



Taunton Deane Ramblers

AUTUMN

PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER



1st August 2019 – 30th November 2019

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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 PDF version of this programme and newsletter is available to download at :-

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/taunton-deane>

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:	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 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.

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 2 Aug 18.30 ST312105 TA20 3AP	Wadeford Circular 4 miles. Moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Haymaker Inn, Wadeford. Limited parking, please car share (Optional meal after walk)</i>	Philip B 275348
Sun 4 Aug *08:30/10:00 SX674809 PL20 6TA	Moorland and Mariners 10 miles, moderate with one long steep climb Stone rows, waterside, fields and moorside hamlets, hut circles and enclosures, old tin workings, all on offer in this varied Dartmoor walk. <i>Start Parking area at Kings Oven, 150m east of Warren House Inn on B3212</i>	Sally C 339605
Sun 4 Aug 14:00 ST206360 nr TA5 1AL	Hawkridge & Spaxton 4¼ - 5 miles depending on route. Moderate. Fields, tracks & quiet country lanes. Some stiles and a couple of inclines. <i>Meet at Hawkridge Reservoir</i>	Andy & Val N 282282
Wed 7 Aug 14:00 ST165289 TA4 3RU	Bishop's Lydeard Station circular 5 miles via Tithill Lane, Hopkins Farm and Ash Priors. <i>Meet Bishop's Lydeard Station CP</i>	Judi T 336288
Fri 9 Aug 18.30 ST111228 TA21 0QZ	Around Langford Budville 4 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at Martlett Inn, Langford Budville (Optional meal after walk)</i>	Wendy M 663911
Sun 11 Aug *08:40/10:00 SS827417 nr TA24 7NJ	John Knight's Exmoor - Larkbarrow, Great Tom's Hill, Lanacombe, Prayway Meads, Warren Farm 12 miles approx, some strenuous walking over open moorland. <i>Park in lay-by near Larkbarrow Corner (not on the corner)</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 11 Aug 10:00 ST297585 TA8 2RS	A Summer's Walk by the Seaside (Brean Down) 3 miles, easy apart from steep steps at beginning Possibility of a paddle after & 2 cafes nearby. <i>Meet at Brean Down NT CP (£4.50 for non-members)</i> Note much earlier start time to accommodate tides & parking	Robert W 288373
Wed 14 Aug 14:00 ST057377 TA4 4HT	Nettlecombe, Chidgley and Monksilver Circuit About 5 miles, moderate <i>Meet at Nettlecombe Church, but please don't park at Nettlecombe Court Field Centre</i>	Dave G 451275
Fri 16 Aug 18.30 ST146229 TA21 0BH	Around Nynehead 3½ - 4 miles. Fairly easy <i>Meet at Nynehead Memorial Hall</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Joy C 282827

Sun 18 Aug	<p>TDR Group Outing to Exmouth</p> <p><i>Walks: Long, Medium, Short or Exmouth wander</i></p> <p><i>Tea option included at The Ocean along the Esplanade</i></p> <p>See further information and booking on page [16]</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Andy N</p>
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Wed 21 Aug 14:00 ST201328	Cothelstone Hill walk 3 - 4½ miles, moderate. Short walk with some hills. The extension to the view point if wished is the extra 1½ miles. Wonderful views! <i>Meet Cothelstone Hill CP</i>	Dot M 270773 Lynda S 07942 230453
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<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 23 Aug 18.30 ST358304 TA7 0RB	Somerset Levels (Plus One Mump) Walk 4 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at King Alfred Inn, Burrowbridge</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Colin & Heather F 288588
Sun 25 Aug *08:45/10:00	Mendip Walking Festival 24-26 August *08:45 Meet at the Crescent CP, or 10:00 start at Shepton Mallet	
Sun 25 Aug 14:00 SS898480 TA24 8HF	Bossington to Selworthy A largely woodland walk of 5 miles with one steep climb. Good views and tea option. <i>Meet at Bossington NT CP (fee for non-members).</i> <i>Limited parking, please car share</i>	John O 01984 624477
Wed 28 Aug 14:00 ST189176 TA21 9LW	Out from Quants Nature Reserve 4½ miles, easy/moderate, woods and fields. <i>Meet at entrance to Nature Reserve near Angersleigh and Lowton. Limited roadside parking.</i> <i>Post code is nearest.</i>	Lynda S 07942 230453 Dot M 270773
Fri 30 Aug 18:30 ST272199 TA3 5RS	Back at The Farmers Arms, West Hatch 4 miles or under, moderate. A different route with fewer stiles. You loved it last time, come again! <i>Meet at The Farmers Arms PH, West Hatch</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Rod & Ruth F 257236
Sun 1 Sep *09:20/10:00 ST193395 TA5 1NW	Quantock Summit and Hawkridge Reservoir 11 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Parking in Banneson Road, Nether Stowey</i>	Garry H 07714 395814
Sun 1 Sep 14:00 ST262283 TA2 8QT	West Monkton, Hestercombe & Combe Bottom Approx 5 miles, moderate/hilly. <i>Meet near West Monkton Church; roadside parking.</i>	Evan L 01278 451388
Wed 4 Sep 14:00 ST227241 TA1 3SX	Taunton Toads 3 miles, easy. From a park to a meadow on the trail of some Taunton Toads. Refreshments available afterwards. To find more toads visit the Tourist Information Centre to buy a leaflet <i>Meet at Vivary Park War Memorial, Taunton</i>	Shirley W 277234

