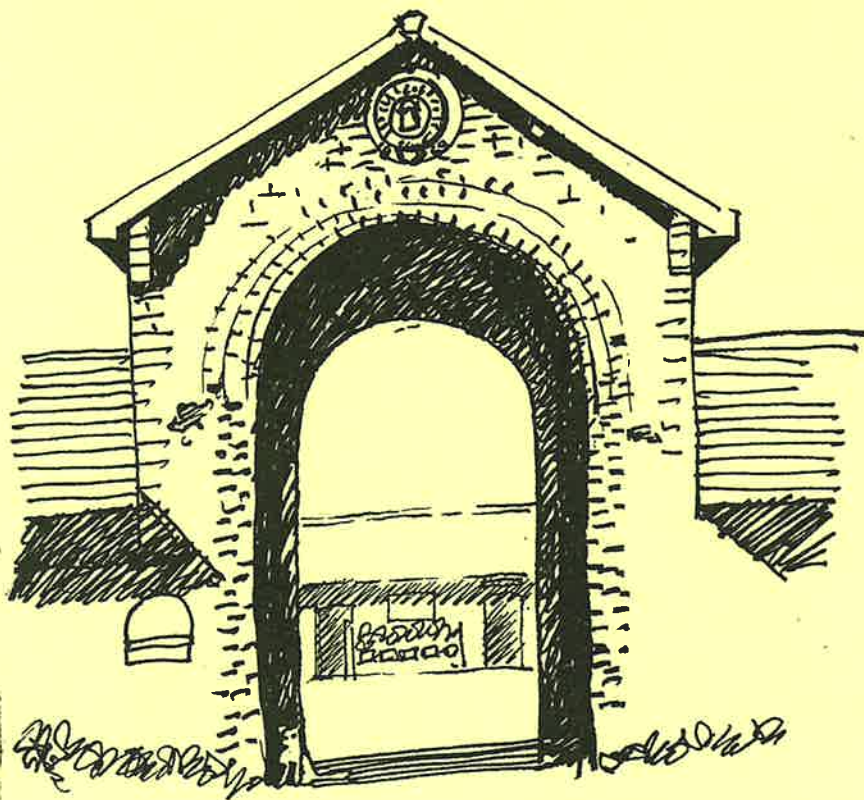


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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 6th COLATON RALEIGH CHURCH GRID REF. 082872
SAT 10 a.m. 6 MI 3HRS MODERATE: RIVERSIDE, HARPFORD WOODS,
MUTTERS MOOR. GOOD VIEWS. ONE CLIMB.
Walk Leader: STAN HERBERT 445648

JULY 17th. JONEYS CROSS AYLESBEARE COMMON GRID REF 057897
WED 10 a.m 2 HRS EASY: COMMONS WALK LOOKING AT HEATHLAND
FLORA AND FAUNA.
Walk Leader: DAVID JANNAWAY 567159

AUG 3rd BUDLEIGH SALTERTON PUBLIC HALL GRID REF. 061821
SAT 10 a.m. 2½ HRS 2 ½ MI EASY: EXTENDED TOWN WALK AROUND
BUDLEIGH. CONSERVATION AREA, LITTLE KNOWLE,
WEST HILL, COASTGUARD ROAD.
Walk Leader: GLYNN WHITTLE 445601

AUG 21st. BUDLEIGH SALTERTON LIMEKILN C P. GRID REF .073821
WED 10a.m 3 HRS MODERATE: ARTISTS WALK WITH STOPS FOR
SKETCHING OR RESTING.
Walk Leader: JED FALBY 445455

SEPT 7th PEAK HILL GRID REF. 109873
SAT 10 a.m. 2 HRS MODERATE: MUTTERS MOOR, COMMONS, WOOD
LANDS. GREAT VIEWS.
Walk Leader: PATRICIA DORAN 445954

SEPT 25th MINCOMBE WOOD. ROADSIDE PARKING. GRID REF. 161934
WED 10 a.m. 7 MI 4 HRS ENERGETIC: EAST DEVON WAY. FARWAY,
BROAD DOWN. GREAT VIEWS. UNSPOILT COUNTRY-
SIDE. SOME STIFF CLIMBS. BRING LUNCH.
Walk Leader: DAVID JANNAWAY 567159

