



Taunton Deane Ramblers

WINTER PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER



1st December 2018 – 31st March 2019

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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, 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

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 check on the website or telephone the walk leader as to whether the walk will take place.
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:	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.
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 the 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.

Fri 23 Nov	Taunton Deane Ramblers AGM. See pages 18 & 19 of the programme for more details and invitation Please bring your programme as it contains the Agenda
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<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 2 Dec 13:30 ST128167 TA21 9QH	Blackdown Common & Culmstock Beacon 4½ miles, moderate, possibly muddy. <i>Park on wide verges at Wrangway Corner</i>	Terence M 286109
Sun 2 Dec *08:50/10:00 SS886467 TA24 8QJ	Circular walk from Porlock Church 11½ miles hilly. Up Hawkscombe to Pittcombe Head and back via Smalla Combe, Culbone Church and Porlock Weir. <i>Meet by Porlock Church. Parking in Long Stay CP or on road.</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Thu 6 Dec 14:00 SX923928 EX2 7NL (P&R)	Exeter: Walls, Wharves und Würstchen! 4-4½ miles, easy; surfaced paths throughout: SHORT 3 mile option. Ends in Cathedral Close at Exeter Christmas Market - many food & drink outlets. <i>Meet outside entrance to Underground Passages, Paris St (diag opp John Lewis).</i> <i>Suggest using Park & Ride (operates late on Thurs in Dec).</i>	Janice & Alan C 257337
	Note start day and time	
Sun 9 Dec 13:30 ST289330 TA6 6QA	North Petherton & Kings Cliff Wood 5 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at public CP on A38 in North Petherton</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 9 Dec *09:00/09:30 ST107227 TA21 0RP	Langford Budville circular 10 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at Langford Heathfield lay-by.</i> Note earlier start in order to finish for tea and cakes at White Post.	Hazel B 07576 111141
Wed 12 Dec	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	

Fri 14 Dec

**Christmas Meal at the Allerford Inn.
See pages 13 & 14 of the programme**

Walks for the next programme – Spring & Summer 2019

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

The end date for walk offers is **11 February 2019**

Andy N

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 16 Dec 13:30 ST198238 TA1 5JR	Bishops Hull Fields & Lanes 4½ miles, easy. Roads & possibly muddy fields. <i>Meet in Stonegallows spur to execution memorial, just off the A38 (NOT pub)</i>	Judi T 07870 871057
Sun 16 Dec *09:00/10:00 ST117410	North Quantock circuit 10 miles, moderate. <i>Meet Beacon Hill car park</i>	Monica & Martin 256687
Wed 19 Dec	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	
Sun 23 Dec 13:30 ST131207 TA21 8LL	Wellington Circuit via Nynehead & Runnington 5 miles, easy. Fields, tracks & lanes. Possible mud & some stiles. <i>Park at Wellington Sports Centre CP (free)</i>	Odile K 07754 682791
Sun 23 Dec All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	
Sun 30 Dec 13:30 ST227245 TA1 1JD SHORT	River Tone to Obridge 3¼ miles, easy. Out via Castle, back along Whirligig Lane. Tea option <i>Meet at Tourist Info in Taunton town centre</i>	Shirley & Richard W 277234
Sun 30 Dec All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 4 Jan 18:30 ST225238 TA1 3JX	An Urban walk from The Vivary 3 - 4 miles, easy (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Fons George CP (Vivary Park Golf Club), Fons George, Taunton</i> Optional meal at The Vivary Arms	Gill L 331474

Sun 6 Jan	Post Christmas carvery lunch at County Cricket Ground. See page 15 of the programme including a short walk	
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Wed 9 Jan 13:30 ST274156	Castle Neroche, Curland & Middleroom Wood 5¾ miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Castle Neroche CP</i>	Ann W 01460 54622 Ian F 01460 55839
Sun 13 Jan 13:30 ST212264 TA2 6EJ	Staplegrave & Norton Fitzwarren Hillfort 5 miles, easy/moderate. Mostly surfaced paths. <i>Park in St John's Church CP, Manor Road</i>	Gill L 331474
Sun 13 Jan All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	
Wed 16 Jan 13:30 ST039344 TA23 0LN	Wade the Tone and skirt the Reservoir 4½ miles, moderate with one steady climb. <i>Meet at Raleigh's Cross Inn overflow CP</i>	John O 01984 624477
Sun 20 Jan 13:30 ST197256 SHORT	An easy winter wander! About 3 miles, fairly flat but could be muddy in places. The West Deane Way, Hele and Bishop's Hull. <i>Meet at Great Western Way near the railway footbridge in Norton Fitzwarren (bottom of Station Road off the B3227). Roadside or verge parking</i>	John O 01984 624477