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 6 Sep 18.00 ST258394 TA5 2HP	Cannington Circular 3½ miles. Fairly easy <i>Meet at Friendly Spirit PH, Cannington</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Hazel P 01278 451311
Sun 8 Sep *09:15/10:00 ST008426 TA24 6NH	Inland from Carhampton via Long Combe and Withycombe Common 10 - 11 miles, moderate, but with some steady climbs. <i>Meet Carhampton Recreation Ground CP</i>	Bridget H 01984 623621
Sun 8 Sep 14:00 ST223143 TA3 7EE	Otterford & Birch Wood through Otterhead Lakes 4½ miles, moderate with a few slopes. <i>Park/meet at lay-by opp St Leonard's Church</i>	Tim & Odile K 07754 682791
Wed 11 Sep 14:00 ST396182 TA19 0NQ	Back to Barrington 5 miles, moderate Wonderful views of the Somerset Levels from the top of One Tree Hill. <i>Meet at Barrington Court (NT) in the middle CP</i>	Liz H 490828
Fri 13 Sep 18.00 ST031142 EX16 7BJ	Sampford Peverell Circular 4 miles. Easy/moderate <i>Meet at The Globe Inn, Sampford Peverell</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Jo & Susannah 07966 572122 07796 772726
Sun 15 Sep *08:45/10:00 SS906349 TA24 7JE	Exmoor: Out from Winsford 10 miles, moderate. Walk from beautiful Winsford in early autumn. Exact route will depend on weather but will be ups and downs! <i>Start in parking area in centre of village (no charge and toilets nearby!)</i>	Kathy R 01984 656353 07967 907117
Sun 15 Sep 13:00 SX866714 TQ12 2DJ LINEAR	The Templar Way - Stage 3: Newton Abbot to Teignmouth (linear) 5½ miles, level; an estuarine walk at low tide. Ferry crossing from Shaldon (£1.60) & train return to Newton Abbot. Ice cream & beach options <i>Park at Osborne Street CP (free Sundays).</i> <i>If going by train meet at Town Quay, Newton Abbot</i> Note earlier start time	Janice & Alan C 257337

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 18 Sep 14:00 ST137343 TA4 4PA	Crowcombe Station to Stogumber 3¾ miles, easy. Tea option at Stogumber Station & train back <i>Meet at Crowcombe Station</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 20 Sep 18.00 ST139204 TA21 8NR	East from Wellington 3½ - 4 miles. Fairly easy <i>Meet at South Street CP, Wellington</i> (Optional meal after at Green Dragon)	Odile & Tim K 07754 682791
Sun 22 Sep All day	Date still available. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Davina C	
Sun 22 Sep 14:00 ST337093 TA20 1HU	The Cha-Cha Take 2: Chard & Chaffcombe 5 miles, moderate/hilly. Conservation area: No dogs allowed <i>Meet at CP S of Chard Reservoir at end of Oaklands Avenue, Chard</i>	Colin & Heather F 288588
Wed 25 Sep 14:00 ST333262 TA3 6HS	Meare Green / Stoke St Gregory About 4 miles, flat. We will go out over West Sedgemoor <i>Park at Holly Cottage, plenty of room in the yard</i>	Liz H 490828
Fri 27 Sep 18.00 ST260282 TA2 8NP	Out from West Monkton 4 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at The Monkton Inn, West Monkton</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Philip B 275348
Sun 29 Sep *09:00/10:00 ST046406 TA23 0PR	Capton Nettlecombe circuit 10½ miles. Moderate. <i>Start at Cleeve Abbey CP, Washford</i> Tea option at Torre Cider farm	Carol A 619914
Sun 29 Sep 14:00 ST478170 TA14 6RW	Ham Hill to Montacute & Site of Whitcombe 5 miles, a bit hilly, at an appropriate pace. Refreshment option after. <i>Park at Ham Hill Country Park CP; meet by Ranger's Office (by loo block)</i>	Wendy M 663911
Wed 2 Oct 14:00 ST318147 TA19 9QR	Broadway, Ashill, Windmill Hill, and Hastings 5½ miles, moderate <i>Park/meet at Horton VH CP</i>	Ann W 01460 54622 Ian F 01460 55839