OCT 9th BUDLEIGH SALTERTON PUBLIC HALL GRID REF. 061821
WED 10 a.m. 4½ MI 2½ HRS MODERATE: WEST DOWN BEACON, KNOWLE
HILL, TING TONG, DALDITCH COMMON. GREAT VIEWS.
Walk Leader: GLYNN WHITTLE 445601

OCT 19th. EAST BUDLEIGH HAYES LANE CAR PARK GRID REF. 065849
SAT 10a.m 9 MILES ALL DAY ENERGETIC: RIVER OTTER, MUTTERS MOOR,
LADRAM BAY, ONE STEEP HILL. BRING LUNCH
Walk Leader: EDWARD DIX 442326

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First, a word about our retiring Chairman, John Lee. John has been a most energetic leader, full of enthusiasm and ideas, and ever ready to praise all the individuals actively involved in the work of the Association.

David Leonard has retired as Honorary Secretary at the end of his three-year term. He has been an excellent Secretary, quietly and efficiently getting on with the job. He is succeeded by Angela Taylor, and I am sure that she too will serve us well.

The attendance at the AGM was disappointing. I know that AGMs are perceived as boring (perhaps with some justification) but they are the opportunities for members to ask questions of the officers, and, equally importantly, to show their support.

As I said at the AGM, we frequently hear that "change is inevitable". Perhaps it is, but it can take different forms. It should be change accepted and approved by the people of the locality; not change brought about because some developer from far away sees a handsome profit to be made from disturbing the fabric of our communities.

Who is to ensure that the local interests are protected? In theory, of course, it should be the local Planning Authority, the East Devon District Council, but as the report on the Nattore Lodge site in this Newsletter shows, we cannot place too much reliance upon them.

What should be our response? Certainly not resignation or acceptance of defeat. I suggest that it should be more and more letters from individuals on unacceptable planning applications as they crop up. Already, I suspect, the District Council have received more letters of objection in the last 2 or 3 years than in all the 20 years before. We want that trend to grow. Let us show, by putting pen to paper, that we care deeply about what happens to our communities and to our environments.

The news that Budleigh Salterton Town council are to initiate a Village (or in this case a Town) Design Statement is welcome, and we want to be involved in that. And if the four villages in our area want to embark on the same process, we will give them all the help we can.

Alan Ford

OTTER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 16th May 2002 in the Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton.

Present:	Alan Ford	Vice Chairman
	David Leonard	Honorary Secretary
	Brian Turnbull	Honorary Treasurer

Executive Committee members	6
Association members	18

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

1. Apologies for absence: John and Jacky Lee, Stuart Lovett, John Saul, Dennis Thompson, Robin and Ann Holt, Mary Hart, Edward Dix, Phillip Greenhow, Robert Sellin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: these were approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

3. Matters arising: none.

4. Chairman's report.

4.1 - in John Lee's absence the Vice Chairman referred to the Chairman's last article in the Newsletter where he outlined proceedings for the AGM and how he had thoroughly enjoyed his term of office and was privileged to have served the OVA. The outgoing Chairman further stated how he had been frequently impressed by the Executive Committee members with their enthusiasm, professionalism and obvious concern for the river and the valley.

5. Vice Chairman's report.

5.1 - it was acknowledged that last year's concerns with Developers targeting the area were well founded. A report was given of the Coastal Area Planning Committee's meeting on 14/05/02 and this evening's corresponding headline in the Journal regarding the former Plymco site; the East Devon District Council have agreed to Barratt's proposal since the Developer has increased the number of affordable houses to eighteen.

5.2 - it was reported that the principal issue with the Nattore Lodge proposal has finally been recognised, this is, one of density.

5.3 - the Built Environment Sub Committee has been heartened by the single action groups which have been formed to challenge proposals for Coastguard Road, Victoria Place, Plymco and Dark Lane, all in Budleigh Salterton. It is seen as very positive that these individual groups have been prepared to work together to support each other's interests.

5.4 - whilst it is often reported that change is inevitable it is considered that change should be accepted and approved of by the local community; the membership should be encouraged to believe in what the association does in respect of Planning Applications.

