hide then reveal glorious vistas,” Karen says. “We have lots of beautiful Brown

lines of sight.” You can discover them for yourself on tours of the park or on the self-guided trail, and commemorative talks and other visitor experiences are planned for 2016 (www.blenheimpalace.com).

Spare a thought, too, for the hard work that goes into maintaining such “natural” beauty. “Today our main helpers are the 1,500 sheep who graze the pastures – without them we would face an uphill battle!” says Blenheim’s Rural Manager, Roy Cox. A team of 10 people including shepherds also work tirelessly throughout the year to maintain the landscape, grassland and woodlands, replacing trees, dealing with silt, repairing the ha-ha, restoring cascades and more.

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Around the Cotswolds

Large blue butterfly home is secure

Thanks to enormous public support, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust has raised £50,000 to purchase Daneway Banks nature reserve in the Sapperton Valley. The reserve is home to the large blue butterfly, which was declared extinct in the UK in the 1970s, but following a pioneering re-introduction programme at Daneway Banks now thrives here. Purchasing Daneway Banks, which the Trust has managed for over 40 years, secures it as a nature reserve, ensuring the best conditions for the county's rarest native butterfly to flourish. www.savelargeblues.co.uk



David Simcox

Best of both worlds

Bradford on Avon is the top location in Britain for those who enjoy both rural and urban lifestyles. Named in *The Sunday Times' Best Places to Live* guide, the town was praised for its combination of scenic creamy stone architecture with cafés, pubs, entertainment and amenities. www.bradfordonavon.co.uk

Loving the Cotswolds



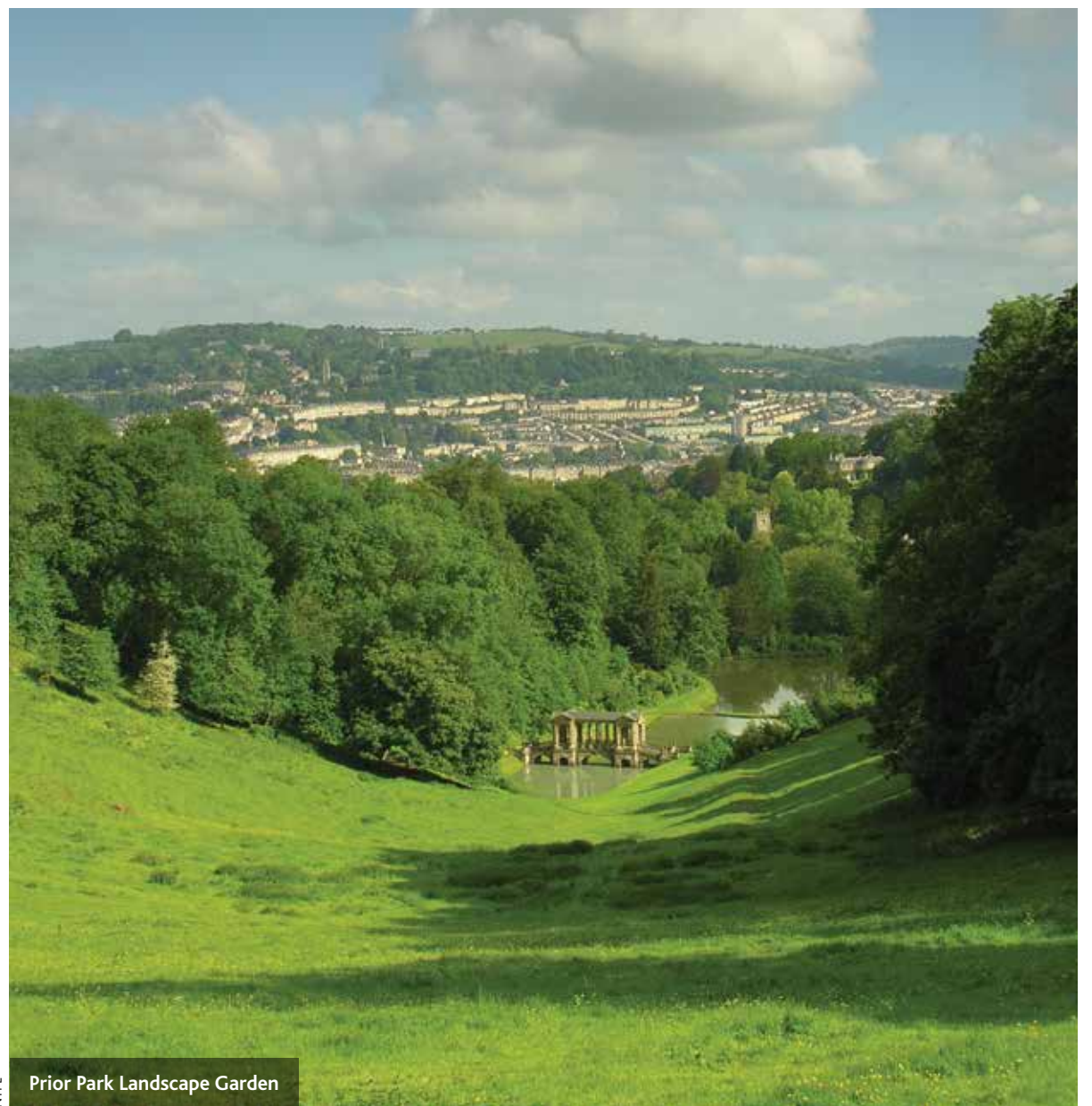
Looking for inspiration for things to see and do? A newly launched website featuring 101 reasons to love the Cotswolds offers lots of ideas, from exploring farmers' markets to visiting Painswick Rococo Garden, famed for its snowdrops. It is aimed to donate 10% of all website profits to local charities. www.lovingthecotswolds.com

Va-va vintage

Stroud has been named by MSN as one of the country's top ten must-visit places for amazing vintage fashion finds. The town is home to three dedicated vintage clothing stores, record shops selling vinyl and numerous second hand/antiques shops, plus the Shambles Market. For more on touring and shopping 'vintage style' in the Cotswolds, see www.cotswoldsvintagetours.com

Pedal power

Broadway GP Neil Townshend and his son Ian pedalled 975 miles in 10 days from John O'Groats to Land's End this summer, to raise money to help keep open the village library. Training in the Cotswolds helped the pair to prepare for the trip, which has brought in more than £4,000. <http://townshendjogle.tumblr.com>



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Prior Park Landscape Garden

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Capabilities of the Cotswolds

Brown left tantalizingly sparse records compared with designers like Humphry Repton with his famous Red Book. But it's widely accepted that, along with Alexander Pope, he advised local entrepreneur Ralph Allen in the creation of **Prior Park Landscape Garden** in its sweeping valley below Bath Skyline Walk, Brown possibly influencing a more natural feel in the 1860s. Documents show payment to him of £60 for "surveys and making plans at or about Prior Park" (www.nationaltrust.org.uk).

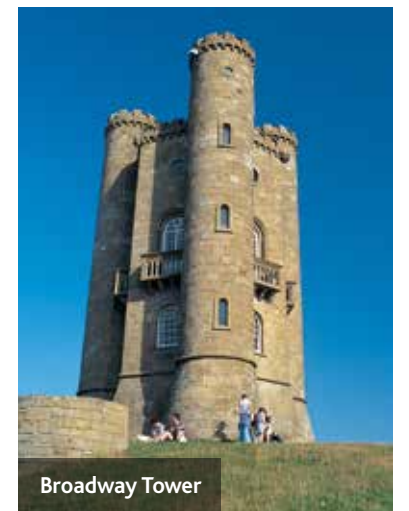
The master landscaper also visited **Woodchester Park** in 1782 and sent his assistant to make a survey, the overall charge for which was £20 7s

6d (£20.38). Although Brown died in February 1783, dramatic changes at Woodchester over the next 20 years saw the formal garden removed and woodland in the park cleared to open up vistas (www.nationaltrust.org.uk).

The Cotswolds holds some Brownian surprises too: **Broadway Tower** was his brainchild, built by James Wyatt for the 6th Earl of Coventry (www.broadwaytower.co.uk). It's little known, but Brown was a deft architect as well as a landscaping genius – at Blenheim he turned the hunting lodge, High Lodge, into a Gothicized castle.

While critics thought Brown a vandal for "destroying" so many formal settings to country houses, designers before and after him – William Kent, Humphry Repton – espoused the naturalistic landscaping

style. It remains synonymous with great estates to this day, so enjoyed for its coherence and deceptive ease that, as Brown's obituary predicted: "so closely did he copy nature his works will be mistaken."



Broadway Tower

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Burford-based Manor Cottages raises funds for the Cotswolds Visitor Giving scheme, helping to boost a range of conservation projects around the AONB. Watch the YouTube video at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk



50th Anniversary of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and there's lots planned to mark the occasion

In 1966, the same year in which England won the Football World Cup, the Cotswolds was officially designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB): recognising it as one of the country's finest landscapes and a place to be looked after for future generations.

Whatever the national soccer team's fluctuating fortunes, the Cotswolds remains a byword for quintessential rural England at its best, the famous limestone of its landscapes, buildings and dry stone walls creating a unique warmth and harmony across the region.

The largest of the family of 38 AONBs in England and Wales, the Cotswolds also embraces a rare diversity of landscapes and heritage: from wildflower grasslands to ancient beech woods; the giddy scarp to hidden valleys; Neolithic long barrows to historic houses and gardens; drop-dead gorgeous villages to market towns.

A new book featuring stunning pictures that tell the living story of the Cotswold landscapes will be a highlight of 2016 celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the AONB. Many special events are planned too, and,

if you haven't already entered the anniversary photo competition, you've still time for a chance to win one of several fantastic prizes.



Nick Turner

Sharing the Moment

Throughout the year the Cotswolds Conservation Board are holding a number of celebratory events so everyone can share the moment to discover more about our beautiful landscape and learn how to protect it for future generations.

Events and activities include: an art exhibition, 1960s themed tea parties, photography competition, art classes and an online video and photography archive that captures the Cotswolds past and present.

"So many people – farmers, tourism providers, master craftsmen, volunteers – are involved in keeping the Cotswolds thriving as a place to live, work, relax and visit," says Martin Lane, Director of the Cotswolds Conservation Board. "The 50th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their efforts and reflect on what makes the



Nick Turner

landscape so special.

"Many changes have taken place in the past five decades, including in land management, and there are many challenges to face in the next five decades, whether balancing the needs of people with conserving the environment, or considering the effects of global climate change. It is a really exciting time and we hope everyone, residents and visitors alike, will join in anniversary activities."

For more information about the 50th anniversary visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk



Nicole Marina

Picture this



Nicole Marina



Tammy Stinger

Competition highlights diversity of the AONB's beauty – why not enter your favourite photographs?

A carpet of bluebells in woodlands, the freedom of a child running through fields beneath blues skies, lively scenes at a country fair, a village corner coloured red – by phone box, pillar box and tree.

Asked to send in images of what best captures the beauty and uniqueness of the Cotswolds AONB, amateur photographers are proving the old adage that a picture paints a thousand words. It's also clear from the variety of submissions that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

'Your Cotswolds' photography competition, launched in partnership with Cotswolds Tourism to celebrate the forthcoming 50th anniversary of the Cotswolds AONB, is open to entries until 30 November 2015.

Great prizes include a Canon EOS 700D 18-55 IS Kit worth

£539 from Clifton Cameras, Dursley (adult section winner) and a full day's photography tuition out and about with Cotswolds-based photographer/filmmaker Nick Turner (under-16s section winner).

The runner-up in each category receives a training course worth £149 at Clifton Cameras on how to get the best out of your DSLR camera. Plus there are prizes for everyone who enters – see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/photography.

"The Cotswolds is a superb area for photography thanks

to its fantastic range of landscapes, the escarpment, hills, farmland, wildflower grasslands, valleys and beech woods," says Dave Kobylanski from Clifton Cameras, who is a judge in the competition.

"The architecture of town and village, traditions like dry stone walling, rural fairs and recreational activities from walking to cycling all offer great opportunities to photographers. Clifton Cameras is proud to promote photography and delighted that this competition is inspiring people to seek out what makes the Cotswolds beautiful and unique."

Amateur photographers can submit up to three digital images taken in the Cotswolds AONB. Closing date for entries: 30 November 2015. For terms and conditions and full details, see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/photography



A Peace of the Cotswolds



Coaley Peak on the Cotswold Way

Make the most of the rural tranquillity on your doorstep, it's good for body and soul!

Immersion in nature benefits our health, reduces our stress levels, improves our mood and makes us feel good about ourselves. So says research from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), which champions tranquillity as a vital natural resource (www.cpre.org.uk).

The *Give peace a chance* report follows an earlier survey that showed 'tranquillity' is what people most cherish about the English countryside. With away-from-it-all commons,

rolling wolds, secluded valleys and 3,000 miles of public rights of way, the Cotswolds is ideal for a spot of eco-therapy.

