



# Taunton Deane Ramblers

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER



1st August 2018 – 30th November 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 3.

**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 Word or PDF version of this programme and newsletter 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: <b><a href="http://www.tauntonramblers.org.uk">www.tauntonramblers.org.uk</a></b>
<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.
<b>Hi-Vis waistcoat</b>	It is recommended that the walk leader and back marker wear a Hi-vis waistcoat or tabard, especially when on any road.

<b><u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u></b>	<b><u>Walk details</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>
Wed 1 Aug 14:00 ST351148 TA19 9DJ	<b>Ilminster to Dillington Park, Whitelackington, Knots Oak</b> <b>One of Ann's favourite local walks</b> 5½ miles, moderate. <i>We may park in the Stonemasons Pub car park to meet. Harts Close, Ilminster</i>	Ann W 01460 54622 Ian F 01460 55839
Fri 3 Aug 18:30 ST328219 TA3 6SY	<b>Around Curry Mallet</b> 4 miles, fairly easy. <i>Meet at Curry Mallet Village Hall</i> (Optional Meal at The Bell Inn)	Mike & Chris W 252733
Sun 5 Aug <b>11:00</b> ST108225 <b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 6. Waterrow to Langford Budville</b> 8 miles, moderate. Bring packed lunch. <i>Car share from Langford Budville, park on lay-by by green triangle. At Waterrow, park by pub or side road.</i>  <b>Note much earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Sun 5 Aug *09:15/10:00 SS985377 TA23 0SH	<b>Brendon Hills</b> 9 miles approx., moderate/hilly. Starting from Kingsbridge will go via Churchtown, Old Stowey, Lype Hill, and Langham. <i>Meet Kingsbridge (Luxborough VH CP - fee)</i>	Michael B 274827
Wed 8 Aug 14:00 SS898480 TA24 8HQ	<b>Bossington Hill</b> 4 miles approx., moderate with one steep climb. Good views. <i>Meet at Bossington NT CP (fee for non-members) opposite Tea Room &amp; toilets</i>	Beatrice R 421796
Fri 10 Aug 18:30 ST146229 TA21 0BH	<b>Around Nynehead</b> 3½ miles, fairly easy <i>Meet at Nynehead Memorial Hall</i> (Optional Meal After Walk)	Joy C 282827

### **Walks for the next programme - Winter 2018**

If you'd like to offer a walk for the next programme, December 2018 - March 2019, please contact the relevant Assistant Programme Secretary and pick your preferred date.

The end date for walk offers is **8 October 2018**

Andy N

## TDR Group Outing to Seaton

*Long, Medium, Short and Extra Short Walks available.  
Tea option included at Seaton Jurassic*

**Sun 12 Aug**

**See further information and booking form in  
the newsletter section page 16**

A single page booking form can be requested to save spoiling your lovely programme. Email me and I will send you one for you to print.

**Andy N**

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 15 Aug 14:00 SS793486	<b>Exmoor: Out from County Gate</b> 5 miles, a fairly challenging but rewarding walk <i>Meet at County Gate CP</i> <i>Possible tea option at Malmsmead or Brendon</i>	Rod & Ruth F 257326
Fri 17 Aug 18:30 ST189069 EX14 9QE	<b>Rawridge and Hartridge</b> 4 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Park at Primrose Farm, (near Odle Farm)</i> <i>From north, turn right just after Rawridge 30 mph, drive up for a mile.</i> (Optional meal at the Sidmouth Arms, Upottery)	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 19 Aug 14:00 ST206360	<b>Hawkridge, Lydeard Hill &amp; Aisholt</b> 5 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Park at Hawkridge reservoir CP</i>	Evan L 01278 451388
Sun 19 Aug *08:45/10:00 SS886465 TA24 8QL	<b>Circular walk from Porlock</b> 10 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at Porlock Recreation Ground, Parson's St - roadside parking.</i>	Chris H 01643 709455
Wed 22 Aug <b>13:30</b> ST004445	<b>Dunster Beach, Blue Anchor &amp; Minehead</b> <b>Judi's favourite walk/train ride</b> 4 miles, easy. Start at Dunster beach entrance, walk to Blue Anchor along coast path. 14:32 train from Blue Anchor to Minehead. Fare is £5.40 for seniors. Then walk back to Dunster Beach. Optional tea at chalet 102. <i>Park and meet near the entrance to Dunster Beach. (Fee if parking in the car park.)</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057

