

PYW Peterborough Walkers New Year Away 2025

Sunday 29th December 2024: PYW members headed south to the edge of the Cotswolds for new year walking and gastro celebrations to see the old year out and the new year in. Some held up local hostelrys, Air BNB, others in their motorhomes.



Delighted to be in Wetherspoons!

Monday evening, we convened at for dinner at Garlic & Ginger – a Korean restaurant for a little spiced refuelling.



In time honoured tradition a small group of 8 gathered at the local 'Spoons for a first night get together meal. Sadly, the dining experience wasn't up to expectations with multiple first choice options unavailable. The beer was very quaffable though, so we had a good first night balancing precariously on the high bar stools.



The Compo, Clegg & Foggy senior photo competition!



Monday 30th December: A leisurely 11am start, meeting at St Peter's Church in Winchcombe. With sunny intervals we headed out across rolling green fields, mostly on well maintained tracks and paths including part of the Cotswold Way to Hailes Abbey, with parkland settings and some impressive buildings too. Stopping along the way for coffee and scenery. Senior members took the opportunity to re create the 'Compo, Clegg and Foggy' pose! Continuing back through Farmcote to return past Sudeley Castle into Winchcombe where afternoon tea was taken in the local coffee shop, some preferring a glass in the local hostelry. *8.5 miles covered.*



New Years Eve Walk

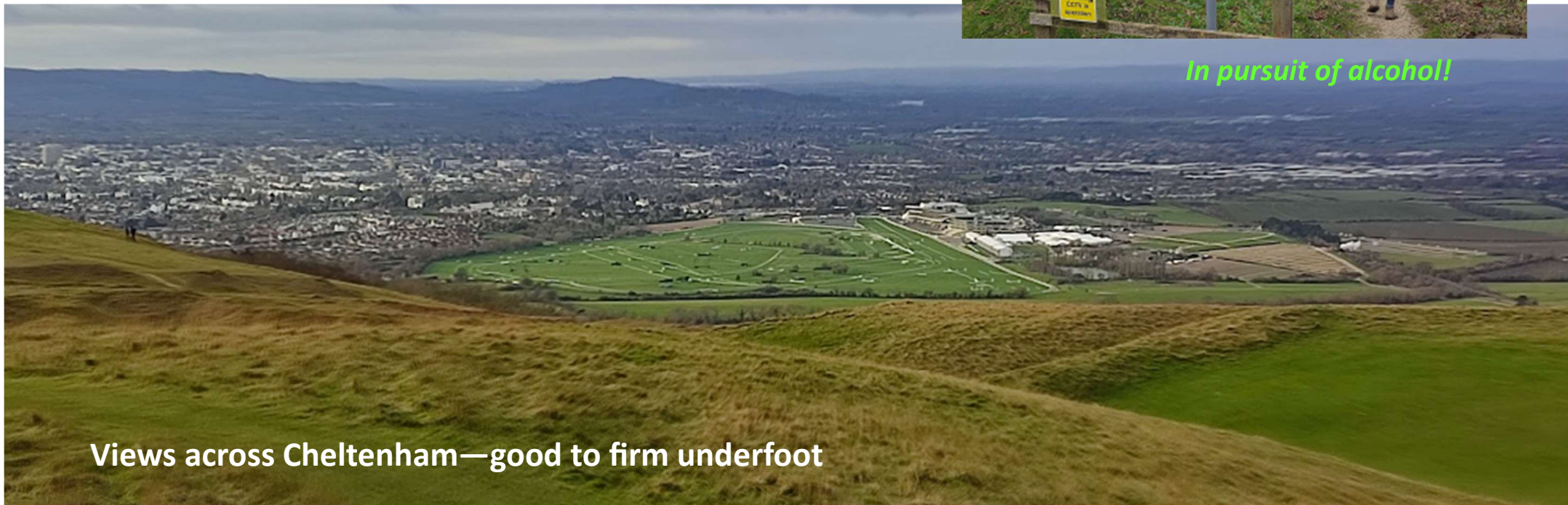
Our usual 10.30 start, meeting at Cleeve Hill Golf Club, Cleeve Common. First challenge, to educate ourselves as to the workings of the parking meter! A blustery morning with threatening grey clouds we headed out across the common, soon for the obligatory stop at a trig point and group photo opportunity. Continuing with some debate and deviation of route, our Chairman Debbie dictating but not always acknowledged! Fantastic views across Cheltenham, including the racecourse. Some rustic farmyard views and traversing through a Lager factory site, without too much distraction. Covering 7.20 miles in total. Back to the Golf Club for coffee and cake before heading back to scrub up for New Years Eve



Parking meter challenge!!



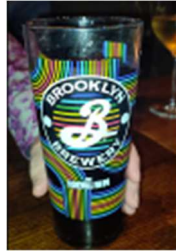
In pursuit of alcohol!



Views across Cheltenham—good to firm underfoot



New Years Eve Celebrations Cheltenham was lively for NYE we had booked ourselves into a very civilised pub, Harry Cook Freehouse, with excellent casual dining including excellent crumble and custard. Live music entertained us post dinner with an opportunity for dancing as we saw in the new year with a glass or two.



Cheers to 2025!



Alcohol content is always carefully studied!...



Our resident champagne expert!



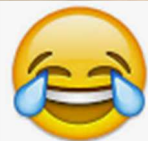
A good night was had by all



Excellent pudding!



Fortunately we are walkers—not ramblers!



New Years Day In true British style the day started wet, wet, wet..... many took the opportunity to head back home to prepare to the return to work on 2nd January. A (fool) hardy 5 gathered at the Premier Inn fully weatherproofed up. Jane P took the opportunity of providing a guided walk of Cheltenham history and architecture highlights. An additional stop at a gold post box was arranged at the Secretary's request. Being a spa town Cheltenham has some interesting stories and features. Ending with a very nice cafe for lunch before officially completing the PYW New Year Trip.

Others extended their New Year tour, taking advantage of the brighter weather for the remainder of the week.....

Looking forward to 2025 walking adventures...



Some of Janes Cheltenham highlights

Thank you walk leader Stephen Abbott assisted by his ladies Sarah Jay, Debbie Lines, Jane Parker and entertainment manager Sarah Driscoll for a great PYW New Year away in the Cotswolds

And lastly, just like the Royal Family, we publish our official New Year photo of the club chairman and her long suffering husband. Its happy New Year from us and Happy New Year from them!

