

22 April 2023: Circular Walk from Hazleton to Salperton and Return

On Saturday 22 April, a group of seven Ramblers (Dorothy, Lucy, Margaret, Mike, Philip and Richard and led by John) arrived at the picturesque Cotswold village of Hazleton having risen, at the Air Balloon, above the fog enveloping Gloucester.

We made our way in ideal walking conditions through very pleasant countryside to All Saints Church in Salperton Park. Begun around 1120, this small Norman church has a medieval wall-painting thought to depict Father Time although it looks more like the Grim Reaper!

Pausing for a group photo at a safe distance beyond Poison Meadow, we made our way on well-marked paths to Downs Barn where we had a short refreshment break.

We then returned to Hazleton passing en route a flock of black, horned sheep with an interesting mix of black, white and mixed colour lambs! Skylarks, Red Kites and Buzzards circled overhead and two hares were seen facing up to each other but no boxing match began before we had passed by!

The leisurely 2 hours 30 minutes walk of about 4 miles was enjoyed by us all.

John Stubbings