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Fri 24 Aug 18:30 ST275294 TA2 8RF	<b>Around Thurloxtton</b> 4 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at The Maypole Inn, Thurloxtton</i> (Optional Meal at The Maypole)	Dot M 270773
Sun 26 Aug 14:00 ST141366 TA4 4AA	<b>Crowcombe towards Heddon Oak</b> 4½ miles, moderate. Lanes & footpaths <i>Park in CP by Church House, Crowcombe.</i> (honesty box)	Cath R 270308
Sun 26 Aug	<b>Mendip Walking Festival</b>	
Wed 29 Aug <b>13:30</b> ST173229  ST108225 (LB)	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 7. Langford Budville to Bradford-on-Tone</b> 5 miles, easy to moderate <i>Meet at Bradford-on-Tone, parking by the church, pub or bridge. Car share to Langford Budville, parking in lay-by near the triangular green.</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Fri 31 Aug 18:30 ST258394 TA5 2HP	<b>Out From Cannington</b> 4 miles, moderate <i>Meet at The Friendly Spirit PH, Cannington</i> (Optional Meal at The Friendly Spirit)	Hazel P 01278 451311
Sun 2 Sep 14:00 ST632253 BA22 7HA	<b>Cadbury Castle &amp; the Camelot Connection</b> 5½ miles, quite hilly with good views <i>Meet at Cadbury Castle CP near South Cadbury</i>	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 2 Sep *08:40/10:00 SS774395 TA24 7SH	<b>Circular walk from Simonsbath</b> 11½ miles, may be boggy Via Exe Head, Cornham Ford, Blue Gate, Cow Castle and River Barle. <i>Meet at Ashcombe CP in Simonsbath</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Wed 5 Sep	Date still available. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	
Fri 7 Sep 18:30 ST272257 TA3 5DP	<b>Out From Creech St Michael</b> 4 miles, fairly easy. <i>Meet at The Bell Inn PH, Creech St Michael</i> (Optional Meal at The Bell Inn)	Alan W 277285

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Sun 9 Sep 14:00 ST043271 TA4 2PZ	<b>Chipstable &amp; the River Tone</b> 4 miles approx., moderate with one steep descent into Tone valley. One steep ascent <i>Meet by Chipstable church, limited roadside parking</i>	Dot M & Lynda S 270773 07942 230453
Sun 9 Sep *09:00/10:00 ST594106 DT9 6LG	<b>Yetminster</b> 10 miles, moderate. <i>Park by church at Church St, Yetminster.</i>	Terry & Claire 442661
Wed 12 Sep <b>13:45</b> ST173219 TA4 1HF	<b>West Deane Way: Stage 8. Bradford-on-Tone to Taunton</b> 5 miles, easy. <i>13:55 bus No 22 from Taunton Bus Station, Stop B. Alight at Heatherton Park on Wellington Road.</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Judi T 07870 871057 Lynda S 07942 230453
Fri 14 Sep 18:00 ST283429 TA6 4SS * (*closest)	<b>Pawlett Hams Wetlands</b> 4 miles, fairly easy <i>Meet near Pawlett Barrage Balloon Hanger Roadside parking. (Optional Meal After Walk)</i>	Lyn B & Lynda D 07970772613
Sun 16 Sep 14:00 ST080279 TA4 2LJ	<b>Wiveliscombe &amp; Langley Marsh</b> 3¾ miles, moderate <i>Meet North Street CP, Wiveliscombe</i> Possible tea option	John O 01984 624477
Sun 16 Sep *08:45/10:00 SY393954 DT6 6RF	<b>Delightful Dorset</b> 10 miles, hilly start / moderate later Whitchurch Canonorum, Hell Lane, Jans Hill and back via Marshwood Vale <i>Meet at Whitchurch Canonorum village hall, Lower Street. Donations please.</i> Tea option at the lovely Annie's, Morcombelake	Sally C 339605
Wed 19 Sep 14:00 ST200328	<b>Cothelstone Hill walk</b> 5 miles, hilly with one long moderately steep hill. Via Ivyton Farm and Buncombe Wood <i>Meet Cothelstone hill CP</i>	Cath R 270308
Fri 21 Sep 18:00 ST232194 TA3 7BU	<b>Corfe Circular</b> 3¼ - 3½ miles, fairly easy with fields, lanes & stiles <i>Meet at The White Hart PH, Corfe (Road parking if not eating).</i> (Optional meal at The White Hart)	Andy & Val N 282282

