



# Taunton Deane Ramblers

## SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER

1st April 2018 - 31st July 2018



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[www.tauntonramblers.org.uk](http://www.tauntonramblers.org.uk)

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## NOTES FOR NEWCOMERS

**CP:** Car park    **NT:** National Trust    **PH:** Public House    **VH:** Village Hall

All mileages are approximate

**Medium & Short walks:** The letters (**MED** or **MEDIUM**) denote walks of seven to nine miles in length led at a more relaxed pace. **SHORT** denotes walks of less than three-and-a-half miles at a very relaxed pace.

**Rendezvous:** The figure below the date/time of walks is the grid or map reference for the location of the walk's starting point. For further explanation of \*, rendezvous times and other details: see 'Transport' on page 11.

**Telephone numbers** for walk leaders: unless otherwise indicated all numbers are preceded by 01823 when calling from outside the Taunton area.

**Pub grub! Wednesday:** walks often start in a village with a pub and some walkers may be found inside having a meal (or just a drink). Ring the walk leader if you would like details.

**Friday:** There is an optional meal at end of all Friday evening walks.

## ***GO GREEN - CAR SHARE!***

At present all-day Sunday walkers meet at the Crescent car park in Taunton in order to car share. It is important, however, to check with leader to confirm that there will be a car leaving from that point.

Friday, Wednesday and Sunday afternoon walkers do not have a car share system, instead relying on members getting together informally. To reduce the number of cars parked at the start of a walk please offer lifts, via the walk leader or directly, to anyone who lives in your area. With the high cost of petrol it makes sense financially as well as ecologically.

Fairly new to TDR and don't fancy driving all the way to some of the walk locations on your own? Join our list of members who would be happy to car share - it makes sense to fill your car for a longer journey. Just supply first name, area where you live (eg: Galmington) and your phone number. Email our webmaster, Dave Patten, [merrymark@btopenworld.com](mailto:merrymark@btopenworld.com), and ask to be added to the list.

## **WALK OFFERS FOR THE NEXT PROGRAMME**

Have you enjoyed a walk and would like to do it again? If you would like to lead a walk, your offer will be gratefully received. Advice and help is available to new walk leaders. Without walk leaders there will be no walks.

To find out more, or to offer a walk, please talk to one of the Assistant Programme Secretaries (see front page).

## **THE ONLINE PROGRAMME**

A version of this programme and newsletter in A4 format, rather than A5, is available as an attachment to an email. If you would like a copy please send an email request to the Programme Secretary.

## Walking with Taunton Deane Ramblers

<b>Membership:</b>	We welcome newcomers to all our walks and up to three initially without commitment to joining the Ramblers' Association. It should be remembered that membership of the RA involves more than walking in company with others (and with any other group in the Country). Annual subscriptions contribute to the running of the Group and the printing of three four-monthly programmes each year, to expenditure incurred in footpath work, and more particularly to national campaigns, promotions and publications produced by head office.
<b>Bad Weather:</b>	In the event of extreme weather conditions please check on the website or telephone the walk leader as to whether the walk will take place.
<b>Walks:</b>	All walks, outside open access areas, should, unless prior permission of the landowner has been obtained, be on definitive or permissive rights of way.
<b>Damage or personal injury:</b>	Please note that the RA cannot be held responsible for any damage or personal injury sustained by persons taking part in any activity organised by them.
<b>Dogs:</b>	Dogs are allowed on walks unless otherwise stated in the programme. Dogs must be on leads at all times unless the walk leader permits otherwise. Dog owners are responsible for their dogs (including collecting faeces), and are strongly advised to take out third party insurance.
<b>Refreshments:</b>	All requirements should be carried, especially liquids, unless it is stated that lunch, etc, can be obtained on the walk (e.g. pub lunch option).
<b>Transport:</b>	Car sharing is encouraged. Members can contact each other or the walk leader for lifts. For all-day Sunday walks go to the Crescent Car Park, Taunton, at the time indicated by * on Sunday morning to car share. Phone the leader if you want to be sure of a lift. A contribution towards the driver's expenses is advised, at the rate of 28p/mile shared between all occupants.
<b>Security:</b>	Cars should be left with windows closed, doors locked and valuables, cases, handbags, etc, left out of sight.
<b>Programmes:</b>	A copy of the programme is available on the website: <a href="http://www.tauntonramblers.org.uk">www.tauntonramblers.org.uk</a>
<b>Health and Safety:</b>	It is the responsibility of walkers to ensure that they believe they are capable of undertaking any walk before setting out. If in any doubt, contact the walk leader in advance.
<b>Equipment:</b>	Strong footwear or wellingtons, windproof and waterproof clothing are recommended. Carry a First Aid kit and any personal medication.

