



# Taunton Deane Ramblers

## WINTER

### PROGRAMME & NEWSLETTER



1st December 2019 – 31st March 2020

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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.

**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.

## THE ONLINE PROGRAMME

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

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

and will be updated to reflect any changes to the printed programme

## 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 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.
<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 our 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>Fri 29 Nov</b>	<b>Taunton Deane Ramblers AGM. See pages 18 &amp; 19 of the programme for more details and invitation</b> <b>Please bring your programme as it contains the Agenda</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 1 Dec 13:30 ST319253 TA3 6LF	<b>North Curry &amp; Knapp</b> 5¾ miles. Moderate <i>Meet in North Curry near church; roadside parking &amp; around square</i>	Evan L 01278 451388
Sun 1 Dec *09:20/10:00 ST300346	<b>River, Canal and Bridgwater Docks</b> About 8 miles and mainly flat. <i>Start point is just off J24 of the M5 towards the new housing estate, Wilstock Village. Street parking, Wilstock Way</i>	Gary H 07714 395814
Wed 4 Dec 13:30 ST212264 TA2 6EL	<b>Staplegrave to Norton Manor Camp</b> 4½ miles. Moderate <i>Meet at Staplegrave Church CP, Manor Road, Taunton</i>	Gail G 07968 891593
Fri 6 Dec <b>13:00</b> SS922390 TA24 7DT	<b>Wheddon Cross to Dunster by Candlelight</b> 6 miles. Moderate with some hills. Follow the Avill Valley to Gallox Bridge. Return by half-hourly bus 16.45 - 21.15 (£4). Street food! <i>Park at Wheddon Cross Cattle Market CP (free)</i> <b>Note much earlier start time</b>	Janice & Alan C 01823 257337
Sun 8 Dec 13:30 ST015067 EX15 1PB	<b>Around Cullompton</b> 5½ miles. Easy/moderate, with one steepish green lane & wide countryside views. <i>Ample roadside parking in Colebrooke Lane</i>	Jo & Susannah 07966 572122 07796 772726
Sun 8 Dec *09:30/10:00 ST246159 Nr. TA20 3RA	<b>Staple Hill via Bishopswood and Castle Neroche</b> 10 miles. Undulating. <i>Meet at Staple Hill CP</i>	Jan F 01823 270018
Wed 11 Dec 13:30 ST222320 TA5 2EQ	<b>Fyne Court to Broomfield Hill</b> 4 miles. Moderate <i>Meet near toilets at Fyne Court</i>	Cath R 01823 270308

Fri 13 Dec

**Christmas Meal at the White Horse Inn  
Bradford-On-Tone.  
See pages 14 & 15 of the programme**

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 15 Dec 13:30 ST080279 TA4 2JY	<b>Wivey &amp; the Milverton Ridge</b> 4½ - 5½ miles. Moderate. <i>Meet at Wiveliscombe CP, North Street, Wiveliscombe. Tea Option</i>	John O 01984 624477
Sun 15 Dec *09:15/10:00 ST110396 Nr TA4 4EE	<b>Thorncombe Barrow, Higher Hare Knap, Longstone Hill &amp; Weacombe Hill</b> 10 - 12 miles. Moderate/hilly. <i>Meet Bicknoller VH CP (donation)</i>	Pete W 01823 321985
Wed 18 Dec 13:30 ST263284 TA2 8QT	<b>West Monkton &amp; Hestercombe House</b> About 4½ miles, fairly undemanding. <i>Meet at West Monkton Church.</i>	Liz H 01823 490828
Sun 22 Dec 13:30 ST122257 TA4 1LS	<b>Milverton to Hillfarrance Brook</b> 4¾ miles. Moderate, quite steep in parts <i>Meet at village CP at corner Fore Street and Creedwell Orchard. (Bring Xmas snacks!)</i>	Gail G 07968 891593
Sun 22 Dec *08:50/10:00 SS954475	<b>North Hill from Moor Wood car park</b> About 10 miles. Moderate/hilly. Exact route depends on the weather! <i>Meet Moor Wood CP, Hill Road, Minehead</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Sun 29 Dec 13:30 SS977001 EX5 3LE	<b>Killerton Circuit</b> 4 - 4½ miles. Easy. No need to pay entrance, but fairytale decorated house & illuminated after- dark trail, so bring NT cards if you have them. <i>Park at Killerton NT CP (fee for non-members)</i>	Janice & Alan C 01823 257337
Sun 29 Dec *08:50/10:00 SS971466 TA24 5QB	<b>A Winter Walk from Minehead</b> 9 - 10 miles. Moderate overall Coast path and Macmillan Way West. <i>Meet on sea front at junction with Blenheim Road. Local street parking</i>	Bridget H 01984 623621