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Sun 23 Sep 14:00 ST352209 TA3 6RH	<b>Two Isles on the Somerset Levels</b> 4½ miles, easy with some stiles, possible mud. <i>Meet at St Mary the Virgin Church, Isle Abbotts.</i> Very limited roadside parking, please car share	Robert W 288373
Sun 23 Sep *09:15/10:00 ST150378	<b>'Victoria's favourite tea room'</b> 11 - 12 miles, moderate/hilly Old Familiars - Will's Neck, Knacker's Hole, Dead Woman's Ditch. <i>Meet Crowcombe Park Gate. Stable Cottage for tea.</i>	Jan F 270018
Wed 26 Sep 14:00 ST190397 TA5 1LW	<b>Nether Stowey to Dowsborough Circuit</b> 5½ miles approx., moderate/hilly. Out on the Coleridge Way, back through woodland. <i>Park at Nether Stowey Library CP</i>	Janice C 257337
Fri 28 Sep 18:00 ST221161 TA3 7EA	<b>Holman Clavel Circular</b> 4 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Holman Clavel PH. (Roadside Parking)</i> (Optional Meal at Holman Clavel)	Philip B 275348
Sun 30 Sep 14:00 ST252422 TA5 2PU	<b>Stear Marshes, Stockland Bristol &amp; Bridgwater Bay</b> 5 miles, fairly easy. Fields, tracks & village roads. Could be muddy. WWT site, bring binoculars. <i>Meet Steart Marshes Main CP</i>	Andy & Val N 282282
Sun 30 Sep *09:15/10:00 ST043311 TA4 2EJ	<b>Clatworthy reprise</b> 11 miles, moderate. Clatworthy reservoir & surrounding countryside <i>Meet at Clatworthy reservoir car park</i>	Martin & Monica 252332
Wed 3 Oct 14:00 ST437371 TA7 9PZ	<b>Ashcott, Pedwell and the Samaritans Way</b> 6 miles, moderate <i>Park and meet at Ashcott Village Hall near the church</i>	Martin S 256687
Fri 5 Oct 17:30 ST260282 TA2 8NP	<b>Out From West Monkton</b> 3½ - 4 miles, moderate. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Monkton Inn, West Monkton</i> (Optional Meal at The Monkton Inn)	Rod & Ruth F 257236
Sun 7 Oct	Date still available for Sunday afternoon. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Janice C	



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Sun 7 Oct *09:15/10:00 ST140366 TA4 4AA	<b>Quantock Hills</b> 10 miles, moderate/hilly Combes & Forest Revisited. <i>Meet Crowcombe village CP</i>	Peter W 321985
Wed 10 Oct 14:00 ST107227	<b>Langford Budville &amp; The Tone</b> 4½ miles, easy/moderate <i>Meet Langford Heathfield lay-by</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 12 Oct 17:15 ST168291 TA4 3BW	<b>Around Bishops Lydeard</b> 3½ - 4 miles, moderate. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Lethbridge Arms PH, Bishops Lydeard.</i> (Optional Meal at The Lethbridge Arms)	Quentin H 325752
Sun 14 Oct 14:00 SS992436 TA24 6SL	<b>King's Hedge Copse - Bats Castle Circuit</b> 5 miles approx., moderate/hilly. Very scenic. <i>Park at Dunster Castle NT CP. Fee for non-members (£4.50)</i>	Janice & Alan C 257337
Sun 14 Oct *09:00/10:00 ST333646 BS22 9UH	<b>Sand Bay, Woodsprings Priory &amp; Sand Point</b> 10 miles, easy/moderate. <i>CP Beach Road/Sand Road, Sand Bay. (Weston super Mare).</i> Possible tea option at end of walk.	Margaret 331349 & Eileen 282755
Wed 17 Oct 14:00 ST156357	<b>Triscombe, Aisholt Common, Great Hill</b> <b><u>Dave's favourite walk</u></b> 5½ - 6 miles, hilly. <i>Parking in lay-by on left past the Pub (The Blue Ball) in Triscombe</i>	Dave G 451275
Fri 19 Oct 17:00 ST107193 TA21 0HB	<b>A Circular Walk From The Beambridge</b> 3½ - 4 miles, fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Beambridge PH on A38.</i> (Optional Meal at The Beambridge)	Mike & Chris W 252733
Sun 21 Oct 14:00 ST359143 TA19 0EX	<b>Out from Ilminster</b> 5 - 6 miles, moderate <i>Meet at Canal Way CP, Ilminster</i>	Shirley & Richard W 277234
Sun 21 Oct *08:45/10:00 SY517962 DT6 3TD	<b>Powerstock, Poorton, Hooke - and Hungry Hill</b> 11 miles of glorious Dorset This route last walked in 2012. <i>Meet by the church, not the pub (later)</i>	Miss Moppett 490782

