

## TAMWORTH U3A AMBLING GROUP



27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

Dear Amblers

Our next amble is at 10.30am on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Oldbury Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV10 0TE. From Tamworth take the A5 East. At Mancetter take the B4111 towards Hartshill. Drive past Dobbies Garden Centre, under the railway bridge and turn immediately right towards Hartshill (brown Hartshill Hayes Country Park sign). In Hartshill Village, AFTER the mini roundabout, take the next right, in front of the shop/Post Office into Oldbury Road. It is signposted but not very clearly. About a mile up this road is the Country Park on the right. There is a large Car park, £3.30 per day, card only payment and reg nos. to be entered into the machine. There are toilet facilities, including accessible ones. There is some parking on the left in a couple of gateways, before you get to the park. Meet in the car park, near the pay machine.

This amble will be led by Chris Joynson. The above photo was taken by Chris a week ago, when the bluebells were at their glorious best. As the bluebells are early this year we can only hope there is still a display on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Some words from Chris "Even if the bluebells are over by the amble date it is still a lovely walk with super views and in beautiful woodland with an abundance of wildlife, but I'd recommend that anyone who wants to see some stunning bluebells tries to get there before 5<sup>th</sup> May. They are the best I have ever seen them."

The amble is for one hour on surfaced paths and reasonably level woodland paths. People were managing with prams and mobility scooters on the woodland paths when it was dry. There are some sloping sections, but nothing too onerous. Walking boots advisable, especially after rain.

Lunch will be at The Blue Boar Inn, Watling Steet, Mancetter, CV9 1NE. Menu attached. I have given the pub a rough idea of how many will be going and they are happy for me to confirm the exact number on Tuesday morning, so just let me know when you arrive. Everyone welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Chris Parkes*

Ambling Group Leader