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 4 Oct 17:30 ST107193 TA21 0HB	A Circular walk from the Beambridge 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 6 Oct *08:55/10:00 SS806145 EX16 8AG	From Witheridge along the Ridge and Valley Walk and back along the Two Moors Way. A scant 10 miles, moderate. <i>Start at the VH, North Street, Witheridge</i>	Jan 270018
Sun 6 Oct 14:00 ST246083 EX14 9AA	Out from Yarcombe 4½ miles, mainly flat with 2 hills & good views, fields & lanes. <i>Meet at VH CP, Yarcombe</i>	Lynda S 07942 230453 Dot M 270773
Wed 9 Oct 14:00 ST200109 nr EX14 9RD	Smeatharpe circular 5½ miles, moderate and could be muddy. <i>Meet at Smeatharpe VH. Please car share as the CP is very small</i>	Martin S 256687
Fri 11 Oct 17.30 ST031142 EX16 7BJ	Around Sampford Peverell 3½ - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Merriemeade PH, Sampford Peverell</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Richard M 669080
Sun 13 Oct *09:00/10:00 SS969285 TA4 2DS	Wimbleball Lake and Haddon Hill including a circuit of the Lake 9 to 10 miles, moderate with one steep hill <i>Meet at Haddon Hill CP above and south of Wimbleball</i>	Michael B 274827
Sun 13 Oct 14:00 ST110396 TA4 4EE	Thorncombe Hill from Bicknoller 5½ miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Bicknoller Village CP (honesty box)</i>	Cath R 270308
Wed 16 Oct 10:00 ST156288	Ash Priors to Pyleigh 6 miles, moderate/hilly. A walk through fields and lanes to Pyleigh and back. Lovely views weather permitting!! <i>Meet at Ash Priors Common CP</i> Note morning start time	Sally C 339605
Fri 18 Oct 17.00 ST168291 TA4 3BW	Out from Bishops Lydeard 3½ - 4 miles. Moderate. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at The Lethbridge Arms PH, Bishops Lydeard</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Quentin H 325752

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 20 Oct *09:00/10:00 ST252442 TA5 2PU	Stear Marshes 10 miles approx.. Easy walk, no hills, around part of the peninsula, and back along the English Coast Path. <i>Meet in the main CP</i>	Daphne 254151
Sun 20 Oct 14:00 ST335542 BS24 0DS	Lympsham to Brent Knoll & back 5½ miles, moderate/hilly. Could be muddy! <i>Park in Church Lane, Lympsham, or just beyond church</i>	Judi T 336288
Wed 23 Oct 14:00 ST181338	Lydeard hill, Rock Farm, West Bagborough, 20 acre Plantation 5 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Lydeard Hill CP</i>	Cath R 270308
Fri 25 Oct 17.00 ST299310 TA7 0BG	Around North Newton 3½ - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Harvest Moon PH, North Newton</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Mike & Chris W 252733

Winter start times commence for Wednesday & Sunday afternoons

Sun 27 Oct *09:30/10:00 ST203125 TA3 7RQ	Around Churchinford 10½ miles. Moderate with some hills. <i>Meeting and start point is Red Lane Farm, ½ mile west of Churchinford centre along Red Lane. Look out for the pink cottage and parking is on the driveway. Please car share if possible</i>	Peter A 601497
Sun 27 Oct 13:30 ST127167	Culmstock Beacon & Culm Davy 5½ - 6 miles, moderate with 2 ascents; good views <i>Meet at top of Wrangway Hill; roadside parking around corner & along lane</i>	Shirley & Richard W 277234
Wed 30 Oct 13:30 ST361238 TA3 6PX	Swell and Burton Pynsent Monument 4½ miles, moderate with one steep climb. <i>Meet at Swell woods CP, signposted from A378</i>	Lynda K 480814