Where better to lift spirits than **Bredon Hill** (www.naturalengland.org.uk) or **Cleeve Hill and Common** (www.cleevecommon.org.uk) with their top-of-the-world panoramas? Vast views and open skies right along the escarpment soon restore a sense of freedom, and the climbs get the circulation pumping too!

Meanwhile pathways through autumn-rich, winter-frosted Cotswold woodlands open worlds of soothing secrecy, whether **Foxholes Nature Reserve** near Burford (www.bbwt.org.uk) or **Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve** near Cranham (www.naturalengland.org.uk).

David Behrens, a Mindfulness Meditation Teacher based in the Cotswolds (www.realcurehomeopathy.com), gives a tip to help 'quiet the mind' on a walk: escape busy thought patterns by focusing on your feet, feeling the ground underneath, then connect to your breathing and to seeing the beauty that is around you.

"Mindfulness is about becoming present and seeing clearly, and nature is there for everyone to benefit from," he says.

You might also steal away from modern bustle by exploring the Cotswolds' ancient long barrows – **Belas Knap**, **Hetty Pegler's Tump**, **Nympsfield** or **Windmill Tump** – each a reminder of man's long history in the landscape and your place in it (www.english-heritage.org.uk). Or put life in perspective with some stargazing: there are many good viewpoints and the **Rollright Stones**, Oxfordshire, used by Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group, has Dark Sky Discovery Site status (www.cnaag.com; www.darkskydiscovery.org.uk).



Winter morning near Stroud

Hooked on Blacksmithing

Whether it's Ross Poldark whipping off his shirt to go scything or *Grand Designs* featuring historic building techniques, traditional rural skills are enjoying a moment

Courses run by the Cotswolds Conservation Board since 2005 to promote rural skills that have helped to shape the local landscape are certainly more popular than ever: last year alone 50 courses, from dry-stone walling to thatching, attracted 413 people.

Among them was Tony Merry from Charlbury, who took a Blacksmithing Taster Day. "Before I retired I was a scientist and I've always loved making things. My wife gave me the blacksmithing day as a Christmas present," he says.

Tony and three others joined expert blacksmith Richard Williams at the family forge near Tetbury. Blacksmiths were once the most important men in the rural community, serving farms and estates; nowadays like Richard they more often provide bespoke ornamental products.

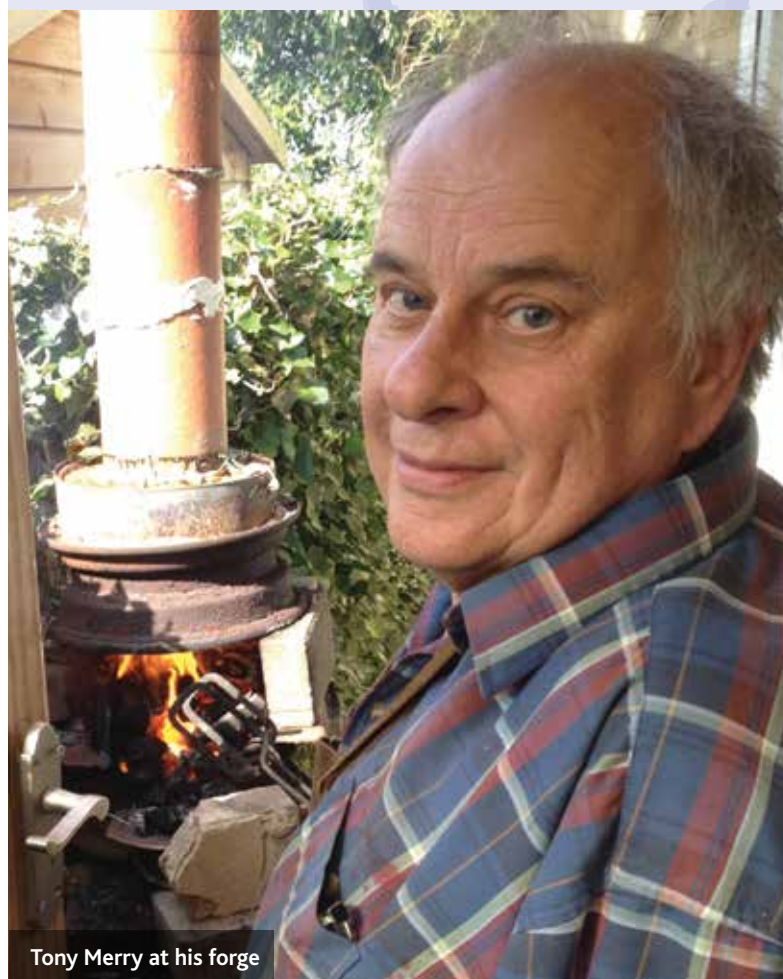
"Richard gave us a talk and showed us how to make things like tongs. Before long we had on leather aprons, making a poker and learning different techniques like how to hammer out a steel bar and curl the end around, which is quite a characteristic skill. I was surprised that you don't have to hit the bar hard, it's more about repeatedly striking it.

"Heating the metal to the right colour is also important. We made coat hooks and used the steel when it was red, turning yellow. White would have been too hot. Another pleasant surprise was that if you make a mistake, you can simply put the metal back in the fire and then try again!

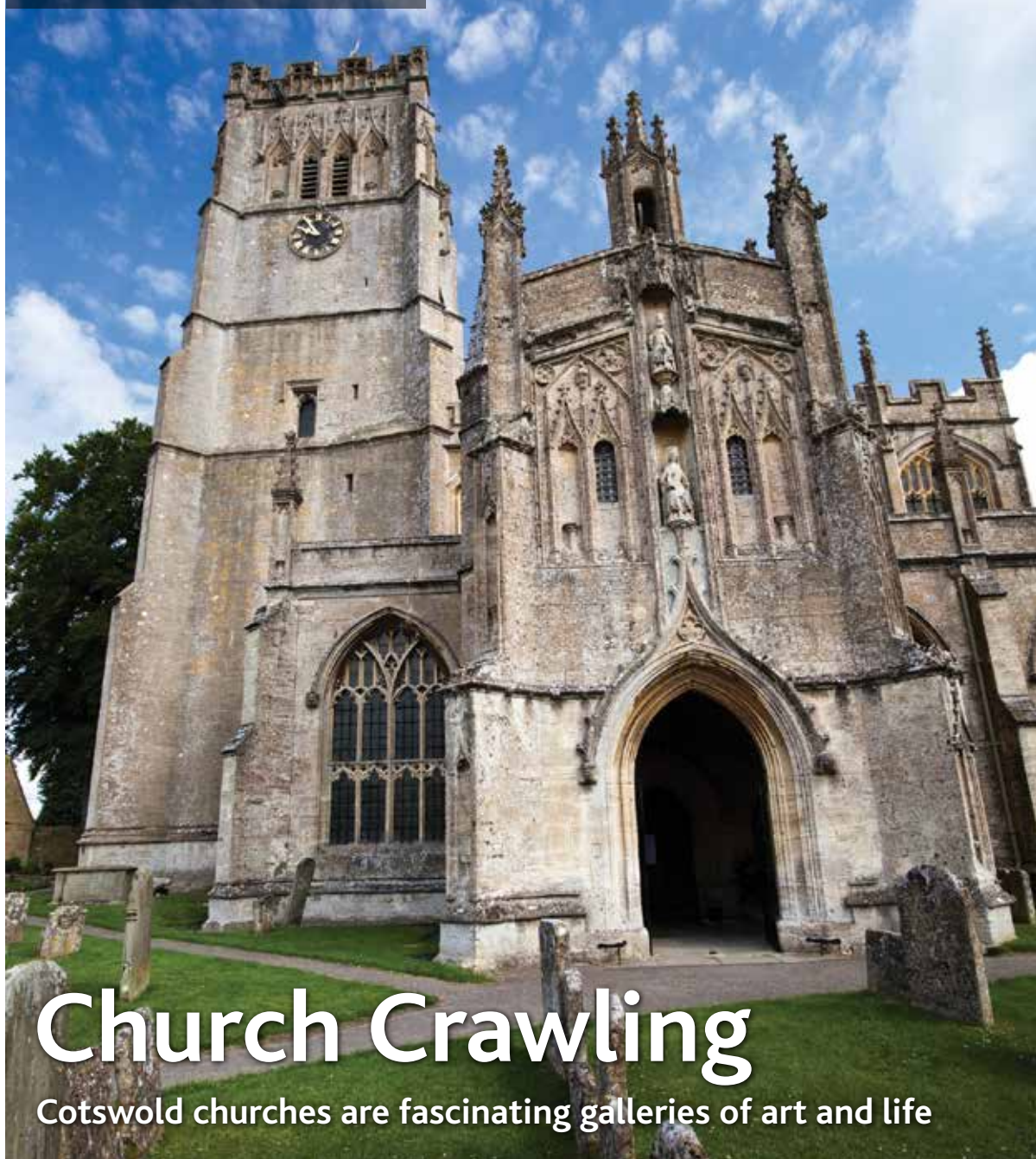
"I got a real sense of achievement making my coat hook. It's in pride of place at home."

Tony enjoyed himself so much that he has now built his own forge – and made even more coat hooks.

For more information on Cotswolds Rural Skills courses, see page 13, or www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk



Tony Merry at his forge



Church Crawling

Cotswold churches are fascinating galleries of art and life

Perhaps it's the cathedral-like proportions of the 'wool' **Church of St Peter and St Paul at Northleach** (www.northleach.org), the fabulous complete set of medieval stained glass at **St Mary's, Fairford** (www.stmaryschurchfairford.org.uk), or the glimpse of a curious 'green man' amid the 14th-century grotesques supporting roof timbers at

St George's Church, Brailes (www.brailesvillage.co.uk): find time to stop and stare, and churches reveal a trove of architecture and art, whispering rich stories of human life across the centuries.

"The Cotswolds has one of the finest collections of churches in the country in terms of historic interest," says The Venerable Hedley

Ringrose. Now retired, Hedley has worked across the area, including as Archdeacon of Cheltenham, and he says, "Churches are a treasure that people are often not fully aware of."

If you're into time travel, begin a 'church crawl' in the tall, narrow Saxon church of **St Laurence at Bradford on Avon**, an extraordinary ancient survivor where the hush of ages

calms even 21st-century souls (www.saxon-church.org.uk).

Subsequent medieval wool wealth has given us Cotswold-stone glories such as **St James' Church at Chipping Campden**, rebuilt in the perpendicular style in the 15th century (www.stjameschurchcampden.co.uk), as well as **St Mary's, Chipping Norton** – check out the green man and grotesque faces in the 15th-century stone vaulting of the rare hexagonal south porch (www.stmarysncorton.com).

Leap on, then, to **St Mary's at Tetbury**, one of the earliest and best Georgian Gothic churches anywhere (www.tetburychurch.co.uk), and **All Saints, Selsley**, at the very heart of the English Arts & Crafts movement with its sun-twinkling stained glass by William Morris & Co (www.allsaintsselsley.org.uk).

Off the beaten track

Getting off the beaten track also reaps many rewards, including two of Hedley's favourite smaller churches: **St Michael's at Duntisbourne Rouse**, a tiny Saxon-origin church with 16th-century saddleback tower that is picture-perfectly peaceful on its hillside overlooking the Dunt valley (www.parishconnections.org.uk). **St Nicholas** in the woods at **Oddington**, noted for its

14th-century Doom paintings, is unheated/unlit artificially and hosts atmospheric summer services and candlelit Christmas occasions (www.evenlodevalechurches.org).

"By candlelight you really get the glory of the wall paintings and it's very special," Hedley says, adding, "There are some very interesting quirks and human-interest stories to be found in Cotswold churches, some incredible tombs and inscriptions. Most churches have history pamphlets, but simply look around you, too, including in the churchyard."

Spot Indians on the monument to Henry VIII's barber at **Burford Church**, for example, the earliest depiction of New World inhabitants in Britain (www.burfordchurch.org.uk), while Henry's sixth wife Katherine Parr, entombed in **St Mary's Church at Sudeley Castle**, is the only English queen buried on private land (www.sudeleycastle.co.uk).

In the graveyard of **St Laurence's, Stroud**, you'll find the last man to die in a duel in Britain – 21-year-old Lieutenant Joseph Delmont, deceased 1807 (www.stroudparishchurch.org.uk). And the inscription on the lychgate at **St Eadburgha's, Broadway**, reveals the unsung heroism of artist Francis Davis Millet aboard the ill-fated *Titanic* (www.stmichaelsbroadway.org).

Enjoy some church crawling soon!



Nick Turner

Great Cotswoldians: William Tyndale (c. 1494–1536)

The creator of 'the ploughboy's Bible' opened up the Scriptures to the common man



Nick Turner

Nobody knows exactly where William Tyndale was born: family roots are claimed at Slimbridge and Stinchcombe, while the Victorians pinpointed North Nibley and built his 111ft (34m) monument high on Nibley Knoll. It's long since a familiar landmark, but what of the man himself?

