Offa's Twisted Wye Kanter
Sunday 24th April 2022
12 mile (19km) route description
This route description is designed to be used in conjunction with a map.

Key:
T JCN – T Junction, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left, BR – Bear Right, BL – Bear Left, SO – Straight On, RD – RD, TK – TK, X – Cross, FB – Footbridge, ST – Stile, LMG – Large Metal Gate, LWG – Large Wooden Gate SWG – Small Wooden Gate, KGT – Kissing Gate, MCB – Magnetic Compass Bearing, FLD – Field, YDS – Yards, LHS – Left hand Side, RHS – Right Hand Side, FPS – Footpath Sign, WMS – Waymarker Sign, ODP (Offa's Dyke Path) WVW (Wye Valley Walk) GW (Gloucestershire Way)

1. Leave hall & TR to reach RD. X to pavement opposite & TR down RD for 100 YDS (91m). BL up steps to LHS of War Memorial & BR. Down cobbled narrow RD to reach 'The Five Alls' pub. SO downhill & remain on LH pavement. Pavement bends to L. X river on Wye Bridge. At end of bridge, X RD **CAREFULLY** & up enclosed path (**join ODP halfway up hill**) to reach RD. X RD **CAREFULLY** towards bin opposite & SO to reach lane. After 140 YDS (128m) arrive at KGT on LHS. Thru KGT & uphill following RH fence / hedge line. When fence turns R after 2nd white house, SO to reach KGT in furthest corner of FLD. TR thru KGT & follow LH FLD edge to reach KGT. TL thru KGT & along enclosed path. At end TR on driveway to reach KGT in LH hedge line. Thru & SO following RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru & TL (**now leaving ODP**), pass underneath bridge & end of wall reach notice board:

CLUE A (ST 53988 95620)

2. SO downhill & follow WMSs with red arrows. Descend to section with large boulders (**TAKE GREAT CARE – SLIPPERY LIMESTONE**). Scramble **CAREFULLY** across boulders following faint yellow marks keeping river on the LHS to reach path. SO following waymarks with red arrows & after 0.5ml (804m) reach SWG. Thru & path will bend to R & uphill. After 100 YDS (91m) BR to X stone ST to reach church:

CLUE B (ST 53696 96482)

3. Leave church, do not return to stone ST, but BR uphill to reach gap in wall. Thru & TR. Uphill to reach SWG. Thru & uphill following directions of red arrows on WMSs to reach RD (FPS). TR & follow RD to RD JCN (B4228). X RD & TL. (**NO VERGE ON ROAD - BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL. FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC. SINGLE FILE ON RHS**) & after 300 YDS (274m) reach Netherhope Lane on the RHS (**join ODP**) & bus stop:

CLUE C (ST 54461 96595)

4. SO along RD & after 30 YDS (27m) reach stone ST on RHS (ODP FPS). X ST & SO & follow RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru into woodland & follow RH edge. Path will BL (ODP WMS) & follow edge of woodland to reach KGT. Thru & follow RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru & SO to reach KGT. Thru & SO to reach KGT. Thru & up steps to reach RD (FPS) (B4228). TR (**NO VERGE ON ROAD - BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL. FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC. SINGLE FILE ON RHS. BE CAREFUL**) to reach RD JCN (Boughspring Lane). SO on B4228 uphill along intermittent verge that becomes pavement to arrive at house called 'Hillside':

CLUE D (ST 55146 97550)

5. SO & pavement ends at house called 'Sabrinae'. SO along grass verge & after 120 YDS (109m) X RD **CAREFULLY** to KGT opposite (FPS). Thru & follow enclosed path to reach KGT. Thru & BR & after 15 YDS (13m) reach at path JCN (FPS). BR (ODP) & after 0.5ml (804m) reach FPS & green metal fence with & gates:

CLUE E (ST 55177 98387)

6. SO across TK to reach wooden barrier (ODP). Thru & follow forestry TK for 0.4ml (643m) to reach crest of hill & path JCN on RHS (ODP FPS). TR & uphill into woods. Follow path thru woods for 1ml (1609m) to reach Devil's Pulpit oval plaque on ground:

CLUE F (ST 54280 99517)

7. SO & after 70 YDS (64m) reach FPS. SO (**now leaving ODP**) to reach KGT. Thru & into FLD. Follow LH FLD edge to FLD corner to reach KGT set back in hedge. Thru & SO (100°) & X centre of FLD to reach KGT near to LMG in corner of FLD. Thru (120°) to reach KGT next to LMG (FPS). Thru into FLD & follow LH FLD edge & just before 2nd wooden electricity

pole, follow distinct path between brambles & hedge on LHS. Path becomes enclosed to reach KGT next to LMG. Thru & SO to TK (FPS). TL & after 15 YDS (13m) (FPS) TR to reach KGT. Thru & SO to reach KGT. Thru & after 30 YDS (27m) pass to the LHS of trig point & after 15 YDS (13m) arrive at path T JCN. TL & remain on main TK (ignoring paths to L&R) to reach wooden barrier. Thru into car park & SO to reach RD (B4228). X **CAREFULLY** to SWG (carved) opposite. Thru & into woodland & after 120 YDS (109m) reach notice board:

CLUE G (ST 55932 99187)

8. Leave notice board on obvious path & after 70 YDS (64m) reach path JCN (WMS). SO & after 90 YDS (82m) reach path T JCN (WMS). TR & after 120 YDS (109m) reach WMS. After 40 YDS (36m) reach path JCN. TL onto faint path (120°). After 30 YDS (27m) merges with path coming from RHS. After 150 YDS (137m) reach path fork & BR. After 80 YDS (73m) reach path T JCN (WMS on LHS). TR (200°) & after 230 YDS (210m) & having Xd a couple of minor streams reach path fork (WMS on RHS & holly tree on LHS). BL (230°) to reach ST (FPS). X ST to reach RD & TL. After 240 YDS (219m) reach entrance to forestry on the RHS. TR to reach wooden barrier. Thru & SO ignoring all paths to the L&R to reach path JCN (WMS). TL & after 65 YDS (59m) (**now leaving GW**) arrive at standing stone:

CLUE H (ST 55909 98150)

A temporary fence (may or may not be electric) often exists and is attached to stiles between clues H and I. This has purposely been omitted from the description. Please make an allowance for this.

9. From standing stone return to path & TL (300°). After 75 YDS (68m) reach path JCN. TL (**join GW**) & follow path to pass WMS to reach ST. X ST & enter FLD. SO (190°) & initially follow RH FLD edge. When hedge ends, remain on bearing to reach KGT next to LMG. Thru & SO to reach abandoned ST. Pass to the RHS of ST & follow LH FLD edge to reach ST (Ignore 1st ST in LH hedge). X ST & downhill following RH FLD edge to reach ST. X ST & downhill to reach RD & FPS:

CLUE I (ST 55633 97293)

10. TR uphill. Immed opposite Beverston Farm BL to TK (GW FPS). After 120 YDS (109m) & Immed before substantial stone wall on LHS arrive at stone ST. X ST & follow RH FLD edge to pass 2 x WMS to pass WMS to reach KGT in bottom RH corner. Thru SO following RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru SO & follow RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru SO & follow RH FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru & SO to reach ST. X ST & TR (**now leaving GW**) to reach ST next to LMG. Thru SO & follow RH FLD edge. As RH hedge turns right, BR (320°) diagonally across FLD to pile of mossy stones. Thru gap next to stones & follow RH FLD edge to reach ST next to LMG in top R corner of FLD. X ST & SO to reach driveway with house on LHS. X driveway & SO keeping wall & later fence on the LHS to reach RD. TL & after 10 YDS (9m) BL down Netherhope Lane. After 40 YDS (36m) at RD fork (FPS) BR downhill. When tarmac ends arrive at FPS:

CLUE J (ST 54523 96424)

11. SO downhill to reach KGT & LMG. Thru & follow RH FLD edge to reach Bristol Gate. Thru & Immed BL to KGT. Thru & along enclosed path to reach RD. SO to arrive at RD JCN (B4228). Immed BL uphill (Woodcroft Lane) & follow RD to the end. SO along concrete TK to reach Tidenham Service Reservoir with children's play area on the LHS:

CLUE K (ST 54623 95711)

12. Walk to KGT next to LMG. Thru & follow RH FLD edge to hedge corner. BR (140°) & down FLD to reach KGT next to SMG in bottom corner of FLD. Thru (**join GW**) & along enclosed path to TK JCN. TR sharply & follow TK to reach 2 x LMGs on the RHS. Thru & along broad TK with barn on the LHS. Follow RH edge & remain above farm machinery storage area on the LHS to reach LWG. Thru & BL to reach ST. X ST & BR (250°) to reach KGT in hedge. Thru & BL (220°) to reach LMG (FPS). Thru & X RD to LMG (FPS) opposite. Thru (220°) to reach KGT. Thru & follow LH FLD edge uphill to reach stone ST. X ST & follow enclosed path to reach RD. TR & pass between bollard and low wall to reach RD (B4228). X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & TL to arrive at Tutshill Community Pre-School & Tidenham Parish Council Notice Board:

CLUE L (ST 53902 94945)

13. Cont along pavement & as main RD BL, SO along RD (Mopla Rd) When RD ends, SO towards bin & RD. X RD **CAREFULLY** & SO down enclosed path opposite (Ignore ODP path on LHS) to reach RD. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & X river on Wye Bridge. Follow RH pavement as it bends to R & uphill into town. When next to 'The Five Alls' pub, (**now leaving GW**) BR up narrow cobbled RD to reach war memorial. BL down steps to reach RD. X RD to pavement opposite & TR uphill. Immed before arch & 'Chepstow Town Council' TL to return to Palmer Community Centre & Finish.

(Total Distance 12 miles / 19km)