Friday afternoon/evening walks

If anyone wishes to offer a walk on a Friday that has not been listed in this program, please check our website first and if the date is still free, please contact Mike W with the details.

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 20 Jan All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	
Wed 23 Jan 13:30 ST119284 TA4 3JT	Fitzhead circular walk 5 miles, easy to moderate. <i>Meet and park by Fitzhead Church, Church Road, Fitzhead</i> Limited parking, so car share if possible	Martin S 256687
Fri 25 Jan 15:30 ST025077 EX15 1BQ	A walk around Cullompton 3 - 4 miles, fairly easy. <i>Meet at The Weary Traveller PH, Station Road, Cullompton</i> (100 yds from J28 of M5). Optional meal after Note start time, daylight walk	Wendy M 663911
Sun 27 Jan 13:30 ST122257 TA4 1LS	The Old Railway & Quaking House Lane 4¾ miles, moderate. <i>Meet in Creedwell Orchard CP, near doctors' surgery in Milverton</i>	Gill L 331474
Sun 27 Jan *09:35/10:00 ST271321 TA6 6PE	North Petherton 10 miles, moderate terrain. <i>Start point, Kings Cliff Upper CP, North Petherton.</i>	Sally C 339605
Wed 30 Jan 13:30 ST327219 TA3 6SY	Curry Mallet & Beercombe 3 - 3½ miles, fairly easy. Explore the historic village of Curry Mallet with its many listed houses, over the fields to Beercombe Church & back. Could be muddy. Lunch beforehand at The Bell, Curry Mallet. <i>Meet Curry Mallet VH</i>	Liz H 490828
Sun 3 Feb 13:30 ST095092 EX15 2HP	Blackborough Circular via Sheldon 6 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at road junction in Blackborough – limited roadside parking</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 3 Feb All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 6 Feb	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	
Fri 8 Feb 16:00 ST313350 TA7 0AQ	Stockmoor, Hamp & Canal 3½ - 4 miles, easy (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Boat & Anchor Inn, Huntworth</i> Optional meal after. Note: Chef doesn't start work until 6pm. Note start time, daylight walk	Lynda D 01278 426756

Spring/Summer start times commence for Wednesday & Sunday afternoons

Sun 10 Feb 14:00 ST074292 TA4 2UL	Snowdrops & the River Tone 4 miles, some hills but at an easy pace. <i>Meet near The Three Horseshoes, Langley Marsh</i>	John O 01984 624477
Sun 10 Feb *09:35/10:00 ST183172 TA3 7SU	Blackdowns Ridge walk 10 miles, moderate/hilly. Higher Ruggin, Burnworthy. <i>Meet pull-in at Forches Corner.</i>	Jan F 270018
Wed 13 Feb	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	
Sun 17 Feb 14:00 ST124315 TA4 3PL	Handy Cross & Gaulden Manor 4 miles, easy, undulating. <i>Park on wide verge at turning - Handy Cross, just off B3224. (Postcode is nearest)</i>	Dot M 270773
Sun 17 Feb *09:25/10:00 ST360238 TA10 0PE	Swell Wood 10½ miles, moderate with 1 or 2 hills. Fields, lanes and tracks, probably muddy. <i>Start at RSPB CP off A378</i>	Wendy & Linda 331058 or 662232
Wed 20 Feb 14:00 ST150378	St David 's Well, Forest Red Route and Wilmot's Pool. 5 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at Crowcombe Park Gate CP.</i> Not suitable in snow or ice!	Cath R 270308