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wed 1 Jan 13:30 ST204264 TA2 6NR	<b>Greet the New Year ... gently!</b> 3 – 3½ miles. Easy Out from Cross Keys with pub option. <i>Please park near the petrol station end, Cross Keys</i>	John O 01984 624477
Fri 3 Jan	Date still available. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Mike W	
Sun 5 Jan 13:30 ST146229 TA21 0BH	<b>Around Nynehead</b> 3¾ miles. Fairly easy <i>Meet at Nynehead Memorial Hall</i>	Joy C 01823 282827
Sun 5 Jan *08:50/10:00 SS921468 TA24 8TR	<b>Selworthy and the Holnicote Estate</b> 11 miles including one stiff climb. <i>Meet at top overflow CP at Selworthy</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Wed 8 Jan	Date still available. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	
Sun 12 Jan 13:30 ST107228 TA21 0RL	<b>Langford Budville - Heathfield Loop</b> Approx 5 miles. Easy <i>Meet/park at Jubilee Hall (VH) CP</i>	Odile & Tim K 07754 682791
Sun 12 Jan *08:50/10:00 SS954475	<b>North Hill from Moor Wood car park</b> About 10 miles. Moderate/hilly. Exact route depends on the weather! <i>Meet Moor Wood CP, Hill Road, Minehead</i>	Sue C-B 07811 731278
Wed 15 Jan 13:30 ST363144 TA19 0BQ	<b>Ilminster to Dowlish Wake and Kingstone</b> 5 miles. Easy. <i>Park and meet in Tesco CP, (max stay 3 hrs), Shudrick Lane, Ilminster</i>	Ann W 01460 54622 Ian F 01460 55839
Fri 17 Jan 18:30 ST297375 TA6 3EX	<b>Urban walk in Bridgwater</b> 3 - 3½ miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at Admirals Landing PH, Bridgwater Docks.</i> <i>(Optional meal after walk)</i>	Gill L 01823 331474

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 19 Jan 13:30 ST359143 TA19 0EF	<b>Ilminster &amp; Donyatt</b> 4¾ miles. Fairly easy, some stiles with an incline at the start. Might be muddy. Possible visit to Donyatt Church <i>Meet at Orchard Vale CP, Wharf Lane (off Canal Way), Ilminster</i>	Andy & Val N 01823 282282
Sun 19 Jan *09:15/10:00 ST359143 TA19 0EF	<b>Out from Ilminster</b> 10 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at Orchard Vale CP, Wharf Lane (off Canal Way), Ilminster</i>	Wendy & Linda 01823 331058 01823 662232
Wed 22 Jan 13:30 ST195256 TA2 6RF <b>SHORT</b>	<b>An easy winter wander!</b> 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
Sun 26 Jan 13:30 ST150378	<b>Ramscombe, Ashley Combe &amp; Black Hill</b> 5 miles. Hilly but not steep <i>Meet at Crowcombe Park Gate.</i> (Not suitable in snow & ice, so check website)	Cath R 01823 270308
Sun 26 Jan *09:30/10:00 ST275255 TA3 5PR	<b>A walk around Creech St Michael</b> 9 miles. Easy <i>Meet at Canal side CP, Creech St Michael</i>	Daphne H 01823 254151 Margaret 01823 331349
Wed 29 Jan 13:30 ST302204 TA3 6SG	<b>Hatch Beauchamp to Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe</b> 5½ miles. Easy/moderate. Mostly level, through fields, tracks and quiet lanes. <i>Meet at Hatch Beauchamp VH</i>	Lynda K 01823 480814
Fri 31 Jan	<b>Walk changed to 7 February</b>	
Sun 2 Feb 13:30 ST265211 TA3 5BW	<b>Thurlbear &amp; Orchard Portman</b> 4½ miles. Easy/moderate, with some stiles & possible mud; fields, woods & lanes. <i>Park alongside Thurlbear Church (wide road)</i>	Shirley & Richard W 01823 277234 <b>(leader change)</b>