The son of prosperous yeoman stock, Tyndale studied at Oxford University and became a tutor (1522–1523) to the children of a landowner at Little Sodbury Manor. Here, his dream took shape to translate the Bible into English – the Latin read in church meant little to most people – for any "boye that dryveth the plough" to be able to understand.

Persecuted by authorities afraid that this could lead to common folk challenging Church teachings, Tyndale fled to Germany and the Low Countries. There, between 1525 and 1535,

he translated and first printed the New Testament and half of the Old Testament in English. Copies were smuggled back to England between bales of cloth, but he was betrayed, then strangled and burnt as a heretic in Flanders in 1536.

Tyndale's influence on the English Reformation nevertheless outlived the flames. His translations were used in the celebrated Authorised Version (King James Bible) of 1611 and phrases he coined remain in everyday speech: from 'the signs of the times' and 'the powers that be' to 'a law unto themselves'.

View landscapes Tyndale knew, from the Tyndale Monument (www.northnibley.org.uk). *St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury, contains a Tyndale letter and holds a service dedicated to the martyr each October* (www.sodburyvalechurches.wordpress.com). Both landmarks are on the Cotswold Way.

Bourton-on-the-Water

Spotlight

The 'Venice of the Cotswolds' has it all: picturesque limestone buildings overlooking the green and tree-lined river, seductive shops and singular attractions

A one-time Roman trading settlement (the Fosse Way runs to the west), this north Cotswold village now does a roaring trade in tourism – autumn and winter are just perfect for a more peaceful visit.

See and do Lovely autumn tree colour and the five bridges over the River Windrush meandering through the heart of the village are a scene to savour. Then a self-guided tour – leaflets from the Visitor Information Centre, Victoria Street – unfolds the back-story of the 'village beside the camp' (from Anglo-Saxon 'ton' and 'burh'); Salmonsbury Iron Age camp is on the outskirts. Landmarks range from St Lawrence's Church, still with 14th-century chancel, to quirky-featured 17th-century cottages. Or get the spine-tingling version of Bourton's past on a Bloody Bourton evening

walking tour (Fri/Sat 7pm, booking necessary, www.thebloodybourtontour.jimdo.com).

After walking Bourton, enjoy it again in miniature: the one-ninth scale replica Model Village, a *tour de force* of craftsmanship, is the first model village to gain Grade II listing. Then take your pick of prehistory, mystery and nostalgia, tracking dinosaurs on the new Jurassic Journey at Birdland, exploring The Dragonfly Maze, Bourton Model Railway Exhibition or Cotswold Motoring Museum & Toy Collection (check winter openings for attractions before you travel).

Shop and eat Bourton is gift-hunter's heaven. Most unusual is The Cotswold Perfumery in an 18th-century building on Victoria Street, where chief perfumer John Stephen creates fine English fragrances

(the Queen is among wearers) and offers perfumery courses. The Cotswold Pottery showcases studio pottery and sculptural pieces by John and Jude Jelfs, and otherwise there's a cornucopia of traditional sweets, local art, toys, candles, antiques and jewellery.

Warming food on a crisp day? Tuck into traditional English at the Old Manse Hotel, a fusion of English and French at upmarket The Dial House Hotel & Restaurant, a choice of Italian, Chinese, Indian offerings, plus toasted treats in teashops along the river.

Make a date Friday 4 December, the official switch-on of Bourton's famous Christmas tree in the river, is celebrated with late night shopping, music and other festivities.

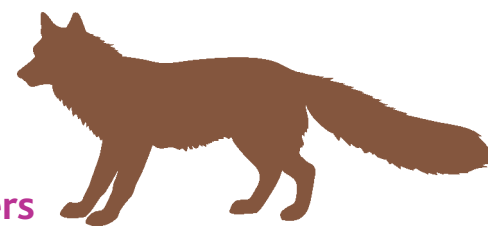
Fancy that! Ice chase scenes in Bond blockbuster *Die Another Day* (2002) were

filmed in a car park at Bourton and on the ex-RAF aircraft runway at nearby Upper Rissington.

Walking and exploring The Heart of England, Wardens, Windrush and Oxfordshire ways start from or run through Bourton, while Greystones Farm nature reserve is a five-minute ramble away, where you can follow an archaeology walk to Salmonsbury Camp (www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk). Hartwells Cycle Hire provides route maps and wheels (including tandems) to explore local country lanes and villages. Tour by horseback with Bourton Vale Equestrian Centre – horses suitable for all levels of rider.

Visiting essentials www.bourtoninfo.com

Family Fun



Ideas to keep kids entertained this autumn and winter? Try these six for starters

- 1. Cook up a storm** at the Cookery School at Daylesford near Kingham, where children's and teens' classes make the connection between farm and food, including harvesting/collecting ingredients that go into dishes, www.daylesford.com
- 2. Catch spook-tacular fun** on Bat Night at Halloween, at The Bird & Deer Park, Prinknash (30–31 Oct), learning about the park's resident bats and glimpsing ghosts in the woods, www.thebirdpark.com
- 3. Discover the secrets** of Batsford Arboretum, Moreton-in-Marsh, following Freddie the Batsford Fox on the children's trail. Also go autumn pond dipping, pick your own Christmas tree (from end Nov) and see Santa in his grotto (5–6 Dec), www.batsarb.co.uk



Daylesford Cookery School

- 4. Enjoy loads of animal magic** meeting rare-breed 'porky pals' at the Pig Show (2 Nov–20 Dec) at Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power. Then experience the Living Nativity featuring live farm animals (28 Nov–20 Dec), plus many more activities www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk
- 5. Hop aboard the Santa Special** on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway, all the way to Winchcombe (or the North Pole!) and visit Santa and his elves (various dates, Nov–Dec), www.gwsr.com
- 6. Go geocaching** on the Cotswold Way, stretching legs and imaginations in the fresh air as you treasure hunt using GPS, www.nationaltrail.co.uk/cotswold-way/geocaching



Meeting a porky pal

Edible Cotswolds

By Andrea Mynard



An autumn walk in the Cotswolds, skirting hedgerows rich with dusky purple sloes and damsons, following meandering paths through lush pastures where sheep have grazed for centuries, always makes me hungry. Those paths lead so enticingly into pretty villages where the russet leaved orchards lead my thoughts to crumbles and pies full of plums, apples or pears. Past farmhouse dairies where decadently creamy milk is being churned into cheeses, ice creams and yoghurts. It isn't just the steep climbs up onto the Cotswold escarpment that stirs my appetite; even the shortest walk across the fields always reminds me just how tasty our Cotswold landscape is.

Strolling across our undulating hills it strikes me just how much our delicious local food has played its part in shaping the countryside that it comes from. Cotswold lamb is the most obvious of course – living as we do amidst honey coloured towns and villages that were mostly built from the wool trade, sheep are still a key feature of our countryside. The Cotswold Lion, the breed whose fleece made fortunes for Cotswold wool merchants, is still farmed widely. In fact, Chipping Campden schoolchildren are playing a great part in preserving this traditional breed – the school has its own flock of pedigree Cotswold Lions which they keep in Wolds End orchard along with Gloucester Old Spot pigs and chickens. They learn how to make tasty lamb burgers with the meat at Dorn Farm locally and enjoy tucking into them at the school canteen.

Back in the Cotswold Lion's heyday when there was a market for wool, farmers could afford to keep their sheep longer and so mutton and hogget (meat from sheep between 12 and 24 months), would've been a tasty feature of our ancestor's diets. Now that their fleeces have so little value, it rarely makes sense for farmers to keep sheep, other than ewes and rams for breeding, beyond 12 months. Great then that we're lucky enough to have mutton and hogget playing its part in our landscape once again at Cold Aston where Peter Harkness breeds pedigree Windrush Berrichons, Dorsets and Whitefaced Woodlands and sells delicious hogget and mutton, all naturally reared on pasture. Suiting long, slow-cooking, maybe with our local cider adding moisture and a little honey or a handful of damsons complimenting the wonderful flavour, this is slow-reared, flavoursome food at its best.

Recently harvested barley fields next to my house (providing local brewery Hook Norton with a key ingredient for their delicious beer) lead onto ploughed fields where wheat is often grown, reminding me of the long tradition of milling in the area. Artisan Flour millers, like FWP Matthews in Shipton under Wychwood or Shipton Mill, near Tetbury, have been providing



Blue Heaven cheese from Woeful Dane Dairy

Will Pascal



Hobbs House Bakery



Prize-winning Windrush Berrichon

Cotswold flour to local bakers for generations. You can walk along the Cotswold Way to Stanway Watermill, which has had working watermills since at least the 13th century and is once again producing stone-ground Cotswold flour from wheat grown less than a mile from the mill. I love experimenting with local, stone-ground flour at home, in focaccia, sourdough and in easy overnight loaves.

Cotswold bakers are making excellent use of our local flour, including the fabulous Hobbs House Bakery (Chipping Sodbury, Nailsworth and Cirencester) and the Natural Bread Company which specialises in wild yeast breads or sourdoughs that are made over a period of days, using traditional slow fermentation techniques.

There's a hint of fermentation in the air closer to home as my walk takes me through orchards with fallen, unpicked fruit (providing a feast for wildlife) reminding me of local perries and ciders. Both drinks provide the perfect accompaniment to some of our local cheeses, whether a Cotswold Brie or a gloriously stinky blue cheese from Woeful Dane Dairy in Minchinhampton; hedgerow jelly is delicious with both.

Tempted into woodland paths by all those crunchy autumn leaves underfoot, pheasants, wood pigeons and partridge add to the rich colour: game is another traditional feature of our edible Cotswolds. Many of our woodlands are once again providing

perfect foraging material for old breeds (such as Gloucester Old Spots) of pigs too, who love rooting around, the woods offering them a steady supply of food and space to roam while they do their bit for the ecosystem, clearing the undergrowth to allow plants to regenerate.

As dusk leads me home, it's time to light the wood-burning stove and start slow-cooking some of the wonderful local produce that's given me such an appetite!

To read more about Andrea's appetite for locally reared/produced food, see her blog, www.shabbychick.me.uk



Voluntary wardens clock up more than 45,000 hours to help conserve the Cotswolds

Over 300 Cotswold Voluntary Wardens have clocked up a total of 45,639 hours in their work to conserve, enhance and increase understanding and enjoyment of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Over 330 active wardens, who form the voluntary arm of the Cotswolds Conservation Board, regularly carry out a wide range of activities which, in 2014/15, was estimated to be worth at least £304,260.

Much of the wardens' time was spent on undertaking a variety of practical conservation and enhancement work, whilst organising and leading guided walks, attending events and working with school groups continued to remain an integral part of their work.

Wardens also helped to facilitate easier access to the Cotswolds countryside by installing or repairing

145 gates and 146 waymark or finger posts; constructing 189 steps in banks and 28 bridges, patrolling over 3,000 miles of paths across different parishes, and clearing 39,000 metres of footpaths and bridleways.

Last year, the popular guided walks programme saw over 5,600 people take part in 365 walks, researched and led by wardens. Through a range of educational activities organised by some of the wardens, many of whom are former teachers, 1,004 schoolchildren from 16 schools were encouraged out of the classroom and into the countryside to explore and learn

about their natural environment. They worked with schools across the Cotswolds on activities such as fossil hunting, 'wild days' and farm visits.

Head Warden John Bartram said: "Whether it involves building a dry stone wall, maintaining a path or enthusing children in nature our wardens have risen to the challenge. It has been a very productive year and I would really like to thank all our wardens who have once again shown huge enthusiasm, professionalism and a wide range of skills and expertise. All of the wardens help make many significant and tangible contributions to the activities of the Conservation Board throughout the Cotswolds AONB."

More volunteers are needed for the Avon, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire areas of the Cotswolds. If anyone living in these areas would like to join the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, and help play their part in looking after the AONB, they can find out how to join by visiting: www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/cotswoldwardens

Voluntary Wardens' conservation activities during 2014/15 included:

- Over 31,000 sq m of woodland was coppiced and 109,000 sq m cleared at 25 woodlands sites
- 1,800 metres of fencing erected
- 1,028 hedge trees/shrubs planted
- 65 stiles repaired, improved or installed
- Over 800 metres of streams and ditches cleared
- 700 metres of dry stone walls repaired or rebuilt

Become a Visitor Information Volunteer

The Cotswolds Conservation Board are looking for new volunteers to join the team in the Visitor Centre at The Old Prison, Northleach.

Volunteering your time is a great way to learn new skills, meet people and make a difference...

There are so many different reasons to volunteer, and everyone has their own reasons. However, here are some of the main benefits:

- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Work alongside experts in their field
- Good for your CV



- Knowing you're making a unique contribution to the work of the Cotswolds Conservation Board. To find out more about becoming a Visitor Information Volunteer please call Rachel Cawte on 01451 862003.