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 22 Feb 16:00 ST297375 TA6 3EX	Canal & River walk from Bridgwater 4 miles, fairly easy (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Admirals Landing PH, Docks, Bridgwater</i> Optional meal after Note start time, daylight walk	Hazel P 01278 451311
Sun 24 Feb 14:00 ST141366 TA4 4AA	Crowcombe towards Heddon Oak 4½ miles, moderate; lanes & footpaths. <i>Park in CP by Church House, Crowcombe</i> <i>(honesty box)</i>	Cath R 270308
Sun 24 Feb All day	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	
Wed 27 Feb 14:00 ST164247 TA4 1AW	Out from Hillfarrance 5 miles approx., fairly easy. <i>Meet at the Anchor Inn overflow CP, Hillfarrance</i>	Lynda S 07942 230453
Sun 3 Mar 14:00 SS955127 EX16 6NH	Tiverton Circular Approx 5 miles, moderate, with 1 steepish hill. <i>Meet at Tiverton Market Square CP (fee)</i>	Richard M 669080
Sun 3 Mar *09:15/10:00 ST296076 TA20 3EN	East Devon. Wambrook, Godworthy, Holy City 10 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Roadside parking (limited) South West of The</i> <i>Cotley Harriers. Please car share if possible.</i>	Jan F 270018
Wed 6 Mar 14:00 ST200236 TA1 5JJ	To Trull for a cuppa and back 4½ miles, easy over field and lanes. <i>Meet at Jeffreys' Way</i>	Judi T 07870 871057
Sun 10 Mar 14:00 ST337093 TA20 1HU	The Cha Cha - Chard & Chaffcombe 5½ miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet at Chaffcombe CP, S of Chard reservoir,</i> <i>Touches Lane</i>	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 10 Mar *09:20/10:00 ST149429 TA5 1EA	Quantocks and Coast 10 miles, moderate with steep hill at the start. <i>Meet Kilve VH Car park</i>	Margaret & Eileen 331349 or 282755

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 13 Mar 14:00 ST223297 TA2 8HR	Kingston St Mary to Ivyton Farm and beyond 6 miles approx, hilly. <i>Meet at Kingston St Mary Church overflow car park</i>	Dave G 451275
Fri 15 Mar 16:30 ST232194 TA3 7BU	Around Corfe 4 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at the White Horse PH, Corfe</i> Optional meal after Note start time	Philip B 275348
Sun 17 Mar 13:30 ST167246 TA4 1AW	Hillfarrance, Heathfield & Oake 6¾ miles, easy/moderate. <i>Meet at Hillfarrance Church (limited parking)</i> Note earlier start time	Evan L 01278 451388
Sun 17 Mar *08:50/10:00 SS898455 TA24 8HY	Clockwise from Horner About 10 miles, moderate. Exact route depends on weather. <i>Meet Horner NT car park, members need card (fee for non-members)</i>	Bridget H 01984 623621
Wed 20 Mar 14:00 ST223195 TA3 7AU	'As You Like It' 3 - 5 miles, easy (probably). This is a map reading/route planning workshop for potential, tentative & new leaders; map & compass can be provided. <i>Meet/park in small CP, near Littleham Cottages, Pitminster</i>	Janice C 257337
Fri 22 Mar 17:00 ST107193 TA21 0HB	Beambridge Circular 4 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at the Beambridge PH, Sampford Arundel on A38</i> Optional meal after	Richard M 669080
Sun 24 Mar 12:00 SS793486 MEDIUM	Brendon Common & Doone Valley Approx 8 miles, moderate/hilly. Tea option. <i>Park/meet at County Gate CP</i> Note earlier start time Joint walk with all-day walkers	Janice & Alan C 257337
Wed 27 Mar	Please check our website. If the date is still free and you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 29 Mar 17:00 ST107205 TA21 0EJ	Out from Holywell Lake 4 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at The Holywell Inn, Holywell Lake</i> Optional meal at Holywell Inn	Philip B 275348
Clocks go forward 1 hour at 01:00 on 31 March 2019		
Sun 31 Mar 14:00 ST396183 TA19 0NQ SHORT	The Barrington Court Pan Handle 3 miles, easy, with some stiles & 2 short climbs; via Shepton Beauchamp (dogs on leads please) <i>Park in Barrington Court NT overflow CP (free).</i> <i>Follow brown signs if using sat-nav</i>	Robert W 07974 866030
Sun 31 Mar *09:40/10:00 ST275255	Out of Creech St Michael Around 10 miles, easy. There might be tea somewhere! <i>Meet @ canal side CP.</i>	Claire & Terry 442661

TDR winter quiz – where am I?

