

CARY RAMBLERS GROUP

Our 2017 walk programme began from the Village Hall, Oakhill where conditions were very wet and muddy underfoot as one would expect at this time of year. However, our spirits were lifted at the first signs of spring with early snowdrops and catkins on trees.

Early February did not deter many to walk in the rain from Alfred's Tower towards Park Hill Camp near Stourhead. We then congregated to enjoy our post-Xmas lunch at the Bull Inn, Bruton.

Beginning of March remained wet but enjoyed a walk from Charlton Horethorne. Abundant spring bulbs appeared with vibrant colours. Witnessed our first Skylark hovering above in the dull grey sky with their distinctive chorus.

Mid March took us by train to Chetnole, in the Dorset countryside. A warm, mild and sunny day with lots of wild primroses and daffodils among hedgerows. Crossed typical Blackmore Vale pastureland, taking in Melbury Osmond, Melbury House in wonderful parkland and Melbury Bub.

Late March we re-visited Stanton Drew. After viewing the Bronze Age stone circles there, we proceeded towards Norton Malreward. We then climbed up to the Iron Age hill fort on Maes Knoll offering wide ranging views over Bristol and beyond.

Mid April took us through old Bruton along the Rive Brue towards South Brewham returning via Hardway to Hauser & Wirth. Saw wild blackthorn blossom and cowslips.

We meet at lower Millbrook car park on alternate Wednesdays and leave promptly at 9.30am. For more information contact Anne Pitt on 01963 359621.