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 2 Feb *09:20/10:00 ST107392 TA4 4ET	<b>Footpaths around Capton, Stream, Monksilver, Stogumber</b> Around 10 miles. Easy/Moderate <i>Start: Layby on A358 opposite and between the two Bicknoller junctions.</i>	Kathy R 01984 656353 07967 907117
Wed 5 Feb 13:30 ST181338	<b>Lydeard Hill Circular via Cothelstone Hill</b> 5 miles. Moderate/hilly <i>Meet at Lydeard Hill CP</i>	Cath R 01823 270308
Fri 7 Feb 18:30 ST226243 TA1 3PT	<b>Urban walk from central Taunton</b> 3 - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at Crescent CP, Taunton. (Behind Boots)</i> <i>(Optional meal after walk)</i> <b>Note: date changed from 31 January</b>	Rod F 01823 257236

**Spring/Summer start times commence for Wednesday & Sunday afternoons**

Sun 9 Feb 14:00 ST221229 TA1 4XW	<b>Cotlake Hill</b> 4 miles. Moderate; some stiles & possible mud. <i>Roadside parking down Queen's Drive; meet on green at bottom of road, before bridge.</i>	Rod & Ruth F 01823 257236 <b>(leader change)</b>
Sun 09 Feb *09:25/10:00 ST274156 TA20 3JZ	<b>Castle Neroche Herepath</b> 12½ miles. Moderate/hilly. Circular walk consisting of most of the Herepath <i>Meet at Castle Neroche CP</i>	Marcus E 07487 646587
Wed 12 Feb 14:00 ST274156 TA20 3JZ	<b>Castle Neroche and Blackwater</b> 4½ miles. Forest walk, easy. Slight downhill all the way then uphill at the end. Possibly muddy in places. <i>Meet at Castle Neroche CP</i>	Tim & Odile K 07754 682790
Sun 16 Feb 14:00 ST207187 Nr TA3 7SW	<b>Howleigh via Ruggin</b> 5 miles, moderate <i>Meet near former school, Blagdon Hill (road parking)</i>	Philip B 01823 275348



<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sun 16 Feb *09:15/10:00 ST107228 TA21 0RL	<b>Langford Budville circular</b> 10 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at Langford Budville Jubilee VH</i>	Wendy & Linda 01823 331058 01823 662232
Wed 19 Feb 14:00 ST299310 TA7 0BG	<b>North Newton walk</b> About 5 miles. Fairly easy. Could be muddy <i>Meet in Church Road, North Newton near the Telephone box next to the Harvest Moon Inn</i>	Joy C 01823 282827
Fri 21 Feb 18:30 ST230247 TA1 1SW	<b>An Urban Taunton walk</b> 3 - 3½ miles. Easy. (Bring a torch). <i>Meet at Canon Street CP, Taunton. (Near Entrance To St Mary's Churchyard)</i>	Philip B 01823 275348
Sun 23 Feb 14:00 SS955127 EX16 6BL	<b>Tiverton Circular</b> Approx 5 miles. Moderate with one steep hill. <i>Meet at Tiverton Market Square CP (fee)</i>	Richard & Jessica M 01823 669080
Sun 23 Feb *09:15/10:00 ST320084 TA20 2EZ	<b>Holy City, Chardstock and Burr ridge Common</b> 10 miles. Moderate/hilly <i>Start Crowshute Link CP (upper section), Chard</i>	Jan F 01823 270018
Wed 26 Feb 14:00 ST131207 TA21 8LL	<b>Wellington, Westford &amp; Payton</b> 5 miles. Moderate <i>Meet at Wellington Sports Centre, Corams Lane, Wellington</i>	Martin S 01823 256687
Sun 1 Mar 14:00 ST057189 TA21 0PE	<b>Out from Holcombe Rogus</b> 4 miles. Easy; fields, lanes & canal towpath. <i>Meet &amp; park on road by church, Fore Street, Holcombe Rogus</i>	Lynda S 07942 230453 Dot M 01823 270773
Sun 1 Mar *09:10/10:00 ST053285 TA4 2HJ	<b>Washbattle bridge Waterrow &amp; Raddington</b> 9½ miles. Hilly <i>Meet at Washbattle bridge between Maundown &amp; Huish Champflower</i>	Dot H 07989 256521
Wed 4 Mar 14:00 ST395217 TA10 0AT	<b>The Westport Canal, Hambridge and the levels</b> 5 miles, first flat and easy <i>Meet at Lamb and Lion pub on B 3168 but park in a reasonable spot around Hambridge village.</i>	Judi T 07870 871057