6. Treasurer's report.

- 6.1 - copies of the 'Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March' were circulated.
- 6.2 - it was reported that income from subscriptions was similar to the previous year because member numbers of 901 are on a par; there was a very satisfactory surplus of £1455; the increase of income to £3965 was mainly due to a £1000 legacy being received from the estate of Elizabeth Savage; whilst the books continue to sell well, the deficit from the talks was mainly because of the New Members reception.
- 6.3 - the increase in expenditure is largely the result of the cost of reprinting the stationery and the many associated costs involved when reviewing Planning Applications. It was explained that the Mark Rolle project was 95% funded by the Local Heritage Initiative grant which is linked to the National Lottery.
- 6.4 - with Reserves in excess of £10000 the association is considered to be on a sound financial footing.
- 6.5 - the Vice Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work and wise counsel on a range of matters.

7. Adoption of Accounts.

- 7.1 - the accounts were formally proposed, seconded and agreed.

8. Proposed amendment to the Constitution.

- 8.1 - having been formally given advance notice at last year's AGM and detailed wording in the Newsletter, the meeting was asked to agree to an amendment to Object Seven to increase the number of Executive Committee members from eight to twelve. The question was asked about whether Charity Commission approval had been obtained, and the reply was that the Charity Commission does not need to give its approval (letter dated 26/01/02 refers). The members were advised that a certified copy of these minutes and the updated Constitution will be forwarded in due course to the Charity Commission.
- 8.2 - the amendment was formally proposed, seconded and agreed.

9. Election of Officers.

- 9.1 - the Vice Chairman paid tribute to John Lee for his energy, ideas and commitment throughout his term of office. It was also asked to be recorded that the outgoing Secretary has proved to be extremely efficient and effective and that they would both be sorely missed.
- 9.2 - the Vice Chairman announced the nominations which had been formally proposed and seconded. There being only one nomination per post all four were unanimously elected to serve for the year. They are:-

Chairman - Alan Ford
Vice Chairman - Robert Sellin
Hon. Secretary - Angela Taylor
Hon. Treasurer - Brian Turnbull

10. Election of Executive Committee.

- 10.1 - there was only one nomination per post who had previously been proposed and seconded. It was agreed to elect the following:-

Brian Brown	Jed Falby	Brian Hawkes
Alan Jones	Phillip Greenhow	Lin Ford
Robert Sellin	Haylor Lass	Maggie Morgan
	Graham Cook	Stan Murrell

11. Appointment of Honorary Auditor.

- 11.1 - there were no other nominations so, after being proposed and seconded, Dennis Thompson was re-elected to serve another year.
11.2 - he was thanked for all his help and support.

12. Nominee for Vice President.

- after being proposed and seconded it was agreed Miss Barbara Primmer should be nominated for life as Vice President.

13. Any Other Business.

- 13.1 - the meeting was reminded of Radio Devon's interest in promoting the Mark Rolle book. The author announced that the publication and launch were imminent together with a display during August 2002.
13.2 - the Twelve Walks booklet has been revised and will be available in time for Gala Week.
13.3 - there were leaflets available and a display promoting a Nightjar walk during June with contact telephone numbers.
13.4 - Haylor Lass promoted a walk he is organising for Saturday 25th May 2002 starting from Joney's Cross at 10am to celebrate his twenty five years residency in Newton Poppleford.
13.5 - Alan Ford was thanked enormously for the twelve years of intense study, deliberation and discussion he has been involved with whilst processing the thousands of Planning Applications during that time.

11. Date of the next AGM.

- 11.1 - the Chairman announced next year's AGM will be on Thursday 15th May 2003 at 7.30pm in the Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton.

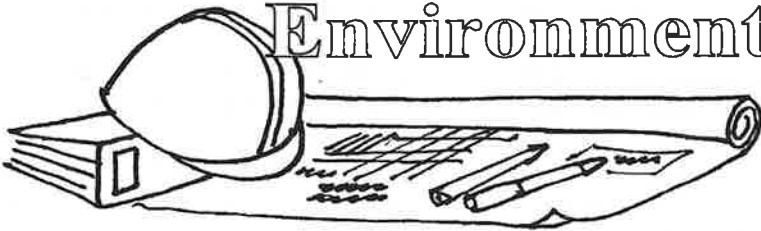
There was no further business so the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due by April 1st. If you do not receive your membership card with this issue, it means that you are not recorded as having paid. Please send this (£3 individual, £5 family/household) to the Hon. Treasurer at Hayes, Church Rd, Colaton Raleigh, EX10 0LH. or you will not receive any more newsletters.