New Investment in the Local Rural Economy

The Conservation Board has received an allocation offer of almost £2 million for the delivery of a new Cotswolds LEADER programme covering significant parts of rural Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire.

This European funded grant programme in the Cotswolds is scheduled to be 'Open for Business' for applications starting in the autumn of 2015 until 2020.

For more details about the LEADER programme please visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/leader or call James Lloyd on 01451 862033 or email james.lloyd@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

The Prince of Wales visits The Old Prison ahead of a Heritage Lottery bid to redevelop the site

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales visited The Old Prison in Northleach in the summer and met with volunteers and members from The Friends of the Cotswolds and the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

The Prince had a tour of The Old Prison which included having a go at dry-stone walling with former Chairman of the Cotswolds branch of the Dry-stone Walling Association Janet Gaskell (pictured).

The Prince observed a number of rural crafts including blacksmithing and thatching. He met a group of spinners and weavers and toured the Lloyd-Baker Rural Life collection.

The Friends in partnership with the Cotswolds Conservation Board will submit a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in October 2015. The bid is to create a community heritage complex with a large new gallery to showcase and interpret the nationally important collection of agricultural by-gones. The new centre will act as a central hub for the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) helping to deepen understanding and appreciation of the significance of this special landscape through volunteer-led hands-on activities and demonstrations and interactive interpretation. The centre will also continue to focus on rural skills training, building on the Board's existing rural skills training programme, and will seek to be a showcase for sustainable energy conservation and production within the context of a historic building. The board is expecting to have a response from HLF in early 2016.

Liz Eyre, Chairman of the Cotswolds Conservation Board says: "The Board was delighted to co-host the visit by The Prince to The Old Prison. The Prince's visit was timely highlighting what an exciting heritage attraction The Old Prison is and how the future plans could further enhance the site."

'So much more than the view...'

Far from being sleepy backwaters, England's finest landscapes contribute more than £20bn each year to our economy – similar to that of Birmingham, according to a new report.

The publication *So much more than the view...* from England's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks, highlights the wide range of benefits these iconic areas provide to society.

Covering a quarter of England, AONBs and National Parks are our most beautiful and cherished landscapes, with iconic archaeological and historical sites and valuable wildlife habitats. Yet they provide so much more to society than a beautiful view.

More than two thirds of people in England live within half an hour's travel of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or National Park.

Download the report at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk



Watch the Cotswolds AONB news & updates on YouTube!

The Cotswolds Conservation Board have launched a brand new YouTube Channel. The new channel provides viewers with news and updates from across the Cotswolds AONB.

Subscribe to the channel and get regular updates when new videos have been created.

Visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk and click on the YouTube logo



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Walks & Events Guide

Welcome to the Cotswolds AONB Autumn/Winter 2015-2016 Walks & Events Guide

The majority of walks here are led by our Cotswold Voluntary Wardens therefore you can be assured of an informative and entertaining walk in the Cotswolds. We recommend you always wear appropriate footwear as some walks may be muddy in places. Sorry, but only assistance dogs are allowed on the walks. Warden leaders will take all reasonable care and precautions but each walker is ultimately responsible for their own safety, and for determining their capability to complete the chosen walk. Unless otherwise stated, all walks are free of charge however donations to the Countryside Fund are very welcome and are collected at the end. For further details of all walks and events in the Cotswolds, please visit www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk. Please do check this website for any changes to walks during bad weather.

Walk the Cotswold Way

Join a group led by the Voluntary Wardens walking 10 miles each month commencing May every year. To travel by coach from Winchcombe and walk from S to N, contact Mary on 01451 861711 or m.hamilton@tesco.net. Alternatively to travel by coach from near Bath and walk from N to S, contact John on 0117 9374561 or woodlandsbarn@btinternet.com.



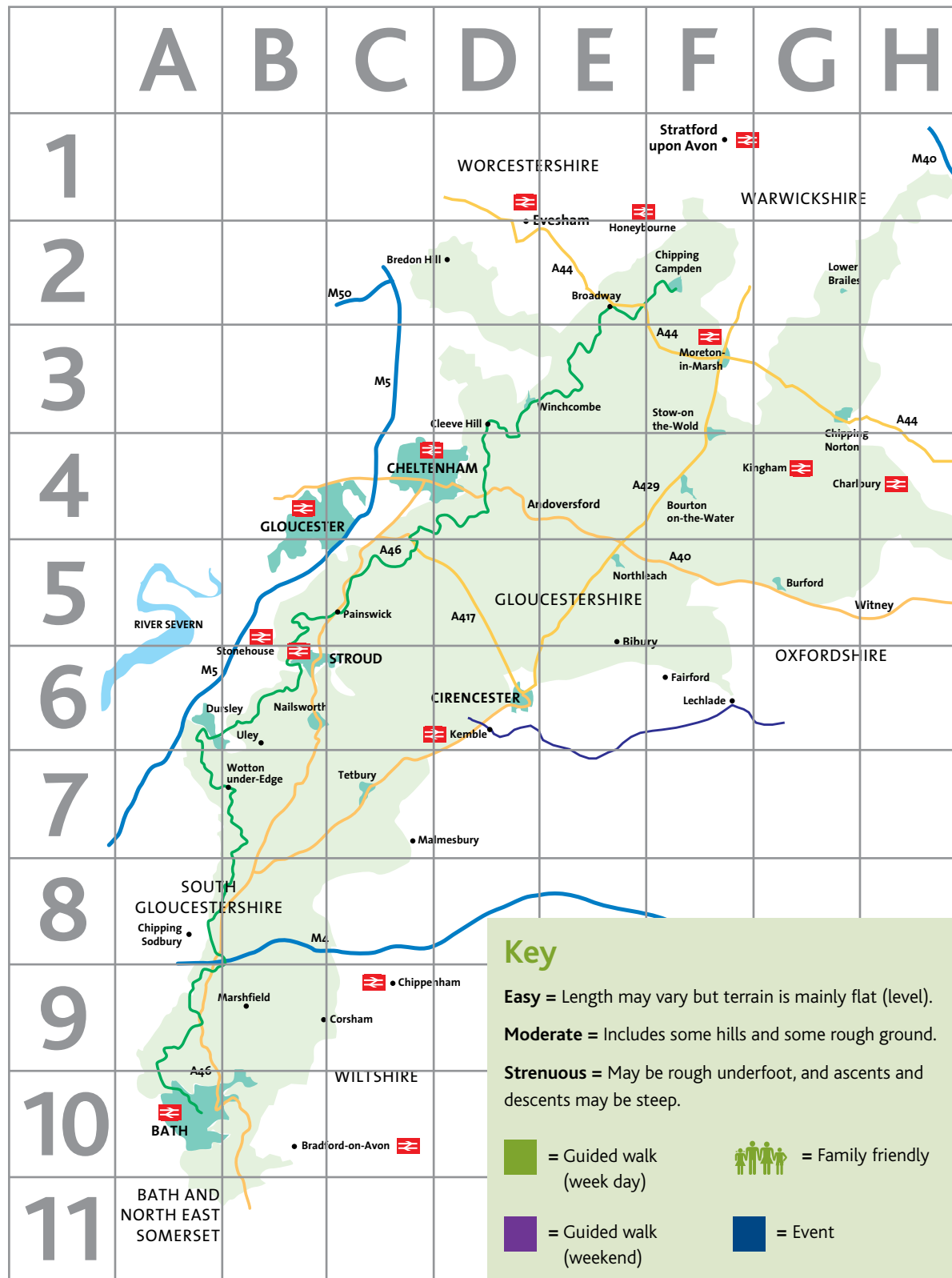
Nick Turner

Walk the Diamond Way

Join a group led by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens walking the North Cotswolds Diamond Way in six stages (each about 10 miles) on the fourth Wednesday of each month from April to September. For further information and to reserve a place contact Allan Allcock on 0787 638 7029.

Visiting the Countryside

Chalara dieback of Ash has now been confirmed in the Cotswolds. It is one of a growing number of potentially damaging diseases affecting our landscape. So, when visiting the countryside, please help to reduce the spread and impact of these diseases by ensuring that no plant material is removed and that all footwear and outdoor equipment are regularly cleaned.



Tuesday • 6 October • 10:00



Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club. Not suitable for Pushchairs.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Wednesday • 7 October • 10:00

All at C

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 7 miles

Over C's in the Churn valley. (Colesbourne, Coberley, Cowley, Cockleford). Park in pub's overflow carpark in lane by phonebox.

Starting point: Overflow carpark of The Colesbourne Inn, Colesbourne • SO999132 Map square D5

Walk leaders: Graham Saunders, John Shaw & Pippa Burgon

Friday • 9 October • 10:00



Views of Dyrham and the Cotswold scarp from the West (National Trust Walking Festival)

Moderate • 5 hours • 8 miles

A circular walk through the old deer park, along the Cotswold Way, around Dyrham wood to Doynton before picking up the Monarch's way and returning on the old Bristol-London Turnpike, now just a footpath! Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Visitor Reception, Dyrham Park ST748757 • Map square A9

Walk leaders: John Walker & Sid Gould

Saturday • 10 October • 9:30

A Salter's Break?

Moderate • 6.5 hours • 12 miles

A wide-ranging walk taking in Notgrove's adjacent parishes as well as local features of interest, including a walk through Salperton (where the salters would have a break). Bring packed lunch and drinks. No salt required!

Starting point: Notgrove Village Hall car park (donation). SP109203 • Map square E4

Walk leaders: Roger & Pat Cook

Sunday • 11 October • 10:00

Characteristics of the Wooded Landscapes of the Cotswolds

Strenuous • 6 hours • 12.5 miles

Explore the landscapes of the Cotswolds on this walk to Charlbury and the outskirts of Blenheim Park. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Stonesfield Parish Church, please park considerately • SP393171 Map square H4

Walk leaders: Lucy & Martin Squires

Saturday • 3 October • 10:00



Coffee Morning Walk No. 1, 'Three Houses, Two Valleys' (National Trust Walking Festival)

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10am. The walk starts at 10.30am from Newark Park, passing through the secluded Ozleworth and Bagpath valleys. We reflect on the history of Newark and its neighbours at Boxwell Court and Ozleworth Park. Refreshments available after the walk at Newark Park and local pubs.

Starting point: Newark Park NT car park, by arrangement. ST781931 Map square B7

Walk leaders: Eric Brown & John Hammill

Sunday • 4 October • 10:00

The Lantern Way to Ashen Plains (Dursley Walking Festival)

Moderate • 3 hours • 5.5 miles

A 3 hour walk on the new Lantern Way southeast of Dursley via Breakheart Quarry, Ashen Plains, Twinberrow and Folly Woods. Muddy and steep in places.

Starting point: Dursley Market House. Free long stay car parking signed from Long Street or opposite the Old Spot Inn. ST756981 Map square A6

Walk leaders: David Harrowin & David Ashbee

Tuesday • 6 October • 10:00



A "t" is not all that is extra in Ascott

Easy • 2.5 hours • 3 miles

We shall be walking in and around Ascott to discover all the features of interest both ancient and modern that help make this village extraordinary. Optional pub lunch at the end of the walk at The Swan.

Starting point: Near The Swan Pub in Ascott under Wychwood. SP300187 • Map square G4

Walk leader: Gerry Simper



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Saturday • 17 October • 10:00

Kids on the Way to the Bury

Moderate • 4 hours • 4 miles
A circular walk from Coaley Peak, following the Cotswold Way through Autumn beechwoods to Uley Bury and back, skirting Coaley Wood. Bring a picnic for lunch on the Bury. Fairly strenuous walk with ascents and descents, suitable for older kids accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Coaley Peak Viewpoint car park on B4066 • SO794014 • Map square B6
Walk leaders: Trish Iliadou & David Owen

Sunday • 18 October • 10:00

Four Fords (or is it Five?)

Moderate • 6 hours • 10 miles
A circular walk from Bradford on Avon to Westwood, Hungerford Castle, Iford, Freshford and along the Kennet and Avon canal. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Station car park, Bradford on Avon • ST824607 • Map square B10
Walk leaders: Wilf Dando, Dave Jennings & Pauline Vincent

Sunday • 18 October • 10:00

Park and Walk (National Trust Walking Festival)

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5 miles
Join us for coffee at 10:00. The walk start at 10:30 from Newark Park and features beech woodlands, a wide valley, the village of Wortley and the Cotswold Way. Refreshments available after the walk at Newark Park and local pubs.

Starting point: Newark Park National Trust car park, by arrangement • ST781931 Map square B7
Walk leaders: David Harrowin, Nigel Meredith & Helen Furrmidge

Tuesday • 20 October • 10:00

Ironstone or Limestone?