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Wed 24 Oct 14:00 ST274156	<b>Castle Neroche and Blackwater</b> 4 miles. A forest walk with easy paths and some steep slopes. <i>Meet at Castle Neroche CP</i>	Lynda S 272405 07942 230453
Fri 26 Oct 17:00 ST299310 TA7 0BG	<b>Around North Newton</b> 3½ - 4 mile, fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at Harvest Moon PH, North Newton</i> (Optional Meal at Harvest Moon)	Mike & Chris W 252733
<b>Winter start times commence for Wednesday &amp; Sunday afternoons</b>		
Sun 28 Oct 13:30 ST275255 TA3 5PR	<b>Creech St Michael, Ham &amp; Thornfalcon</b> 4½ miles, easy with optional climb up Thornfalcon Mump <i>Park at Creech St Michael canal side CP, Vicarage Lane</i>	Pat P 442609
Sun 28 Oct *09:00/10:00 ST102135 EX15 3JD	<b>Culm Valley and Backdown Hills</b> 10 miles, moderate. <i>Start in Culmstock village.</i>	Davina C 256834
Wed 31 Oct <b>10:00</b> ST281299	<b>Clavelshay &amp; Burlinch</b> 6 miles, moderate Circular walk on paths and lanes taking in Clavelshay and Burlinch. The Maypole Inn is close by for a bite to eat after if anyone is interested. <i>Meet &amp; park on lay-by on the A38 opposite Thurloxton fruit farm</i>	Sally C 339605
	<b>Note morning start time</b>	
Fri 2 Nov 18:30 ST212238 TA1 5NZ	<b>Out From The Shepherds (Urban Walk)</b> 4 miles, easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Shepherd's Rest PH, Galmington</i> (Optional Meal at Shepherd's Rest)	Gill L 331474
Sun 4 Nov 13:30 ST223246 TA1 4AS	<b>West along the River Tone</b> 4½ miles approx., easy, with tea option. <i>Meet at Enfield CP on Castle St, Taunton.</i>	Gill L 331474
Sun 4 Nov *09:05/10:00 ST447535 BS27 3DR	<b>Two Ups, some Downs and a Reservoir</b> 10¼ miles, moderate with 2 steep climbs <i>Start Cheddar reservoir CP, Sharpam Road.</i> <i>Free parking</i>	Wendy 331058 & Linda 662232

