



Taunton Deane Ramblers AUTUMN PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER



October / November 2020

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Walking with Taunton Deane Ramblers

Membership:	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.
Bad Weather:	In the event of extreme weather conditions please telephone the walk leader to find out whether the walk will take place. We will try to email people who have requested that form of communication and update our Facebook pages, Website and Ramblers walks finder page.
Walks:	All walks, outside open access areas, should, unless prior permission of the landowner has been obtained, be on definitive or permissive rights of way.
Damage or personal injury:	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.
Dogs:	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.
Refreshments:	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).
Transport:	Due to current Covid-19 restrictions car sharing is not encouraged apart from those within your household or bubble.
Security:	Cars should be left with windows closed, doors locked and valuables, cases, handbags, etc, left out of sight.
Programmes:	A copy of the programme is available on our website: www.tauntonramblers.org.uk
Health and Safety:	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.
Equipment:	Strong footwear or wellingtons, windproof and waterproof clothing are recommended. Carry a First Aid kit and any personal medication.
Hi-Vis waistcoat	It is recommended that the walk leader and back marker wear a Hi-vis waistcoat or tabard, especially when on any road.

November Walk Programme

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 1 Nov 10:00 ST075374 TA4 4JE	Monksilver, Nettlecombe, Roadwater circuit 10 miles, some hills <i>Meet at EMN Community Hall, Monksilver, parking donation please.</i> Limited to 10 people, booking by landline by 9pm Fri 30 October please.	Carol A 01823 619914 07999 770039
Sun 1 Nov 13:30	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Wed 4 Nov 13:30 ST429 371 TA7 9PW (near)	Polden Ridge & Moor 4.5 miles, moderate <i>Meet at CP at Ashcott Playing Field, Kings Lane, Ashcott. Access to Kings Lane is near the Primary School.</i>	Peter R 01458 210583 07813 324997
Sun 8 Nov 10:00	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Sun 8 Nov 13:30 ST080279	Wiveliscombe, Whitfield, Langley Marsh 4.2 miles, moderate <i>Meet in or near North Street Car Park</i>	John O 01984 624477
Wed 11 Nov 13:30 ST137436	East Quantoxhead to Kilve circular 3.2 miles, coastal walk. Easy with no stiles, slight hill up and good views <i>Meet at East Quantoxhead Church CP (honesty box £1.50 to park)</i>	Gill L 01823 331474
Sun 15 Nov 10:00	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Sun 15 Nov 13:30 ST137133 EX15 3RA	Hemyock Circular via Whitehall 5.5 miles, moderate / hilly <i>Meet at the Catherine Wheel Pub (local car park or roadside parking in the village)</i>	Phil B 01823 275348
Wed 18 Nov 13:30 ST 137343	North Curry, Knapp and the Tone 4.5 miles, easy though some stiles! <i>Meet near North Curry Church</i>	John O 01984 624477
Sun 22 Nov 10:00	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 22 Nov 13:30	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Wed 25 Nov 13:30	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Sun 29 Nov 10:00	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	
Sun 29 Nov 13:30	FREE FOR ANY WALK OFFERS	

Walk offers for November / December

If you'd like to offer a walk please contact the relevant Assistant Programme Secretary with your preferred date.

Walk changes / additions / cancellations

If a published walk needs altering for any reason, please let the appropriate Assistant Programme Secretary know so that our website programme can be updated.

Chairman's Chat

First, I would like to thank all of you who have responded with walk offers since we were allowed to walk again in larger numbers back in August. After so much uncertainty this has been encouraging for us all, and now, with all the new regulations from Head Office laid down, we all know leading walks has become just that bit more demanding for the leader.

At this stage, with certain restrictions being recently re-imposed, I can only hope that all the walks offered in this Autumn Programme /Newsletter will go ahead as planned, and we will do our best to keep you informed.

On a positive note however, from all the statistics generated in the media over the last months, we can feel confident that within our age group walking in the countryside presents a very low risk of infection with Covid-19, and, of course offers a healthy form of exercise and invaluable informal social contact ... (as if we didn't know!).

Since I last wrote, sadly Kathy Richardson has decided to step down from her role of organising Sunday all-day walks and we will also be losing Janice Cockett our Sunday short walk organiser. **We are therefore asking for volunteers to step forward and fill these gaps to generate our Sunday walks.** Please contact Lynda, our Committee Secretary, if you can help to fill either of these posts. It isn't a difficult task, and many of us would benefit from the walks that may be offered.

Looking ahead to late November, sadly we will not be able to meet up at our AGM as you will know there is a ban on larger group meetings. We hope to publish the usual annual reports on-line, and arrangements of usual formal business can be found inside our newsletter. At this point I would remind you again that **we are still short of one committee member** and would welcome an approach by any member prepared to get a bit more involved in group matters. I can promise it won't take up much of your valuable time!

Whilst I am prepared to stand for a further year as chairman I would remind you all that, if elected, by November 2021 I will have served ten years in this role, and rightly feel it is time for a younger, more energetic person to lead the group forward. Please do bear this in mind.

Rambling during Covid-19

We plod the fields and scatter
As we must distance keep,
View misty distant hills
Gazed on by wary sheep.
Conversation ebbs and flows
Breaks off for a while
While we tackle another tricky stile.
“I haven’t seen---since the Spring”.
“Are they still walking?”
“Maybe I’ll give them a ring.”

New faces appearing,
Looking to check us out.
Glad to get out walking.
This is what it’s about.
So if you’re still doubting if this “new” walking is quite wise,
As you gaze from your window at the cool grey skies.
Think of the positives to be had,
Your limbs might later ache a bit
And your trousers might coat with mud.
But if you make the effort, you surely will be glad.

John O

Annual General Meeting 2020

Due to the current Covid restrictions we are following the Ramblers' guidance and this year our AGM will be held on line – via a Zoom meeting. This will take place on **Friday 27 November at 7.00 pm.**

You should be able to join the zoom meeting via a PC, laptop, tablet or smart phone. If you have none of these devices there is an option to join and hear the meeting from your landline or older mobile phone. Full instructions will be sent out by email nearer the time.

We are aware that we do not have email addresses for around 20% of our members. As email is the fastest, most economic and environmentally friendly way of contacting you all – can we please ask you to provide us with an email address by contacting Ramblers Email: ramblers@ramblers.org.uk or Tel: 020 3961 3300.

All documents relating to the AGM will be made available on the TDR website <http://www.tauntonramblers.org.uk> including annual reports, previous AGM minutes, voting details and forms. You will be requested to read these prior to the AGM and submit any questions or comments you may have – again prior to the meeting. The Agenda and voting form is also included in this Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's opening remarks
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 29 November 2019
4. Matters Arising
5. Annual Report
6. Treasurers Report
7. Committee Members' and Postholders' Reports
8. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee **
9. Election to fill other non-Committee posts **
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Any Other Business

** Current post holders are shown on page 9

If any members wish to put themselves forward for an Officer of Committee member post, please ask your proposer and seconder to complete the slip below and return to the Committee Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

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Taunton Deane Ramblers

We wish to nominate

For the post of.

Proposer's name Signed

Secunder's name Signed

Nominations to be sent to:

Lynda Kearns, 1 Barcroft Crescent, Wrantage, Taunton, TA3 6DD

Your Committee and Officers © is Committee member

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