Four of my friends and I are out walking. Friend A is at Church of the Holy Ghost in Crowcombe, friend B is at Church of St Peter in North Newton. Friend C is at All Saints Church in Dodington and friend D is at Church of the Holy Trinity in Ash Priors.

On an OS map, make a line between friends A & B, then a line from friends C & D. I am at the intersection of the two lines. Drop me an email to say where I am.

Andy N

Walks for the next programme – Spring & Summer 2019

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Andy N

Paying by Direct Bank Transfer

We are looking to introduce the ability to enable payment of TDR meals and events by bank transfer. This can help us reduce any costs incurred by the bank with payments by cheque.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

1st December 2018 – 31st March 2019

Chairman's Chat

As the group's 25th anniversary year draws to a close, I can reflect on both many happy and successful moments, and a few also tinged with sadness.

Judi and Lynda's "assault" on the West Deane Way regularly attracted good numbers throughout its eight stages, and I hope you will make a point of trying to get to the AGM on 23rd November for a special presentation. "Favourite" walks also were generally well attended, and though my troublesome knee discouraged me from participating in many, it was good to re-visit South Somerset again in September to redo one of my favourites – the Cadbury Castle walk.

The Exmouth Boat Walk again proved popular, and it was encouraging to see many familiar and not so familiar faces during our Open Afternoon in July. Veteran walker Les Awford popped in to bid us a sad farewell from leading. He rekindled many memorable moments from our trip to Nepal in '97 with the two photo albums he had brought.

After months of dry and very warm weather, it was somewhat galling for it to break just before our coach trip to Seaton. Nevertheless 48 travelled down to the South Coast, and by one means or another all made it unscathed to Seaton Jurassic for tea/coffee, cake or scone.

Many thanks go to all who helped to organise or just lead any of the above events, we wouldn't have managed without you. Well done!

Turning however to more serious matters to you our walkers, you will not have failed to hear of our county's financial woes. Restricted spending on "non-essential" services will mean one thing for us, namely even less money spent on maintaining Rights of Way. **My best advice for all who venture beyond the well-used "local" paths is to carry a stout stick and a pair of secateurs as certainly they will be needed at some stage over the foreseeable future.**

There is an Adopt a Footpath scheme now launched by county, and leaflets are available. It's a laudable scheme, and if you walk regularly I recommend you finding out more. Looking at www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway should set you on your way.

I hope these last "dour" words will not deter you from setting out on a walk as there's no doubt that the more of us who do walk will help to keep our excellent footpath network open for us and others to use into the future.

John O

Christmas Meal 2018

The Christmas Dinner has been booked for **Friday 14 December 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm** at The Allerford Inn, Allerford, Norton Fitzwarren TA4 1AL

The price is £17.95 for 2 courses, £21.95 for 3 courses, with Coffee or Tea at £1.50.

Starters

Grilled Halloumi fries served on a bed of fresh salad leaf.

Country pâté served with roasted rustic bread & real ale compote.

The retro classic prawn cocktail.

Westcountry Salmon, lemon & lime fishcakes served on a bed of fresh salad leaf.

Creamy garlic mushrooms served on a crispy crouton.

Somerset breaded brie on a bed of fresh salad leaf with cranberry sauce.

Mains

Traditional carvery with a choice of Somerset turkey breast, topside of beef and slow roasted gammon.

Homemade nut roast with vegetarian gravy.

Tuna loin steak with a sweet chilli and lime dressing.

* All served with all the trimmings & fresh seasonal vegetables *

Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Cheesecake of the week

Mixed ice cream

Winter berry pavlova

Fruit salad.

* All served with double cream *

Somerset cheese & biscuits (£2 supplement).

If you wish to go, then please fill in the booking form on the following page with your menu choices and payment.

