

# OTTER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 5th - COLATON RALEIGH CHURCH, G.R. 082872  
SAT. 10a.m. 5 MILES, 2½ HOURS, MODERATE: MONKEY  
LANE, GOOSEMOOR, STONEYFORD, BACK LANE,  
GREENHILLS, GREEN LANES. *Walk leader, BRIAN  
TURNBULL, 01395-567339.*

JULY 16th - HAYES LANE CAR PARK, EAST BUDLEIGH,  
G.R.065849. WED. 10 a.m. 4½ HRS ENERGETIC:  
COMMONS WALK, INCLUDING WOODBURY, BICTON,  
HAWKERLAND. WONDERFUL VIEWS. BRING LUNCH. *Walk  
leader, STAN HERBERT, 01395-445648.*

AUG. 2ND: SQUABMOOR RESERVOIR, G.R. 038843  
SAT. 10a.m. 2½ HRS MODERATE. COMMONS AND  
WOODLANDS, HAYES, DALDITCH, BICTON. HISTORY,  
NATURAL, MEDIEVAL AND MODERN. *Walk leader: DAVID  
JANNAWAY, 01395-567159.*

AUG.20th: NEWTON POPPLEFORD CAR PARK,  
G.R.086897. WED. 10a.m. 5 MILES, 2½ HRS MODERATE.  
RIVERSIDE, CROSS-COUNTRY. VENN OTTERY, TIPTON  
ST JOHN. TWO CLIMBS, MUDDY AFTER RAIN. *Walk  
leader, DAVID NANGLE, 01404-811752.*

SEPT. 6th: BRANSCOMBE CAR PARK, G.R. 196885. SAT.  
10a.m. 8 MILES ENERGETIC. CROSS-COUNTRY TO BEER  
(PUB LUNCH OR PICNIC). COASTAL PATH RETURN TO  
BRANSCOMBE. *Walk leader, PETER HILLS, 01395-  
568576.*

*(continued on inside back cover)*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was gratifying to see that the attendance at the AGM on 24 May was higher than last year. Those who were there enjoyed an excellent illustrated talk on China by Brian Leveridge. The minutes of the meeting are included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

One prominent and very active member of the Executive Committee was not able to stand for re-election. Jed Falby had been advised that his position as a District Councillor would be compromised if he remained on the Committee. It seems an appropriate moment to pay tribute to all his efforts for the Association over the year. His energy and *joie de vivre* will be greatly missed at committee meetings.

There has been a recent reference in the local press to the changes to the planning set-up at EDDC which will have a significant effect on how planning decisions are made in the future.

In essence, the three Planning Committees which formerly dealt with applications in separate areas of the District are now superseded by one committee, the Development Control Committee. This (politically unbalanced) committee has 22 permanent members. Ward Councillors are able to speak and vote on applications in their own ward, but will have no say on applications elsewhere, unlike the permanent members of the committee.

In addition to the Development Control Committee, the present Planning Inspection Committee will continue to function

to deal with matters referred to them by the main Committee.

In the preamble to the document setting out these new proposals, two considerations were stressed. The first was the need to speed up the decision process; the second, the desirability of increasing local consultation. It does not require profound thought to realize that these considerations are quite incompatible, nor to guess which one will be effectively jettisoned.

In fairness to the EDDC, it must be said that the changes now in place were brought about by government pressure. The results, however, are likely to be anything but beneficial to good planning in our area. One disturbing consequence is the likelihood (perhaps inevitability) that more and more applications will be left for delegated decisions, in which the planning officers largely set the tone. Their executive power would therefore be increased. Leaving aside their competence to make decisions that reflect the wishes of the community, the fact remains that they are not elected by the voters, and can not be removed from office through the ballot box.

In the light of these developments in the planning process, Town and Village Design Statements become even more important than they were before.

The Budleigh Salterton Town Design Statement exhibition on the weekend of 7 and 8 June was a great success. Not only was the exhibition itself of a very high standard, but it attracted such a steady flow of visitors that all expectations were surpassed. It demonstrated quite clearly how concerned

the residents are about the future of the town, and justified the donation of £500 which the Association has made to the Design Statement Group.

