

*Guinear & District Footpaths & Bridleways
Association*

Saturday 13th September 2015. Our first Saturday afternoon pleasure walk this autumn and we are pleasantly endowed with dry weather with occasional sunshine after last night's heavy overnight rain. Hansina Sumner is leader today and six of us meet at the small National Trust car park by Rosewall Hill near St Ives. We start on the north side of the Hill with 180 degree views over the sea from north to south - all along the coast from Godrevy and its lighthouse (and beyond), Gwithian and Hayle Towans, St. Ives and then the rolling farmland with its many farms and holiday parks between the high ground and the rocky coast down towards Zennor. The view is with us all the while as we climb up, following a south easterly route to the Cairn just short of the top. A short breather then up to the top with a couple of mine chimneys on our left then turn south west to follow the footpath alongside disused tips, shafts and pits.

The view changes on the south side of the Hill - we see Mounts Bay and St Michael's Mount. Closer was Knill's Monument or Steeple and Bussow Reservoir with many farms, cattle and horses. We left the gorse and heather, climbed over a stile and walked down a short, grassy valley/field with several belted Galloways which took a look at us as we climbed over another stile onto Towednack Road and immediately headed north east along it. We'd lost the north east wind this side of the hill so it was most pleasant as we chatted incessantly along the road, interrupted by one or two cars, bird calls and questioning various outposts in the distance. There are several residences and small holdings along here and camping sites. Again we can see across to St Ives Bay before turning left off the road to follow a path taking us round the eastern end of Rosewall Hill.

This is a level although twisting, rocky path with trees, gorse and heather hemming us in on both sides - it's single file - eventually bringing us back to the St Ives/Zennor Road which we cross over to take a footpath across a small field to another track at An-Jue Green. Walking west we head for the footpath which will take us up and over Trevalgan Hill and back to our car park. We make several stops going up to turn round and take in the view out to sea and north and south along the coast. Near the top there is a very large, prominent boulder with a plaque commemorating the life of artist, Peter Lanyon, 1918 - 1964. And so down the hill to the end of our very pleasant 3 mile walk. Many thanks Hansina for planning it and leading us.

Next walk: 2pm Saturday 17th October - not sure exactly where we'll meet or the walk as there's need to check out some footpaths first. You'll be emailed or contacted well in advance with the information.