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Wed 7 Nov 13:30 ST426414 BA6 9TT	<b>Starling walk to Ham Wall</b> 5 miles approx., moderate (Starlings not guaranteed to be seen) <i>Meet at Avalon Marshes centre, Shapwick Rd</i> (Walk to be confirmed)	Liz H 490828
Fri 9 Nov 18:30 ST031142 EX16 7BJ	<b>Sampford Peverell Urban &amp; Canal</b> 3½ - 4 miles, fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at Merriemeade PH, Sampford Peverell</i> (Optional Meal at The Merriemeade)	Richard M 669080
Sun 11 Nov 13:30 ST085114 EX15 3NL	<b>Out &amp; about Ashill (Devon)</b> 5 miles, moderate <i>Meet at Ashill Village Hall, near Uffculme.</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 11 Nov *09:15/10:00 SS974319 TA22 9NY	<b>Circling north and east of Wimbleball</b> 9 - 10 miles, moderate Some hills and probably muddy <i>Meet Bessom Bridge Car Park, Wimbleball Lake</i>	Bridget H 01984 623621
Wed 14 Nov 13:30 ST480345	<b>Compton Dundon and Hood Monument</b> 4½ miles, moderate Children In Need walk, collection bucket for CIN. <i>Parking in lay-by opposite youth hostel</i>	Judi T 07870 871057
Fri 16 Nov 18:30 ST139204 TA21 8NR	<b>An Urban Wellington Walk</b> 3½ - 4 miles, easy. (Bring A Torch) <i>Meet at South Street CP, Wellington</i> (Optional Meal at The Green Dragon PH)	Wendy M 663911
Sun 18 Nov 13:30 ST139204 TA21 8NS	<b>Towards Quarts Moor</b> 5 miles approx., moderate with one steep incline. <i>Meet at South Street CP, Wellington.</i>	Richard M 669080
Sun 18 Nov *09:10/10:00 ST137435 TA5 1EJ	<b>East Quantoxhead and the Quantocks</b> 10½ miles, hilly <i>Meet at East Quantoxhead CP (fee)</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Wed 21 Nov 13:30 ST080279 TA4 2LJ	<b>Wiveliscombe &amp; Oakhampton quarry</b> 5 miles, moderate/hilly with two steep descents. Tea option <i>Meet North Street CP, Wiveliscombe</i>	John O 01984 624477

<b>Fri 23 Nov</b>	<b>Taunton Deane Ramblers AGM. See page 13 of the newsletter section for more details</b>
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<u><b>Date/Time &amp; Start point</b></u>	<u><b>Walk details</b></u>	<u><b>Contact</b></u>
Sun 25 Nov 13:30 ST150378	<b>Higher Hare Knap &amp; Somerton Combe</b> 4½ miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at Crowcombe Park Gate CP</i>	Michael B & Joyce L 274827 or 432182
Sun 25 Nov *08:45/10:00 SS854384 TA24 7PP	<b>Circular walk from Exford</b> 9 miles, moderate Staddon Hill, Kitnor Heath and Edgcott. <i>Meet Exford car park - entry just past the school</i>	Kathy R 01984 656353 07967 907117
Wed 28 Nov 13:30 ST223320 TA5 2EQ	<b>Out from Fyne Court</b> 5 miles approx., moderate <i>Meet near toilets at Fyne Court. Parking free for NT members.</i>	Cath R 270308
Fri 30 Nov 18:30 ST224251 TA1 1DQ	<b>A Taunton Stroll From The Kings</b> 3½ - 4 miles, fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Kings Arms PH, Staplegrove Road</i> (Optional Meal at The King's Arms)	Liz O 283563

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Andy N

## **Join our Facebook group**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TauntonDeaneRamblers/>**

Join our group and you will be able to post pictures, items for discussion and simply chat about anything to do with walking!

Andy N

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

1st August 2018 – 30 November 2018

## Chairman's Chat

It was good to see so many of you at the funeral of Neil Parker in North Curry back in April. We learned he was a man of many parts, and will be sadly missed.

The cold wet spring weather is perhaps just a distant memory now, but it certainly had an impact on numbers turning up for walks. Cold and wet days saw a handful of "hardened" devotees, while a fine day registered a surprisingly large turnout.

Talking of large turn outs, it was good to see healthy numbers supporting the West Deane Way initiative. Once this might have seen only "half-day" walkers; now we have a nice cross section of members. This too is the case for many of the "favourite" walks that liberally highlight our Spring Programme.

At this point I must make an apology. I fully intended to support many of the above walks, but a knee injury has sadly curbed my enthusiasm. After twenty five years of walking with and for the group my joints are perhaps telling me to take it easy, and I can only hope I can recover enough pain-free mobility to enable me to meet my commitments at the end of this current programme.

The success of last year's coach outing to Lynmouth encouraged me and the committee to look at something similar for this year. We've come up with a scenic but quite challenging leg of the Coast Path between Sidmouth and Seaton. There should be something to appeal to ALL walking members, so, when you look at the details in the newsletter I would urge you to book early to avoid disappointment.

You should receive this combined newsletter and programme just before our second **Open Afternoon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Trull's Church Community Centre.** It's well worth popping in even for just a browse, some brain teasers and, of course, tea and cake. We've planned a Trull Quiz rather like the one Colin and Heather organised back in March, and I have an indoor quiz testing member's knowledge of their county. Both have prizes at stake. Do come and try - and bring a friend.

Happy Walking!

