

## **Sunday 18 September 2016: Lydney Harbour Walk**

While the more active members of the Lower Wye Ramblers group tackled a strenuous walk on Fan-y-Big, a small group opted for a more leisurely 3.5-mile stroll around Lydney Harbour. On a morning of glorious late summer sunshine, they first followed the walk northwards between the harbour and the River Severn. With the river sparkling in full flood and visibility allowing sight of the two distant Severn crossings superimposed upon each other, the walk got off to a promising start. After a short stretch of road to cross the two railways, the route diverged on to a path through a wilderness area, crossing the bypass to reach the Lakeside Gardens. A brief stretch of paved road gave access to cross the old golf course, now rapidly returning to its natural state. Exiting to follow Naas Lane back across the A48 and the railway line, the walkers paused to view the partially restored Naas Court and the distant Naas House before taking a field path to the Severn bank. There, a woodland path led south again to the harbour with tantalising views across the river sparkling in the bright sunshine, leaving enough time for a convivial pre-lunch aperitif.