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OVA WALKS PROGRAMME July to December 2015

Wednesday 1st July, 10.45am - WALK (Exe Valley Way Stage 4, Tiverton to Bampton) with Chris Buckland / Mike Paddison

Meet at Exeter Bus Station by 9.50am to catch bus no. 155 at 10.00 arriving at Tiverton Bus Station at 10.37am, ready to Start the walk (OS Explorer 114, SS 955 124) at 10.45am. 8miles,4 hours. You won't have to clean your boots after this section, since it's entirely on quiet, but hilly lanes through the thickly wooded and steep sided valley, high above the river, with good views to the other side. With a hint of what's to come later on the route, we leave the Exe near the end of our walk to follow a different valley, that of the River Bathern, on which the village of Bampton stands. There's a very welcome café in the High Street, should we have to wait for the 398 bus back to Tiverton, to catch the 55 or 155 to Exeter. Please bring a picnic.

Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471 & Mike Paddison 01395 446 550

Saturday 4th July, 10.45am. - WALK with Bettina Wilson

Start at Abbotsbury CP (OS Explorer OL15, SY 579 852), 9½ miles, 4+ hours. Abbotsbury is approximately 50 miles, 1hr 30mins, drive from Newton Poppleford. We suggest meeting at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground CP (OS Explorer 115, SY 088 999) at 09:00am to share cars. Walk commences with a steepish climb up to the Ridgeway to obtain good views. Walk along the ridge and then down to West Bexington and back along the coast path to the ruins of St Catherine's Chapel on the hill above Abbotsbury. Please bring a picnic or take advantage of refreshments available at West Bexington and tea at the end of the walk in Abbotsbury.

Walk Leader: Bettina Wilson 01395 260599

Friday 10th July, 10.00am. - WALK with Toby Taylor (RSPB)

Start at Joneys Cross, (OS Explorer 115, SY 898 057), 2½ hours leisurely walk.

"From bees to birds", A visit to Aylesbeare Common, to meet up with the RSPB Warden for a guided walk around this reserve, nothing too strenuous, but taking time to look at what makes this heathland site special, from bees to birds.

This walk has a limited number of places. Reservation requests to "mike.paddison@me.com" - first come first served!

Walk Leader: Toby Taylor (Warden RSPB)

Wednesday July 15th, 10.00am. - WALK - with Chris Buckland

Start at White Bridge, (OS Explorer 115, SY 076 830). 5 miles, 2½ hours.

"With no contempt for familiarity"

A popular and much loved local route along the coast to Brandy Head, site of the WW II look out. Then returning inland via Monks Wall, Otterton, and the Mill for refreshment and reflection, before setting off along Park Lane, overlooking the River Otter to White Bridge.

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471

Tuesday 21st July, 10.30am - Walk with Brian Gannon

Start at Byestock Nature Reserve, North Entrance CP, (OS Explorer 115, SY 030 849). 6½ miles, 3½ hours.

A walk based upon a Devon Wildlife Trust route starting at Byestock Nature Reserve, taking in Squabmore Reservoir, East Budleigh and Hayes Barton. Please bring a picnic.

Walk Leader: Brian Gannon 01395 443502

Sunday 26th July, 12:00am. - WALK with Ant & Dec

Start: Okehampton Railway Station, OS Explorer OL28, SX 5926 9443, 10miles, 6 hours.

"Aiming high!" A romantic day out on the moor, travelling on the old Southern Railway from Exeter to Okehampton, now maintained by enthusiasts and only open on Summer Sundays. The *challenge* is to climb three increasingly higher tors, to reach the peak of High Willhayes (621m), Dartmoor's and Southern England's highest point with unsurpassed views. Returning gently downhill through the East Okemount River valley alongside the tumbling river.

Outward: Meet at Exmouth Railway station to catch the 10:21 to Exeter Central connecting with the 11:03 to Okehampton arriving at 11:49.

Return: Our walk aims to return to Okehampton Station in time for tea and the 17:59 to Exeter St Davids connecting with the 18:50 to Exmouth, arriving at 19:20.

If you want to use public transport throughout, the 357 bus dep 09:20 Granary Lane, dep 09:23 Budleigh Salterton Public Hall; arr 09:39 Exmouth. The return bus dep 20:01 Exmouth, arr 20:15 Public Hall Budleigh Salterton.

Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471/Mike Paddison 01395 446550

Wednesday 29th July, 10.00am. - WALK with Mike Paddison & Chris Buckland

Start at Woodbury Castle, (OS Explorer 115, SY 0324 8732). 8½ miles, 4+ hours.

'The Magnificent Seven', an OVA contribution to Pebblebed Heath Week. A walk over varied terrain and scenery visiting all the Commons surrounding Woodbury Common. Starting off at Woodbury Castle, the first kilometre or so will take us to the convergence of the boundaries of Woodbury, Colaton Raleigh, and Bicton Commons from which point we can see the wide expanse of the pebblebed heathlands. From there we walk in a southerly direction through plantations, along little used paths, through WW2 ruins and the new cattle enclosures, along country lanes to Shortwood Common and then onto Dalditch Common, the most southerly point of the walk. Our journey back will take us along paths overlooking Squabmore Reservoir and into the rarely visited Wythycombe Raleigh Common. From there it is a short walk to Bystock Fishponds and beyond to Wrights Lane and the start of the Blackhill quarries. Skirting the gravel distribution plant

we commence the northerly walk, via Four Firs, back to Woodbury Castle. The walk may be muddy in places if there has been significant rain before the walk. Sturdy shoes/boots will be essential and clothing should be appropriate for the anticipated weather conditions that can quickly change. Please bring a picnic lunch. No booking necessary.

Last minute changes or additional information will be placed on the OVA website.

Walk Leaders: Mike Paddison 01395 446550 & Chris Buckland 01395 444471

Saturday 1st August, 11.15am - WALK (Exe Valley Way Stage 5, Bampton to Dulverton) with Chris Buckland / Mike Paddison

Meet at Exeter Bus Station by 9.50am to catch bus no. 155 at 10.00 arriving at Tiverton Bus Station at 10.37am, in time to continue on the 398 that leaves at 10.50am, arriving at Bampton at 11.13am, ready to Start the walk (OS Explorer 114, SS 956 223) at 11.15am. 8 miles, 4 hours. We lose sight of the Exe as we cross high agricultural land, farms and lots of mud before briefly reacquainting ourselves as we cross the river at Exebridge, where it disappears north, not to be seen again until we reach our destination on Exmoor! Now it is the River Barle, a 'mere' tributary, that takes centre stage; a strong, wide, powerful river, whose steeply wooded valley we now follow, across the border into Somerset, the Exmoor National Park and our finish at Dulverton. Plenty of cafés if we have to wait for the 398 bus to Tiverton and the 55 or 155 connection to Exeter. Please bring a picnic.

Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471 & Mike Paddison 01395 446 550

***A Programme of Summer Evening Strolls
in the Otter Valley***

By popular request we have organised a programme of four evening strolls. Each walk starts at 7pm, lasts 1½ - 2 hours and covers 3 - 4 miles, circumnavigating each of the four villages in the Otter Valley. The start and finish will be close to a local hostelry with a comfortable country walk in between.

If you haven't walked before, or you are returning after a break, or simply cannot get enough of OVA walking (and who can blame you!), you will be very welcome. The strolls occur at about weekly intervals throughout August. The first one follows:

Monday 3 August: 7pm. A Summer Evening stroll with Chris Buckland

Start at the Village Car Park, East Budleigh

(OS Explorer 115, SY 065 849). 3-4 miles, 1½ -2 hours.

Wednesday 5th August, 10.00am. - WALK with John Jones

Start at Budleigh Salterton Public Hall free CP, (OS Explorer 115, SY 061 821). 4½ miles 2½ hours.

A walk over varied terrain visiting the Golf Links, Knowle Hill Plantation, Dalditch Common and returning via Shortwood Lane. Some muddy areas in wet weather.

Walk Leader: John Jones, 01395 443651

Saturday, 9th August, 10.00am. WALK with Stan Herbert

Start at East Budleigh CP (SY 065 849) 5 miles, 2½ hours.

"A little local walk". Along Hayes Lane, through the woods and over the commons returning via Yettington. with long time local resident, Stan.

Walk Leader: Stan Herbert, 01395 445 113

Tuesday, 11th August, 10:30am. WALK with Brian Gannon

Start: The Green, Otterton, (OS Explorer 115, SY 0803 8525. 5½ miles, approx. 3 hours.