The closing date for booking is **28 November 2018**

Christmas Meal 2018

Friday 14 December 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm

At The Allerford Inn, Allerford, Norton Fitzwarren TA4 1AL

2 courses £17.95, 3 courses £21.95. Coffee/Tea £1.50

Starters						Mains					Desserts					Drink			
	Halloumi fries	Pâté	Prawn Cocktail	Fishcake	Garlic Mushrooms	Breaded Brie	Turkey	Beef	Gammon	Nut Roast	Tuna Loin	Xmas Pudding	Cheesecake	Mixed Ice Cream	Winter Pavlova	Fruit Salad	C/board (£2 extra)	Coffee	Tea
a																			
b																			

Name(s) : a.

b.

Address :

Tel. Number :

Email :

Please mark your choice(s) above with an **X** in the relevant box, and send the completed slip with your cheque (made out to **Taunton Deane Ramblers**) to **Lynda Stewart, 55 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton, TA1 4NF.**

The closing date for booking is **28 November 2018**

A single page booking form can be requested. Email the Programme Secretary and one will be sent for you to print as well as keep as a reminder.

Post Christmas Carvery Lunch

The Post Christmas Carvery Lunch will be held on **Sunday 6th January 2019, at 1.30pm**, in the Long Room at the Somerset County Cricket Club Ground, Taunton.

The 2 course meal will cost £17.50; drinks, including tea & coffee, are extra. If you wish to participate, please complete the form below.

Parking will be at the Priory Bridge Road entrance.

A short walk has been planned prior to the lunch, see below for the details.

Daphne H

Start time	Walk details	Contact
11:30	Start from Somerset County Cricket Club, Priory Bridge Road 2.2 mile stroll beside the River Tone and back. No stiles, footpaths and pavements	Judi T 07870 871057 Robert W 07974 866030

Post Christmas Carvery Lunch

Sunday 6 January 2019, 1.30pm

At Long Room, Somerset County Cricket Club, Taunton

Please reserve me Place(s) for the meal at Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton

Name(s) :

Address :

Tel. Number :

Email :

Vegetarian option (number required)

I enclose a cheque for (£17.50 per person) made payable to **Taunton Deane Ramblers**

Please complete and return with cheque to :

Lynda Stewart, 55 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton, TA1 4NF.

The closing date for booking is **14 December 2018**

A single page booking form can be requested. Email the Programme Secretary and one will be sent for you to print as well as keep as a reminder.

Exeter Christmas Walk – Thursday 6 Dec 2018

To whet people's appetite for this combined Wednesday/Friday walk (on a Thursday), & to provide some insight into & training on walk planning, I have decided to publish my risk assessment, carried out on my recent recce.

LOCATION	RISK	ACTION
Southernhay & Rougement Gardens	High Roman/Medieval walls, castle & gatehouse – falling masonry	Take lower wide path by war memorial
Iron Bridge 1834	Risk of collapse	¼ mile detour
Bonhay Road	Traffic	Run fast!
Blackaller Weir	Green playing fields – balls on head	Wear hard-hats
Great Shilhay	Slippery swans' poop on path	30.11.18 – shoot swans
The Quay/Canal Basin	Tourist trap cafes, antique & craft outlets	Succumb!
Many bridges/Larkbeare	Disorientation	All bridges must lead somewhere...
Colleton Crescent	Desire to buy	Check bank balance
Western Way	Traffic again	Run faster!
Southernhay Walls	Dusk falling by now – spooky	Exorcist?
Cathedral Close Christmas Market	Many foreign foods & drinks on sale, beer tent	Avoid!

Note; due to circumstances, actions may vary on the day. I hope to see lots of you there.

Janice C

Life Is For Living event, 15 October 2018

Held at Mecca Bingo, Corporation St, Taunton - the event was aimed at organisations that help to improve physical or mental wellbeing.

Many groups were there including Zing Somerset, SW Heritage Trust, England Netball, Nuffield Health, the Spin Bus and ourselves. We laid out a table of general information regarding the Ramblers, as well as our own forthcoming local walks and walks around the Taunton area. We attracted quite a few people who seemed keen to see what we were all about.

Thanks to all that helped on the day.