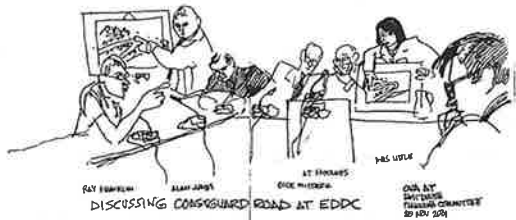
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It is now general knowledge that the development of the Plymco site has been delivered into the hands of Barratts, albeit with a slightly improved scheme. Once the District Council failed to produce a Planning Brief for the site, this outcome was, I suppose, always possible. But all credit to PAN, in particular, for putting up such a vigorous and well-organised fight.

More recently, the EDDC have approved an application for 12 flats on the site of Nattore Lodge in Budleigh Salterton, a gross over-development in excess of Government guidelines and totally contrary to the District Council's Local Plan policies in Residential Areas of Special Character. The plan told us that "the Council is concerned to protect these areas from 'town cramming'" and where permission would not be granted if it were to "damage the spacious character of the area".



In the last Newsletter, I expressed misgiving about the Local Plan; not so much about the document itself, but about the District Council's willingness to implement it. I did not expect to have these misgivings confirmed so soon.

Recently we have re-organised the sub-committee to spread the workload more widely. Now there will be one member with the responsibility of looking at planning applications in each parish, with two members doing the same for Budleigh Salterton. This should make the sub-committee even more effective.

Brian Brown has taken over the chairmanship of the sub-committee, and will, I am sure, make a very good job of it.

Alan Ford

THE MARK ROLLE PROJECT

Publication of the book "MARK ROLLE: His Architectural Legacy in the Lower Otter Valley" is in sight; it may even be out before you receive this Newsletter.

It is an illustrated account of the Building programme on the Rolle Estate during the time of the Hon. Mark Rolle in the last forty years of the nineteenth century.

It gives a picture of how a large landed estate was managed in that period, and of the social and economic factors which the landlord had to take into account when carrying out improvements to his estate.

Much of the account is drawn from the Stewards' numerous letterbooks, which give a contemporary and personal view of Mark Rolle's challenges and achievements.

As something like 95% of the cost has been covered by a lottery grant from Local Heritage Initiative, we are able to offer the book at the extremely low price of £4.95. It's a bargain!

There will also be an exhibition of photographs from the book (with some others) at Abele Tree House, next to the Methodist Church in Budleigh Salterton, by kind permission of Mrs. Priscilla Hull. The exhibition will run from the 10th to the 18th. August, and the book will be on sale then.

We hope that this important aspect of local history will attract a lot of interest.

EAST DEVON HEATH WEEK

This runs from August 28th and is organised by Toby Taylor, the RSPB Warden of the Aylesbeare Common Reserve, and is supported by Clinton Devon Estate and East Devon District Council.

There will be events for all ages – dragonfly watching, long and short walks, nightjars, moths and adders – all the flora and fauna of this very special (and getting rarer) heathland habitat.

Full details of times and places of events will be available nearer the time on village noticeboards and possibly on the OVA web site (www.ova.org.uk)

Haylor Lass

Natural

Environment



ROOM WITH A VIEW

June 1, a warm sunny afternoon. It feels like the first day of summer. The Otter estuary seen from the bird hide on the east bank, just below the White Bridge, has a languid lazy appearance. The only significant action to be seen is provided by several hundred herring gulls come in for their afternoon rest and indulging in vigorous feather washing, fifty or so at a time. This mechanical sounding splashing is laced with unmusical squawks conveying whatever message herring gulls wish to convey as they wash and take on fresh water.

All else is quiet and peaceful. Plenty of mallard feeding or sleeping in the sun, a good smattering of shelduck looking more purposeful as they swim or fly around. Two handsome mute swans away down by the river mouth.