Easy • 2.5 hours • 5 miles
With pretty villages, good tracks [on the whole], far reaching views and the hugely hospitable Chandler's Arms this walk has everything. Lunch available at The Chandler's Arms at the end of the walk.

Starting point: The Chandlers Arms Epwell SP355402 • Map square H2
Walk leader: Rosemary Wilson

Thursday • 22 October • 10:00

The Hills of Broadway

Strenuous • 5 hours • 9 miles
A succession of lovely views over the Vale of Evesham and village of Broadway (weather permitting), walking through a wide variety of countryside and some lesser-used paths. Bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Fish Hill picnic site/car park, Broadway • SP120369 • Map square E2
Walk leaders: Jean Booth & Simon Mallatratt

Friday • 23 October • 10:00

A Wander around the Rivers Avon and Frome

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 6.5 miles
Following the rivers Avon and Frome around Freshford, this walk is a delightful mix of valley paths and lanes to Iford Manor gardens and return with plenty of the area's history. Early lunch stop available at the Freshford Inn. Please bring a packed lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Bradford on Avon Tithe Barn car park (Off A363) • ST823605 Map square B10
Walk leaders: David Le Lohé & Rob Morley

Saturday • 24 October • 10:00

Boundaries Ancient and Modern

Moderate • 6.5 hours • 11 miles
A walk from Bourton on the Hill across open countryside towards Hinchwick to Blockley returning via Batsford. The boundaries on this walk are evidential of agricultural land usage over hundreds of years. Lunch is available in the Community cafe in Blockley.

Starting point: On roadside adjacent to Tower View Farm • SP170324 • Map square F3
Walk leaders: Vivienne McGhee & Sue Greenwood

Sunday • 25 October • 10:00

Uley Blue and Stroudwater Scarlet

Moderate • 5 hours • 7.5 miles
We follow the Coswold Way to Uley Bury hill fort, descend to Uley for lunch and return via Nympsfield. This walk offers fine views of the Severn Vale, beech woodlands and grassy valleys. Bring a packed lunch. Pub stop for drink only.

Starting point: Coaley Peak Viewpoint car park, south-west of Stroud on B4066 between Stroud and Uley. SO794014 • Map square B6
Walk leaders: David Harrowin & David Collings

Tuesday • 27 October • 10:30

Marshfield: Town and Country

Moderate • 2.75 hours • 4.25 miles
A morning walk along the High Street of this small medieval market town to the Almshouses, then taking brideways South to Ashwicke and returning through the fields on footpaths (No stiles). Lunch choice of 2 pubs or a tea shop afterwards.

Starting point: Market Place, Marshfield ST781737 • Map square B9
Walk leaders: David Colbourne & Keith Weller

Tuesday • 27 October • 10:00

On Top of the World – at Minchinhampton

Easy • 2.5 hours • 4.5 miles
An easy walk around Minchinhampton Common, taking in the villages of Burleigh and Minchinhampton, with an opportunity to look at the flowers and trees at the end of the season. Lunch available locally after the walk or treat yourself to a locally made ice cream.

Starting point: Car park adjacent to Minchinhampton church (Off Bell Lane). SO872009 • Map square C6
Walk leaders: Derrick Hildersley & Les Jones

Wednesday • 28 October • 10:00

A circuit of Foxcote Hill

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles
View St. Paul's Epistle and savour a taste of the Gloucestershire Way before climbing Shill Hill and enjoy wide ranging views on the way back to the start.

Starting point: Kilkenny viewpoint. On the south side of the A436, 2.5 miles east of Seven Springs • SP004186 • Map square D4
Walk leaders: Tony Duffin, Royden Hales & Mike Williams

Thursday • 29 October • 10:00

A Walk through the Ages

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 9.5 miles
A glorious walk striding through the history of this beautiful area. The walk takes in the Neolithic burial mound of Belas Knap, medieval villages and of course Sudeley Castle.

Starting point: Winchcombe, Back Lane car park (Pay & Display - £1 per day) SP024285 • Map square D3
Walk leaders: Sheila Wasley & Margaret Reid



Friday • 30 October • 10:00

Climperwell Wood and Brimpsfield Park

Moderate • 3 hours • 6.6 miles
A walk through Brimpsfield Park to Caudle Green and then through Climperwell Wood returning to Brimpsfield.

Starting point: Brimpsfield Village Hall GL4 8LD • SO938128 • Map square C5
Walk leaders: Philip Cluley, Brian Chilvers & John Harries

Friday • 30 October • 10:00

Contrasting Escapes from the A424

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 10.5 miles
At the easy end of moderate, for young or old with some stiles. We explore two loops either side of the A424 which contrast sharply in terrain and visuals, nudging up to everything from an airfield to a former abbey. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Fifield. Please park considerably in limited parking available in village at/near the church or allow time to park outside village. SP239187 • Map square G4
Walk leaders: Julie Downing, Allan Allcock & Andy Briars

Saturday • 31 October • 10:00

A Medieval Village And A Peacock!

Moderate • 5 hours • 8 miles
Kilkenny To Withington; Thorndale; Foxcote And Upper Dowdeswell. Bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Kilkenny View Point car park off A436 west of Andoversford • SP004186 Map square D4
Walk leaders: Sue Clark, Jill Stuart & Ted Currier

Saturday • 31 October • 10:00

The Ancient Forest of Wychwood

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 9 miles
A pleasant walk with autumn colours [hopefully] around the area once covered by the ancient Forest of Wychwood. Learn about the Forest Charter and its importance to the local people of the time. Visiting Cornbury Park, Finstock, Chilson and Shorthampton, with its fine medieval church. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: The Spendlove Centre Charlbury • SP358196 • Map square H4
Walk leader: Janet Deller

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Sunday • 1 November • 10:00

Two Railways and a Canal!

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 8.5 miles
We follow the Titfield Thunderbolt railway/ Somerset Coal Canal down to Tucking Mill. Then through Combe Down tunnel [1 mile], over Beechen Cliff and the Avon to pick up the P&R bus back to the start. [Fares payable except for travel card holders]. Not suitable for pushchairs. Please bring picnic lunch.

Starting point: Odd Down Park and Ride ST733617 • Map square A10
Walk leaders: John Walker, Wilf Dando & Pauline Vincent

Sunday • 1 November • 10:00

Autumn on the Edge

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 9 miles
A walk on quiet hills and in valleys near Wotton under Edge looking for Autumn colour. The route takes in Coombe, Tyley Bottom, Newark Park and some of the Cotswold Way. May be muddy in places. Please bring a picnic lunch.

Starting point: Wotton under Edge Chipping car park, Free on Sundays • ST756932 Map square A7
Walk leaders: Hilary Paveley & David Harrowin

Tuesday • 3 November • 10:00 

Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club.

Not suitable for Pushchairs.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Tuesday • 3 November • 10:00

Wine, Water and Woodchester

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

A steep climb to Selsley Common and back via a prehistoric lane to Woodchester. Lunch available after the walk if required, in local pubs and in Nailsworth.

Starting point: Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation Car Park, St Mary's Hill, Inchbrook (approx 1 mile north of Nailsworth) SO842011 • Map square B6

Walk leaders: Mike Brinkworth & Alan Hooper

Wednesday • 4 November • 9:30

Cote to Cote

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 10 miles

A pleasant walk taking in three "Cotes" - Hidcote Bartrim, Foxcote House and Hidcote Boyce. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Hidcote Manor Gardens, car park with kind permission from the National Trust. Please use the left hand side car park. SP177430 • Map square F1

Walk leaders: Maureen Shears & Ali Clifton-Barnard

Thursday • 5 November • 10:00

Broadway Tower and the Scarp Villages from Dover's Hill

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 9 miles

We walk via the Cotswold Way to Fish Hill, Broadway Tower and Broadway itself. Leaving Broadway we take field paths to Saintbury and Weston-sub-Edge. Finally we ascend to Bold Gap, and rejoin the Cotswold Way to return to Dover's Hill. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Dover's Hill National Trust car park (no charge) • SP136396 • Map square F2

Walk leaders: Stewart Rainbow & Rodney Langman

Saturday • 7 November • 10:00

Burford – the Windrush Valley and Two Churches

Easy • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

A walk starting in the beautiful Cotswold town of Burford. The walk will include the medieval church of St Oswald. May be muddy in parts if there has been heavy rain. There are many places in Burford to enjoy lunch after the walk.

Starting point: Burford - outside the church SP252123 • Map square G5

Walk leader: Amanda Warwick

Tuesday • 10 November • 10:00

Exploring the Evenlode Valley

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 7 miles

Along the River Evenlode and the Oxfordshire Way to Chilson and returning along the ridge to Shorthampton and Walcot. You may like to carry a small snack but there are lunch options afterwards in Charlbury.

Starting point: Spendlove car park, Charlbury SP358196 • Map square H4

Walk leader: Tony Graeme



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Tuesday • 10 November • 10:00

Hilltop Views above Hidcote

Moderate • 3 hours • 5.5 miles

A pleasant walk from Hidcote Manor passing Hidcote Boyce, Foxcote House and Knowlands Wood. Fine distant views are a feature of this walk.

Starting point: Hidcote Manor Gardens car park with kind permission from the National Trust. Please use the left hand side car park. SP177430 • Map square F1

Walk leaders: Bob Fisher, Stewart Rainbow & Rodney Langman

Wednesday • 11 Nov • 10:00 

Industrial Archaeology and the Arts and Crafts Movement

Moderate • 2.25 hours • 3.25 miles

To the Thames and Severn Canal then through Siccridge Woods, across Daneway Banks, returning via Daneway House with its Arts and Crafts connections. Please park considerably in the village or use Cotswold Green bus 54a from Cirencester Lunch available at The Bell, or nearby at The Daneway Inn.

Starting point: Sapperton Church SO948033 • Map square D6

Walk leaders: Pippa Burgon, John Shaw & Graham Saunders

Wednesday • 11 November • 9:30

Wave to the Train

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 7 miles

The walk starts at Paxford and wends its way down to Aston Magna skirting the site of a medieval village. We return through the fields to Paxford; the walk crosses the railway several times.

Starting point: Paxford: Churchill Arms. Please park considerably in the village. SP184377 Map square F3

Walk leaders: Margaret Reid & Sheila Wasley

Friday • 13 November • 10:00 

East of Bath Round – Bathford, Batheaston & Bathampton circular

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 7.5 miles

The walk takes in the Nature Reserves at Bannerdown, Chilcombe Bottom, and Little Solsbury Hill before dropping down to cross the Avon at Batheaston. Pub stop at the George Inn on the Kennet and Avon Canal. Please bring a packed lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Bathford High Street opposite the Crown Inn. ST787669 • Map square B10

Walk leaders: David Le Lohé & Rob Morley

Friday • 13 November • 10:00 

Coffee Morning Walk No. 2, 'Valleys around Kingscote'

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10am. The walk starts at 10.30am, passing through secluded Hay Bottom, Upper Hazlecote and Ledgemore Bottom to Tiltups End, returning via Lower Hazlecote and Kingscote village. Full range of meals available at the inn after the walk if required.

Starting point: Hunters Hall Inn car park, Kingscote, by arrangement. ST815960 Map square B7

Walk leaders: Eric Brown & Brian Mundy

Saturday • 14 November • 10:00

A Visit to the Woodpeckers

Moderate • 4 hours • 7.5 miles

The walk passes through part of Cornbury Park with views over the Evenlode Valley, through remnants of the Wychwood Forest and via Wilcot Manor to arrive at Finstock for lunch. The name Finstock means "place of the woodpeckers". Pub lunch or bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Spendlove car park, Charlbury SP 358 196 • Map square H4

Walk leaders: Tony Merry & Harriet Baldwin

Tuesday • 17 November • 10:00

Down to Midger

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

A walk down Upton Coomb and Small Coomb to the Midger nature reserve, returning along the Cotswold Way. Pub lunch available after the walk if required.

Starting point: Hawkesbury Upton, car park adjacent to the village hall. ST777870 Map square B7

Walk leaders: David Harrowin, Nigel Meredith & Helen Furnidge.

Thursday • 19 November • 10:00

At the unfashionable end: from Ebrington to Ilmington

Moderate • 5 hours • 8.5 miles

One of two delightful walks in the North Cotswolds. This one takes us from Ebrington to Ilmington and back, taking in the two deserted village with unforgettable names - Lark Stoke and Compton Scorpion. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: On the green in front of Ebrington Arms. Please park considerably in the village. SP184402 • Map square F2

Walk leaders: Paul Adams & Keith Sisson

Friday • 20 November • 10:00 

Three Historic Houses!

Moderate • 5 hours • 9 miles

We cross the A46 to join Tynning Lane leading to Lyegrove House. Turning North we pass Beech Copse to Roaches lane into Badminton. Crossing the park to Little Badminton we then cross the A46 to Horton Court. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Old Sodbury Church ST756818 • Map square A8

Walk leaders: Keith Rawlings & John Bartram

Sunday • 22 November • 10:00

Knock and Wood

Moderate • 6 hours • 9 miles

A walk over rolling Cotswold landscape which passes through Westonbirt Aboretum and local settlements, taking in stretches of the Monarch's Way and the Macmillan Way. We return via the abandoned village of Oldbury on the Hill. Picnic lunch with a short pub stop.

