

# THE BOOT

The Bristol Ramblers'  
Newsletter  
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## The New Website

Some of you will be already aware that the new Bristol Ramblers website is now up and running (still at [www.bristolramblers.org.uk](http://www.bristolramblers.org.uk)). Thanks are due to John Maher for getting us this far.

Please visit the site: we would be very grateful for comments and for suggested content – the site, we hope, will continue to evolve.

The site includes details of how to get your photos onto the Group's Flickr site – thanks to Tony Kerr for this. All contributions welcome



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## **FESTIVAL OF WINTER WALKS**

For several years the Ramblers have organized a Festival of Winter Walks between Christmas and New Year. They give this wide publicity hoping to attract new members. This years Festival is from 25 December 2010 to 02 January 2011. If we can let them know details of any walks we are planning by 30 September they will advertise the walks in the December issues of various magazines. Discounted membership forms will be available and they will offer 20% off the usual membership.

If you could lead a walk over this period please can you let Tony Parsons know by 23 September.

## **FIRST AID COURSE**

I have booked a First Aid Course on 14 September at the Red Cross Centre at Warmley. It is a 4-hour course starting at 13.00. The approximate cost is £40 per person. There are still a few places available on the course. Please let me know if you are interested. There is an option to attend for 2 hours.

Tony Parsons [tonyparsons3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonyparsons3@hotmail.co.uk) 01275 394188

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Paula Cannings 07950271150

## SAMARITANS WAY SOUTHWEST

This long distance walk was designed by one of our members Graham Hoyle. Somerset County Council requested that Ordnance Survey removed the route from their maps. Compensation has now been given for the removal of this route. See the news page on the website for more details.

**Can you help?** - As a result of continuing financial pressure, the Group is, where possible, reverting to hand delivery of the quarterly programme. Would you be able to help, particularly in the BS6 and BS7 postal districts? Please contact [tonyparsons3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonyparsons3@hotmail.co.uk).

**Befriending** - would you be able to befriend a member who has developed mild to moderate dementia and now needs support in the form of reminding when a walk is coming up and of transport? See the website for more details.

**Lucca visitors** - in June, the Group hosted a very successful visit by 20 Italian walkers. This followed on from a visit to Lucca by members of the Group in 2008, and was very ably managed by Martin Summerell. See the website for more details.

**B Walk Coordinator** – Clive Richardson has done an excellent job for several years but is hoping to stand down at the end of the year and so he is looking for a successor. If you could take on this vital role please let Tony Parsons know. Clive is willing to help the new incumbent learn the ropes.

**Contributions to the BOOT please to Julie Westgarth**  
[juliewestgarth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliewestgarth@hotmail.co.uk)  
***Deadline 06 October 2010***

## **West of England Rapid Transit**

We have been consulted on proposals for a rapid transit bus scheme from the Long Ashton park-and-ride site to Temple Meads and the City Centre. This is an ambitious scheme which would affect some rights of way at the western end and have an impact on the Harbourside and Princes Bridge. It would also create a new pedestrian route and could improve access by bus to the countryside. The Committee will be deciding in July how to respond to the consultation. *If you would like to know more or have views you would like the Committee to consider, please contact Susan Carter (tel 01179247872 or email [susan.carter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:susan.carter@blueyonder.co.uk)).*

## **Help needed with environment and planning issues**

There is a lot happening on the environment and planning fronts: the local development frameworks for Bristol and surrounding areas are taking shape; Bristol City Council is consulting on its Green Spaces Strategy; and our views are being sought on the West of England Rapid Transit Scheme. Susan Carter acts as Environment and Planning Officer for both the Bristol Group and the Avon Area (on Bristol issues). She would welcome help, as she has also been co-opted as a trustee to the Ramblers' national Board, which will take some of her time. *If you would be interested, please contact Susan (tel 0117 924 7872 or email [susan.carter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:susan.carter@blueyonder.co.uk)).*

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