

Bath Central Walk Programme October – December 2018

All of these walks 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.

5th OCTOBER: TUNLEY TO DUNKERTON Catch the 179 bus to the King William in Tunley. Walk towards Timsbury. Left down Stoneage Lane, passing farms. At the bottom of the hill join the Colliers Way and follow the river Cam. Cross the river on the bridge and continue with the river on your left. The river flows in a beautiful little valley. When the path emerges onto the road, follow the road to the left and then take the right turn to Dunkerton. Finish at Dunkerton Church. Catch the 171/2/3 bus back to Bath. Walk Leader Richard Corston

12th OCTOBER From Bath bus station along the river path, walk up the linear park to Bear Flat. Walk Leader Robin Ramsey.

19th OCTOBER: WESTONBIRT ABORETUM. Leaving Bath at 10:40am on the 620/69 bus to Westonbirt, arriving 12:01. The 15:01 bus will bring us back to Bath at 16:34. We will have a good walk, lunch (bring a packed lunch if wanted), tea/coffee at the arboretum and possibly a partly guided walk with a local guide. Please be at the bus station by 10:15 to ensure we can all get on the bus. All flat walking, but stout footwear required and do watch the weather forecast. (NOTE THE ADMISSION CHARGE of £7). Walk Leader Richard Mann.

26th OCTOBER: No. 3 to the Cross Keys at Southstoke Lane. Walk to Southstoke village and then to the Millennium Viewpoint (lovely views) then return from Odd Down via Wansdyke. Fairly easy walk with some gentle uphill. Refreshments from the Cross Keys. (Janet)

2nd NOVEMBER: WINSLEY AND MURHILL Catch the D1 bus to Winsley. Take the Bradford Road and then cross the bypass towards Hartley. Passing near Hartley Farm and then towards Winsley and the small streets by the church. We then go along Murhill and end up at Winsley Hill to catch the bus back to Bath. Walk Leader Richard Corston

9th NOVEMBER: BECKFORDS TOWER to VICTORIA PARK. Catch the No. 620 bus at 10:40am. From the top of Lansdown / Beckford's Tower we will commence a meandering walk down to the Victoria Park tea shop, by the tennis courts. All flat or downhill today, on

solid paths but watch the footwear and the rain gear may be required. Walk leader Richard Mann.

16th NOVEMBER: Lovely easy walk with glorious views over the countryside. Start at Avon Park, then follow Blackberry Lane towards Conkwell and up towards Upper Haugh Farm. From there to Hartley Farm Café where there is a coffee shop and farm shop. 265 Bus back to Bath. (Janet).

23rd NOVEMBER: ODD DOWN to THE CITY CENTRE. The Odd Down Park and Ride bus will take us to the outskirts of the city, from where we will walk back down to the bus station. The route will include Old Fosse Road, Noads Corner and The Poets before taking in the stunning views over Bath from Beechen Cliff. All flat today, on solid paths, but again, watch the weather forecast. Walk Leader Richard Mann.

30th NOVEMBER: MIDFORD TO LIMPLEY STOKE. Catch the D2 bus at 10:34am to the Hope and Anchor in Midford. Take the old railway track towards Tucking Mill. Leave the track and carry on to Tucking Mill Cottage. Detour to the fishing lake. Continue back along the lane to Monkton Combe village and School. Go down the path through the school onto the cycle path. Follow the lane to the Angel Fish for coffee or ice creams. Walk Ends. Catch the D1 bus back to Bath at 12:58 or 1:28 pm. Walk Leader Richard Corston

7th DECEMBER: Bus 620 to Lansdown and then across the road to Charlcombe Lane and through the path to Fairfield Park. Along Camden Road, down to Hedgemoor Park to St Swithin's Church café. Janet

14th DECEMBER: WALK and CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Bus to Lansdown Crescent from where we will walk to The Lansdown Cricket Club, arriving there for a 12:15 Christmas Lunch. The lunch menu will be available nearer the time but the cost will be £12 which will include the meal, a glass or two of wine and a number of raffle tickets. If you would like to attend, please let Richard (M) know and do come along for the walk, even if not sitting down for lunch. Walk Leader Richard Mann.

21st DECEMBER: COMBE DOWN TO COMBE GROVE MANOR

Catch the No.2 bus to Combe Down church. Walk along Church Road until reaching the Monkton Combe playing fields. Go along North Road to the entrance to the Manor. Walk past the hotel and along the track to the back entrance. Walk up past Mount Pleasant to the playing fields and cross back to Church Road. Deli in village for coffee. Return to Combe Down church to catch the bus back to the bus station. Walk Leader Richard Corston