

***Welcome to the second Somer Valley Walking Festival. Our aim is to encourage local people & visitors to explore the beauty of the area's countryside & discover its rich heritage.***

## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Somer Valley – Its Social & Industrial Past.  
Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP:**

**FREE admission, 7.30-8.30pm**

In an enhanced version of last year's talk, local historian Dennis Chedgy will describe, with illustrations, the heritage of the Somerset Coalfield & its social life. For further details or to book a place call 01761 437722

## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**A programme of free short walks - simply turn up and register at the starting point:**

**From Paulton Hub, High Street, Paulton BS39 7QG:**

**10am** An easy to moderate walk of 1 to 1.5 hours to the Arnhem Memorial, scene of the glider crash in WW2, just outside Paulton Village.

**2pm** A moderate walk of 2 to 2.25 hours to Greyfield Woods, a celebrated beauty spot.

*Both Paulton walks are led by Anne Lyons & Jackie Woodland.*

**From the green in front of The Hollies/Sainsbury's, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DP:**

**10am** 3 to 3.5 mile walk east out of Midsomer Norton up to Folly Hill which has attractive views over the surrounding countryside & then back via Riverside.

**2pm** A 3 to 3.5 mile level walk along the Greenway cycle path to Radstock Road & back.

*Both walks are led by Sonja Wilmink & Mike Bell.*

**2pm** *Ken Tatem*, formerly of the Environment Agency, will lead a one-hour walk looking at the flood defence system he helped to install in the town & seek to answer the question 'Will Midsomer Norton Flood Again?'

**From the shops at Elm Tree Road, Westfield, BA3 3SX:**

**2pm** A 4 mile circular walk around the village of Westfield, visiting interesting landmarks of this former coalfield village.

*Led by local parish councillor Geoff Fuller.*

**From Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP:**

**2pm** A choice of two short walks, one taking you to the outlying village of Haydon (3 miles) & the other around the centre of Radstock itself (half a mile), looking at its historical past & modern regeneration.

**From the Beacon Hall, French Close, Peasedown St John, BA2 8SN:**

**2pm** A 15min introduction to Geocaching" followed by a walk around the parish land locating some geocaches & planting a new one. Back to Beacon Hall for tea and cake. No previous experience is necessary but a smart phone with a geocaching app would help.

*Led by Kathy Thomas.*

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Family Walk & Treasure Hunt; Radco Foyer (car park side), BA3 3RQ:**

**10am-12noon** Pick up your goody-bag & map at Radco & enjoy this 4 mile self-led walk along the Greenway & back. The route ends at Midsomer Norton South Station where you are invited to join in their steam weekend.

**Circular guided walks from Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR:**

**Free parking available at Church Street & Waterloo Road car parks. Register from 9.30am for a 10 am start.**

**Walk 1** A 12 mile (7 hour) route with some challenging climbs & uneven terrain taking in Clandown, Paulton, Timsbury, Midsomer Norton & Radstock. Visit the remains of coal mines, the site of a Roman villa, a medieval field system, & a walk beside the Somersetshire Coal Canal. Don't forget a packed lunch!

*Led by Tessa Wyatt*

**Walk 2** An 8 to 9 mile (6 hour) circular walk leaving Radstock along the Colliers Way & on to the boundary of Peasedown St John & the site of Woodborough Mansion. Taking in Camerton & the Limestone Link, we will be joined by a member of the Somersetshire Coal Canal Society who will walk with us to Paulton Basin explaining the past, present & future plans. We will return to Radstock via Paulton and The Fosseway.

*Led by Kathy Thomas.*

*More overleaf*

**Walk 3** A 6.5 mile (3 hour) walk to Ammerdown via Terry Hill. Some hills and uneven terrain. Led by *Mike Ryemill & Beryl Howe*.

**Walk 4** : A 4 mile (2 hour) walk from Radstock, taking in Tynning, the former Somerset and Dorset railway line & Clandown (remains of the Fosseway, Roman Road).

Led by *Rose Rogers*.

**Art Walk:** A gentle stroll round Radstock, led by local artist *Frank Reeves*, with opportunities for sketching the historic centre of the town. Up to 2 miles, lasting 2 to 2.5 hours. Please bring your own art materials.

### **How to Join In!**

Places are limited on the guided walks, so if you wish to book in advance, you can do so by calling 01225 396427 or emailing

**Tryactive@bathnes.gov.uk**

For the Family Walk and Treasure Hunt, register at the Radstock Co-operative (Radco) between 10am and 12pm – details with the walk information.

