

TEWKESBURY U3A WALKING GROUP

WALKS and STROLLS PROGRAMME No 224 October - November 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.

Note **The stroll for October will be on the third Tuesday not the second as usual.**

Walk 1774 Wednesday 7 October 3.5 miles Easy pub lunch
Meet Gloucester Old Spot. GL51 9SY
Time 10.15 to order lunch. Start 10.30
Contact Barry
Directions A38 to Coombe Hill. Left at lights towards Cheltenham. Pub is on the left in about 1.5 miles.
Details. A mainly flat walk of about 3.5 miles.

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Walk 1775 Wednesday 14 October 4 miles Moderate Lunch Pub
Meet Maisemore village hall, Church Road GL2 8JE
 /// screeches.softly.orbit Park in village hall Car Park or at the
 White Hart Inn GL2 8HY & walk back to the village hall.
Start 10.00 start.
Contact Lesley the week before, with menu choice from the
 White Hart (unless alternative arrangements).
Directions:- Off the A417, on the left towards Gloucester, take Church Road in Maisemore and the village hall is on the left.
Details:- Through gently ascending fields to the views from High Redding hill (approx. 100' high), along the top & then a steep descent to the river. We follow this back to the White Hart, climbing approx. 6 stiles.(which could be avoided by road walking)

Stroll Tuesday 20 October Wickhamford 1.3 miles 10.30am
Meet Car Park in front of Wickhamford Church. WR11 7SD SP 067 422

Contact Mike and

Directions. A46 Evesham bypass. A44 towards Broadway. In about a mile left into Wickhamford, left again into Manor Lane (main street) **Drive up through village Go past the Memorial Hall, on the right, to top of village. Where the road bends right, turn Left, signposted to church. Follow right, past the Manor and up a gravel track to small car Park in front of Church.**

Details. We visit the church **where someone may be able to give us a short talk. We then look at some of the old and not so old houses in the village. There is a short stretch of road with no pavement.** (If not too muddy we may walk on some grass paths) mainly hard surfaces suitable for mobility scooters.

Lunch The Round of Gras in Badsey is a good Pub and serves small meals at a reasonable price. Follow the road round to the left through Badsey. (Turn L then R in village) Turn R on B4035. The Round of Gras is just out of the village round a bend on the left (after a road junction)

Walk 1776 Thursday 22 October 4 miles easy Lunch- Croome cafe
Meet Croome Park WR8 9DW Please assemble outside Reception
Time 10.00 start.
Contact Sonia

Directions A38 N from Tewkesbury. At the top of the hill in Earls Croome take the right turn to Croome and Kinnersley. Follow the Croome Park signs from the village. N.B. Ongoing building work on the site so please follow relevant parking signs.

Details The walk is mainly flat apart from a short gradual climb up and down. We cross a FB with low ends. We walk on field paths and tracks, where there may be some uneven ground and mud.

Walk 1777 Thursday 29 October 5.25 miles Moderate pub lunch
Meet The Hobnails. GL20 8NQ
Time **9.15 for 9.30 start.**
Contact Margaret Week before

Directions From Tewkesbury on A46 to Teddington Arms, B4077 pub on left, before Alderton park at back of CP.

Details An easy start on footpaths to the quiet village Alstone, followed by a steady climb over fields to Dixon and the coffee stop. The route then takes a downward path to Alderton and the carpark. **The hazards on the walk include overhanging branches through a copse. Uneven ground and long grass. About 10 reasonable stiles and several bridges**

Lunch. A carvery lunch or an alternative choice.

Walk 1778 Wednesday 4 November 6 miles Mod/Ener Picnic en route
Meet: Grid Ref SP 201 212 /// contact.founding.riverbed Park **carefully** on right hand grassy verge just before Diamond Way marker on R.
Preferably 3 or 4 in a car PLEASE

Time: 9.45 for 10.00 start

Contact: Noel

Directions: Tewkesbury to Stow; From Stow turn R (south) onto A429 for 1 mile. Then fork L onto A424 (Burford Rd) for 2 miles. Near hill top fork R onto minor road **towards** Wyck Beacon/Upper Rissington. After only 300m **park tightly and cautiously** on slightly raised grassy verge on R. Wood on your R ends and a Diamond Way marker joins road from the R .

Details: Walking down and through Gawcombe Park and Woods; TL onto Diamond Way up to Icomb (**Tom, Dick and Harry**); then, climbing to hill top & down through woods and countryside to Gt. Rissington Church (**Gustav Holst**) and picnic. Steady (and not steep) ascent back to cars. Ascent 700ft, but in 3 stages.

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Walk 1779 Wednesday 11 November 4 / 5 miles Energetic Lunch own

Meet Winchcombe car park behind Library GL54 5PZ (was £1 all day)

Time 9.45 for 10.00 start

Contact Meg

Directions : Several routes, my preferred is to go via Ashchurch the A46 take 2nd exit towards Toddington right turn through Gretton into Winchcombe. At crossroads right turn to library and car park.

Details Walk through Winchcombe across fields steep climb then onto Bellas Knap coffee stop. Return to Winchcombe different route, fields maybe muddy

Lunch own arrangements in Winchcombe

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Walk 1780 Thursday 19 November 4.5 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 Fairoaks Farm)

Details We climb up (not steep) to Hangmans Hill then on to British Camp for our coffee stop, returning by Swinyard Hill.(and Eastnor Obelisk) Then down to the gullet and back to the cars. Drive to The Farmers Arms for lunch at 1.30. Good paths and tracks, no stiles.

Walk 1781 Thursday 26 November 5.25 miles moderate lunch own arrangements

Meet Station Road, Andoversford at the junction with Coln Gardens, GL54 4LA.

what3words: otter.node.waking. Share lifts, park in Station Road.

Time 9.45 for 10.00 start.

Contact Hugh the week before.

Directions A40 east (Oxford road) from Cheltenham, to traffic lights junction with A436 (Bourton road), straight on then immediate right turn into Gloucester Road, signed “Andoversford village only”, then first right into Station Road. Coln Gardens is 75m on the right.

Details We walk through Syreford up hill to Brockhampton and back through Sevenhampton with views of the Coln valley. One stile, some paths could be muddy if wet.

December Walks We have no walks yet for December.
We need 3 or 4 walks please

Wed 2 / Thur 3 **Walk needed**

Wed 9 Walk ?

Thur 10 Christmas Lunch

Wed 16 / Thur 17 **Walk needed**

Wed 23 / Thur 24 Christmas

Wed 30 / Thur 31 **Walk needed**