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 1 Nov 18.30 ST226239 TA1 3JT	Taunton Urban Walk 3½ - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at Fons George CP, Fons George (Vivary Golf Club CP), Taunton</i> (Optional meal after at The Blue Mango)	Liz O 283563
Sun 3 Nov *09:30/10:00 ST222320 TA5 2EQ	Circular walk from Fyne Court 10 miles, moderate/hilly <i>Start: Fyne Court NT CP</i>	Davina C 07796 204735
Sun 3 Nov 13:30 ST162156 EX15 3TJ	Clayhidon Circular 5 miles, moderate. <i>Meet at CP near Clayhidon Church</i>	Philip B 275348
Wed 6 Nov 13:30 ST290330 nr TA6 6QA	North Petherton towards North Newton 4½ miles, mostly level on minor roads and tracks <i>Meet in the Community Centre CP in North Petherton, but please use street parking</i>	Liz H 490828
Fri 8 Nov 18.30 ST212238 TA1 5NZ	Out From The Shepherds (Urban Walk) 3½ - 4 miles. Easy. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at The Shepherds Rest PH, Galmington</i> (Optional meal after walk)	Gill L 331474
Sun 10 Nov *09:20/10:00 ST302204 TA3 6SG	Figure of eight around Hatch Beauchamp 10 miles easy/moderate. Fields, lanes and tracks. <i>Start at Hatch Beauchamp VH</i>	Wendy & Linda 331058 or 662232
Sun 10 Nov 13:30 SS974318 nr TA22 9NY	Wimbleball Lake to the Dam & back Inland 4½ miles, moderate <i>Meet at Bessom Bridge CP, Wimbleball Lake</i>	Michael B & Joyce L 274827 or 432182
Wed 13 Nov 13:00 ST274156 nr TA20 3JZ	Castle Neroche down and up. Under 6 miles, but likely to be wet, muddy and quite hilly. Might be some great views though! <i>Meet in the Castle Neroche CP.</i> Note earlier start time	Rod & Ruth F 257236
Sun 17 Nov *09:00/10:00 SS992437 TA24 6SG	Circular walk from Dunster Castle towards Croydon Hill and Withycombe Common. About 10 miles <i>Park in Dunster Castle NT CP (fee for non members)</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278

<u>Date/Time & Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 17 Nov 13:30 ST173230 TA4 1HQ	Bradford on Tone, Hillfarrance & East Nynehead 5½ miles, easy with some stiles, possible mud. <i>Park by church along road & over bridge in Bradford on Tone.</i>	Terry M 286108
Wed 20 Nov 13:30 ST320255 TA3 6LJ	Down to the River & up to the Church 4½ miles, easy/moderate with quite a few stiles. Tea option <i>Meet at near North Curry Church</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 22 Nov 18.30 ST139204 TA21 8NR	Wellington Urban Walk 3 - 4 miles. Easy. (Bring a torch) <i>Meet at South Street CP, Wellington</i> (Optional meal after at Green Dragon)	Wendy M 663911
Sun 24 Nov *09:15/10:00 ST141367 TA4 4AA	Anti Clockwise Quantock Circuit. Approx 11 miles. 630 metres of ascent (undulating). <i>Meet at Crowcombe CP, near the church.</i>	Monica & Martin 252332
Sun 24 Nov 13:30 ST162382	Quantocks Viewpoints 5 miles approx., moderate/hilly 2 good viewpoints at the Fort & Hurley Beacon. <i>Meet at Dead Woman's Ditch CP</i>	Odile & Tim K 07754 682791
Wed 27 Nov 10:00 ST308298 TA7 0DH	Out along the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal 6 miles, easy. One stile. Outwards alongside the canal past Cogload Junction to Charlton, returning via Durston across fields and lanes. Tea, cake and light lunches available at Maunsel Lock tearooms <i>Park in Maunsel Lock CP.</i>	Lynda K 480814

Note morning start time

Taunton Deane Ramblers AGM	
Fri 29 Nov	<p>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.</p> <p>Keep an eye out in the next programme/newsletter for formal notice and agenda for the AGM</p>

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

1st August 2019 – 30th November 2019

Chairman's Chat

It can't have escaped the attention of those of you who can only manage the shorter walks these days that **Short** walks have grown mightily in popularity. In the Spring such were the numbers that turned up for a walk from Barrington Court, we actually discussed dividing the walk into two groups!