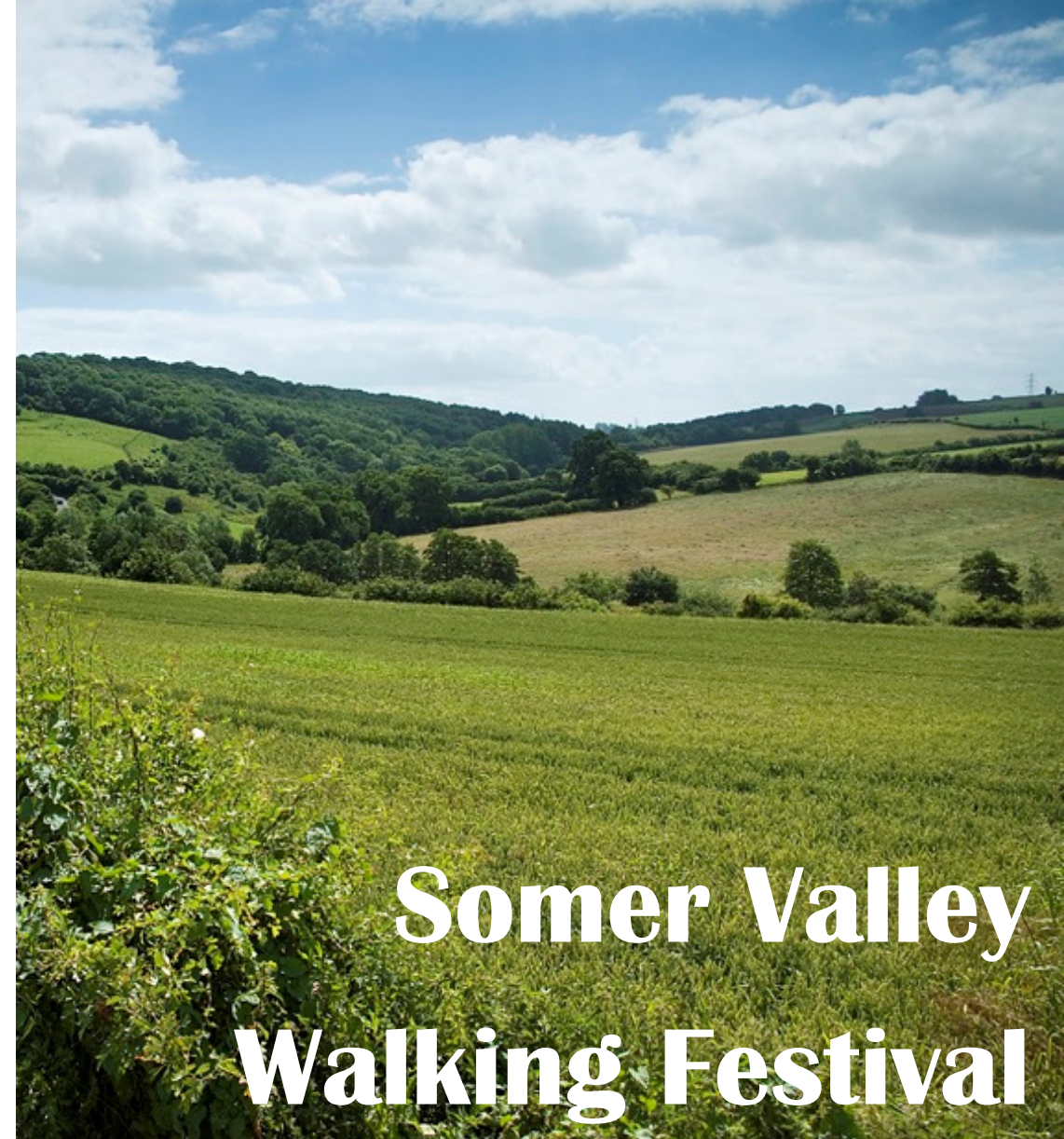
**Children:** Those under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult on all the walks

**Dogs:** Well behaved dogs, under close control, are welcome but for the guided walks, must be put on a lead when requested by the walk leader or back/middle markers.

**What should I wear/bring?** For all the walks, appropriate footwear should be worn. For the longer, led walks, walking shoes or sturdy trainers are recommended. Don't forget to dress for changes in weather with layers and waterproofs. Trekking poles for longer walks are optional. There will be breaks on the guided walks, so do take along any drinks or snacks you may need for these and water to keep hydrated. If it's sunny, you may need a hat and sunscreen.

If you would like to bring your own OS map, you will need Explorer 142.

With thanks to all the walk leaders and other volunteers who have made this event possible and also to our partners and sponsors:  
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**15th, 16th & 17th September**

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