

THE SOMERSET WALKING CLUB

(Formerly West Somerset Rambling Club)
Formed in 1965

www.somersetwalkingclub.co.uk

Membership for 2017 - £7.00 (single) or £12.00 (couple/family)

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NEWSLETTER

Here I am in an unexpected but happy position of the new chair of Somerset Walking Club, not that I had to fight off many competitors, in fact no competitors! I thought I had better follow what has now become tradition and write a little Chairman's Chit Chat or what's on your mind.

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM - and those who didn't, you missed a good lunch!!! As a new chair it goes without saying I will do my best for the club. I took this on only because I know we have a very good and hard working committee, which makes it all the more easy for me.

We also welcome Hester to the committee and she will work with Michael on footpath matters. If you experience a blocked path please report it to Hester (hesterem@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01823 401476)

I bring this to you from Mrs May who said Brexit means Brexit. Lord John Gardiner has made this comment on behalf of Mrs May. The EU pays British farmers £3 billion a year of which £600 million, 20%, is for environmental protection. So let's hope in the mix of austerity that Access to the Countryside will continue to mean Access, after Brexit.

Seasonal greetings to you all and happy walking in the New Year!

Brenda Prentice

Chairman

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PROGRAMME: JANUARY TO APRIL 2017

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Distances given are approximate. Leaders have discretion to vary routes according to conditions on the day. Picnic lunches should be carried on full day walks and water on all walks.

Times shown as CS are those of meeting at **CASTLE STREET** car park in Taunton for car sharing. They are shown for Sundays only; on other days parking charges apply and members should make alternative car sharing arrangements beforehand. The cost of car sharing is based on **25p** per mile between all occupants of the car. Parking fees at the start of a walk should also be shared.

DOGS ON WALKS: Please note that dogs may not be brought on walks unless the owner/member has contacted the walk leader and obtained permission PRIOR to the walk.

OFFERS OF WALKS for the next programme are always needed: Please send details to the Programme Secretary by 1st March 2017, either by e-mail (cherrybird@gmail.com) or post the attached slip.

Sunday 1 January 1030	YOUR CHOICE: POUNDISFORD PARK AND BEYOND. Leaders Brenda Prentice/ Margaret Palmer (01823 254887). Park in Paul St. CP and meet at Vivary Park Gate (GR.228242). Join either a 5 ¾ or 10 ¼ mile walk, fairly level, likely to be muddy.
Sunday 8 January 1000	HIGH HOPES FOR HIGH HAM, HOPEFULLY STAYING OFF THE LEVELS! Anticlockwise via Breach Wood, Weane and Woodbirds Hill. Leader Syd Jones (01278 722741). Meet at The Square in High Ham - please do not park by the Church (GR. 426310). 8 miles or so, easy walking. CS 0910.
Sunday 15 January 1030	DUNSTER GRABBIST HILL, HIGHER HOPCOTT, DUNSTER LODGE (ALCOMBE), CONYGAR TOWER. Leader Woody (01643 841668) Meet at NT CP - fee for non NT members (GR.994438). 5-6 miles easy walking with a couple of hills. CS 0940.
Sunday 22 January 1030	A WIVELISCOMBE ROUND TO BROMPTON RALPH AND BACK. Leader Hester (01823 401476). Meet at Croft Way CP, Wiveliscombe (GR.081278). 7 ½ miles hilly. CS 0955.
Sunday 29 January 1330	TRISCOMBE STONE, LITTLE QUANTOCK COMBE, BAGBOROUGH HILL. Leader Evan Lewis (01278 451388). Meet at Triscombe Stone CP (GR.164359). 5 miles moderate/hilly. CS 1245.
Sunday 5 February 1030	CLIMB UP TO CULBONE CHURCH THROUGH ANCIENT WOODLANDS: ENJOY COASTAL VIEWS AND EXMOOR COMBES. Leaders Cherry & John (01984 641052). Meet at Porlock Weir CP - fee (GR. 864478). 10 miles, hilly. CS 0920.
Sunday 12 February 1400	SNOWDROPS OR SNOW? Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet at Otterhead Lakes CP (GR. 224142). 5 miles, hilly. CS 1330.
Sunday 19 February 1000	GOTTON DOGS AND WHALES FOR NOAH. Leader Margaret Palmer (01823 337570). Meet opposite Cheddon Fitzpaine VH, Rowford (GR.238281). 11 miles, undulating with two climbs. CS 0940.