Starting point: Leighterton, 5 miles south of Nailsworth on the A46. Meet at the church, please park considerably in the village. ST824910 • Map square B7

Walk leaders: David Owen & Trish Iliadou

Tuesday • 24 November • 10:00

Heythrop Park and the Upper Glyme Valley

Moderate • 5 hours • 9 miles

Starting from the Hoar Stone, the remains of a Neolithic burial chamber at Enstone, the walk continues along the Upper Glyme Valley past two deserted medieval villages. The return route is via Church Enstone through Heythrop Park with its landscaped lakes and majestic, mature trees. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Enstone Sports and Social Club, Cox's Lane OX7 5YA • SP378237 Map square H4

Walk leader: Anne Martis

Wednesday • 25 Nov • 10:00 

Cranham woods and meadows

Strenuous • 2.75 hours • 5 miles

The walk goes through Buckholt wood to join the Cotswold Way for about 2½ miles, taking in the Cheese Roll at Coopers hill. The return to Cranham is through open fields with views across the valley.

Starting point: Cranham common near school SO 895 125 • Map square C5

Walk leaders: Royden Hales, Mike Williams & Tony Duffin



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Cotswold Farm Park
Guiting Power, Cheltenham GL54 5UG
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Friday • 27 November • 10:00

A Winter Walk through the Woods

Moderate • 3 hours • 5.5 miles

A moderate walk along the Coln then through Chedworth Woods to the airfield and back through Withington Woods. Although a little longer than usual there is little ascent. Lunch and snacks available at the pub if wanted.

Starting point: Mill Inn Withington SP031153 • Map square D/E5

Walk leaders: B Chilver, P Cluley & J Harries

Friday • 27 November • 9:30

Over the Cotswold Edge 5

Moderate • 5 hours • 10 miles

Another chance to see the north-western edge of the Cotswold Hills. This time we start with a climb. We walk southwards to Pinnock and then east through Temple Guiting and north to Taddington returning to Stanway over the Edge. Please bring packed lunch/refreshments.

Starting point: Main gate to Stanway House, park considerably in village • SP061323 Map square E3

Walk leaders: Allan Allcock, Andy Briars & Julie Downing

Sunday • 29 Nov • 10:00

Walking the Line!

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 8 miles

The Ups and downs! Up from Wellow, down to Combe Hay, down again to Midford, up onto the viaduct and return along the Somerset and Dorset line to Wellow. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs but fine for families.

Starting point: Wellow free Old Station car park • ST735581 • Map square A10

Walk leaders: Wilf Dando, Dave Jennings & Pauline Vincent

DECEMBER

Tuesday • 1 December • 10:00

Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Saturday • 5 Dec • 10:00

Castle Combe – Burton circular.

Sorry, No beer!

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 9 miles

We go off public footpaths across the golf course, with permission, to Gatcombe Mill, then across country to Burton and circle round to West Kington before returning along the Broadmead brook. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Castle Combe public car park ST846777 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: John Walker & Sid Gould

Saturday • 5 December • 10:00

In the Shadow of Cleeve

Moderate • 5 hours • 8 miles

Roadside parking by former cattle market. From Andoversford to Whittington and Puckham joining The Cotswold Way to descend to Dowdeswell Nature Reserve and Lower Dowdeswell. Bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Station Road, Andoversford. SP023198 • Map square D4

Walk leaders: Sue Clark, Jill Stuart, Ted Currier & Tim Sugrue

Saturday • 5 December • 10:00

Standing Stones, Natural, Placed or Remedy?

Moderate • 6 hours • 7.5 miles

A walk to the top of Bredon Hill and down to Kemerton, where a pub lunch is available, returning to Overbury along valley paths. Extensive views to the South, weather permitting.

Starting point: Outside Village Hall in Overbury on left soon after turning from the Kemerton to Conderton Road • SO958374 Map square C2

Walk leaders: Vivienne McGhee & Sue Greenwood

Sunday • 6 December • 10:00

Tetbury Time Trail

Easy • 1.5 hours • 1.5 miles

A gentle walk around Tetbury, exploring some of the town's lovely buildings and their history. Finish in time for lunch! (not included) Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Tetbury Tourist Info Centre, West Street • ST890930 • Map square C7

Walk leaders: Hilary Paveley & John Hammill

Wednesday • 9 December • 10:00

Prison Break to Hangman's stone

Moderate • 2.75 hours • 5.5 miles

Hampnett, Hangman's stone, Oxpens Farm. Park in Cotswold Conservation Board car park on A429 at the Old Prison.

Starting point: Old Prison, Northleach GL54 3JH on A429 • SP109149

Map square E5

Walk leaders: Graham Saunders, John Shaw & Pippa Burgon

Friday • 11 December • 10:00

St.Catherine's Valley Round

Strenuous • 5 hours • 10 miles

Following the Limestone link from its start, this walk drops into a typical Cotswold Combe visiting St Catherine's Court before taking upland paths to Marshfield via woodlands and hidden houses. Pub stop at the Catherine wheel, Marshfield. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Cold Ashton village hall car park. (off the A 420) • ST747726

Map square B9

Walk leaders: David Le Lohé & Rob Morley

Tuesday • 15 December • 10:00

Coffee Morning Walk No. 3, 'Kingswood and the 'Leys'

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10am. The walk starts at 10.30am and first takes us to historic Kingswood. We return via Wortley and Alderley, then follow the Cotswold Way back to Hillesley. Full range of meals available at the pub after the walk, if required.

Starting point: The Fleece inn Hillesley.

Hillesley lies halfway between Wotton under Edge and Hawkesbury Upton. Parking available at nearby sports ground. ST769897

Map square B7

Walk leaders: Eric Brown & Derrick Hildersley

Friday • 18 December • 9:30

East of Ebrington

Moderate • 5 hours • 10 miles

A chance to see the north-eastern side of the Cotswolds. Starting in Ebrington we walk northwards to Foxcote and then south through Compton Scorpion and down to Stretton-on-Fosse returning to Ebrington via Paxford. Please bring packed lunch/refreshments.

Starting point: Ebrington Arms, Please park considerably in village. SP184402

Map square F2

Walk leaders: Allan Allcock, Andy Briars & Julie Downing



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Follies & Fancies

Play I-spy for those architectural quirks that add to the character of the Cotswolds. Have you spotted...

Forty curious grotesques on St Peter's Church, Winchcombe. Around half represent demons, while the other half are said to be caricatures of local dignitaries in the 15th century.

The wide, arched wooden doorway of Tudor-era Byfield House in Painswick's Bisley Street. It's a 'donkey door' through which donkeys carried panniers of fleece and cloth to a wool barn at the rear of the house.

Pope's Seat in Cirencester Park, a folly dedicated to Alexander Pope where the poet and Lord Bathurst are said to have sat in the 18th century planning the rides, avenues and many of the follies still enjoyed by visitors to the estate to this day.

The unusual thatched cricket pavilion at Stanway, built by *Peter Pan* author JM Barrie who used to play cricket here.



Pope's Seat, Cirencester Park

Anthony Parkes

Wednesday • 30 Dec • 10:00

Around Minchinhampton Commons

Easy • 3 hours • 5 miles

A bracing morning walk on upland commons. Fairly flat terrain and very few stiles. Glorious views of surrounding valleys and beyond (weather permitting). Refreshments available at local inns after the walk. Suitable for families but not buggies or pushchairs.

Starting point: Opposite Amberley Inn, Amberley (please do not use Inn car park) SO850013 • Map square B6

Walk leaders: Graham Bateman & Mike Brinkworth

Wednesday • 30 Dec • 10:00

A post Christmas Freshener

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 4.5 miles

A walk through Prinknash Park and Pope's Wood to Painswick Beacon and back along part of the Cotswold Way. A chance to blow away the Christmas cobwebs and lose some calories with a moderately short walk but a good climb up to the Beacon. Pubs at the top of Crickley Hill.

Starting point: Prinknash Abbey car park off A46 south of Shurdington. SO879135 • Map square C5

Walk leaders: B Chilvers, J Harries & P Cluley

JANUARY

Friday • 1 January • 10:00

Downs and Combes

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

A walk along the disused Somerset Coal Canal to Combe Hay village, Upper Midford and South Stoke. Coffee stop only. Not suitable for pushchairs. Good views, and Industrial archaeology.

Starting point: Odd Down Park and Ride ST733617 • Map square A10

Walk leaders: Wilf Dando, Pauline Vincent & Dave Jennings

Friday • 1 January • 10:00

Climb Up To Cleeve

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

By Piccadilly, to the highest point of the Cotswolds on Cleeve Hill returning by the old road through Southam. Suitable for families but includes a steep climb.

Starting point: Prestbury. By War Memorial in High Street. SO972239 • Map square D4

Walk leaders: John Heathcott, Mike Dunning & Ken Buckle

Sunday • 3 January • 10:00

Breeze Along the Edge – a Wake Up Call for the New Year

Easy • 2.5 hours • 4 miles

A level walk designed for all ages, particularly parents with children, although unsuitable for pushchairs or buggies. The walk via Westridge Woods offers superb views from the Cotswold Edge and passes the impressive iron age fort at Brackenbury. Refreshments available in Wotton after the walk, if required.

Starting point: Wotton Under Edge, at the top of the hill on the Old London Road, leading from Wotton to the B4058. Parking on the roadside at the top or further along by the scout camp. ST757943 • Map square B7

Walk leaders: Derrick Hildersley & Les Jones

Sunday • 3 January • 10:00

The Rollright Stones

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 7 miles

The Rollright Stones, located on the prehistoric Jurassic Way, is a special place steeped in history and folklore. The stones were a sacred place for our ancestors from around 3,000BC. On a clear day this walk has good views of the Evenlode Valley. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Little Compton - in front of the Manor • SP261301 • Map square G3

Walk leader: Anne Martis

Sunday • 3 January • 10:00

Walk off Christmas in the Hills above Winchcombe

Moderate • 4 hours • 8 miles

Follow the Winchcombe Way up to the Salt Way and Little Farmcote, returning via Lynes Barn, Deadmanbury Gate and the Warden's Way. This walk avoids most of the local muddier paths. Bring a packed lunch and hot drink.

Starting point: Winchcombe, Back Lane car park (Pay and Display £1 per day). SP024285 Map square D3

Walk leaders: Sheila & Robert Talbot

Tuesday • 5 January • 10:00



Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club. Not suitable for Pushchairs.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Thursday • 7 January • 10:00

One Way, Several Ends

Easy • 2.5 hours • 4 miles

This walk, based around the village of Chadlington, follows paths along the Evenlode Valley with its expansive views. Once back in Chadlington there will be time to consider villages in general and observe how this settlement has evolved. Lunch options afterwards in the village.

Starting point: Chadlington Village Hall SP325223 • Map square H4

Walk leader: Rosemary Wilson

Tuesday • 12 January • 10:00

Isbourne Way 1

Moderate • 4 hours • 7 miles

This is the first in a series of five circular walks which will incorporate the whole of the new Isbourne Way, from the source of the Isbourne River to its confluence with the Avon near Evesham. Lunch can be bought at Cleeve Common Golf Club.

Starting point: Winchcombe, Back Lane car park (Pay and Display £1 per day) SP024285 • Map square D3

Walk leaders: Paul Clark, John Smith, Alan Wicks & John Pearson

Friday • 15 January • 10:00



Coffee Morning Walk No. 4, 'Valleys and Hills Around Uley'

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10 am. The walk starts at 10.30 am, visiting Owlpen and Nymphsfield en route to Coaley Peak. We return via the hill fort at Uley Bury. Lunch available at the café after the walk or at the Crown Inn.

Starting point: Prema cafe, Uley. The cafe is situated down a signposted street opposite the village shop. Please park considerably in the village. ST792984 • Map square B7

Walk leaders: Eric Brown, Nigel Meredith & Helen Furrmidge

Saturday • 16 January • 10:00



Over Charmy Down to Ramscombe Bottom

Strenuous • 5.5 hours • 10 miles

Leaving Marshfield going South we ascend to Charmy Down from St. Catherine's valley Then descend via Ramscombe Bottom to join the Limestone link heading North via Oakfield lane climbing steeply to Ashwicke. Then mostly flat to Marshfield. Please bring picnic lunch.