There is a formidable task ahead to analyse the hundreds of completed questionnaires and to evaluate the many comments which the exhibition elicited, before drafting the Design Statement itself.

The Budleigh Salterton Town Trail is in the process of revision. Meanwhile, we are looking to produce a similar leaflet for East Budleigh. Members of the History Section will join with others to engage in this congenial task.

Forty years after the designation of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty the official launch of the AONB Partnership took place on 12 June. The purpose of the Partnership, on which I represent this Association and also the Sid Vale Association and the Axe Vale Conservation Society, is to oversee the development of the new Management Strategy, now being prepared by the AONB team at East Devon.

The team is to hold a consultation workshop in Budleigh Salterton to introduce the Management Strategy to the community. The workshop will take place on Thursday 28 August, at 7 p.m. in the Budleigh Salterton Public Hall. I hope that many of our members will make a point of attending. The future of the AONB is a matter of great importance.

**Alan Ford**

**MINUTES OF THE 24TH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON 15 MAY 2003  
IN THE PETER HALL, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON**

**Present:** Alan Ford, Chairman; Brian Turnbull, Hon.Treasurer.  
Executive Committee Members 7; Association Members c.35

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and noted that the number attending was well up on last year.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Norman Crossland, Roger Kingwill, Stan Murrell, John Saul, Robert Sellin, Angela Taylor, Stuart and Margaret Yerrell.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** were circulated and approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising:** none.

**4. Chairman's Report**

4.1 The Chairman referred to his Annual Report in the April Newsletter and stressed his appreciation of all the members of the Executive Committee who had supported him during the year. He also thanked those on the three sub-committees and indeed all those who had actively carried forward the work of the Association.

4.2 He referred to the progress being made by the Budleigh Salterton Town Design Statement Group and encouraged members to visit the exhibition being staged by this group in June. The Association had given £500 towards funding the Group's work.

4.3 He was pleased that a new Newsletter Editor had been found and congratulated Patricia Quaife on her first Newsletter.

4.4 There was still a vacancy for the post of Social Secretary and also for a second Budleigh Salterton Representative. The Chairman thanked Maggie Morgan for all the hard work she had put in as Social Secretary over the last four years.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

5.1 Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2003, and copies of the Balance Sheet were circulated and commented on by the Treasurer.

5.2 The year had been a good one financially, with a record surplus of £3,055; the main reason being the increase in book profits. This was largely due to the sale of the Mark Rolle book, but sales of the Twelve Walks and the History Notes were also up on last year.

5.3 Reserves had increased from £5,521 in 1998 to £13,486, which was healthy. The Association should now aim to spend the bulk of its income each year in support of the Association's aims and objectives.

5.4 The Accounts had been audited and found correct by Dennis Thompson who was thanked for his services as Auditor.

5.5 The Chairman thanked the Honorary Treasurer and paid tribute, not only to his financial expertise, but also to the wise counsel which he brought to the discussions of the Executive Committee.

## **6. Adoption of Accounts**

6.1 The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Brian Hawkes, seconded by Robin Holt and agreed by all.

## **7. Election of Officers**

7.1 The Chairman announced the nominations which had been formally proposed and seconded. There being only one nomination per post, all four Officers were elected to serve for the year. They are:

Chairman	Alan Ford
Vice-Chairman	Robert Sellin
Hon.Secretary	John Saul
Hon.Treasurer	Brian Ludlow

## **8. Election of Executive Committee**

8.1 The Chairman announced the nominations which had been formally proposed and seconded. The nominations were within the number specified for the Committee, so those nominated were duly declared elected. They are:

Brian Brown, Norman Crossland, Lin Ford,  
Philip Greenhow, Brian Hawkes, Alan Jones,  
Haylor Lass, Stan Murrell and Brian Turnbull.