John O

## AGM - 23 November 2018

This year's AGM will be held in the Main room at Taunton Quaker Meeting House, 13 Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP. We will have use of the kitchen facilities to make drinks and present nibbles.

Keep an eye out in the next programme/newsletter for formal notice and agenda of the AGM

## Open Afternoon – Trull Church Community Centre

Tuesday 17 July 2018, 2.00pm – 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".

### West Deane Way

There are now just 3 sections left to complete the whole route.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Give Judi a call for more details 07870 871057

Judi T

### Beware Ixodes ricinus is on the increase!

For those of us not versed in Latin terminology, the above is the name of an increasingly common little **tick**. Researchers believe that Global Warming has enabled this pencil point sized insect to slowly spread across southern Britain in recent years.

No panic needed here, as the majority of these creatures are harmless, but an increasing number harbour the more worrying **Lyme disease**.

Should your walk this summer lead through patches of fairly dense foliage, it is wise to check any bare arms and legs for this tiny little black bloodsucker. They can easily be removed by fine tweezers or a special little tool. Wherever you walk, take care!

John O

### Topsham/Exmouth Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

Thanks to Colin, Heather, Dot & Lynda for a really excellent day out. Coach to Topsham, Exe ferry to Exmouth and walk along the coast path back to Topsham Quay. The walk was 7½ miles, with a picnic stop, ice cream stop and finally a cup of tea/coffee or beer at Topsham

I've put some pictures here for everyone to see: <http://www.tdr.btck.co.uk>

Andy N

## GDPR

Everyone's probably heard of the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force earlier this year in May. Many will have received the email :-

### Can we stay in touch [name]

Please note that the chosen settings apply to **all** communications from the Ramblers, HQ, Area and our own Group. The Ramblers website has further details :-

**<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/gdprguidance>**

It's worth having a look through the page linked in the top section called **GDPR updates**.

Andy N

## Shorter walks

These are walks that we are defining as less than 3½ miles in distance, gentle to easy terrain and to be led at a leisurely pace. If you have any routes in mind and are happy to lead, then please contact the relevant Assistant Programme Secretary for inclusion in any future programme.

Andy N

## 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, Load off your Back or Adagio

For more information go to **[www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk](http://www.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

Thanks to everyone who has already used this service.

Lynda Stewart

## Somerset Rambler

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

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

or on our website in the **Publications** section

## Coach Outing to Seaton - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Walking options:

- Long:** Sidmouth to Seaton, 10½ miles hilly  
**Medium:** Donkey Sanctuary to Seaton, 7½ miles moderate/hilly  
**Short:** Branscombe valley head to Seaton, 5½ miles, moderate/hilly  
**Extra short:** Beer to Seaton, 1½ miles, one hill and descent.

### Itinerary:

- 8.30am** Depart Hankridge (near Halfords)  
**9.45am** (approx.) Drop off point for "long" walkers.  
Thereafter three further stops to drop off "Medium", "Short"  
and "Extra short" walkers.  
**3.15pm** First sitting for tea at Seaton Jurassic (near tram station)  
**4.00pm** onwards: Second sitting for tea.  
**4.50-5pm** Coach departs from main car park.

**Notes:** Whilst all walkers are advised to bring their own refreshments, there may well be time for walkers to buy food etc. in Branscombe or Beer. Notably, the "extra short" walkers will have time to explore Beer. For the few remaining sea swimmers amongst us, there may well be an opportunity for a dip.

**Tea:** Choice of Scone with cream & jam, Cheese scone, Cake or Gluten free cake. All come with Tea or Coffee. These will be available at Seaton Jurassic.

The cost for this outing is just **£12** per person, including a tea option. Please book asap as we anticipate a big demand for places. The closing date for booking is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**, and will be treated on a first come first served basis.

To book a place on this outing, please fill in all details on the slip below and return it with your cheque (made out to Taunton Deane Ramblers) to our correspondence secretary **Lynda Stewart, 55 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton, TA1 4NF**.



## Coach Outing to Seaton - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Place(s) to reserve .....

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

### My walking preference is: (please tick one)

Long Walk  Medium Walk  Short Walk  Extra Short Walk

### Tea option:

Scone  Cheese Scone  Cake  Gluten free cake

I enclose my cheque for ..... (made out to Taunton Deane Ramblers)