

## **Bath Central Walk Programme July – September 2019**

All of these walks take 1-1.5 hours (approx.) and start from Bath Bus Station (railway end).

Assemble at 10.20am for a prompt 10.30am start.

**Please note: Wear good shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather. Trousers will protect your legs against nettles and ticks. Suncream, water and a hat are also advisable in the summer months. If we get very adverse weather, we shall always try to have a walk but the exact walk planned may have to be altered appropriately. In the event of extreme weather please ring the office to check if the walk is still taking place (01225 466135).**

### **JULY 5 - BOX CIRCULAR**

Bus X31 to Box just beyond top of the village, then walk downhill over field to country lane. Follow footpath alongside the river to come back to playing fields and carpark at the Bath end of the village.

Please wear robust footwear as the first field can be uneven and it may be muddy alongside the riverside paths.

**WALK LEADER Janet Rissen – BACK MARKER Jackie Chamberlain**

### **JULY 12 - HINTON CHARTERHOUSE to CLEARBROOK FARM**

This is a walk that is totally in the countryside. It is mainly flat. There are some sections where the paths are rough, so **it is essential to wear walking boots/tough shoes.**

We catch the D2 to Hinton. Here we take Green Lane to the parish church. We go over fields to Hinton Priory and on through woodland towards the Midford Hill. The last part of the walk is downhill on a pavement beside the main road.

**WALK LEADER Richard Croston – BACK MARKER Sharon Lewis**

### **JULY 19 – NEWBRIDGE TO SALTFORD**

X39 bus to opposite P&R. Cross road to follow footpath to steps down to river path. Follow the river all the way to Saltford. Refreshments can be taken at the Bird in Hand or follow the road through the village to A4 to catch a bus back to Bath.

If it has been raining a lot, we could use the cycle path from Newbridge to Saltford instead.

**WALK LEADER Jackie Chamberlain – BACK MARKER Susan Ralph**

## **JULY 26 - DEVIZES DAY OUT**

We leave on the **0940 hrs** X72 bus from the bus station. Our day out will mainly involve a walk along the K&A Canal in the Devizes area and will include a meander either up or down the famous Cain Hill lock formation. Today's walk will be around 4 to 5 miles and will include plenty of stops to take in views and have a few cups of tea. Feel free to bring a packed lunch and be prepared for rain or sun or both! We will be back in Bath at around 1530 hrs. **NOTE THE EARLY BUS DEPARTURE.**

**WALK LEADER Richard Mann – BACK MARKER Billy Campbell**

## **AUGUST 2 - LANSDOWN to SWINEFORD**

The first of three walks designed to explore the countryside on the far side of Lansdown. We leave on the 1035 hrs, 620 bus which will take to Lansdown racecourse from where the walk will begin. All on the flat or downhill but watch the footwear and clothing. Sun tan lotion may be required.

**WALK LEADER Richard Mann – BACKER MARKER Billy Campbell**

## **AUGUST 9 - CORSHAM COURT**

We have a slightly longer bus journey than usual on the X31 to the centre of Corsham. We walk through some of the old streets in the town to the main house. We get a glimpse of the house. We walk through the park to the Laycock Road. After walking along here for about half a mile we then turn to walk back through the country park

**WALK LEADER Richard Croston – BACK MARKER Susan Ralph**

## **AUGUST 16 - LANSDOWN to WESTON VILLAGE**

Our second Lansdown walk.

We leave again on the 1035hrs, 620 bus and again our walk begins at Lansdown Racecourse from where we will drop down in Weston via the Cotswold Way. All flat or downhill and in parts the paths will be rough but the views are going to be stunning.

**WALK LEADER Richard Mann – BACK MARKER Billy Campbell**

## **AUGUST 23 - WINSLEY VILLAGE TO TURLEIGH AND THEN TO THE CANEL AND BACK TO THE BOTTOM OF WINSLEY HILL**

10.34am Catch the D1 bus to Winsley. Take the road to Turleigh. Go along the lane to Elbow Cottage.

From here take the canal path to the bottom of Winsley Hill. (The Hop Pole pub is nearby.)

Catch the D1 bus back to Bath.

**WALK LEADER Richard Croston – BACK MARKER Jackie Chamberlain**

### **AUGUST 30 - SWINEFORD to KEYNSHAM**

10:40am Number 19 bus platform 12 to Swineford / Swan Inn

Follow the field [which may be muddy after rain] path along the river towards Keynsham. We leave the path to walk for a short distance on the footpath by the main road, then into Avon Mill Lane. Walk down the gentle slope into the grassy area to join the footpath in Keynsham Memorial Park, following the path to The B3116 where we catch the bus back to Bath. Refreshments are available in the park cafe, or in Keynsham

**WALK LEADER Jackie Chamberlain – BACK MARKER Sharon Lewis**

### **SEPTEMBER 6 - BUSHEY NORWOOD**

This is a country walk, a bit longer than usual – 3 miles, but it is mostly flat. The slopes are gentle. The walk is either on soft paths or open fields, the latter would need sensible shoes after rain.

U1 bus to Oakley. Following the woodland path around the Uni perimeter we come to the NT Bushy Norwood area. We follow the open field path around until a gate leads us back onto Uni territory. Partially retracing our steps for a short distance we turn onto the Parade, where there is a Costa Coffee to the left. The bus stop to return is past the cafe – U1 back to bus station.

**WALK LEADER Jackie Chamberlain – BACK MARKER Billy Campbell**

### **SEPTEMBER 13 - LANSDOWN, NORTH STOKE, SALTFORD and KELSTON**

Our grand tour of Lansdown continues with a four mile walk around some lovely "out of Bath" countryside. All flat or downhill but autumn could be on the way so watch the footwear and clothing. We start on the usual 1035 hrs, 620 bus.

**WALK LEADER Richard Mann – BACK MARKER Susan Ralph**

### **SEPTEMBER 20 - THE CANAL TOWARDS BATHAMPTON, PAST DRY ARCH GROWERS AND ON TO BATHEASTON**

Starting from the bus station we will head towards Widcombe where we start our walk along the canal path to Bathampton. At the George pub we cross the bridge to Holcombe Lane, walking past Dry Arch growers - we can have a look around the allotments here - and then continue in a loop joining the canal path again walking towards Batheaston. In Batheaston there is 'Gather' cafe for those who want refreshments, otherwise the 3 and 3A buses go along the London Road back to the bus station.

This walk is mainly flat but around Bathampton/Dry Arch there is a little up and downhill walking.

**WALK LEADER Sharon Lewis - BACK MARKER Billy Campbell**

### **SEPTEMBER 27 - WINSLEY (TURLEIGH HILL) TO BRADFORD ON AVON**

We take the D1 bus to the top of Turleigh Hill, then walk via lanes and canalside to B-o-A.

If weather permits and walkers would like to, we can take a break at the Garden Café, Avoncliff.

This may be a later finish than normal (arriving back in Bath) due to the potential break and bus ride back from BoA.

**WALK LEADER Janet Rissen – BACK MARKER Sharon Lewis**