8.2 The Chairman explained that Jed Falby had felt unable to continue on the Executive Committee, having been advised that membership of the Committee would conflict with his position as a District Councillor. The Chairman thanked him for his great contribution in committee over the years, congratulated him on his victory in the local elections and wished him well as a District Councillor.



## **9. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

9.1 Dennis Thompson did not wish to continue as Honorary Auditor. Brian Leveridge was appointed to replace him.

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 The question of additional dog waste bins along the River Otter was raised. There was some opposition to this suggestion, especially as the existing bins were only infrequently emptied.

10.2 Priscilla Hull welcomed the closer links between the OVA and the Fairlynch Museum arising from the setting up of the Association's History Section.

10.3 Ron Hale referred to the recent contact between the OVA and the Ottery St Mary Heritage Society.

10.4 He also raised the question of using the old railway line to Newton Poppleford as footpath, bridleway and cycle path. Alan Jones said that the Association had supported the general idea in writing but had recognized that the interests of the land-owners had to be taken into account.

10.5 Ron Hale asked whether a visit to the China Tower would be possible. David Jannaway said that Clinton Devon had offered a conducted tour of the tower. This could be incorporated into one of the Association's walks.

**11. The date of the next AGM** was fixed for Thursday 13 May 2004 in the Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed, and thanked all those present for attending.

## LOOK OUT FOR GLOW WORMS

The Axe Vale & District Conservation Society is planning a survey of glow worms in East Devon in July and August 2003. This follows finding 31 in my garden last year and an article in *British Wildlife* in June 2002. I would like observers to go out at dusk or later on three or four late summer nights to look for the phosphorescent green females who are easily spotted in gardens, lanes or shrubby woodland where there is unimproved grassland. The information required is:

- \* precise location (preferably six-figure grid reference)
- \* date
- \* habitat, eg rough grass, churchyard, lane edge
- \* substrata for displaying females, eg wall top, bare ground, long grass
- \* nearest light source, eg kitchen light 10 metres
- \* weather on night of observation.

I would also like reports from those who look for, but do not find, any glow worms; these reports can be sent by e-mail ([nickycampbell@supanet.com](mailto:nickycampbell@supanet.com)) or to the address below:

Donald Campbell,  
Manor House, Combyne,  
Axminster EX13 8SX.

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### OVA Social Secretary (Talks)

While Rowan Turnbull has kindly offered to arrange events such as the Christmas Party and outings, a Social Secretary is still needed to complete the 2003/4 programme of talks and liaise with speakers already booked. If you are interested in this position please contact Alan Ford on (01395)-445230.

# Built



In the last Newsletter I referred to the importance of the spaces between and around buildings in determining the quality of the built environment. This was provoked by the committee's continuing concern over the progressive degradation of the tree belt along the escarpment above Budleigh Salterton, and in particular the loss of mature trees in the Elvestone area. Since then, the situation has deteriorated even further with the submission of an application to build a second house in the garden of Summerlands which, if approved, would inevitably necessitate the removal of further mature trees from this important landscape feature. In addition, there has been more unscheduled felling of mature trees on the Elvestone site, including three supposedly protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

A recent site inspection revealed that no fewer than ten of the 24 individual trees covered by the T.P.O. imposed last year have already been cut down, and only one of four listed tree groups has been preserved. These figures do not include the very large number of additional trees and shrubs which have been wilfully destroyed on this site, and which theoretically have the same protection as the listed trees because the whole site lies within a designated Conservation Area.

Letters to the East Devon District Council seeking to establish how this unfortunate situation has been allowed to develop have so far gone unanswered. This is not entirely surprising as there seems to be a total lack of agreement within the Environment Department of EDDC as to the exact

purpose of a Tree Preservation Order. The East Devon Local Plan states in Policy D5 that *'permission will not be granted for developments that would result in the loss of trees ... of amenity value. Usually no building or works will be permitted within five metres of the edge of the mature crown spread and no hard surfacing or drainage, undergrounding of services or sub-soil works will be permitted under the canopy'*. Contrary to this, however, the Arboricultural Officer at EDDC has stated, in his formal observations on the Summerlands application to fell and prune various trees, that *'it has to be recognised that Tree Preservation Orders must not be used as a means of hindering development'*. What, then, is the exact purpose of a T.P.O.? What confidence can we have in the judgement of Council officers when there is such a conflict between policy and execution?