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 1 Apr 14:00 ST221229 TA1 4XW	<b>A Fool's Walk</b> 4½ miles, easy - footpaths, fields & lanes. A riddling guide to your walk will be provided. <i>Meet by field gate at bottom of Queen's Drive (second cul-de-sac on right - roadside parking)</i>	You, collectively or singly 257337
Sun 1 Apr	Sunday long walk. Date still available, see website for update	
Wed 4 Apr 14:00 SS992437 TA24 6SG	<b>Historical Dunster</b> 4 miles <i>Meet at Dunster Castle CP. (Free for NT members)</i>	Mo & Pete M 07774 471382
Fri 6 Apr 18:00 ST216221 TA3 7JZ	<b>Around Trull</b> 3½ - 4 miles, fairly easy <i>Meet at Church CP, Trull (optional meal at The Winchester Arms)</i>	Mike W 252733
Sun 8 Apr 14:00 SS974318 TA22 9NU	<b>Wimbleball Lake &amp; St James's Church Ruins</b> 5¾ miles, moderate <i>Meet Bessom Bridge CP, Wimbleball Lake</i>	Michael B & Joyce L 274827 or 432182
Sun 8 Apr	Sunday long walk. Date still available, see website for update	
Wed 11 Apr 13:00 ST227245	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 1. Kingston St Mary to Taunton</b> 4½ miles, easy to Taunton Goodland Gardens. <i>Bus from Parade (Fat Face stop) No 23 at 13:15 to Kingston St Mary.</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Fri 13 Apr 18:30 ST087113 EX15 3NL	<b>Out and about Ashill</b> 4 Miles, moderate <i>Meet at The Ashill Inn, Ashill, Devon Limited parking, street parking or village hall. (optional meal at The Ashill Inn)</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 15 Apr	Sunday short walk. Date still available, see website for update	

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 15 Apr *09:00/09:30 ST222320 TA5 2EH	<b>Quantock Greenway - part 1</b> (linear walk) 11½ miles, moderate/hilly. Walfords Gibbet to Fyne Court. All cars to meet at Fyne Court for 09:30 shuttle to the start of the linear walk at Walfords Gibbet. Please do not have more than one passenger in your car and please all meet at Fyne Court. (NT members please bring membership cards for free parking) Have spare shoes or plastic bags to leave at Fyne Court. See website on page 16 of newsletter.	Sally & Davina 01278 662285 01823 256834
Wed 18 Apr 14:00 ST154411 TA5 1RY	<b>Janice's Quantock Favourite: a Horseshoe</b> 5 miles, moderate/hilly - Higher Hare Knap up, Woodlands Hill down. Great views. <i>Park at Holford Bowling Green CP</i>	Janice & Alan C 257337
Fri 20 Apr	Date still available, see website for update	
Sun 22 Apr 14:00 ST134099 EX14 4RW	<b>Out from Stentwood Farm</b> 5 miles, moderate/hilly. Tea option at end. <i>Meet/park at Stentwood Farm (near Dunkeswell)</i>	Richard M 669080
Sun 22 Apr *08:40/10:00 SS765433	<b>A moorland walk from Brendon Two Gates</b> 11 miles, hilly. Along Badgworthy Water to Cloud Farm and back along Lanacombe. <i>Meet Brendon Two Gates</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Wed 25 Apr 14:00 ST223297 TA2 8HR	<b>Kingston St Mary to countryside South of the village</b> 5 miles, easy <i>Meet at Kingston St Mary Church CP</i>	Dave G 451275
Fri 27 Apr 18:30 ST168291 TA4 3BW	<b>Around Bishops Lydeard</b> 3½ - 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at The Lethbridge Arms PH, Bishops Lydeard</i> (optional meal at The Lethbridge Arms)	Quentin H 325752
Sun 29 Apr 14:00 ST223297 TA2 8HW	<b>Gadd's Bottom &amp; Nailsbourne</b> 5½ miles, moderate with a few stiles, steep incline near the start. Could be muddy. <i>Meet Kingston St Mary Church overflow CP</i>	Andy & Val N 282282