In case you were wondering, the Spin Bus was on Castle Green ☺

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

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

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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

Beer/Seaton Trip – 12th August 2018

Although the weather forecast was looking poor, we all had a wonderful day out with four walks planned at different lengths. The weather was inclement early on, but improved around lunchtime for a much better afternoon. Everyone then finished with a Tea/Coffee & cake or scone at Seaton Jurassic

Particular thanks must go to John, Lynda & Dot for the organisation of the trip, and special thanks to Janice, Michael and John for leading the walks.

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

Andy N

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the **Taunton Deane Ramblers** to be held at 19:00 on Friday 23th November 2018 at Main room, Taunton Quaker Meeting House, 13 Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP

Annual General Meeting - AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Chairman's opening remarks.**
- 3. Minutes of AGM on Friday 24th November 2017.**
- 4. Matters Arising.**
- 5. Annual Report.**
- 6. Treasurer's Report.**
- 7. Committee Members' and Post Holders' Reports.**
- 8. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee.**

	<u>Current post holder</u>
a) Chairman	John Ollerenshaw
b) Correspondence Secretary	Lynda Stewart
c) Minute Secretary	Dot Mackay
d) Treasurer	Gill Lee
e) Committee Member 1.	Philip Bisatt
f) 2.	Janice Cockett
g) 3.	Andy Norris

* All post holders above are willing to stand for re-election

9. Election to fill other non-committee Group Posts

	<u>Current post holder</u>
a) Footpath Secretary	Philip Bisatt
b) Membership	Wendy Camp
c) Website Coordinator	Dave Patten
d) Archivist	John Ollerenshaw
e) Programme Secretary	Andy Norris
f) Assistant Prog.Sec. 1.	Janice Cockett (Short Sunday Walks)
g) 2.	Davina Cole (Long Sunday Walks)
h) 3.	Andy Norris (Wednesday Walks)
i) 4.	Mike Whitmore (Friday Evening Walks)

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10. Appointment of Auditor. Current post holder: Jeremy Corke

11. Any Other Business.

Annual General Meeting – 23 November 2018

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If any members wish to put themselves forward for an Officer or Committee Member Post, please ask your proposer and seconder to complete the slip below and return to the Correspondence Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM. Similarly if you wish to propose changes to the TDR Constitution, please submit details at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

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We wish to nominate :

For the post of : for 2018/19

Proposer's Name : Signature :

Secunder's Name : Signature :



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Amendments to the Constitution : Please submit on a separate sheet.

All nominations should be sent to the Correspondence Secretary :

Lynda Stewart, 55 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton, TA1 4NF

More nomination forms can be requested. Email the Programme Secretary and one will be sent for you to print as well as keep as a reminder.

If you wish to have a separate AGM agenda sheet, please email the Programme Secretary and one will be sent for you to print

New walk leaders

Walk leaders are effectively the life blood of walking groups, and ours is no exception.

We do have an excellent group of friendly and experienced leaders, but we do need a continuous flow of new leaders to help develop and maintain our programme, which is currently one of the best in Somerset!

We are finding it harder and harder to fill all the weekly slots in each of our seasonal walks' programmes.

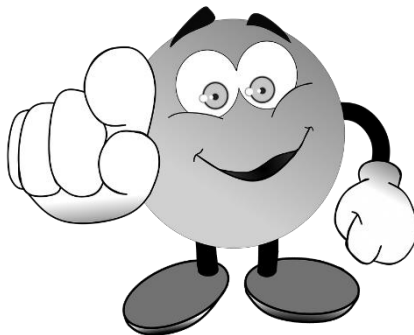
Retirements from our usual band of walk leaders (and here I shall soon include myself) have made it a slightly uphill task for our hard-working four walk secretaries to be able to offer a full programme of walks.

For any potential new leaders, we now have a large collection of established walks on card, laminated paper or memory stick. We also have a friendly cooperative committee all prepared to help any new potential walk leader with advice and guidance if required.

All of this collection is naturally available to everyone in our group, so anyone can borrow a walk, go out and enjoy one of them and perhaps think about leading one in the future – especially if you're new to it.

For those of you who have not yet taken those first hesitant steps towards walk leadership, there never has been a better time to give it a go. There are many amongst us who will benefit from the substance of your effort once you've led your first walk.

John O



Please remember to bring your Programme/Newsletter to the AGM on 23 November, as it contains the agenda for the meeting.