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 6 Mar 18:30 ST212238 TA1 5NZ	<b>Urban walk from the Shepherds</b> 3 - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at The Shepherds Rest PH, Galmington.</i> <i>(Optional meal after walk)</i>	Gill L 01823 331474
Sun 8 Mar 14:00 ST023345 TA23 0LL	<b>Brendon Hill and the Mineral Railway</b> 5 miles. Quite hilly, a long climb at the end <i>Meet at the top of The Incline on B3224, ¼ mile beyond fork off B3190. Very limited car park, PLEASE car share.</i>	Colin & Heather F 01823 288588
Sun 8 Mar *09:15/10:00 ST140366 TA4 4AA	<b>Crowcombe</b> Details to follow. Please see our website & Facebook pages <i>Meet at Crowcombe CP, near the church</i>	Jane L 07779 142227
Wed 11 Mar 14:00 ST391252 TA10 0ES	<b>Curry Rivel / Burton Pynsent</b> 4 miles. Fairly easy Goes close to Pynsent monument through apple orchards <i>Meet in Curry Rivel free CP (behind Sandpits)</i>	Dot M 01823 270773 Lynda S 07942 230453
Fri 13 Mar 18:30 ST139204 TA21 8NR	<b>Wellington walk with Fish &amp; Chip supper</b> 3 - 4 miles. Fairly easy. (Bring a Torch) <i>Meet at South Street CP, Wellington</i> <i>(Optional take-away in Scout Hall. Small donation to Scouts. Bring your own drinks)</i>	Wendy M 01823 663911
Sun 15 Mar 14:00 ST101138 EX15 3JJ	<b>Along the Culm to Coldharbour Mill &amp; back</b> 5 miles, fairly flat. <i>Park in Culmstock Village near the Culm Valley Inn.</i>	Judi T 07870 871057
Sun 15 Mar *09:10/10:00 ST088429 TA23 0TQ	<b>Lower slopes of Quantocks and Costal Path</b> 11 miles. Moderate. Circular walk encompassing footpaths, lower slopes of Quantocks and back along the coast path. Tea options after with Llamas! <i>Start Doniford Farm Park, Doniford</i>	Kathy R 01984 656353 07967 901117
Wed 18 Mar 14:00 ST140139 EX15 3SH	<b>Hemyock &amp; Wellington Monument</b> 5½ miles. Hilly at the start. <i>Meet at Blackdown Healthy Living Centre, Lower Millhayes, Millhayes near Hemyock</i>	Malcolm & Tor 07964 678149

<u>Date/Time &amp; Start point</u>	<u>Walk Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fri 20 Mar <b>17:00</b> ST111228 TA21 0QZ	<b>Langford Budville Circular</b> 4 miles. Moderate. <i>Meet at Martlett Inn, Langford Budville. (Optional meal after walk)</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Richard M 01823 669080
Sun 22 Mar <b>12:00</b> SX803884 EX6 7EQ <b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>D is for Dartmoor with Daffodils</b> 8 miles, moderate/hilly; varied & flowery, with return along River Teign. Bring picnic lunch. <i>Park at Steps Bridge NT CP (off B3212 Exeter to Mortonhampstead road)</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Janice & Alan C 01823 257337
Sun 22 Mar *09:10/10:00 ST075374 TA4 4JE	<b>Monksilver &amp; Roadwater circuit</b> 10 miles. Some hills. <i>Park at EMN Community Hall at Monksilver, donations please</i>	Carol A 01823 619914 07999 770039
Wed 25 Mar 14:00 ST314350 TA7 0AG	<b>The Huntworth Canal Walk Number 1</b> 4½ miles. Flat and easy. A circular walk which leads you onto the tow path of the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal and back alongside the River Parrett via the historic Bridgwater docks and other sites of interest in the town. Tea/Coffee and possibly cake option after the walk <i>Meet at The Boat and Anchor Inn, Huntworth</i>	Robert W 01823 288373
Fri 27 Mar <b>17:00</b> ST107193 TA21 0HB	<b>A walk from the Beambridge</b> 3 - 4 miles. Fairly easy. <i>Meet at The Beambridge PH, on A38. (Optional meal after walk)</i> <b>Note earlier start time</b>	Mike W 01823 252733
Sun 29 Mar 14:00 ST314350 TA7 0AG	<b>The Huntworth Canal Walk Number 2</b> 5¼ miles. Easy & flat; mainly towpath, with some lanes; no stiles. <i>Start from The Boat &amp; Anchor Inn, Huntworth</i>	Robert W 01823 288373
Sun 29 Mar All day	Date still available. If you wish to offer a walk, please contact Andy N	