Starting point: Lay-By off the A420, West of Marshfield. ST772738 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Keith Rawlings & John Bartram

Tuesday • 19 January • 10:00

The Ebrington Boundary Stones

Moderate • 4 hours • 7.5 miles

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the parish of Ebrington erected a series of Cotswold limestone stones to mark the boundaries with neighbouring parishes. This walk takes in the boundary stones at Chipping Campden, Admington, Ilmington, and Mickleton. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Ebrington Village Hall. (Voluntary contribution of £1 per car). SP184402 • Map square F2

Walk leaders: Maureen Shears & Ali Clifton-Barnard

Friday • 22 January • 9:30

Lovely Longborough Loops

Moderate • 6 hours • 11 miles

What's not to like? Glorious views, glimpses of villages, houses and maybe a battlefield. Nothing too taxing but expect some mud and stiles. Bring a packed lunch but excellent refreshments also available at Store afterwards. If using this car park please ensure you give them your custom.

Starting point: Longborough, Cotswold Food Store and Cafe on A424. SP172292

Map square F3

Walk leaders: Julie Downing, Allan Allcock & Andy Briars

Monday • 25 January • 10:00

Up and Down the Scarp – Wortley to Tresham

Moderate • 3 hours • 5

A walk uphill through the beautiful Kilcott Valley from Wortley to the hillside village of Tresham. After drinking in the view we return via Ozleworth Bottom to our start point.

Starting point: Hillmill Lane, Wortley, signed to Ozleworth. Please park carefully on the verge adjacent to Elmtree Farm. ST767916 • Map square B7

Walk leaders: Brian Mundy & Derrick Hildersley

Wednesday • 27 Jan • 10:00



The Leckhampton Loop

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 4.5

The walk goes along the Cotswold Way around Charlton Kings Common taking in the iconic Devil's Chimney and then along the disused tram way which served the quarries.

Starting point: Hungry Horse car park. SO967170 • Map square D4

Walk leaders: Royden Hales, Mike Williams & Tony Duffin

Thursday • 28 January • 10:00

A Winter walk to Wormington

Easy • 3 hours • 6 miles

This is a bracing winter walk from Dumbleton across the fields to Wormington, with views to the Cotswold scarp. A pause at the village green and a chance to view a Saxon relic from Winchcombe Abbey in the church. On return through different meadows, we see Dumbleton Hill ahead.

Starting point: Dumbleton Cricket Club, Dairy Lane, Dumbleton. SP017359 • Map square D3

Walk leaders: Margaret Reid & Sheila Wasley

Friday • 29 January • 10:00

Romans, Railways, Royalty, and Prime Ministers

Moderate • 2.75 hours • 5 miles

A walk through Chedworth Woods and along the top of the Chedworth valley overlooking the village and back alongside the Coln.

Starting point: Chedworth Villa Off the B road from Yanworth to Compton Abdale or Withington. SP055133 • Map square E5

Walk leaders: B Chilvers, P Cluley & J Harries

Sunday • 31 January • 9:30

Characteristics of the Rolling Landscapes of the Cotswolds

Strenuous • 5.5 hours • 11.5 miles

Explore the landscapes of the Cotswolds on this walk towards Epwell. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Sibford Gower Primary School OX15 5RW. SP354378 • Map square H2

Walk leaders: Lucy & Martin Squires

FEBRUARY

Tuesday • 2 February • 10:00



Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club. Not suitable for Pushchairs.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Friday • 5 February • 10:00



Coffee Morning Walk No. 5, 'Signs of Spring'

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10am. The walk starts at 10.30am, passing through Leonard Stanley before climbing to the escarpment at Coaley Peak. We return via Frocester, where we will visit the ancient tithe barn and hope to see new lambs. Lunch available at the pub after the walk.

Starting point: King's Head pub, King's Stanley. Car parking opposite the pub. SO812035 Map square B6

Walk leaders: Eric Brown & John Graham

Saturday • 6 February • 10:00

Up Hill and Down Dale

Moderate • 5 hours • 10 miles

Up and over Margetts Hill, Whichford Hill and Green Hill via Cherington, Long Compton, Whichford and Sutton-under-Brailes with good views from the hills. Could be muddy in places and definitely hilly! Refreshments available at the pub after the walk but bring a drink and some snacks.

Starting point: Cherington Arms, Cherington. SP293369 • Map square G2

Walk leader: Janet Deller

Tuesday • 9 February • 10:00

Isbourne Way 2 (Winchcombe to Toddington)

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 8.5 miles

This is the second in a series of five circular walks which will incorporate the whole of the new Isbourne Way, from the source of the Isbourne River to its confluence with the Avon near Evesham. Lunch is available from The Pheasant at Toddington.

Starting point: Winchcombe, Back Lane car park (Pay and Display £1 per day). SP024283 Map square D3

Walk leaders: Paul Clark, John Smith Alan Wicks & John Pearson

Wednesday • 10 February • 10:00

Meadows, woods and extensive views

Moderate • 3 hours • 5.5 miles

Via Bird in Hand and Scottsuar Hill to Edge and Stockend, then a return along the Cotswold Way, mainly on good tracks and quiet roads. Wonderful views across the Painswick Valley and Severn Vale. Lunch available in nearby pubs.

Starting point: Shortwood car park (aka Cripplegate). SO832085 • Map square B5

Walk leaders: John Shaw & Pippa Burgon



Cotswolds Rural Skills Courses 2015-16

Autumn/Winter Programme

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Banbury, 27 September

Tetbury, 25 October

Tetbury, 6 December

Tetbury, 31 January

Tetbury, 13 March

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Limpley Stoke, Bath, 12 September

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Luckington, 3-4 November

Fosse Cross, 28-29 November

Chipping Norton, 9-10 January

Luckington, 30-31 January

Fosse Cross, 16-17 February

Chipping Norton, 5-6 March

"What more can I say, an excellent course thank you."

For further details and to book online

visit www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk • Tel: 01451 862000



Saturday • 13 Feb • 10:00



Crossing a Roman Road with two Wells

Easy • 3.5 hours • 5 miles

This is a family walk from Finstock to Shakenoak Farm through Wilcote. We cross a Roman Road and visit two "wells" on the way. We pass through ancient woodland and open fields on our return where there will be an opportunity to take lunch at The Plough Inn.

Starting point: Finstock Primary School. SP361164 • Map square H4

Walk leader: Gerry Simper

Sunday • 14 February • 10:00

Camels in the Cotswolds

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 9 miles

A flat walk to Lighterton passing through Westonbirt Arboretum. We return via Didmarton and the source of the Sherston Avon. Please bring a packed lunch. Pub stop for drink only.

Starting point: High Street, Sherston. ST853858 • Map square B8

Walk leaders: David Harrowin, Nigel Meredith & Helen Furrmidge

Tuesday • 16 February • 10:30



Marshfield: Town and Country

Moderate • 2.75 hours • 4.25 miles

A morning walk along the High Street of this small medieval market town to the Almshouses, then taking brideways south to Ashwicke and returning through the fields on footpaths (No stiles). Lunch choice of 2 pubs or a tea shop afterwards.

Starting point: Market Place, Marshfield ST781737 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: David Colbourne & Fred Dugan

Tuesday • 16 February • 10:00

Be there witches here?

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5

A circular walk exploring the hills around the village of Long Compton which includes some steep ascents and descents. Pub lunch available after the walk.

Starting point: The Red Lion, Long Compton CV36 5JS. SP288327 • Map square G3

Walk leader: Tony Graeme

STANWAY HOUSE & FOUNTAIN



Come and see the finest example of a Jacobean manor house with extensive gardens including the world's tallest gravity fed fountain and a fourteenth century tithe barn. Home of the *Earl of Wemyss* and his family, visitors are invited to view rooms that have been in daily use since the sixteenth century.



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Wednesday • 24 February • 10:00

All the W's!

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

Traverse a dormant butterfly reserve, visit West Down and Warden's Wood, admire West Wood and ponder Wontley Farm. A hilly but less exposed and less well known area of Cleeve Common and its environs.

Starting point: Cleeve Common Radio Masts SO994248 • Map square D4

Walk leaders: Tony Duffin, Royden Hales & Mike Williams

Thursday • 25 February • 10:00

The North Cotswold Edge from Ilmington

Easy • 3.5 hours • 7 miles

Starting in the North Cotswold village of Ilmington, we visit Darlingscott before turning west and passing Foxcote House. We then ascend one of the most northerly Cotswold hills, before returning to Ilmington. Muddy paths likely. Pub in Ilmington, but bring packed lunch. Please park considerately in the village.

Starting point: Ilmington War Memorial SP210433 • Map square F2

Walk leaders: Stewart Rainbow & Rodney Langman

Friday • 26 February • 10:00

Elkstone and Cowley Woods

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 6.5 miles

A walk alongside the River Churn then climbs up to Elkstone and through the village towards Cowley Wood and returning to Cockleford.

Starting point: The Green Dragon Public House Cockleford GL53 9NW. SO969142 Map square D5

Walk leaders: Philip Cluley, Brian Chilvers & John Harries

Sunday • 28 February • 9:30

Characteristics of the Upland Plateau Landscapes of the Cotswolds

Strenuous • 6 hours • 12 miles

Explore the landscapes of the Cotswolds on this walk to Chastleton and Evenlode. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Long Compton - Lych Gate by the Parish Church. SP287330 • Map square G3

Walk leaders: Lucy & Martin Squires

MARCH

Tuesday • 1 March • 10:00

Tuesday Tramp

Moderate • 3 hours • 5 miles

A walk around the various footpaths of Colerne Parish. Lunch available at the Fox and Hounds. Bring a mid morning munchie. Parking at the pub or adjacent Constitutional Club.

Starting point: Fox & Hounds, Colerne. ST818711 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Russell Harding, Sid Gould, Richard & Shirley Willcox

Thursday • 3 March • 10:00

Spinning and Weaving at Stanton

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

We will walk up to the Guildhouse where we will hear about the history and philosophy of this Arts & Crafts centre, before climbing the scarp and returning via Buckland.

Starting point: Stanton Village car park. SP067344 • Map square E3

Walk leaders: Sheila Wasley & Margaret Reid

Friday • 4 March • 10:00

A Countryside view of the City

Moderate • 3 hours • 4.5 miles

A circular walk from Bath's Pulteney Bridge via Alexandra Park, Lyncombe Vale and Sydney Gardens. Coffee stop only. Start only 10 mins. from Bus/Railway station. Not suitable for pushchairs [Steps!].

Starting point: Pulteney Bridge, Bath (Opposite Victoria Art Gallery). ST752649 Map square A10

Walk leaders: Pauline Vincent & Wilf Dando

Saturday • 5 March • 10:00

The Devil and the Deep

Strenuous • 6 hours • 9 miles

A walk over rolling Cotswold landscape passing through attractive villages into the head of the Avening valley with industrial heritage. Some steep valley paths. Picnic lunch with short pub stop.

Starting point: Car park adjacent to Minchinhampton church (Off Bell Lane). SO872009 • Map square C6

Walk leaders: David Owen & Trish Iliadou

Monday • 7 March • 10:00

Chipping Norton Town Walk

Easy • 2 hours • 3 miles

This walk explores this popular town, known locally as "Chippy", and beyond. Walking will be taken at a very leisurely pace to allow time to find out about the interesting buildings and in some cases their inhabitants. There may be some muddy parts when not on pavements. Lunch opportunities afterwards.

Starting point: New Street car park SP312271 • Map square G3

Walk leader: Rosemary Wilson

Tuesday • 8 March • 10:00

Isbourne Way 3 (Toddington to Wormington)

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

This is the third in a series of five circular walks which will incorporate the whole of the new Isbourne Way, from the source of the Isbourne River to its confluence with the Avon near Evesham. Breakfast and/or lunch can be obtained at The Pheasant.

Starting point: The Pheasant Inn, Toddington GL54 5DT at the intersection of the B4632 and the B4077. SP048325 • Map square E3

Walk leaders: Paul Clark, John Smith Alan Wicks & John Pearson

Wednesday • 9 March • 10:00

Roman Footsteps

Moderate • 2.75 hours • 4.5 miles

Park alongside the River Coln in the village. Down the scenic Coln Valley to Ash Copse and Roman Akeman Street. Back via a dew-pond. Lunch available at pubs in the village.

Starting point: Bibury Church. SP118065 Map square E5

Walk leaders: Pippa Burgon, John Shaw & Graham Saunders

Thursday • 10 March • 10:00

An Amble from Adlestrop

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

A lovely spring walk from Adlestrop Village Hall car park passing Chastleton House and Chastleton Barrow. The village of Cornwell and the Daylesford Estate are on our route.

Starting point: Adlestrop Village Hall car park - donation. SP241272 • Map square G3

Walk leaders: Bob Fisher, Stewart Rainbow & Rodney Langman



Friday • 11 March • 10:00

Cotswolds Allsorts

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

From the 17th Century pub we cross farmland to an ancient beechwood. A steep climb to the viewpoints, skylarks and limestone grassland of Selsley Common is followed by a descent to the Stroudwater Canal. We pass buildings of architectural & industrial interest, including an Arts and Crafts church.