The walk is a mixture of riverside paths, green lanes and some tarmac road. Initially we head up the Otter, then turn eastwards to Sea View Farm and then Bars Lane to the short, steep climb up High Peak, which looks a little sorry now shorn of its trees, but the bonus is that there are now wonderful views all around. The walk then descends steeply and briefly from the summit, and onwards to Ladram Bay where can pause for coffee and/or a snack. Refreshment can be purchased in the café.

We return via Monks Wall, Culliver Cross to Clamour Bridge and return to Otterton via the River Otter. Food is available at the Mill or the nearby Kings Arms.

Outward travel by bus 157, dep Budleigh Public Hall at 10:00, or bus 157, dep Newton Poppleford at 10:01, arr Otterton at approx. 10:15.

If coming by car, park in the high street or up by the Church (1st right immediately past the Mill).

Return travel by bus 157 in the required direction

Walk Leader: Brian Gannon, 01395 443502

Monday 13th August: 7pm. A Summer Evening stroll with Chris Buckland

Start at the Kings Arms, Otterton

(OS Explorer 115, SY 082 853). 3-4 miles, 1 ½ -2 hours.

Saturday, 15th August. WALK CANCELLED

The SW Coast Path from Seaton to Lyme Regis ("The Undercliff")

We are sorry to disappoint those of you who were looking forward to our walk on this iconic stretch of Coast Path. However, due to continuing cliff falls, the path is closed until the cliffs 'settle'. It looks like those of us who completed the route last year were indeed fortunate.

There is an inland diversion for walkers wishing to complete a longer stretch, or all of the SWCP.

Saturday 15th August, 11.30am - WALK (Exe Valley Way Stage 6, Dulverton to Withypool) with Chris Buckland / Mike Paddison

Meet at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground CP (OS Explorer 115, SY 088 999) at 9am to make car sharing arrangements, before driving to Withypool (OS Explorer OL 9, SS

844 354), [approx. 1 hour 30 mins], where we will leave some cars, and all return to Dulverton (OS Explorer OL 9, SS 913 278) to Start the walk at 11.30 am. 9 miles, 4½ hours. Now we are on the Two Moors Way that will take us to our destination. The first half is a very attractive, level, waterside walk through the beautiful wooded Barle Valley, before we emerge onto the high downland of Exmoor (we enjoyed a snow storm, when we were there!) with extensive views, and descend to the unspoilt village of Withypool, where refreshment await in its café, before the drive back to East Devon. Please bring a picnic.
Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471 & Mike Paddison 01395 446 550

Monday 17th August: 7pm. A Summer Evening stroll with Chris Buckland

Start at the Otter Inn, Colaton Raleigh
(OS Explorer 115, SY 078 875). 3-4 miles, 1½ -2 hours.

Wednesday, 19th August, 10:00am. WALK with George Norman

Start at Belstone CP, SX 6210 9377, 8miles, approx. 4hours.

“Dartmoor High Tors and Antiquities at their best”

From the CP, the walk follows the valley of the River Tor, crossing the river at a ford and onwards past the white hill hut circles climbing steadily to the White Hill stone circle by Little Hound Tor. Then on to Hound Tor, with a possible extension to Wild Tor if the group is keen and time permits. Both of these tors are good spots for lunch with fine views in good weather. The return walk continues to Metheral Hill and across the river. Finally up onto Higher Tor and Belstone Tor, descending via the nine stones cairn circle and back into Belstone, potentially finishing up at a local hostelry.

The walk is on an open and, at times, rough moorland with some places very exposed, and includes two significant steady climbs. We will also ford the river twice and cross some boggy ground, good boots and spare socks are required!

Walk Leader: George Norman, 01395 442 307

Saturday 22nd August, 11.45am - WALK (Exe Valley Way Stage 7, Withypool to Exe Head) with Chris Buckland / Mike Paddison

Meet at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground CP (OS Explorer 115, SY 088 999) at 9am to make car sharing arrangements, before driving to Simonsbath (OS Explorer OL 9, SS 773 393), [approx. 1 hour 45 mins], where we leave some cars, and all return to Withypool (OS Explorer OL 9, SS 844 354) to Start the walk at 11.45am. 11 miles, 5½ hours. A good opportunity to test our navigational skills on the open moor as we find our way down to the floor of the Barle, with only the sky above until, suddenly we are at Simonsbath. A brief respite for lunch and we are off again for the final leg across the expansive and featureless moor, to discover the source the River Exe and wobble our toes in its murky water. Please bring a picnic.

Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471 & Mike Paddison 01395 446 550

Tuesday 25th August, 10:00am - WALK with Haylor Lass

Start at the Bowd Inn layby, (OS Explorer 115, SY 1044 8982). 8½ miles 4+ hours. .

“Following more of the footsteps of Samuel Taylor Coleridge” (Day 1)

Beginning with a morning walk on some of the Coleridge Heritage Trail, mostly downhill and through leafy lanes/tracks to Ottery St Mary. Then either bus back to the start, or pub lunch and afternoon walk back along the river and railway track to the Bowd layby. Bring liquids, poetry book optional. Bus back from Ottery at 12.15, 14.35 or 14.50 - you choose whether to walk, run for the bus or lunch!

Walk Leader: Haylor Lass, 01395 568786

Wednesday 26th August, 10:00am - WALK with Haylor Lass

Start 9.50am at Bishop’s Lydeard Station, (TA4 3RU; ST 1643 2895). **“Following even more of the footsteps of Samuel Taylor Coleridge” (Day 2)**

“A day in the Quantocks.”

From the station, a short bus ride then walk up to and along the ridge of the Quantock Hills, including some of the Coleridge Way. Pub lunch at West Quantoxhead, then short afternoon walk to Williton Station for the 16.07 steam train on the West Somerset Railway back to the start for 16.45. Bring money for bus, train and lunch and waterbottle/snacks to keep you active. Please advise Haylor beforehand if you intend to come, so I can give numbers for transport and meal.

Walk Leader: Haylor Lass, 01395 568786

Friday 28th August, 7:00pm. Summer Evening Stroll with Chris Buckland

Start at the Village Car Park, Newton Poppleford (OS Explorer 115, SY 085 896). 3-4 miles, 1 ½ -2 hours.

Saturday 5th September 10.45am - WALK with Peter Paine

Rendezvous: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground at 09:15 to share cars ready to depart at 09:30. Journey time about 1¼ hours.

Start: Small hamlet of Monksilver at 10:45, (OS OL9, ST 073 376), 11 miles, 5 ½ hours. Peter will be leading the walk in the beautiful and little walked countryside on the edge of Exmoor, the Quantocks and the Brendon Hills. The walk will start in the small hamlet of Monksilver and our route will take us via Sticklepath, the Roadwater valley, Nettlecombe and back to Monksilver along the Woodford valley. This is an ‘off the beaten track’ walk of about 11 miles on footpaths, bridleways and old tracks, a couple of steep climbs rewarded by some great views and rolling countryside.

Bring a packed lunch (our lunch stop will be near a pub so a lunchtime pint/drink will also be on offer). At the end of the walk we will stop at the village pub for well deserved tea and cakes before heading for home.

Walk Leader: Peter Paine ,01404 815214 / 07812 772163

Tuesday, 8th September, 10:45am. WALK with David Buss

Start: The 157 Bus Stop at the junction of Salterton Road and Castle Lane , (OS Explorer SY 115, SY 042 823), 8 miles.

A linear walk starting and ending on the 157 bus route!

Using public and permissive paths, the walk includes Squabmoor Reservoir, East Budleigh Common, Hayes Wood and Bicton Church, finishing for lunch at Otterton Mill or the Kings Arms and returning by the 157 bus.

Walk includes woodland, open commons, waterside sections and some short sections on minor roads.

Walkers could choose to 'take an early bath' and finish the walk at East Budleigh, where the 157 bus also stops, saving two miles.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Saturday, 12th September, 10.00am. WALK with Jan Stuart

East Budleigh CP, (SY 065849) 8 miles, 4 hours.

An interesting walk taking in 3 different stretches of water. The first is a walk by Squabmoor reservoir, now used for coarse & carp fishing. We then visit the lovely Bystock Nature reserve with its manmade ponds which are a host to an abundance of wildlife. We walk on towards the Blackhill Quarry works where we encounter more areas of water some very deep and quite eerie glinting through the trees. We cross Bicton Common and make our way back to East Budleigh passing by Hayes Barton, Birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh. There will be a lunch stop en route.