## Free dates in the walk programme

Sometimes members are unable to commit up to 6 months ahead and would like to do a walk at short notice. Perhaps the weather looks favourable, a nice new walk has been found, or simply would like to get out for a walk on one of the blank dates.

We will always accept late offers of walks if there are unclaimed dates in the printed programme. Simply contact the relevant Assistant Programme Secretary, **as well as myself**, with the details. We will then organise for our website, Ramblers walks finder and Facebook pages to reflect the additional walk. We can then email our members who've requested emails about this walk.

Alternatively, there's always other groups in the Somerset area that may have walks available for the day you want to go out. See the Walks/Walk Programme on the Somerset Area website :-

<https://www.somersetramblers.co.uk/>

This also includes all of our walks if I am given the information.

Andy N

## Walks for the next programme: Spring & Summer 2020

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

The end date for walk offers is **Friday 14 February 2020**

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

## Newsletter articles

If you wish to provide an article for publication in a future TDR programme/newsletter, please let me know.

Andy N

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

## Chairman's Chat

Looking back over a pleasantly varied and quite full Autumn Programme when the weather has been generally kind, I can't help but wish that winter was a bit more like autumn!

There's no doubting that each walk secretary finds their task in persuading members to lead walks that bit easier when the season is (we hope) lighter and brighter.

Attendees at the last Post Xmas lunch heard me give heartfelt thanks to the committee whose telling contribution of walks to the last Winter Programme saved it from becoming one of the barest programmes ever presented by the group when our membership was as large as it now is.

Most of us like the chance of going for a walk on a half-decent winter's day, but sadly ever fewer of us feel we will offer a "shared" walk in our Winter Programme.

Over the years we, as a group, have done our best to encourage new leaders. From the choice of walks from the three walks' booklets we've compiled, favourite walks on our website, two calendars with walks, and a veritable library of walks in our walks box, you could say there's something for everyone.

With much of the above in mind I've suggested to the committee that we should put on another walk leader's workshop. (We last had one at the Wyvern Club quite a few years ago). If you're still hazy over map reading, finding a walk, or just wondering where there is enough space for parking for a walk, I'm sure, in a convivial atmosphere, we can answer most of your questions and build your confidence towards leadership.

Do look for the date of this leadership evening in the programme and newsletter and make a date in your diary. We'd love to see as many of you as possible as, without your help our programme will surely become thinner and thinner!

Just a final thought, it was good to have a nearly full coach again for our outing to the coast in August. I was delighted to see two of the group's veterans amongst the party. Over many years as walk leaders both John Lowe and Michael Benison have led and given the group many fine walks all over Somerset and beyond. Some of these I have been able to feature in one or more of the four archives that after twenty-six years the committee have decided to close.

Do come along to the AGM as it could be also an opportunity to reminisce.

John O

## **Christmas Meal 2019**

The Christmas Dinner has been booked for **Friday 13 December 2019, 7pm for 7.30pm** at The White Horse Inn, Bradford-on-Tone, TA4 1HF

The price is £16.95 for 2 courses, £18.95 for 3 courses, including Filter Coffee or Tea.

