

TEWKESBURY U3A WALKING GROUP

WALKS PROGRAMME No 215 February 2026

The **walking Group phones** are no longer in use, if necessary phone the leader on the mobile number given in the walk description on the Programme.

NB 1. Walkers are requested to carry both their U3A membership cards and their ICE (*in case of emergency*) cards with them on all walks and strolls.

NB 2. *Numbers on walks are as always at the walk leader's discretion.* This may well be limited. This may depend upon a number of factors the nature of the walk, e.g. number of stiles and lunch arrangements.

Please book the week before no earlier than the Monday and no later than the Friday if there are lunch arrangements. (If there are no Lunch arrangements there might still be space on the walk if you book after the Friday.) Please give your phone number when you book in case of changes.

Walk 1737 Wednesday 4 February 3.5m easy pub lunch
Meet Bushley Green Cricket Pavilion GL20 6JB SO 860 347
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Time 9.45 for 10 am start
Contact Margaret week before
Directions From Tewkesbury on A438 from the Mythe turn 1st R to Bushley Green parking on Left.
Details An easy walk on lanes, tracks and fields, no stiles. May be muddy in places.
Lunch at Hunters Inn, Buckbury. It is Carvery day with other menu choices available. Please book your option with Margaret.

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Walk 1738 Thursday 12 February 2026 4 miles Energetic Lunch Pub 1.30pm
Meet Farmers Arms, Birts Street. WR13 6AP. SO790 363
Time 9.30 to order lunch
Contact Mike and Jenny

Directions A438 from Tewkesbury. After Sledge Green turn Right to Birtsmorton then left to Birts Street. The Pub is on the right at a road junction. After ordering lunch we share cars to drive to :- Layby under Hollybush Hill HR8 1EU SO764 376 /// digit.pitch.overdone to **start walking 10am** . (Turn left on B4208 then Right on A438 towards Hollybush. After the little church take first road (lane) on your right towards The Gullet. In ½ mile park in large layby on the left, behind grass verge just before you get to Fair Oaks Farm)
Details Good paths and tracks, no stiles. We climb up to Hollybush Hill then on to Midsummer Hill for our coffee stop. returning by, Eastnor Obelisk and Swinyard Hill. Then down to the gullet and back to the cars
Lunch Drive to The Farmers Arms for lunch at 1.30.

Walk 1739 Wednesday 18 February 4.75 miles Easy/Moderate Lunch own

Meet Ewe Pen Barn National Trust car park GL54 3DT Grid 158 143.
Start 9.45 for 10.00a.m
Contact Hugh
Directions A40 East from Cheltenham for about 15 miles, after roundabout junction with A429 look for brown Lodge Park NT right turn signs at crossroads. **DO NOT** follow the Lodge Park sign, but instead turn **LEFT** at this crossroads. Entrance to car park 500m on right after trees. *Free parking for NT and NT for Scotland members, otherwise pay and display – coins only accepted. The car park is small, so share lifts wherever possible.*
Details We walk around the NT Sherborne estate and village. Footpaths and minor roads, sculptures in the woods, gentle inclines both up and down, some mud, no stiles.
Lunch own arrangements

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Walk 1740 Thursday 26 February. 3 miles Easy Lunch Pub
Meet Fisherman's car-park above Nafford Lock (with special permission)
WR10 3DH SO 940 418
Time 9.45 for 10 am start. Don't get there earlier because the car park won't be open
Contact Linda
Directions Take the Bredon road and drive through Bredon. After the railway bridge turn left to Eckington. Drive through the village and just after the church turn right at the crossroads on New Road which becomes Nafford Road for a mile. The car park is on the left.
Details From Nafford, crossing Nafford Lock and weir to Birlingham, hopefully to see a good display of early spring flowers in the churchyard. easy but with one short incline down and back up.
Lunch optional at the Bell Inn Eckington. Please say at time of booking if you want to stay, but no need to choose food in advance.

NB This walk will only be possible if the river is not in flood. Alternative walk from Stow instead, as follows...

Alternative Walk 1740 Thursday 26 February 4 miles Moderate optional café lunch
Meet free car park in Stow-on-the-Wold (beside Tesco). GL54 1BX. SP 192 261
Time 10am to start walking
Contact Linda
Directions A46 from Tewkesbury to Teddington Hands roundabout, then the B4077 to Stow. On entering the town at T junction, turn right, then left onto A429 at the traffic lights (signed Free Car Park. Pass the pedestrian crossing, and soon turn right at next traffic lights (signed Free car park). Turn immediately right at mini roundabout, and straight across a second mini-roundabout into the free car park. **Please ensure you are not in Tesco's car park**, as you are not allowed very long there!
Details An undulating Cotswold walk on tracks and lanes through two pretty villages, with a long climb on tarmac out of Broadwell into Donnington. No stiles. Good views on a clear day.
Lunch optional Lucy's cafe, not far from the car park has good food and a varied menu but I can't reserve seats there.