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Sun 29 Apr *09:15/10:00 ST204022 EX14 9HJ	Circular walk starting at <b>Cotleigh Village Hall</b> . Around 10 miles, moderate. Tea at the Royal Oak Farm <i>Meet at Cotleigh Village Hall</i>	Claire and Terry 442661
Wed 2 May <b>13:15</b> ST220297	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 2. West Bagborough to Kingston St Mary</b> 5 miles, easy to moderate. <i>Park outside school, Church CP or at pub if eating. 13:30 bus No 23 from Kingston St Mary (opp Swan Inn) to West Bagborough</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Fri 4 May 18:30 ST419266 TA10 9PG	<b>Out from Langport</b> <b>Liz's Favourite Walk</b> 3½ - 4 miles, fairly easy <i>Meet at Langport Main CP (far end)</i> (optional meal at The Black Swan)	Liz O 283563
Sun 6 May 14:00 ST145443	<b>Kilve to Lilstock</b> <b>Shirley's Coastal Favourite</b> 5 miles, easy/moderate, coast path & lanes <i>Park at Kilve Beach CP (fee)</i>	Shirley & Richard W 277234
Sun 6 May *09:00/10:00 ST418382 TA9 9LS	<b>Shapwick, Sharpham Park, Walton, Pedwell Hill.</b> 10-11 miles moderate. <i>Meet at Shapwick Church</i>	Wendy & Linda 331058 662232
Wed 9 May 14:00 ST418382 TA7 9NE	<b>Avalon Marshes Heritage Walk</b> About 6 miles, moderate. Rhynes and Rare breeds, Shapwick to Catcott along the Polden Ridge. <i>Meet at Shapwick Church</i>	Liz H 490828
Fri 11 May 18:30 ST089171 EX16 7JY	<b>Around the Poachers Pocket</b> <b>Richard's Favourite Walk</b> 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at Poachers Pocket PH. (A38 Red Ball)</i> (optional meal at Poachers Pocket)	Richard M 669080
Sun 13 May 14:00 ST200328	<b>Cothelstone Hill, Terhill &amp; Twenty Acre Plantation</b> 5 miles, hilly. <i>Meet Cothelstone Hill CP</i>	Cath R 270308