Amongst all the anxiety about the way we may be steadily destroying our own environment it was a pleasure to see the presentation by the children of St Peter's School at the recent Design Statement exhibition in which they emphasised the importance of the trees in the urban landscape of Budleigh Salterton. If that generation can be encouraged to follow up such enthusiastic interest in their surroundings maybe the future need not be as bleak as we sometimes fear.

**Brian Brown**

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### **O.V.A. SUBSCRIPTIONS 2003/4**

Subscriptions were due by 1 April. If you do not receive your membership card with this issue it means that you are not recorded as having paid. Please send your subscription (£3 individual, £5 family/household) to the Hon.Treasurer, Brian Ludlow at: Luttrell House, Harpford, Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth EX10 0NJ, or you will not receive any more newsletters.



The footpaths workshop in Sidbury at the end of May dealt with the effects on rights-of-way of the new Public Service Agreement (PSA) between Devon County Council and the government. All but a few rights-of-way must be 'easy to use' by the end of March 2005. The meaning of 'easy to use' varies with the status of the way. The highest status attaches to paths, such as the path to the village church, which are used for getting from place to place in comfort. The next status is for recreational walkers, and the third is hairier, for those who want an adventure walk. I expect the footpath on the north side of Colaton Raleigh Common will fall into the last category: it is much used by people who enjoy its exciting surroundings and are willing to plod through a bog which cannot be drained without damage to the environment.

For parishes under the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) there will be only slight rises in standards. Indeed, some of the P3 standards are already higher than PSA: these higher standards will remain. There are many parishes not in P3, especially on the north coast of the county where PSA will raise standards. (I was wrong to state in the last Newsletter that Otterton had decided not to join P3; they are still seeking advice from County Hall.)

Details of PSA standards include, for example, that it should be possible to operate gates on bridleways without dismounting. There are some omissions from the standards which seem at first surprising: they may be explained by cunning at County Hall, and the fact that lottery funds are not available for work which authorities are under a duty to do.

Even the hairiest status might not cover Hayeswood Lane in its present horrific state. The county has now agreed to pay two local farmers to put it in order. At the moment I don't know when this is likely to happen.

**Are you fit for OVA walks?** It's a practical question. We occasionally get people on walks who cannot really manage. If you get pains in the chest climbing hills, or you have to be lifted over stiles, your presence on a walk will hold up the others. This has sometimes caused complaints that walks ended long after the advertised time. The rigour of walks varies. Our programme tells you how difficult a walk is likely to be.

Footwear is important too. My wife used to express amazement that I wore boots to walk around here, although I had often walked up Austrian mountains in sandals. While we don't have any mountains here we do have the Budleigh pebblebeds. These pebbles are harder than anything other than granite, and they occur in much of our area in loose ankle-twisting lumps. Our walks also sometimes go through fords and bogs. Our walks leaders check people's footwear at the start of each walk, so make sure you are not excluded before the start.

Of course, even the fittest and well shod can have an accident. Leaders have their drill for dealing with this, but it is not easy. The nearest phone, and the nearest road access for an ambulance, may be far away. Fortunately, we have a clean record on accidents. Please help us to keep it that way.

I managed at last to persuade someone at County Hall to amend the notices closing Back Lane, Colaton Raleigh, so that they do not exclude walkers. Someone was sent out to amend

the notices. What happened next nobody seems to know, but the notices were not amended. The present closure order ran out on 9 June. I hope the lane is now safe enough to justify not renewing the order. I have made the point that, if the order is renewed, it should not exclude walkers.

Robin Holt, the OVA Archivist, has agreed to become the new secretary of the Footpaths Sub-committee. We are grateful to him for filling an important post.