### **Starters**

- A. Pea, Courgette & Mint Soup with Garlic & Herb Oil (Vegan)
- B. Smoked Chicken Salad with Pomegranate, Raspberry & Mustard Dressing
- C. Filo Prawns on a Bed of Dressed Mixed Leaves with a Sweet Chilli Dip
- D. Mixed Olives & Sunblushed Tomatoes with Balsamic Oil (Vegan)

All above served with Crusty Bread

### **Mains**

- E. Traditional Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets & Walnut, Pear & Thyme Stuffing
- F. Oven Roasted Salmon Fillet with a Sweet Pepper, Tomato & Basil Cream.  
Served on a Bed of Green Beans & Vine Tomatoes
- G. Game Wellington:- Filo Pastry with Venison, Rabbit & Pheasant, Juniper Berries & Chestnuts with a Red Wine Gravy
- H. Roasted Vegetable, Olive, Sweet Potato & Spinach Bake with a Tomato Ragu. (GF, V & Vegan)

\* All Served with Roasted and New Potatoes & Selection of Vegetables \*

### **Desserts**

- I. Salted Caramel Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce & Candied Walnuts
- J. Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
- K. Chocolate & Raspberry Fondant with Clotted Cream Vanilla Ice Cream

Gluten Free/Vegan option available

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

**Numbers are limited and are on a first come first served basis**

The closing date for booking is **29 November 2019**

**(Please keep a note of your choices)**

# Christmas Meal 2019

**Friday 13 December 2019, 7pm for 7.30pm**

**At The White Horse Inn, Bradford-on-Tone,TA4 1HF**

**2 courses £16.95, 3 courses £18.95 - including Coffee/Tea**

	Starters				Mains				Desserts			Drink	
	A. Soup	B. Chicken Salad	C. Filo Prawns	D. Mixed Olives etc	E. Turkey	F. Salmon	G. Game Wellington	H. Roasted Vegetable	I. Cheesecake	J. Christmas Pudding	K. Fondant	Coffee	Tea
<b>a</b>													
<b>b</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.**

**OR pay using online banking (which saves us 30p per cheque) :-**

Please email the Treasurer, Gill Lee, who will reply with the Sort code and Account number to use. Please use reference - **Surname Xmas 2019** - (up to 18 characters). You will still need to inform Lynda of your choices, and also tell Gill when you've paid.

The closing date for booking is **29 November 2019**

## Coach Outing to Exmouth - 18 August 2019

The weather for this year's trip was very good, with only a couple of tiny showers lasting only a few seconds.

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

I've put some pictures in the Outings section for everyone to see:-

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

Andy N

## Working Party

Thanks to everyone who came out to help on 20 August at Woodram Lane near Pitminster and Corfe.

In just over 2½ hours, 10 of us cleared over 100 meters of thick hedges and overhanging tree branches

## 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

## 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](http://www.thewalkingpartnership.org.uk)

Or ring 01707 331133

Thanks to everyone who has already used this service.

## Barn Dance at Trull Memorial Hall, February 2020

Sat 1st Feb 2020 from 7.30 to 11pm at the Trull Memorial Hall, Trull.

Band, caller and supper provided but bring your own drinks. Donations for a raffle would be welcome.

Tickets are £10 each and will be on sale soon on walks or contact Liz Ollershaw on 01823 283563 or Judi Townsend 07870 871057



## Your Committee and Officers. © is Committee member

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<b>Publicity Officer</b> Vacant			

Note due to print timing, posts above may have added or altered. Please check our website for up to date information

## TDR Group Secretary

As many of you may know by now, our current joint secretaries Lynda Stewart and Dot Mackay are stepping down from their posts at this year's AGM.

In order to continue to function as a group **it is essential that we fill the post of Group Secretary**. The post can be more typically filled by one person, or shared as our group has for the past three years.

No particular skills or qualifications are required for the post, just minimal secretarial skills, a sense of humour? and, primarily, a desire to see Taunton Deane Ramblers continue to function as a group into the 2020s.

If tempted, and for further details please ring Lynda on 01823 272405 or John on 01984 624477. **We both would much appreciate your call.**

## **INVITATION**

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the **Taunton Deane Ramblers** to be held at 19:30 on Friday 29th November 2019 at Main room, Taunton Quaker Meeting House, 13 Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP  
Refreshments from 19:00

### **Annual General Meeting - AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Chairman's opening remarks.**
- 3. Minutes of AGM on Friday 23th November 2018.**
- 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.**

#### **Current post holder**

- |                             |    |                  |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------|
| 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      |