Walk Leader: Jan Stuart 01395 568235.

Tuesday, 15th September, 10:30am. WALK with David Buss

Start at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground Car Park (CP)

(OS Explorer 115, SY 088 899), 8 miles.

The 157 bus from either Exmouth or Sidmouth stops at Back Lane for the Recreation Ground.

Circular walk along the River Otter and to Venn Ottery Common and the Nature Reserve (www.devonwildlifetrust.org/reserve/Venn+Ottery)

using footpaths, fields and quiet lanes. On the return leg there is the opportunity to take lunch at the Golden Lion, Tipton St John, before walking back to Newton Poppleford to the CP or the 157 bus stop.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Sunday 20th September, 11:00am. A Local Heritage Walk around the Historic Village of Otterton with Dee Woods.

Start: The Green, Fore Street Otterton.

(OS Explorer 115, SY 081 852), 2miles, 2 hours.

The walk will look at the exterior of the many fine listed buildings in the village and other local heritage features of importance. This walk is part of the OVA's local heritage listing project, which will be discussed during the walk.

Walk Leader: Dee Woods 01395 568 158

Wednesday, 23rd September, 10.00am. WALK with John Jones

Four Firs CP, (OS Explorer 115, SY 032 864) 5 miles, 2 ½ hours

A circular walk on the commons using local paths and tracks at this mellow (we hope!) time of year.

Walk Leader: John Jones, 01395 446513

Monday, 28th September, - 10.00am. WALK with Mike Paddison

Start at Tipton St John CP, (SY 091 918), 5½ miles.

An easy walk along River Otter towards Fluxton, Heathlands, Ottery Common, Venn Ottery, Bridge o'er the Otter, Tipton St John.

Please bring your own 'elevenses' or indulge in a late lunch at the Golden Lion, Tipton St John

Walk Leader: Mike Paddison, 01395 446 550

Please consult the OVA Website or the Autumn Newsletter for the latest details about walks scheduled from October to December 2015

Saturday, 3rd October, 10.00am -Walk with Stan Herbert

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 4 miles

Very interesting town walk, including a visit to the historic parish church of All Saints', East Budleigh. Stan will share his vast local knowledge of the people and places of bygone East Budleigh.

Optional lunch at the Sir Walter Raleigh.

Walk Leader: Stan Herbert 01395 445 113

Saturday, 10th October, 10.00am WALK with John Jones

Start at the White Bridge (SY 075 830) 5 miles

A 'moderate' walk along the Coastal path to Crab Ledge, inland to Colliver Cross, then via Clamour Bridge to finish along river path back to the White Bridge.

Maybe muddy in places and windy on the coast path.

Walk Leader: John Jones 01395 443 651

Friday, 16th October, 10.45am WALK with Viv Insull

Rendezvous: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground CP at 09.30, (OS Explorer 115, SY 088 999) to share cars.

Start: Charmouth Beach CP, (OS Explorer 116, SY 365 930), safe all day parking for £2.0, 10 miles, 5-6 hours.

A panoramic walk following the Wessex Ridgeway with extensive views over the Dorset countryside, taking in the iron age forts of Coney's Castle and Lambert Castle. Enjoy wall-

to-wall autumn colours. Please bring a packed lunch.
Walk leader: Vivien Insull 01404 811267

Monday, 19th October, 10:00 am

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 8½ miles
Walk via Clamour Bridge, coastal path to Ladram Bay, High Peak (great climb, great views!), Bar's Lane, Anchoring Hill, Otterton, Old Bicton Church, East Budleigh.
Please bring a picnic!
Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Wednesday, 2nd November, 10.00am WALK with Brian Turnbull

Start at Colaton Raleigh Church
(OS Explorer 115, SY 082 872) 7 miles.
"A wonderful walk, well worth the effort!"
Passaford Lane (steep uphill!), Mutters Moor, coastal path, green lanes, River Otter, Colaton Raleigh Church
Walk Leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567 339

