

## **Bath Central Walk Programme February – March 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. 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.**

### **FEBRUARY 1: MIDFORD AND THE TWO TUNNELS UNDER COMBE DOWN**

We have not walked thru the Combe Down Tunnels for nearly two years, so today we will!! A 1030 Hrs, D3 bus will take us to Midford from where we will walk back into Bath via the S&D railway line and both of the Combe Tunnels. Do watch the footwear and the clothing as although we will be walking on good quality paths and thru two tunnels, it could be wet and cold. Feel free to bring a torch. Walk Leader: Richard Mann

### **FEBRUARY 8: LANSDOWN, CHARLCOMBE LANE AND HEDGEMEAD PARK**

Bus 620 to Lansdown and then across the road to Charlcombe Lane and through the path to Fairfield Park. Along Camden Road, then down to Hedgemead Park ending up at St Swithin's Church café. Walk Leader: Janet Rissen

### **FEBRUARY 15: BATH SPA UNIVERSITY TO NEWTON PARK**

Catch the university bus to the campus of Bath Spa. From here take the path that leads down to the lakes. Walk through the gardens by the castle. Walk down the drive to Newton St Loe. Visit the church and then go on to the farm shop for coffee. Catch the bus back to Bath from the Globe roundabout. Walk Leader: Richard Croston

**FEBRUARY 22:** From Bath bus station along the river path, walk up the linear park to Bear Flat. Walk Leader Robin Ramsey.

### **MARCH 1: WESTON VILLAGE TO VICTORIA PARK plus A HIDDEN GEM**

A meandering walk from Weston Village to Victoria Park taking in a "hidden gem of a building" which is on private property. If permission is granted, we will walk around the grounds and have a look at it. All flat and on solid paths today but once again watch the footwear and clothing. Tea and coffee in Victoria Path. Walk Leader: Richard Mann

### **MARCH 8: BITTON TO WILLSBRIDGE (AS PER 29 JUNE 18)**

We take the 19 bus at 10.40 (new timetable) to Bitton via Upper Bristol Road, Oldfield School and Kelston, then walk to the Avon Valley Railway (AVR) station where there are toilets and a nice café with outside seating. We walk along the railway path to the Dramway Path and then head towards the river which we follow through woodland paths back to AVR.

This is a very pleasant walk with some gentle uphill sections, but largely dry and sheltered by the trees. It is likely to be longer than usual - up to 1.5 hours depending on pace. We return by the 19 or 37 bus. Walk Leader: Janet Rissen

### **MARCH 15: RADSTOCK TO MIDSOMER NORTON VIA THE OLD RAILWAY STATION**

Catch the bus to Radstock no 172. Follow the old track in the direction of Midsomer Norton. Pass under the Five Arches. Cross the main road to the other railway track. Continue until meeting the B3355 road. Cross over this road at the pedestrian crossing and go up the hill to visit the old station. Descend to the old path and onto Silver Wood Nature Reserve. Look at the ponds and then past Somervale School to the top end of Midsomer Norton high street. There are coffee shops here. Catch the 172 bus back to Bath. Walk Leader: Richard Croston

### **MARCH 22: WARMLEY TO BITTON; RAILWAY WALK No1**

A new walk, exploring another part of the old Bristol to Bath railway line. Our 1030 bus will take us to Warmley from where we will walk to Bitton for tea and coffee in an old railway carriage, if it is open on a possibly cold and wet March Friday morning. (There is a backup plan if the railway carriage is not open). All flat today on solid paths but watch the footwear and clothing. (Bus back into Bath). Walk Leader: Richard Mann

### **MARCH 29: BITTON TO SALTFORD; RAILWAY WALK No 2**

A straightforward, completely flat and solid pathed walk today along the old railway line from Bitton to Saltford. Do watch the footwear and clothing, wrap up well if cold, as this is quite an exposed route.

Walk Leader: Richard Mann

### **\*ADVANCE NOTICE\***

**FRIDAY JULY 12 2019** DAY TRIP / WALK: DEVIZES AND THE KENNET AND AVON CANAL (inc THE CAIN HILL LOCKS)