#### **9. Election to fill other non-committee Group Posts**

#### **Current post holder**

- |                        |    |                                      |
|------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| a) Footpath Secretary  |    | Philip Bisatt                        |
| b) Membership          |    | Val Norris                           |
| c) Website Coordinator |    | Dave Patten                          |
| d) Archivist           |    | John Ollerenshaw                     |
| e) Programme Secretary |    | Andy Norris                          |
| f) Assistant Prog.Sec. | 1. | Short Sunday Walks - Janice Cockett  |
| g)                     | 2. | Long Sunday Walks - Davina Cole **   |
| h)                     | 3. | Wednesday walks - Vacant             |
| i)                     | 4. | Friday Evening Walks - Mike Whitmore |

#### **10. Appointment of Auditor.**

#### **11. Any Other Business.**

\*\* not standing for re-election

## Retiring Officers at the 2019 AGM

The following people are stepping down from their post:-

Lynda Stewart    Correspondence Secretary  
Dot Mackay      Minute Secretary  
Davina Cole      Sunday all day walk assistant secretary

A big **Thank You** to all above for their time and huge contribution to the running of our group.

## Minutes of AGM, 23 November 2018

The minutes of the AGM on 23 November 2018 can be found on the AGM section here:-

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

## Annual General Meeting – 29 November 2019

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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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### Taunton Deane Ramblers

We wish to nominate : .....

For the post of : ..... for 2019/20

Proposer's Name : ..... Signature : .....

Secunder's Name : ..... Signature : .....



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**

## Group Walk Leadership Workshop

**Venue : Medium Room, The Friends' Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton**

Do you struggle to find your way on a map? Can you judge what might make a decent walk? Can you find somewhere appropriate to park when you work out a walk?

Do come along to TDR's informal walk workshop on **Friday 24 January at 7.00 for 7.30pm**, to have many if not all of your questions answered and indeed many more. Simple tuition, free walks, free refreshments and helpful advice - all you need to get you started or further improve your skills.

If you and your friends would like to join us on this evening event please let us know, we can then sort out the arrangements and any refreshments.

Simply email Janice :-

**janicecockett@live.co.uk**

indicating the number of people who will be coming along.

Please let us know by 17 January 2020 if possible

## Somerset Area Weekend 2020

The Somerset Area Weekend 2020 will be held near the village of Cromford near Matlock in the Peak District from 2 to 5 October 2020.

Our base will be Willersley Castle Hotel, a magnificent late 18<sup>th</sup> century country mansion, which stands in 60 acres of its own grounds, overlooking the river Derwent.

We hope to provide the usual format of 3 walks per day on all of the four days and entertainment in the evenings.

For information or to reserve a place on the holiday, please contact Peggy at [pm.fortunati@outlook.com](mailto:pm.fortunati@outlook.com) or telephone Rod or Peggy on 01278 783270.

You can find information about the hotel at [www.christianguild.co.uk/willersley](http://www.christianguild.co.uk/willersley)

The Organising Team



Please remember to bring your Programme/Newsletter to the AGM on 29 November, as it contains the agenda for the meeting.

Refreshments from 19:00, meeting starts at 19:30

## Four Quick Pointers to a Successful Walk

As a group, and indeed all walking groups, TDR is continually in need of new walk leaders. The group works successfully on the basis that most members contribute when they can, but starting leading can be daunting. To help we have assembled a box of walk leaflets & books, held by Janice C, any of which can be borrowed, & John & I are happy to offer advice on choosing a suitable route.

Below are a few key points to consider & get you started: you might even find you enjoy it!

### **1. *Sensible Parking Arrangements***

No-one wants to return from a walk to find their car damaged by passing traffic, or faced by an angry farmer moaning about an obstructed gateway. Finding adequate space is often a problem & should be thought about in the initial stages of planning any group walk.

### **2. *Selecting a Route***

The choice is seemingly endless, but certain circuits stand out in people's minds. Variety along the route keeps up interest, say a wood & a moor, or a canal teamed with a pretty village. Walks with a theme, such as history or wildflowers can work well & are especially good for shortish, easier walks. Linear walks need linking transport which is reliable.

### **3. *The Unexpected***

Well, not quite. No-one can control the British weather, whatever the season. Particularly for harder, exposed walks it is useful to have an escape route or two if it really sets in. Carrying a 1:25,000 scale OS map makes sense on any upland route.

### **4. *Refreshments***

The bit you've all been waiting for! A cosy tearoom or welcoming pub can be just the thing to finish your walk with a flourish. Go for it!

Janice C