However there are some surprises today. Rather a long way down the river are three waders busily feeding in shallow water. By the length of their bills and their general shape these must be godwits. As they keep their tails well out of sight it is impossible to tell which sort – bar-tailed or blacktailed. They should of course be far away in northern marshes breeding by now, but I can only imagine that these three have decided it is just not worth the trouble with all this quantity of worm-filled mud at hand; or perhaps they have just retired and moved to Budleigh Salterton.

Nearer at hand a crow is pretending to be a wader standing in a few inches of water at the end of a mudbank. A magpie flies in and joins a large group of gulls on the marshes. They quite rightly regard it with suspicion. Away by Otter Mouth a cormorant comes in from the sea, alights on a dead branch protruding from the river and slowly hangs out its wings to dry in the sun. I wonder where the herons and egrets are this afternoon.

There is always something to be seen from this west facing hide, but it is better in the mornings when the birds are not seen against the light.

Robert Sellin



Reopening Hayeswood Lane will be more difficult than expected. Funds will not be available this year, and possibly not next year. Meanwhile there is still a notice at the bottom saying work on it will begin in the autumn - of 2000!

The new edition of the 12 Walks book is now out. It has been carefully checked on the ground and duly amended. From past experience I know this means there will still be errors. Walk 5, which originally used Hayeswood Lane, has been altered to say the lane can be used if it has been repaired.

David Jannaway is still enquiring whether the Gunnery Observation Post on the cliff path between Budleigh Salterton and Ladram Bay can be done up. The difficult point is still the presence of asbestos. Since this path is now part of the new "Jurassic Coast" something will almost certainly be done.

David is also still looking into the possibility of moving the famous seven stones from Bicton Park back to Mutter's moor. The owners of Bicton are willing, but transport is a problem.

I am going to look at the bridleway on the south side of Hawkerland with Fiona Barnes the county footpaths officer, Bungy Williams the senior commons warden, Toby Taylor the RSPB warden, and 2 horseriders from Colaton Raleigh. This high powered party will inspect a pinch in a bank which is too much for horses. I don't think the pinch can be made passable for horses without unacceptable damage to the environment, and the only possible diversions are also difficult. It may be that the only solution is to downgrade the bridleway to a footpath.

There is another bridleway on the north side of Colaton Raleigh common with a similar problem. This one is however so difficult that I don't think we need an inspection to realise that it cannot be cured. There is an alternative route readily available. I want to be sure that in diverting the bridleway we do not lose access for walkers.

Also in Colaton Raleigh there is an unsurfaced lane where an area of quicksand is a danger to horses. Indeed a motor bike was trapped there. A scheme to put this right was worked out by an engineer from the County, but rejected by the parish council as too expensive. I am now waiting for agreement from the County to a less ambitious plan prepared by Chris Pound, the new chairman of the parish council.

7 volunteers cleared the permissive path at Ting Tong in May.

The reflective harnesses for leaders of walks on roads are now with David Jannaway.

Alan Jones.

FARM GATE

This is a newly-published directory of farms which sell local produce direct to the consumer. It is arranged in order of the nearest town, so you don't have to look through the whole list to find one near you. It features many organic producers as well as listing those who run local deliveries and box schemes. The word "farm" is interpreted liberally – it includes sellers of locally grown Christmas trees, Exe Valley shell-fish and even Devonshire ostrich meat!

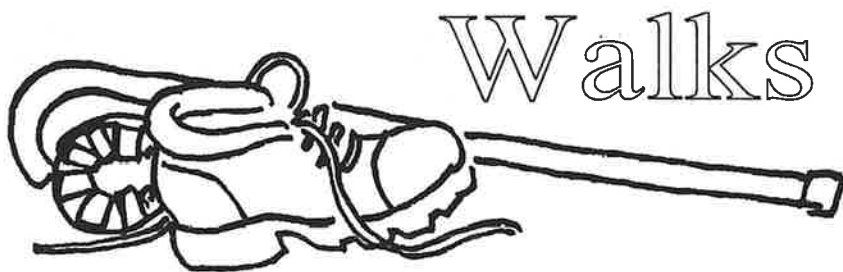
It has been compiled by the Revd. David Ursell (himself a farmer) for the Diocese of Exeter, and only costs £1. You can order copies from Farm Gate, c/o Aller Farm, Dolton, Winkleigh, EX19 8PP

LOOKING AHEAD

There will be another bird-watching trip at 10 a.m. on Saturday November 2nd. The cost will be £8. Further details in the next Newsletter. And on the Web Site when available.

The Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 4th. Please put this date in your diary

Unfortunately, one or two of the talks are not yet finalised, so there are no details on the membership card. Again these will be published in a later issue of the Newsletter and on the Web Site when available.



Wednesday March 13th: A pleasant spring morning and sixteen keen walkers including our walk leader Glynn Whittle set out from the Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton to traverse the old railway track and to take the view from West Down Beacon.

En route we passed along Moor Lane and onto Bedlands Lane stopping at a point of interest, the arts and crafts houses at Frewins commissioned by Lady Mathieson, and designed with the help of the famous architect Sir Raymond Unwin. Built in 1910 the interior finish of the houses was very rough, walls were left unplastered as were the ceilings, doors were of rough wood planks with coarse metal fittings. Each house has a small garden front and back and there is also an accompanying allotment for each property at the rear of the houses. Originally they **were** built for letting, the rent to be no more than 2s. 6d. a week. Recently one of the properties was offered for sale at £127,500.

Crossing the main road we entered Bear Lane, before continuing onto the old railway track we looked back towards Green Lane and tried to work out the original route of the line, now green pastures. We continued along the old track crossing over Dalditch Lane via "Million Bridge" so called because of the reputed million bricks used in its construction. Continuing along at the back of Lee Ford House we had glimpses of the early spring flowers in the pleasant gardens.

We left the track at its junction with Castle Lane, and here, because I am tail end Charlie, I catch snatches of a gruesome tale of murder, fraud and prison escapes that took place near this spot a few years ago. One day I look forward to hearing the whole story. From here we took the path that led us to West Down Beacon and the spectacular coastal views that this place affords. We followed the coastal path past Sherbrooke Chine where steps used to connect the Golf Club to the beach and back towards Budleigh. As the path is blocked due to a cliff fall we diverted across Jubilee Park; this land was given as a public recreation ground by The Hon. Mark Rolle on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. On the same occasion he also gave the land for the building of the Cottage Hospital in Budleigh.

We re-entered Budleigh along West Hill and at its junction with Station Road we noticed the rendering of Archbrook House had been removed revealing original rubble walls and window lintels made from unhewn wood. Shortly after it was built one end wall collapsed!

We thanked our walk leader, Glynn Whittle, for an interesting walk and I for one look forward to further walks with Glynn so that I can hear more tales of "old Budley".

David Jannaway

Wednesday April 10th Roncombe Valley: On a dull, cloudy morning with the wettest April on record for some time still to come, twelve hardy walkers gathered for this energetic walk.

Prior to the walk I found an old map of the area we were going to walk. The purpose of this map was to show the positions of barrows, of which there are a considerable number flanking the hill tops around the valley. What the map also showed was that many of the paths we were about to walk were, a hundred years ago, the main roads and some now were no more than muddy tracks across fields and through the woods.

We set out along the East Devon Way going north close to Mincombe Woods and here our first point of interest was an old Marl Pit. Marl was extracted by the early farmers in olden times as a form of fertiliser prior to the use of lime. It was also used in burial mounds, the pits being firstly filled with marl and then topped out with white flint. This same spot gives wonderful views along Roncombe Valley all the way to Sidmouth.

We moved on down hill and passing through Lower Mincombe Farm turning right along a short stretch of road before we turned left and headed for Lower Knapp Farm. The nice thing about this part of the countryside is the abundance of steep hillsides making it difficult to farm in the modern manner. The result is carpets of wild flowers. We were delighted to see so many primroses and in the woods lots of saxifrage, but we were walking just a little bit too early to see the bluebells and only one or two were just beginning to bloom.