**Alan Jones**

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### **FROM THE EDITOR**

This issue of the newsletter - my second as editor - is produced in larger format to make reading it easier on the eyes. Please let me know what you think, having compared it with the April issue. The technology I use is not very sophisticated so I may have to keep on experimenting until the formula is more or less right. Smaller type means fewer pages and less expense; larger type means more pages and a greater outlay on printing.

Contributions for the next issue (October) should be sent to me at 1 North Street, Topsham, Exeter EX3 0AP by 15 September. Many thanks.

**Pat(ricia) Quaife**

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**Wayward ducks!** In the Manorial Court Records for the Manor of Collaton Rawleigh for October 1761 and again in October 1762, Simon Tozer (a smallholder of that parish) was Fined for '*allowing his Ducks and Mallard to foul and puddle the pathways*'. The amount of Fine was not stated.

**Local history note from Harry Lane**

## PIRATES' TREASURE-HUNT

In Gala Week the OVA used to organise 'Marine Awareness Walks' - guided tours along our special beach to interest children in the wonders of life down among the cobbles. We used to get two or three children ...

Then, a few years ago, we switched to the 'Pirates' Treasure-Hunt' with prizes for every child that could find a 'gold' cobble - and we were swamped! Kids of all ages, sizes and talents! With 25 'gold' cobbles hidden, the swarms of kids found them all in 20 minutes - which was lucky for us because we had promised to 'clean up' the beach afterwards, and in previous years some of the 'treasure' defied all our attempts and lies there still!

This year each 'gold' pebble found was worth £1 at Ken Price's snack-bar next door.

What of next year? Twenty-five 'gold' pebbles = £25. We also need a solution for small kids; perhaps left of path for under-sixes and right of path down to the sea for six and older? In which case we would need different colour pebbles (red?) and another, cheaper, solution for prizes!

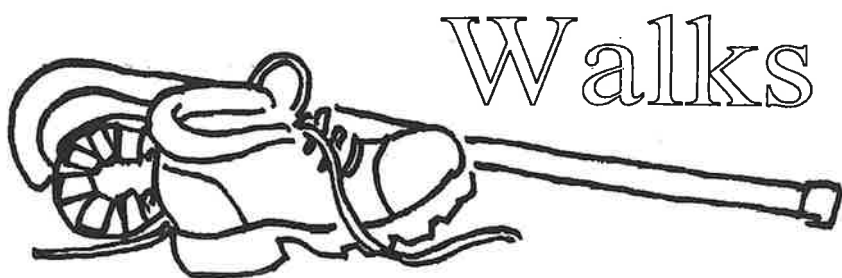
**Jed Falby**

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PIRATES' TREASURE HUNT!  
SUNDAY MORNING  
25 MAY 2003



### **7 May 2003- Great Day Wood**

We met at Widworthy Church, near Wilmington. This delightful little church dates back to the 13th century and overlooks the unspoilt Elizabethan manor house adjoining it. The church was, sadly for us, half hidden by scaffolding for our visit, but is well worth seeing.

We then went on to walk through Great Day Wood, where bluebells and early purple orchids were at their best, and a roe deer was seen. The walk continued up into adjoining woodland, where two buzzards' nests were found, and on into a secluded valley, with a superb view down towards Colyton. We returned to Great Day Wood in time for a picnic among the bluebells.

**Philip Greenhow**

### **A note from Jed Falby:**

Eighteen walkers on a perfect Spring day.  
Old apple trees in full blossom. Bluebells  
in a carpet that made a blue ground-mist  
under the trees, and ending in a picnic -  
a great day in Great Day Wood.



WIDWORTHY CHURCH 07 May 03  
PHILIP GREENHOW LEADING

## **Saturday 24 May 2003 - Passaford Lane, Mutters Moor and Northmostown**

Considering that the weather forecast was 'rain later' and the walk forecast was 'energetic', it was gratifying to see 19 walkers, including welcome new faces, meeting at 10 a.m. by Colaton Raleigh Church.