There appears to be a need for a wider spread of this type of walk throughout each programme we produce. Can you help out, please? Short walks are easier to work out, remember and lead than their longer counterparts, and give budding walk leaders a far easier challenge to offer something to the group, so we hope they will appear in growing numbers in future programmes. Apart from Janice's box of many walks, both Lynda and I have a number of Taunton Deane's parish walks in easy-to-follow leaflets. We are all happy to help.

It was good to see a fair sprinkling of new faces on Janice's gentle walk leadership afternoon back in March. After being paired up, each pair was given a chance to lead a stretch of made-up walk around the "wilds" of Pitminster. It proved a good success, especially for those not confident in map reading, and hopefully Janice will repeat the exercise again soon, and a few may have confidence in offering a walk for our next programme.

Unfortunately our effort to establish a regular working party with SCC's ROW Dept. is currently foundering, as despite our own suggestions of suitable work on specific paths, our contact has vetoed this idea and due to staffing arrangements, seems unable to come up with suitable alternatives. Appreciating, like me, the growing number of problems we now encounter on many paths, I personally find this state of affairs most frustrating, but will continue to work towards an understanding. It's worth noting that our Facebook post about our path clearance at Trull had a very positive reaction attracting more than 1300 views

We are again returning to the South Coast for this year's coach outing, and with it opportunities to walk stretches of the South-West Coast Path or the East Devon Way. For members with less walking ambition, there is an opportunity too to explore Exmouth before joining others for afternoon tea at The Ocean on the seafront. Full details of walks, tea options and reply slip are on page [16].

Finally, although it is months away, may I urge as many of you as possible to get to this year's AGM again at the Friend's Meeting House, Bath Place on the last Friday in November. Apart from the usual formal business, it is a good opportunity for all members to raise issues and questions in convivial company. Of course, you can always contact the Committee any time during the year.

John O

Correspondence Secretary

Lynda will be stepping down as our Correspondence Secretary this year, so we will need a replacement. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Lynda or chat with any member of the Committee.

Post Christmas lunch

After two Post Christmas lunches at the Cricket Club kindly organised by Daphne, due to falling numbers we are unsure of members' wishes. We would therefore welcome feedback regarding this event.

Go even greener!

To help save paper as well as printing and posting costs, anyone wishing to stop receiving a printed copy of the programme please email me to let me know and you will be removed from the postal mailing list.

The online programme will be available here :-

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/taunton-deane>

and will be available a few days in advance of the printed programme.

Andy N

Walks for the next programme – Winter 2019

If you'd like to offer a walk for the next programme December 2019 – March 2020, please contact the relevant Assistant Programme Secretary and pick your preferred date.

The end date for walk offers is **Friday 11 October 2019**

Andy N

Walk changes/additions

If a published walk needs altering for any reason, please let the appropriate Assistant Programme Secretary know – **as well as myself**.

We can then inform everyone by our many communications channels of our website, Facebook, email (if you're on our list) and the Ramblers walks finder at

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/taunton-deane>

Andy N

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

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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, Ramblers Cruise & Walk 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

Coach Outing to Exmouth - Sunday 18th August 2019

Walking options:

- Long:** (SWCP) Sidmouth to Exmouth, 11 miles moderate
Medium: Woodbury Common to Exmouth, 7½ miles easy/moderate
Short: (SWCP) Budleigh Salterton to Exmouth, 5½ miles, moderate
Exmouth wander: Self-guided day around Exmouth.

Itinerary:

- 8.30am** Departing **promptly** from Hankridge (near Halfords)
9.30am (approx.) Drop off point for long walk from Sidmouth.
Thereafter three further drop off points, Budleigh Salterton,
Woodbury Common and Exmouth near station.
3.30pm First sitting for tea.
4.15pm Second sitting for tea.
5.30pm Coach departs from Station CP.

NB: It is a half-mile walk from our tea stop to the station car park.

Notes: Walkers are advised to bring a packed lunch and drink as well as usual walking apparel. Weather permitting, bathers should bring swimming gear.

Tea: Choice of tea/coffee, plain or fruit scone or cake, with gluten-free option. This will be on the top floor of **The Ocean** on the Esplanade near the Exmouth 'Eye'

The total cost for this outing including gratuities is just **£13** per person and the number is limited to fifty. To avoid disappointment please book asap. The closing date for booking is **Friday 9th August**, and bookings will be treated on a first come first served basis.

To reserve place(s), 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.**



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Place(s) to reserve

Name:

Phone:

Email:

My walking preference(s) : (please tick appropriate box)

Long Walk Medium Walk Short Walk Exmouth wander

Tea option:

Tea Coffee Cake Plain Scone Fruit Scone Gluten free

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