Friday, 6th November, 10.00am WALK with Iain Ure

Start: Castle Neroche car park,
(OS Explorer 128, ST 274 157), 8½ miles, 5 hours.
Castle Neroche, a 1 hour drive from Budleigh, is 3km north of the Eagle Tavern on the A303 just after the short dual carriageway road at Marsh.
Alternatively, assemble at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground (OS Explorer 115, SY 088 899), to share cars for a 09:00am departure.
Easy walking, mostly good tracks, with a short length of country road. The walk is mainly in the forest, adjacent to agricultural farmland.
Walk Leader: Iain Ure 01395 568 158

Friday, 13th November, 10.00am WALK with Viv Insull

Start: Trinity Nature Reserve car park
(OS Explorer 116, SY 307 957), 5 miles.
A circular walk starting through the plantation and then dropping down Hayton Hill towards Yawl. Then to Yawl Cross Walk, via Mary's Lane, to Yawl Hill and then down Carswell Bottom, with good views towards Uplyme before heading back around Knoll Hill; ending with a steep walk up Cathole Lane back to the Trinity Plantation.
Walk Leader: Vivien Insull 01404 811267

Saturday, 14th November, 10:00 am Guided Walk with Doug Cullen

Start at White Bridge (SY 076 830) 2½ miles, 2 hours
A leisurely walk along the River Otter watching and identifying the arriving winter birds

with Doug Cullen, Voluntary Warden of the Pebblebed Heath Conservation Trust. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

Walk Leader: Doug Cullen, 01395 567 574

Tuesday, 24th November, 10:00am WALK with David Buss

Start: Car park opposite the Norman Lockyer Observatory
(OS Explorer 115 SY 139 881), 6 miles, 3 hours.

Some strenuous sections along the SW Coast path to WestonMouth, Weston, the Donkey Sanctuary and Salcombe Regis. Refreshments available at the Donkey Sanctuary or bring your own.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Saturday, 28th November, 10:00am WALK with David Daniel

Start at Wheathill Plantation CP.

(OS Explorer 115 SY 041 847) 3 miles.

A short and sociable walk on the commons to relieve those growing pre-Christmas pressures.

Walk Leader: David Daniel 01395 445 960

Tuesday, 1st December 10:30am WALK with David Buss

Start: Car park at the Blue Ball Inn, Sidford

(OS Explorer 115 SY 138 898) 8 miles, 3-3½ hours.

Moderate with some steep ascents.

Walk to Knowle House, Lower Sweetcombe, Mincombe Wood, Harcombe Hill, and Harcombe. Please bring a picnic and/or enjoy refreshments at the Blue Ball afterwards.

Walk Leader: David Buss 01395 442 621

Saturday, 5th December 10:00am WALK with Brian Turnbull

Start at Colaton Raleigh Church (SY 082 872) 5 miles

"An ideal walk for a short winter's day"

Down green lanes and over the commons, visiting Dotton, Goosemoor and Naps lane.

Optional lunch at the Otter Inn.

Walk Leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567 339

Wednesday, 9th December, 10.30am WALK with Viv Insull

Start: Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground.

(OS Explorer 115, SY 088 899), 5-6 miles

A circular walk picking up the East Devon Way at Harpford going up to Fire Beacon Hill (This is a fairly steep climb, but well worth the effort). We will then walk around the hill and drop down to Coombe, through Hollowhead Cross and onto Tipton StJohn. We then follow the Otter back to Newton Poppleford.

Walk Leader: Viv Insull, 01404 811 267

Saturday, 16th December, 10:00am WALK with Chris Buckland

Start: Knowle Village Hall car park (SY 052 827) 7½ miles

“Exploring the Western Front”

A largely level walk to Orcombe Point, the Gateway to the Jurassic Coast, using the disused railway track to Littleham Church, and attractive rural paths under the shadow of Exmouth's brooding urbanization above. Distant views across the Exe estuary to Berry Head while we eat our lunch, before the gradual climb back along the coast path to West Down Beacon and views to Beer and Portland. (Yes, even in December... sometimes!)

Please bring a picnic. Optional lunch at the Britannia Inn in Knowle, if it's open!

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Friday, 26th December 10:30 am WALK with David Daniel

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 4 miles

Gentle Boxing Day walk across the commons at this time of good cheer

Optional lunch at the Sir Walter Raleigh.

(Please telephone walk leader by 6th December to book lunch)