



# FOREST NEWS

Editor: Ronnie Walker

Forest of Dean  
Group

## NEW MEMBERS



*A very warm welcome is extended to new members who have joined the Group since the last Forest News.*

*Membership is now 181. (We lost 19 members)*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All Ramblers group walks and activities remain suspended and we await advice and guidance from Central Office about how and when we can recommence a walks programme. There is likely to be changes in the way our walks programme operates and your committee will look carefully at central guidance to make sure when we do walk as a group again we do so safely. As soon as we have any further information we will let you know. In the meantime enjoy the walking you are able to do and maybe plan to share some favourite "lockdown" walks with the group once our programme is up and running again. Do look at the Ramblers' national website for a range of information on Covid 19 and walking.

## Chair's Message.

I hope you, your family and friends are surviving lockdown and staying free of infection. The rules on travel have been relaxed in England but here in Wales we have been asked to stay local and limit self-distanced contact outside to one other household. Do check them regularly as they may be relaxed further, or even increased if cases of Covid 19 rise. As soon as we have any information about a resumption of walks from National Ramblers we will let you know. In the meantime if you walk alone or with friends do continue to self-distance, use sanitiser after stiles and gates, and watch out for brambles and nettles as many footpaths are becoming overgrown. Keep to the edge of fields where cows are grazing as the only humans they see are usually going to feed or move them.

Stay safe and best wishes,

Peter Robbins  
Chair FOD Ramblers

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The AGM this year will be notified to you closer to the expected due date of Friday 6th November 2020.

Ronnie Walker  
Editor

## Covid-19 Newsletter.

Dear members of the Forest of Dean Ramblers Group, I hope you are well and are adhering to the government's dictates.

As we have not been able to go a rambling as a group, I have decided to dedicate this part of newsletter to all my favourite places. These are in order of greatness, well subject to my disposition at any given time.

1. Blaize Bailey View Point
2. New Fancy View Point
3. May Hill Trig Point
4. Cyril Hart's Arboretum
5. Cannop Ponds
6. Woorgreen Lake
7. Speech House Lake
8. Mallard's Pike
9. Kymin, Round Tower
10. Brockweir Bridge
11. Llanthony Priory
12. Llanthony Ridge
13. Cmwyoy Church
14. Tintern Abbey
15. Soudley Ponds
16. Sugar Loaf Trig Point
17. Keeper's Pond
18. Punch Bowl
19. Lydney Docks
20. St Briavel's Castle
21. Plump Hill
22. Huntley Church
23. Cottages at Staple Edge
24. Bloreng Trig Point
25. Bloreng at hut overlooking Abergravenny
26. Tunnel under canal at Llanfoist
27. Skirrid Trig Point
28. Skenfrith Castle
29. Barrow Wake Car Park

30. Broadway Tower
31. Tyndale monument
32. Robinswood Hill trig point
33. Old Severn Bridge
34. Newnham Clock Tower
35. Symond's Yat Rock
36. Newland Church
37. Newent Lake
38. Hopewell Colliery Café
39. The Kettle Sings Tearoom, Malvern
40. The Red Lion, Arlingham

What place would you place at number one?

Send me your top ten, and I'll compile a top 40 as suggested by you!

Ronnie Walker  
Editor

## Gallery



**The picture above is the view from Blaize Bailey's View Point.**

The Editor,  
Ronnie

## Nature corner: The Swan



Swans are birds of the family Anatidae within the genus *Cygnus*. The swans' closest relatives include the geese and ducks. Swans are grouped with the

closely related geese in the subfamily Anserinae where they form the tribe Cygnini. Sometimes, they are considered a distinct subfamily, Cygninae.

Scientific name: *Cygnus*  
Family: Anatidae

Mass: Mute swan 11 – 12kg  
Black swan 3.7 – 9kg  
Whooper swan 9.8 – 11kg

Wingspan: Mute swan 2 – 2.4m  
Black swan 1.6 – 2m  
Whooper swan 2 – 2.8m (metres)

Length: All swans 1.1 to 1.7 metres long.

Clutch 4 – 8 eggs.

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## GO Outdoors: Extra Discount

GO Outdoors are offering members of Ramblers a further 10% discount off the 10% discount card. That means a minimum of 10% off the RRP with the discount card plus another 10% off for members of "Ramblers". All you need to do is show your Ramblers membership card as proof of membership at the payment desk in store.

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*Late News:-*

*Ramblers' advice as at 8 June 2020 is:-*

**At this stage, all Ramblers group walks and activities remain suspended.**

*Please check the website now and then for news.*

*Footnote:-*

*\*\*\* The world of tomorrow will be nothing like the world of yesterday. It has all changed today forever. Ronald Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 \*\*\**

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