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Sun 13 May *09:00/10/00 ST487378 BA6 8AA	<b>Glastonbury Tor</b> and surrounding area. Approximately 10 miles, a couple of climbs but not hard. <i>Roadside parking just beyond Street, going towards Glastonbury. Turn right onto 'The Roman Way'.</i>	Daphne H 254151 Margaret M 331349
Wed 16 May 14:00 ST031435 TA24 6JR	<b>Blue Anchor to Watchet</b> 5½ miles moderate but may include shore. <i>Park at East End of Blue Anchor prom</i>	Cath R 270308
Fri 18 May 18:30 ST183249 TA4 1AL	<b>Allerford to Hillfarrance (&amp; Back)</b> 4 miles, Fairly easy, with stiles & railway crossing <i>Meet at Allerford Inn PH</i> (optional meal at Allerford Inn)	Andy & Val N 282282
Sun 20 May 13:30 ST101323 TA4 3PR	<b>West Deane Way Stage 3. West Bagborough to Tolland.</b> 6 miles, moderate. <i>Car share from Tolland Church CP to West Bagborough (roadside parking by pub)</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Sun 20 May *09:10/10:00 ST100047 EX14 3NG	Start from <b>Broadhembury Memorial Hall CP</b> 10 miles, moderate with some hills. Broadhembury, Blackborough Common, Downsland Plantation.	Jan F 270018
Wed 23 May 14:00 ST029435 TA24 6JS	<b>Blue Anchor, Old Cleeve, Bilbrook, Macmillan Way West, Withycombe - Mike's Favourite Walk</b> 6 miles, moderate, with one longish climb. <i>Meet on Blue Anchor Sea Front, near Home Farm.</i>	Mike W 252733
Fri 25 May 18:30 ST303487 TA8 1BT	<b>Burnham-on-Sea &amp; Beach</b> (tide permitting) 4 - 4½ miles, fairly easy <i>Meet on Sea Front (opposite B &amp; M CP)</i> (optional meal after walk)	Lyn B 07970 772613
Sun 27 May 14:00 ST419266 TA10 9PG	<b>Langport Circular</b> 6 miles, moderate <i>Meet in main CP in town centre (free)</i>	Philip B 275348

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Sun 27 May *09:00/09:30 ST140367 TA4 4AA	<b>Quantock Greenway - part 2</b> (linear walk) 8½ miles, moderate/hilly. Fyne Court to Crowcombe. All cars to meet at <b>Crowcombe for 09:30</b> shuttle to the start of the linear walk at Fyne Court. (NT members please bring membership cards for free parking) Please do not have more than one passenger in your car and please all meet at <b>Crowcombe</b> . Have spare shoes or plastic bags to leave at Crowcombe. See website on page 16 of newsletter.	Sally & Davina 01278 662285 01823 256834
Wed 30 May 14:00 ST308298 TA7 0DH	<b>Maunsel Lock Circular</b> 4-4½ miles, fairly easy with stiles, fields & lanes Possible tea option at end. <i>Meet at Lower Maunsel Lock CP</i>	Lyn B 07970 772613
Fri 1 Jun 18:30 ST275294 TA2 8RF	<b>Around Thurloxtton</b> <b>Dot's Favourite Friday Walk</b> 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at The Maypole Inn, Thurloxtton</i> (optional meal at The Maypole)	Dot M 270773
Sun 3 Jun <b>09:15</b> ST255253	<b>A trip with the Exe factor (Dot's Favourite Walk)</b> Coach to Topsham, boat to Exmouth and walk back. 6 miles, easy and fairly level. Tea option. <i>Meet at west end of Hankridge CP, by Halford's</i> <b>Pre-booking required (see application form in newsletter section page 16)</b>	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 3 Jun *09:00/10:00 SY139919 EX10 OSD	<b>Sidbury, White Cross, Plyford Farm, East Devon Way.</b> 10 miles. Moderate with some hills. Tea and cake at Florabil. <i>Meet Sidbury CP behind village hall or park roadside in village centre</i>	Roger H 253297
Wed 6 Jun 14:00 ST318148 TA19 9QR	<b>Horton, Sticklepath and Chilworthy</b> 5½ miles, moderate <i>Meet at Horton Village Hall</i>	Ann W 01460 54622
Fri 8 Jun 18:30 ST232194 TA3 7BU	<b>The Blackdowns from Corfe</b> <b>Gill's Favourite Walk</b> 4 miles, moderate with one longish climb <i>Meet at The White Hart PH, Corfe</i> (optional meal at The White Hart)	Gill L 331474