Starting point: King's Head pub, King's Stanley. 14 bus route from Stroud, railway stations in Stroud & Stonehouse. Free car parking opposite the King's Head by village hall or in council car park. SO812035 • Map square B6

Walk leaders: John Graham & Derrick Hildersley

Saturday • 12 March • 9:30

A Glimpse through a Window

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 10 miles

A lovely walk in a wild area before focussing on Brockhampton Park and its benefactors. Bring packed lunch and drinks.

Starting point: Whittington Village Green opposite telephone box, Please park considerately in village. SP014209 Map square D4

Walk leaders: Roger & Pat Cook

Sunday • 13 March • 10:00

Four Hamlets and a Canal

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 9 miles

This circular walk explores the historic relationship of the hamlets of Avoncliff, Conkwell, Murhill and Turleigh with the Kennet and Avon canal. We follow the canal, then turn uphill through the woods and quiet country lanes. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Avoncliff Car Park. ST804599 Map square B10

Walk leaders: Glyn Williams & Fred Dugan

Tuesday • 15 March • 10:00

Brailes Hill

Moderate • 3 hours • 5.5 miles

A circular walk from Brailes taking in Brailes Hill and Sutton under Brailes. The walk includes a steep ascent/descent over Brailes Hill. Pub lunch available after the walk.

Starting point: The George Hotel, Lower Brailes OX15 5HN. SP314392 • Map square G2

Walk leader: Tony Graeme

Tuesday • 15 March • 10:00

Coffee Morning Walk No. 6, 'In King Charles's Footsteps'

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

Meet for coffee at 10am. The walk starts at 10.30am, heading for historic Boxwell Court and then the high Wold village of Tresham along the Monarch's Way. We return along field paths to Leighterton, where lunch is available at the inn, if required.

Starting point: Royal Oak Inn, Leighterton. ST823912 • Map square C7

Walk leaders: Eric Brown, Brian Mundy & Chris Gill

Thursday • 17 March • 10:00

Upton Inn Circular

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 6 miles

From Upton Cheney to Beach before ascending Hanging Hill, following the Cotswold Way to Pibley Wood. then descending to North Stoke and back to Upton Cheney for lunch in the Upton Inn. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Upton Inn Car Park. ST692698 • Map square B9

Walk leaders: Keith Rawlings & David Colbourne

Tuesday • 16 February • 10:00

Through Kingscote and Horsley Woods

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

The walk passes down through a secluded valley before passing through Kingscote Wood and Horsley Wood, which have provided timber throughout the centuries. Meals available at the inn following the walk, if required.

Starting point: Hunters Hall Inn car park, Kingscote. By arrangement. ST814960 Map square B7

Walk leaders: Mike Brinkworth & Alan Hooper

Thursday • 18 February • 10:00

At the unfashionable end No 2: from Cherington and Little Wolford

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 7.5 miles

The second of two delightful walks in the North Cotswolds This one takes us from Cherington to Little Wolford and back with wonderful views in every direction. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Cherington Arms. Please park considerately in the village • SP292369 Map square G3

Walk leaders: Paul Adams & Keith Sisson

Saturday • 20 February • 10:00

Hillforts And Barrows

Moderate • 5 hours • 8 miles

Crickley Hill; Ullenwood; Salterley Grange; Leckhampton Hill; Hartley Hill, Coberley and Shab Hill. Bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Barrow Wake View Point car park 1 mile north of Birdlip off B4070. SO931153 • Map square C5

Walk leaders: Sue Clark, Jill Stuart, Ted Currier & Tim Sugrue

Saturday • 20 February • 9:30

A Six Year Celebration

Moderate • 7 hours • 11 miles

This is a figure-of-eight walk; 7 miles in the morning; pub lunch available in Alderton, and 4 miles in the afternoon. It takes in 2 of the Cotswold outlying hills, Oxenton & Dumbleton.

Starting point: Gardeners' Arms Public House in Alderton. SO999334 • Map square D3

Walk leaders: Vivienne McGhee & Sue Greenwood

Sunday • 21 February • 10:00

A Southstoke Ramble

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

A walk into the valleys South of Odd Down, where Nature has overtaken the remains of the extensive industry which was once there. Wonderful views! Coffee stop only. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Odd Down Park and Ride. ST733617 • Map square A10

Walk leaders: Wilf Dando & Dave Jennings

Sunday • 21 February • 10:00

Arts and Crafts Trail around Minchinhampton

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 5 miles

A walk around Amberley, Minchinhampton and Box looking at Arts and Crafts buildings and exploring the history of the Arts & Crafts movement in the area.

Starting point: Amberley Inn, Amberley. Not the Inn car park please. SO850013 Map square B6

Walk leaders: Hilary Paveley & Brian Mundy

What's on at The Old Prison

Thursday • 17 March • 10:00

Water, water, everywhere...

Moderate • 3 hours • 6 miles

A circuit including most of the streams flowing into the River Windrush at Guiting Power and the structures and wildlife that have grown up around them. Bring suitable refreshment. Lunch available at the Farm Park cafe on our return.

Starting point: Cotswolds Farm Park (by kind permission). SP115266 • Map square E4

Walk leaders: Jean Booth & Simon Mallatratt

Friday • 18 March • 9:30

Sunny and Sher-borne again

Moderate • 5 hours • 11 miles

We leave the Barringtons and head for Westwell before joining a riverside walk to Sherborne. The path takes us onto the Water Meadows and back through Windrush. Bring a packed lunch; possible pub stop.

Starting point: The Fox Inn, Great Barrington. SP205132 • Map square F5

Walk leaders: Andy Briars, Allan Allcock & Julie Dowling

Saturday • 19 March • 10:00

Of Rogues and Revels

Easy • 3 hours • 5 miles

Explore the southern part of the Wychwood Forest and learn about some of the colourful events and characters on this morning walk. There may be some muddy parts especially after any rain. Lunch options afterwards in Burford.

Starting point: Burford Main car park. SP254123 • Map square G5

Walk leader: Dave Scott

Sunday • 20 March • 10:00

Crossing County Borders

Moderate • 5.5 hours • 10 miles

We walk to Monkton Combe, Midford, Pipehouse, Iford, Upper Westwood, Freshford and Limpley Stoke, returning along the Kennet and Avon canal. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Dundas Marina car park. ST784626 • Map square A10

Walk leaders: Dave Jennings, Pauline Vincent & Wilf Dando

Sunday • 20 March • 10:00

The Queens Champion

Moderate • 4 hours • 6.5 miles

A pleasant stroll to Ditchley Park from Charlbury passing close to Ditchley House, once the home of Sir Robert Lee, champion of Elizabeth 1st. In WW2 it was a base for Churchill and used for meeting with Eisenhower. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Spendlove Car Park Charlbury. SP358196 • Map square H4

Walk leaders: Tony Merry & Harriet Baldwin

Sunday • 20 Mar • 2pm

Kids' Walk: Fort, Court and common Commons

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 2.5 miles

A walk on the Common, suitable for children who enjoy walking (accompanied by a responsible adult); taking in wonderful views and giving a perspective of Stroud's unique location. Some steep ascent and descent. Not suitable for pushchairs. Bring water and a healthy snack!

Starting point: Parking area, Rodborough Common, grid ref. SO852035. The parking area is south of Stroud on the road to Minchinhampton, taking Rodborough Hill. SO852035 • Map square B6

Walk leaders: Trish Iliadou & David Owen.

Tuesday • 22 March • 10:00

From Toots to Topograph

Moderate • 4 hours • 6 miles

A stile-free, undulating walk with viewpoints from Selsley Common, then on the Cotswold Way through Penn Woods to Coaley Peak viewpoint. We will return via a permissive bridleway. Bring refreshments.

Starting point: Car park, Selsley Common, Grid ref. SO828026 beside the B4066.

SO828026 • Map square B6

Walk leaders: John Graham & Derrick Hildersley

Wednesday • 23 March • 10:00

Woodland, pasture and spring flowers

Moderate • 2.5 hours • 6 miles

A walk from Bisley through Hawkley Wood, Nashend and Hayhedge Lane taking in woodland, pasture and spring flowers (weather permitting!). It takes in the Bisley seven springs which are dressed with flowers on Ascension Day.

Starting point: The Bear Inn, Bisley. SO903062 • Map square C5

Walk leaders: Mike Williams, Royden Hales & Tony Duffin

Saturday • 26 March • 10:00

Coals, Canals and Cotswolds.

Moderate • 6 hours • 8 miles

A new walk covering a very varied and interesting landscape. Passing through Stroud's historic mills and restored canal system, set in a rural environment, via vineyards giving access to nearby hilltop villages. Pub snacks available or bring a packed one.

Starting point: Stratford Park Leisure Centre Car Park GL5 4AF. SO844057

Map square B6

Walk leaders: Sue Clark, Jill Stuart & Ted Currier

Sunday • 27 March • 10:00

Lansdown Views and Valleys

Strenuous • 5.5 hours • 10 miles

We start with spectacular views from Lansdown, descend to Weston Village and then back to the Lansdown ridge again before descending to the delightful Swainswick Valley. Please bring a picnic lunch. Not suitable for pushchairs.

Starting point: Lansdown Park and Ride. ST732681 • Map square A9

Walk leaders: John Bartram & Glyn Williams

Tuesday • 29 March • 10:00

Adelstrop, Oddington, Daylesford and Chastleton

Moderate • 4.5 hours • 9 miles

This walk passes through some of the loveliest villages of the Eastern Cotswolds including Adelstrop. We learn how the famous poem of the same name came about. The manor houses en route have historic associations; we hear about the people who have lived in them. Please bring a packed lunch.

Starting point: Adelstrop Village Hall car park. SP242272 • Map square F3

Walk leader: Anne Martis

Thursday • 31 March • 10:00

The Pleasant Hills Around Wotton Under Edge

Moderate • 3.5 hours • 5.5 miles

A pleasant walk in wooded countryside with a stiff short ascent at the start. We should see Spring flowers on the way from Wotton Hill to the Tyndale monument. We pass the Brackenbury hill fort on our return leg. Refreshments available after the walk in Wotton, if required.

Starting point: Chipping car park, Wotton Under Edge. ST756932 • Map square B7

Walk leaders: Derrick Hildersley & Les Jones

Friday • 2 October • 7:30pm

Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes

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Venue: The Old Prison, Fosse Way, Northleach
www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk/oldprison
T: 01451 861563

Thursday • 15 October • 2-3pm

The Highwaymen of Gloucestershire

Local historian and Learning & Outreach Officer for Gloucestershire Archives John Putley will be giving a historical talk on the county's highwaymen.

£5 per person, includes light refreshments.

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Saturday • 21 November • 10am-4pm

Christmas Willow Crafts

Make your own beautiful and unique Christmas decorations out of willow. £69 including materials, lunch and refreshments

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www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk

Thursday • 29 October • 1-4pm

Rock and Fossil Road Show

A fun day to discover the local geology. Get hands on with the crafts, activities and fossil identification. Drop-in session. £3 child.

Venue: The Old Prison, Fosse Way, Northleach

Saturday • 5 December • 10am-4pm

Christmas Food & Craft Market

A festive day to showcase local Cotswold Craft and Food Producers. Indoor stalls, decorations, music and mulled wine.

Stalls are only £15.

To book a stall, ring The Old Prison on 01451 861563.

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Tuesday • 8 December • 7:30pm

Ghost Stories for Christmas

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Willow Garden Structures

Make your own beautiful and useful garden structures out of willow. £69 including materials, lunch and refreshments

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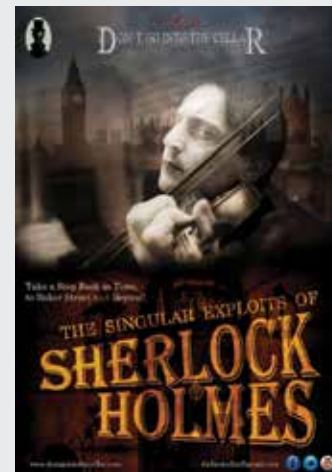


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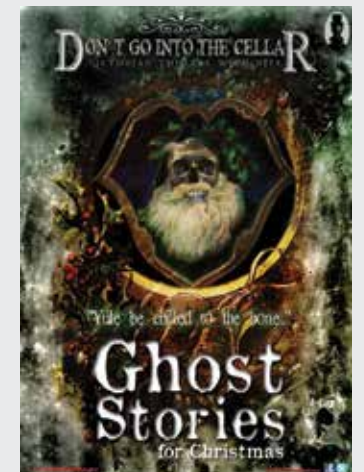


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Alternatively tickets may be purchased from The Old Prison or by calling 01451 861563.

Bar and tapas buffet available on the night!

Walks leaders sought

Are you interested in volunteering and leading walks with our Cotswold Voluntary Wardens?

Contact Becky Jones,

Cotswolds Conservation Board on 01451 862000

or email: Rebecca.jones@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk for further details.



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