

Newsletter and events Update July 2026

Ticks

Ticks are a problem at the moment, Lyme's disease is on the increase, and the hot weather hasn't helped. Make sure you carry a tick remover with you, and keep checking your body. They can move up from your legs very quickly, and favour the intimate areas.

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Accessing our walks

You should be aware that we no longer send out email updates on our walks. You can access the walks by going online to one of the below:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/west-wiltshire-group>

<https://www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk/index.php/west-wiltshire>

<https://wiltskickstart.wordpress.com/west-wilts-ramblers-quick-updates-and-newsletters/>

The kickstart link will install as an app on your phone, and also gives access to the walk spreadsheet if you are a walk leader.

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WWR WhatsApp

In an attempt to make communication a little easier, the Committee has decided to create two WhatsApp Groups; one for Wednesday walks and one for Sunday walks. They will be used solely for walk related subjects on the respective days (e.g. notification of walk changes or cancellation, organising car shares etc.). People will have the choice of joining one or both, or none if they wish. The website will continue to be the place to go for walk information. As not all Walk Leaders will be on WhatsApp, they will continue to have their own means of communicating out to those people who have registered to go on their walks (email, text). Obviously if you have not registered your intent to join a walk and just turn up, the Walk Leader will have no means of contacting you should they have to.

If you want to be included in either or both of the WhatsApp Walk Groups, please email sally.pearce@thirstlink.co.uk with **your name, mobile number and which Group/s you want to join**, and she will add you to the membership.

Events

A very successful recent trip to **Lake Como**. Unfortunately it was rather hot, and walking up too high was not possible, but some of us managed to do a 10 to 12 mile walk every day and some people dipped out and spent the days on ferries, in bars and in ice cream parlours. All in all a great week at Hotel Lovenno, and one that will be repeated in a couple of years. Transfers organised by Paul worked exceptionally well.

The weather was again hot on our **coach trip to Dorchester**. Plans were in place for shortening the walks, but we still ended up further than anticipated, because people were enjoying it so much. Wednesday walkers were surprised to find that they could do 11 miles!

Yorkshire Dales in September. 15 people in Holiday Fellowship Newfield Hall, and 13 people in alternative accommodation. Walk programme will be produced in August. Anyone wishing to join at this late stage will need to find their own accommodation within easy driving distance of Malham.

DECEMBER 2nd (Wednesday) WWR CHRISTMAS MEAL and optional walk Cumberwell Park

December 5th, Saturday WWR AGM.
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Please support and give your ideas. Broughton Gifford Village Hall. Usual Format. Short walk at 10.00am. AGM at 12.00 followed by sandwich lunch and informal chat.
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Spring Coach Trip, April or May Tewkesbury – a really lovely historic town with walks out to the Severn. As always, a range of options.

Cornwall in April 10th to 17th Bev has recently emailed everyone about this trip. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EMAILED, PLEASE LET FRANK OR BEV KNOW.

Coleridge Way May 1st to 8th This is full. Let me know if you would like me to organise another trip in the future.

Keswick June 12th to 19th Two grades of walk at least, strenuous but not focussed on the higher difficult peaks and moderate. Organise your accommodation in the very near future as it gets busy in Keswick.

Selva, Val Gardena, Dolomites September 1st to 8th . I have 12 people booked onto this, but 4 more hopefuls. I am in negotiation with Inghams, and if you want to come, please let me know and I will try my best.

Autumn Coach trip Would members like a second coach trip? Feedback please to Frank or Bev.

Offer of a Late Sept/Early Oct; 5 day break:

If there is interest, Bev is offering to set up a 5 day (three night) option (with opportunity to extend for those who want longer).

Where would you like to go (within 2-3 hours of home - allows full day walk on Day 1 and 5)? Bev is happy to scout out:

- **Lyme Regis** - Jurassic Coast
- **South Downs** - Worthing-Brighton-Eastbourne area
- **Cotswold area** around Stroud or Cheltenham
- **Exmoor** - further west than Minehead

Let Bev know if interested and your preference - speak on a walk or leave a message. If ten people express an interest it will be put on the calendar.

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