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Sun 10 Jun 13:30 ST080279 TA4 2LJ	<b>West Deane Way Stage 4. Tolland to Wiveliscombe.</b> 4½ miles, moderate. <i>Car share from Wiveliscombe main CP to Tolland Church CP</i>  <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Sun 10 Jun *08:45/10:00 SS774395 TA24 7SH	<b>Exmoor, Simonsbath, Picked Stones, and Barle Valley.</b> 9/10 miles, moderate. <i>Start at Ashcombe car park, Exmoor (on B3223 between pub and church).</i>	Kathy R 01984 656353 07967 907117
Wed 13 Jun 14:00 SS998131 <b>SHORT</b>	<b>The Swan's neck circular section of the Grand Western Canal</b> 2¼ miles. A short but pleasant walk with a tea stop. <i>Meet at Tiverton Bridge CP.</i>	Joanna M 01398 332301
Fri 15 Jun 18:30 ST299310 TA7 0BG	<b>Mike's Favourite</b> North Newton walk 4½ miles, fairly easy <i>Meet at Harvest Moon PH, North Newton (optional meal at Harvest Moon)</i>	Mike & Chris W 252733
Sun 17 Jun 14:00 ST181338	<b>Lydeard Hill, Aisholt &amp; Triscombe Stone</b> 5½ miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at Lydeard Hill CP</i>	Evan L 01278 451388
Sun 17 Jun *08:45/10:00 ST749353 BA10 OJS	<b>Alfred's Tower and Stourhead.</b> A grand 10 miles moderate walk through three counties wending around Stourhead with an available pub halt at Bourton. <i>Meet at Alfred's Tower</i>	Miss Moppett 490782
Wed 20 Jun 14:00 ST137344 TA4 4PA	<b>Crowcombe Station to Stogumber</b> 3¾ miles, easy. Tea option at Stogumber Station, 16:17 train back. <i>Meet at Crowcombe Station</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 22 Jun 18:30 ST174219 TA4 1ET	<b>Short &amp; sweet from the end of the world</b> 3½ - 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at The World's End PH, Bradford on Tone (optional meal at The Worlds End)</i>	Wendy M 663911
Sun 24 Jun 14:00 SX724902 EX6 6PB	<b>Teign Gorge from Castle Drogo.</b> <b>Alan's Dartmoor Favourite</b> 4 miles, moderate, with one sustained incline. NT cafe at start/finish & riverside pub en route. <i>Meet Castle Drogo NT CP (£4 for non-members)</i>	Alan & Janice C 257337

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Sun 24 Jun *09:00/10:00 SS906349 TA24 7JE	<b>Yellowcombe, Tarr Steps and The Punchbowl</b> 9 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Winsford CP</i>	Michael B 274827
Wed 27 Jun 14:00 ST478168 TA14 6RW	<b>Ham Hill circular via Montacute</b> Approx 4 miles - Moderate. A partly hilly walk, possibly muddy with a few stiles. Good countryside views, dogs on leads please. <i>Meet at Ham Hill Centre (Ranger's Hut) adjacent to toilets, free parking.</i>	Robert W 288373
Fri 29 Jun 18:30 ST220297 TA2 8HW	<b>A Kingston jaunt</b> 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at The Swan PH, Kingston St Mary (optional meal at The Swan)</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 1 Jul 14:00 SY057897	<b>East Devon Way from Hawkerland Valley</b> 5 miles, moderate with good views. <i>Park at Hawkerland Valley CP on A3052 (on right, between Halfway House Inn &amp; Newton Popleford)</i>	Susannah B & Josephine S 01884 821256 or 07796 772726
Sun 1 Jul *09:15/10:00 SY041881	<b>Woodbury Common Circular.</b> 10 - 11 miles, moderate. Commons and Plantations <i>Meet at CP south side B3180</i>	Bridget 01984 623621
Wed 4 Jul 14:00 ST173229 TA4 1HF	<b>Bradford-on-Tone, includes East Nynehead Tone Aqueduct</b> Approx 5 miles - Easy to Moderate <i>Street parking in Bradford-on-Tone and meet in front of the pub.</i>	Wendy M 663911
Fri 6 Jul 18:30 ST273257 TA3 5DP	<b>Creech &amp; Bathpool (Canal &amp; River)</b> 4 miles, fairly easy, but stiles <i>Meet at The Bell Inn PH, Creech St Michael (optional meal at The Bell)</i>	Alan W 277285
Sun 8 Jul 14:00 ST305455 TA9 3RN	<b>3 Rivers, a Channel, 2 Islands &amp; 2 Countries.</b> <b>Mike's Favourite</b> 5 miles, fairly easy, with coastal views. <i>Meet at St Peter &amp; All Hallows Church, West Huntspill (street parking)</i>	Mike W 252733

