

## TEWKESBURY U3A WALKING GROUP

### WALKS PROGRAMME No 218 May 2026

**Please give your phone number** when booking on a walk in case of any last minute changes. If necessary, before the walk, phone the leader on the mobile number given in the walk description.

**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.

**Walk 1750** Wednesday 6th May 2026 Mod/Ener 5.5 miles Picnic  
**Meet:** Brockhampton Village Hall HR1 4SG GR 592319 Wye Valley

***Please share cars for moderate sized FREE CPI***

**Time** 10.00am START

**Contact:** Noel

#### **Mobile**

**Directions:** M50 to J3; TR onto B4221; at X roads TR onto B4224 for 4.5m; after Falcon Farm (on largish R hand bend) TL onto narrow lane; after half a mile TR onto straight narrow lane; after half a mile TL; after 400m TR at X roads and immediately left into CP.

**Details:** Visit the **exquisitely** designed church at Brockhampton; attractive parkland and Wye Valley Walk, dropping down to the river for coffee; long, steady climb up to viewpoint and seating; gentle slope up to summit of Capler Camp and Picnic; gently downhill and level back to cars. Ascent 600ft with **brehtaking** views

**Lunch** Picnic (en route on Capler Camp)

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**Stroll** Tuesday 12 May **Tewkesbury Alleys** 1 mile-ish 1.5 to 2 hours

**Time** 10.30am start

**Meet** Spring Gardens car park, Tewkesbury

**Contact** Geoff Sallis

**Details** A stroll and talk around Tewkesbury's Alleys, looking at both the town history and the people who lived there and made it home; (suitable for mobility scooters etc. just a few areas we may have to work round together).

**Lunch** Own arrangements.

**Walk 1751** Thursday 14 May 4 miles Moderate Picnic lunch en route

**Meet** By St Mary's Church, Great Witcombe GL3 4TS. Limited parking, so please share cars where possible and park according to signage. 9.45 for a 10.00 start.

**Contact** Shirley and Andrea

**Directions** M5 S to J11A, A417 to A46 junction direction Painswick. At first (Crosshands) roundabout by Toby carvery and Shell petrol station turn left and follow signs to Great Witcombe.

**Details** From Great Witcombe church, we pass by Witcombe Park and, pausing for breath as we get the steep climb out of the way early, we ascend Coopers Hill up to the Cotswold Way, where we hope to see an abundance of bluebells and wild garlic. With luck, we'll have some lovely views for our coffee stop, before heading to the English Heritage managed Roman Villa where we stop for our picnic lunch and share the outlook of our forefathers before heading down the hill, across the reservoir and back to the church. One steep uphill climb, three stiles and there are likely to be muddy patches.

### **Update**

Wals is opposite direction so the steep climb will be a steep down hill through fields, sticks advisable The Roman Villa is now closed so it is no longer possible to visit it. It is still a lovely woodland walk with masses of wild flowers (the bluebells might be over, they were early this year) and Grebes in the reservoir, with 3 stiles and a couple of steady climbs.

**Lunch will not be a picnic** but own arrangements at the local Beefeater (or Toby).

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**Walk 1752** Wednesday 20 May 3.5 miles Easy/Moderate pub lunch

**Meet** Hanley Castle Church/ Pub area WR.8 0BL.. GR 839 420  
FULL CARS IF POSS!

**Time** 9.45 for 10.00 start

**Contact** Noel

**Directions** A38 from Tewkes; after Ryall, in 1km, LT onto A4104; Over river bridge at Upton TR towards Hanley Castle; just under 2km later TL to church and pub; park on roadside with FULL CARS IF POSS!

**Details** Undulating walk across arable fields and lanes to Boynes Coppice Nature Reserve for Green Winged Orchids and other flowers (coffee break); Steeply down onto ye olde Upton/Malvern railway line; returning via King John's Castle and Lodge Farm. Going: easy, but can be moderate alongside arable fields. One small climb. Two stiles to climb/a little high.

IF CANCELLING LUNCH GIVE 24HR NOTICE OR WE LOSE £10 pp/*non walkers welcome for lunch!*

**Lunch** Ye Olde Anchor Inn Upton High Street/see online menu and **book with Noel by Saturday at the latest! If walk is cancelled, lunch is still ON!** After walk park for lunch in Upton free Car Park opp. church with spire – on Welland Road.

**Walk 1753** Thursday 21 May 2026 4.5 miles Energetic

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**Walk 1753** Thursday 21 May 2026 4.5 miles Energetic Picnic en route  
**Meet** National Trust Car Park on B4521. Skirrid Fawr. NP7 8AP, SO 328 164  
**Time** 10.30am start about an hours drive from Tewkesbury  
**Contact** Mike and Jenny  
**Directions** M50 to Ross, A40. At Wilton roundabout turn rt on to A49. Hereford Rd. In about 2.5 miles turn left onto B4521 and follow this for about 14 miles past Skenfrith to find NT car park on your right.  
**Details** We climb up through woods to the Skirrid ridge. There is a new more gentle path that avoids the steep rocky end. We walk along the ridge to the summit and the ruins of St Michael's chapel. We go back along the ridge for a short distance before descending and walking round the end and back on the west side where we will stop for our picnic before returning to the cars.  
**Tea** After the walk we will stop at the Red Castle Tea Room NP7 8PB about 10 mins back down the B4521 towards Tewkesbury. Please say if you would like to stop when you book.

If the weather is very bad we will replace this walk with a walk from Hollybush towards British Camp. Meet 10am at the Hollybush car park. A438 (Ledbury Rd) to Hollybush Car Park is on the right, just over the brow of the hill. The entrance can be easily missed.

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**Walk 1754** Wednesday 27 May 4.75 miles Moderate NT cafe lunch  
**Meet** Chedworth Roman Villa NT car park GL54 3LJ Grid 055136 on the road car park (free) leading up to the villa (or park in the overflow car park if no space on the road) ; no NT membership required  
**Time** 9.45 for a 10.00a.m. start  
**Contact** Hugh  
**Directions** From Cheltenham follow A40 to Northleach roundabout (intersection of A40 and A429), then go south on the A429, turning right off the A429 just past Northleach to follow signs to 'Roman Villa'. Or go cross country with satnav using postcode. Do not follow signs for Chedworth village.  
**Details** We go alongside and through Chedworth Woods, returning along the Monarch's Way on the high ground above Chedworth village. Mainly level with some mainly gentle up inclines and one steeper downhill. Could be muddy in places if wet.