The worst thing about this part of the countryside is the number of steep hillsides you have to traverse to get anywhere, so we climbed up to the top of the hill past Knapp Copse where the municipal refuse tip used to be. Then we turned left going south and followed the track to Old Star Combe Farm and beyond into the woods where we took a coffee break. Fortified, we managed a steep, muddy and very rough pasture with, thankfully, at the end of it a tarmac road and here we paused to take a look at Tamworth and Berkshire at Sandcombe Farm.

The Tamworth is one of the most distinctive pig breeds with its red gold colour, long snout and pricked up ears. It gets its long snout from the wild boar. Its colour is influenced by the imported Red Barbadian or Axford pigs from the West Indies. Hence its resistance to sunburn. It is a very hardy breed, and can adapt to a wide range of conditions from the high humidity and heat of South East Asia, to scrubland and rough pastures in the colder areas of Britain like Scotland. There is a touch of wild pig in the Tamworths. They know how to build igloos and nests, and where to lie up in bad weather. Tamworths have been exported to North America and beyond, until in a 1994 survey there were only 158 females and 60 boars left in the United Kingdom population. The Tamworths are on the rare breed register. The Berkshire pig was developed in the Thames Valley in the 19th century and is now rare. It is a small, rotund, pork producing pig. At Sandcombe Farm the two breeds are being crossed. We spent some time admiring both pigs and piglets, the piglets obligingly coming over to us to give us a close up view.

On the last leg we again had to pass through another rough, soggy meadow, cross a ford and climb a steep hill through the woods before reaching the comfort of our cars. I love this walk it's great exercise, very peaceful, and affords great views of old fashioned Devon. You should try it sometime.

David Jannaway.

Walk from Newton Poppleford 30th March 2002: Easter Saturday was dry and calm and 46 people thought it was a good day for a walk! Setting off promptly we followed the tributary that led down to the River Otter and presumably near the ford that gave Newton Poppleford its name. The river was still running strongly after a lot of rain the weeks before. Pussy willow was flowering and chiff chaffs singing, and we soon arrived at Tipton St. John. Taking a westward direction on to a green lane we paused at a very old beech stump which obviously marked a meeting of boundaries - now replanted with three new beech saplings. Amazingly two Roe deer stayed on the brow of a field in spite of the large party passing them in the lane; they trotted off and slipped across the lane lower down. The white of Stitchwort and blackthorn dotted the hedges and the pink flowers of campion and Herb Robert were compared; there were also a few primroses.

Crossing the gorse covered common the path cut steeply through the 'pobbles' into woodland and down to a stream where Cuckoo flower or Lady's Smock flourished. Entering the woodland gardens at Upper Metcombe we were surrounded with wild daffodils, much more dainty than the garden forms. Under the trees there were varieties of white narcissus and pockets of blue anemone blanda as well as the white wood anemone and every now and then brilliant patches of deep pink cyclamen. The owner invited us into the more formal garden of heathers and camellias dotted amongst early

azaleas and rhododendrons already in bloom, and we wandered under the trees enjoying the flowers and discovering little ponds. How many years I wonder did it take for all these flowers to establish themselves to make such a colourful woodland.

Leaving the sheltered garden we crossed the wild woodland and common, the only colour to light up the wintry scene were butterflies, Brimstones, Speckled Wood and Peacocks. We headed southerly and returned via green lanes and more heathland with good views at Benchams to Back Lane at Newton Poppleford.

Marion Nalder

Mark Rolle Walk 8th. May 2002:

Fifteen 'energetic' walkers for this one on a most glorious sunny morning in May. Although billed as "Spring on Devon Farms", it became in fact a walk by some of the local Mark Rolle buildings. Since the OVA's book on Mark Rolle's architectural legacy is due out in July, it seemed appropriate.

Starting at White Bridge, we looked at South Farm Cottages, then on to Kersbrook Mill and Farm, Tidewell Barton (thank you, farmer Wastenage), Hayeswood Cottage (via Shortwood Lane in a blaze of bluebells) and so back to the river at Otterton with the cottages on the Green.

Here the weaker souls diverted to the King's Arms for a cooling-off period as the true walkers returned down river to White Bridge. Three hours' walk was 'energetic', but also enlightening, educational and very enjoyable.

Jed Falby



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Our thanks to Jed Falby for the cover illustration, and also for other illustrations.

Contributions for the next issue by **13th. September please**