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 8 Jul *08:45/10:00 SX759767 near TQ13 9XT	<b>Dartmoor Tor Bagging.</b> 12 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at CP approx. 1 km west of Haytor Vale</i>	Peter W 321985
Wed 11 Jul 14:00 SS898455 TA24 8HY	<b>Horner, Bossington and Porlock</b> 5 miles, easy, with great views but with one steep hill. Tea and bird spotting options <i>Meet at Horner NT CP (fee for non-members)</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 13 Jul 18:30 ST077413 TA4 4SN	<b>Williton, Watchet or similar</b> <b>Quentin's Favourite Walk</b> 4½ miles, easy/moderate <i>Meet at Masons Arms PH, Williton</i> (optional meal at Mason's Arms)	Quentin H 325752
Sun 15 Jul 10:30 SS992437 TA24 6SL <b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>Bats Castle, Timberscombe &amp; Grabbist Hill.</b> <b>Peter's Favourite Walk</b> 8½ miles, moderate/hilly, but at a leisurely pace. Bring packed lunch. <i>Meet at Dunster Castle NT CP (£3.50 for non-members)</i>  <b>Note much earlier start time</b>	Peter W 07762 919883
Sun 15 Jul *09:00/09:40 ST173395 TA5 1LE	<b>Quantock Greenway - part 3</b> (linear walk) 11 miles, moderate/hilly. Crowcombe to Walfords Gibbet. All cars to meet at <b>Walfords Gibbet for 09:40</b> shuttle to the start of the linear walk at Crowcombe. Please do not have more than one passenger in your car and please all meet at <b>Walfords Gibbet</b> . Have spare shoes or plastic bags to leave at Walfords Gibbet. See website on page 16 of newsletter.	Sally & Davina 01278 662285 01823 256834

Tue 17 July  
13:30-16:30

### **Open Afternoon at Trull Church Community Centre**

Displays, workshops and tea, and maybe a walk? An opportunity to bring interested friends along. See newsletter page 14  
*Parking at Trull Village Hall*