Sunday 26 February 1030	EXPLORE COMBES AND HAMLETS ALONG THE SOUTHERN SCARP OF THE QUANTOCKS, BICKNOLLER POST, HALSWAY. Leader Woody (01643 841668 or 07775 851515). Meet at Bicknoller village hall CP (GR. 112396). 7 miles with steep climb up Weacombe. CS 0950.
Sunday 5 March 1000	CIRCULAR ROUTE VIA CRICKHAM, BRINSOMBE, CHAPEL ALLERTON AND BLACKFORD. Leader Syd Jones (01278 722741). Meet at The Borough CP, Wedmore (GR. 436478). Note: This is not the large CP at edge of village. 8 ½ - 9 miles, One bit of a hill to start, but otherwise fairly level paths and tracks. CS 0900.
Sunday 12 March 1400	LUXBOROUGH, CHURCHTOWN, OLD STOWEY, LYPE HILL, NEWCOMBE FARM. Leader Michael Benison (01823 274827). Meet at Kingsbridge CP, Luxborough - honesty box (GR.985377). About 5 ½ miles, moderate/ hilly. CS 1310.
Sunday 19 March 1000	COMPLETING THE WIVEY WAY VIA WASHBATTLE BRIDGE, WATERROW AND SCREEDY. Leader Hester (01823 401476). Meet at Croft Way CP, Wiveliscombe (GR.081278). 10 ½ miles, hilly. CS 0925.
Sunday 26 March 1330	Summertime begins – put clocks forward 1 hour ENJOY VIEWS FROM WELLINGTON MONUMENT. Leader Sheree (01823 322481). Meet at Longforth CP, Wellington (GR.140207). 5 miles, climbing at a leisurely pace. CS 1300.
Sunday 2 April 1030	COAST CASTLE AND CARHAMPTON. Leader Jan Rance (01984 632648). Meet at Blue Anchor by Driftwood café (GR.023435). 7-8 miles moderate – no big hills. CS 0945.
Fri 7-Mon 10 April	CLUB W/END – ST IVES, CORNWALL
Sunday 16 April (Easter) 1030	A JAUNT TO THE SEASIDE: WILLITON VIA ST DECUMENS AND THE MINERAL LINE TO WATCHET AND RETURN. Leader Sheree (01823 322481). Meet at St Peter's Church, Williton (GR.075407). 6 miles, leisurely pace, stopping in Watchet for lunch. CS 0950.
Monday 17 April (Easter) 1000	ENJOY A SEA BREEZE WITH A CHANNEL VIEW, THEN A PRIORY AND CLIMB MONK'S STEPS THROUGH WORLEBERRY HILL. Leader Fiona Thomas (01458 272168). Meet in Weston Super Mare at roadside near Birkett Pier on road to Kewstoke, opposite Royal Pier Hotel (GR.308624). 12 miles, easy to moderate.
Sunday 23 April 1030	A WALK ROUND CLATWORTHY RESERVOIR. Leader Colin Draper (01984 639387). Meet at Clatworthy CP (GR.042311). 5 ½ miles easy terrain. CS 0945.
Sunday 30 April 1030	HADDON HILL, HADDEO VALLEY AND WIMBLEBALL LAKE. Leader Woody (01643 841668 or 07775 851515). Meet at Haddon Hill CP (GR.969285) - off sharp bend on B3190, signs obscured, look for small gate house lodge. 9 miles with sweeping panorama and ancient tracks (may be muddy), returning along lakeside and over Haddon Hill. <i>Option of a shorter route (6 ½ miles).</i> CS 0930.

The Somerset Walking Club Constitution Item 16: Neither the Club nor any individual member thereof shall be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained by a member or guest arising from participation in Club activities.

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR YEAR 1st January to 31st December 2017

Please note Increase in subscription fees

£7.00 Single. £12.00 Couple/Family. Please make cheque payable to "The Somerset Walking Club". If required, a copy of the Club's Constitution is available from the Secretary.

Name: Amount Tel. No.

E-mail address for receipt of Programmes:

Please return to: The Treasurer, The Somerset Walking Club, 17 Manor Orchard, Taunton TA1 4PR.

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PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION

Our website page (www.somersetwalkingclub.co.uk) is now complemented by a **Facebook page**, established and managed by Ian Hart. To visit the page and see photos and items from other members you need to open a Facebook account - don't worry, this is FREE and not difficult to do:

Enter Facebook in your search engine (Google, yahoo etc)

The page will come up with "Create an account" and you will be asked to provide your name, surname, email address, password, birthday, gender. Enter all this and click "create an account".

No other information is required and you are under no obligation to put anything on your Facebook page - having it simply allows you to log into Facebook and search for other sites and friends, such as "Somerset Walking Club", using the Facebook "search for friends" option.

A few "likes" or comments will keep the page looking lively and appreciated. If you have photos or news items you would like to share on our Facebook page, please email them to Ian on hfw142@qmul.ac.uk for uploading.

If you have photos you would like to be added to the **website**, please send them to Woody on woodytickner@mypostoffice.co.uk

Important note: Any photos you take that are likely to go onto our website or Facebook page or be used for local newspaper articles must have the **permission** of all those appearing in the photo.

follow in the next newsletter. Contact Fiona Thomas if you require further information before then.