



Have you ever thought that you might like to write some walking Guide Books for *your* local area or imagined seeing *your* walks books piled high in local bookshops and tourist venues? How about bumping into people out walking and enjoying the beautiful places you know so well, using *your* guides and enjoying discovering a myriad of interesting facts from the books as they walk along?

Julia Killingback didn't just leave it to her imagination, she put her heart and soul, and considerable experience as an author and designer into just such a dream.

Four colourful ***Explorewalks Guides to Bristol*** - covering Clifton, Victorian Clifton, Cliftonwood and Hotwells are the result. However, the route Julia had to follow to reach this end was far from straight or smooth...

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Recorded in Julia's living room, in May 2014 and published in November 2014 on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

The walks published by Julia, are widely available in Bristol and can also be ordered from <http://explorewalks.co.uk>.

Julia studied at the West of England College of Art: <http://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/courses/Subject-areas/Creative-Arts-Media/Pages/Creative-Arts-Media.aspx>

Julia has served on the committee of The Clifton & Hotwells Improvement Society for many years :<http://www.cliftonhotwells.org.uk/>

Likewise local historian **Mike Pascoe**- Julia's co-author for Explorewalks.

Julia has had a series of her illustrated children's books published by Methuen, although they are no longer in print. http://www.isbns.co.ke/author/Julia_Killingback

Julia an accomplished author, illustrator and product designer much appreciated help with graphic design from Simon Bishop: <http://simonbishopdesign.co.uk/about>

Explorewalks books are distributed by Richard Jones of Tangent Books: <http://www.tangentbooks.co.uk/pages/about-tangent-books.html>

The books were launched at Stanfords in Bristol: http://www.stanfords.co.uk/Stanfords-Bristol-Store.htm?gclid=CPLD_6zN28ECFePHtAodxSUAkQ

Bristol's Explorewalks books have been endorsed by the Mayor of Bristol: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/george-ferguson-mayor-bristol>

Julia appreciated receiving a loan from Bristol City Council to help towards her publishing costs of the four Explorewalks guides. She has also included a donation to Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal-Bristol Children's Hospital Charity (Registered Charity No.1043603) on the sale of each book.

When Julia is asked which of the four walks she enjoys most, the answer has to be, "**Each walk has such a different character-Try them *all* and enjoy discovering extraordinary Bristol on foot!**"