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 18 Jul 10:45 ST081278	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 5. Wiveliscombe to Waterrow</b> 5 miles, hilly. <i>11:00 bus No 25 from Taunton Bus Station, Stop C. Alight at the Square in Wiveliscombe.</i> <b>Bring a packed lunch.</b> <i>15:54 bus No 25 from Waterrow to Taunton. Back at 16:51</i>  <b>Note much earlier start time</b>	John O 01984 624477 Judi T 07870 871057
Fri 20 Jul 18:30 ST034435 TA24 6JP	<b>A Blue Anchor evening stroll</b> 4 miles, fairly easy <i>Meet at The Blue Anchor Hotel, Blue Anchor (optional meal at Blue Anchor Hotel)</i>	Mo & Pete M 07774 471382
Sun 22 Jul 14:00 SS906349 TA24 7JE	<b>An Exmoor (Exe)cursion revisited</b> <b>Joy's Favourite Walk</b> 5 miles, one steady climb & great views. <i>Meet at Winsford roadside CP (Tea option)</i>	Joy C 282827
Sun 22 Jul *08:30/10:00 ST899207 SP7 0EL	<b>Zig Zag hill and Tollard Royal (Shaftesbury).</b> 10 pretty gentle miles Lovely views from escarpment and valley walk past Guy Ritchie's house (Madonna's ex) to posh Tollard Royal. Tea back at Shaftesbury Gold Hill if you like. <i>Park in large lay-by on right ¼ mile beyond summit of Zig Zag hill.</i>	Miss Moppett 490782
Wed 25 Jul 14:00 ST275256	<b>Canal &amp; River Tone from Creech St Michael</b> Approx 5 miles, easy with lovely views. <i>Meet at Canal side CP Creech St Michael</i>	Martin S 256687
Fri 27 Jul 18:30 ST136132 EX15 3RQ	<b>Colin's Favourite Walk (medieval elephant)</b> 4¼ miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at The Catherine Wheel PH, Hemyock (Park in Village CP - meal in Catherine Wheel)</i>	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 29 Jul 14:00 ST137435 TA5 1EJ	<b>East Quantoxhead &amp; the Quantocks</b> 5 miles, moderate. Tea option at the Chantry on return <i>Meet East Quantoxhead CP (fee)</i>	John O 01984 624477
Sun 29 Jul	Sunday long walk. Date still available, see website for update	

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1st April 2018 -31st July 2018

## Chairman's Chat

I'm writing this on yet another cold wet and bleak day in late January, but I am already enthused by the way the Summer Programme is taking shape, and the spirit of response of members to recognise our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special walks. Already we have an opportunity to walk the **West Deane Way** in its entirety, a **coach and boat trip and walk**, another **Barn Dance** and an **Open Afternoon**. In the Open afternoon I hope to lay on a walk leaders' workshop where newcomers can seek help and go away with new walk ideas and possibilities.

On a very sad note however, I have to tell you that our programme secretary Neil Parker has been forced to retire from his role as programme secretary. As most of you know Neil has been battling cancer for some time now, and sadly feels he can no longer carry on. Fortunately for the committee and its vital production of the programme and newsletter. Andrew Norris has agreed to step into the breach, and I'm sure with me you will wish him well and help him in this very important job for the group.

We are still looking for another member to complete our committee. If you feel like getting a bit more involved in helping to run the group in any capacity, do please ring me or chat with one or other of our committee on a walk or on the phone. Your help would be much appreciated. We're a friendly bunch, and normally with only three committee meetings a year, it's not an onerous commitment, so please do consider it!

One of the features we agreed to promote for the Spring/Summer Programme was "**your favourite walk**". At this stage I don't know what you are going to come up with, but I hope you will also remember to write something to go in the newsletter with it.

I was idly asked what my favourite walk was. You will understand that with now over 250 walks led for the group and with twenty five years of involvement here in Somerset on rambler holidays and abroad, it's very difficult to choose just one as this includes many overseas walks.

I do hope you can come up with some memorable rambles not too far from Taunton this summer - fingers crossed!

John O

## Open Afternoon - Trull Church Community Centre

Tuesday 17 July 2018, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

By popular request, we are repeating last year's event.

This is an opportunity to bring along an interested friend or colleague, or just an opportunity to meet old walking friends and perhaps plan future events.

- Possible treasure hunt
- Photo displays
- Picture location quiz
- Group archives
- Walk leader workshop
- Trull village walking quiz

If you're unsure about leading a walk or just want fresh ideas for walks in different areas, then this is a good opportunity to "gen up".

## Barn Dance at Trull Memorial Hall

Saturday 9 June 2018 starting at 7.30pm

Tickets are £10 and include a live band and caller, a ploughman's supper and soft drinks. BYO alcohol.

Tickets will be on sale soon on walks or contact Liz Ollerenshaw on 01823 283563 or Lynda Stewart on 01823 272405.

## The Walking Partnership

Taunton Deane Ramblers are now a member of the Walking Partnership. As such every time one of us books a holiday and mentions at the time that they are a member of TDR, the group will receive a contribution of :-

£10 per person for UK holidays

£20 per person for short haul holidays

£30 per person for long haul holidays

This applies if you book with the following companies :-

Ramblers Walking Holidays, Chapters Experience Holidays, Load of your Back or Adagio

For more information go to [support@thewalkingpartnership.org.uk](mailto:support@thewalkingpartnership.org.uk)

Or ring 01707 331133

I also have newsletters and pamphlets which I can bring on the short walks if anyone is interested. Just give me a ring on 01823 272405

Lynda Stewart

## Post Christmas Walk & Carvery Lunch

22 members of Taunton Deane Ramblers took part in a rather muddy walk around Longrun Meadow and Netherclay Local Nature Reserve, Taunton, on January 7th, prior to joining another 34 members for the post Christmas Carvery Lunch at the Somerset County Cricket Club.

It was a very good start to the New Year, and a chance to get together with our full and half day walkers.

Thanks to all my fellow members who were involved in organising the event.

Daphne H

## West Deane Way

Have you ever wanted to walk the whole of the West Deane Way?

Well, 2018 is your chance to do it! Divided into 8 easy sections of about 5-8 miles, you can achieve all or some of it.

Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 29<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September. Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> August.

The opportunity to bus to starting points and walk back, or car share for more obscure starting points. See our beautiful local area this summer.

Give Judi a call for more details 07870 871057

Judi T

## Corsham Walking Festival 8-10 June. Save the Date

It will not be long before the tickets go on sale for this year's Corsham Walking Festival - Tickets go on sale on the 3 April.

Corsham Walking Festival returns for its fifth year, already a firm fixture for all who love the great outdoors and enjoy Walking Festivals. Corsham is a medieval market town that sits on the fringe of the Cotswolds and at the heart of the beautiful rolling North Wiltshire countryside on paths dating back to Roman times.

Whatever your walking ability or interest, this our largest event offers walks that will tempt you from 1½ to 20 miles.

There are 27 walks planned over the three days of the Festival, many of them themed with talks given by experts. Many walks start from the Springfield Campus in Corsham, others from local villages, all are carefully planned to offer insights into Corsham and the local area, landscape and history of our beautiful countryside.

This year we are offering a free walk programme and an evening social event. Who could ask for more? Run by Ramblers for Ramblers. Save the Date and keep an eye on our website at [www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk) or join our Facebook Group to keep in touch with all things walking in and around Corsham.

Barry Cox - CWF2018 Publicity Coordinator

## Exmouth trip

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

### Programme for the day

- 09:15 The coach will leave Hankridge car park (west side, near Halford's).  
Please be there 15 minutes beforehand.
- 11:15 The boat leaves Topsham for Exmouth.  
After a packed lunch (byo), walk back to Topsham - about six miles but fairly easy, some along tarmac cycle ways. There should be time for tea at Topsham.
- 17:30 The coach will leave Topsham to return to Taunton.

### Cost

The combined cost for the coach and boat trips is **£20 per person**.  
Please send a cheque, payable to **Taunton Deane Ramblers**, with the form below to  
**Lynda Stewart, 55 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton. TA1 4NF.**  
Applications will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis. There is room for 32 on the coach. If we fill the coach there is scope for a small rebate on the day.

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### Coach and boat trip to Exmouth

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending (£20 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Quantock Greenway in 3 parts

Further information for this route can be found at :-

[https://www.quantockonline.co.uk/tourism\\_leisure/activities/walks/greenway/greenway01.html](https://www.quantockonline.co.uk/tourism_leisure/activities/walks/greenway/greenway01.html)

### Somerset Rambler

The latest edition of the Somerset Rambler newsletter can be found at :-

<http://www.somersetramblers.co.uk/> and click on **Somerset Rambler**