Our intrepid band crossed the River Otter to Burnt House Farm, turning north along Ottery Road to Pavers Farm. Then, enclosed by lush growth and the steep sides of Passaford Lane, we made our way steadily upwards. Convenient field gates gave opportunities to catch the collective breath while admiring views across the Otter Valley, made more dramatic by an approaching weather front.

Sandstone gave way to flints under foot, and bluebells enlivened the evergreen plantations. We reached the plateau of Muters Moor at the same time as the front, pausing under the trees to put on rain gear and enjoy well-earned refreshments. Half an hour later the rain stopped as we arrived at Keble's Seat where John Keble (1792-1866), poet and divine, also took his ease. As we descended Back Lane the views, through the newly rain-scrubbed air, across to Woodbury Castle and Haytor beyond were very fine.

Back in the valley, we made a small diversion to Northmostown Farm to admire the fine group of Mark Rolle buildings aglow in the returning sun. Further on, beyond Ashtree Farm, badgers had been busy in the old railway embankments. Keen-eyed walkers saw whitethroats skimming over the water, and comfrey growing on the bank as we crossed the River Otter. Another mile downstream, past Wrinkly Cliff, we emerged from a green lane at Old Hall, the former manor house of Colaton Raleigh. From there, it was a gentle stroll back to our starting point, reached at 12.45.

**Brian Turnbull**

## **11 June 2003 – An Evening Walk**

On a glorious early summer evening 26 walkers assembled in the car park beneath the church in East Budleigh. Short sleeves and shorts were in order and it was interesting to welcome several 'new' walkers, some of whom also agreed to join the OVA.

The early part of the walk was on metalled lanes where we passed the sites of two of the original mills in East Budleigh Parish – one in Hayes Lane (Town Mill), the other near the ford over the Budleigh Brook below Yettington (Hayes Mill). Having safely negotiated the road through Yettington, we turned onto a footpath leading to Hayes Barton, birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh, enjoying some stunning views from the field tops. Having stopped to admire the front of Hayes Barton and to take some photographs (digital, of course!), we soon found ourselves climbing alongside Hayes Wood towards Shortwood Common. The evening wildlife was by now in evidence and the views were clear and spectacular. After a short loop round the common we rejoined the main track at the top of Hayes Wood Lane. Then, after enthusing over the vistas towards Lyme Bay and the Dorset coast, not to mention East Budleigh and Otterton, we made our way downhill back to the village where the majority of the party rounded off a very pleasant evening in friendly style at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub.

**Ken Watson**

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**SOME RSPB WALKS  
AROUND THE EAST DEVON PEBBLEBED HEATHS  
are listed on the next page**

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**RSPB Walks in July** (from the RSPB Newsletter from East Devon Pebblebed Heaths)

**Monday 14 July (9.00 p.m.)** **Nightjar Walks** on Aylesbeare

**Thursday 24 July (9.15 p.m.)** Common, meeting in Joney's Cross car-park.

**Thursday 24 July, 3 p.m.** Aylesbeare Common Reserve. Guided walk around this stunning heathland reserve, followed by a barbecue on the heath (vegetarian option available); £4 donation, booking essential on 01395-233655 or Valda on 0797-412-1062.

**Friday 25 July, 2.00 p.m.,** Dormouse afternoon on Aylesbeare Common. Join RSPB staff for an afternoon walk looking for signs of this unusual nocturnal mammal. Donations welcome.

**13-20 August: East Devon Heath Week** - look out for local posters.

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'Life on the heathlands is flourishing', says the RSPB Newsletter. 'Our early morning bird surveys are currently well under way with plenty of Dartford warblers and Yellowhammers about, a Grasshopper warbler, which was noted on the reserve last year, has returned. Nightjars arrived from wintering in Africa on the 5th of May and there is also a Hobby about at the moment.' ...

'As regards management work, our friends, the cattle, have now settled onto the reserve, although not before a few of them gave us 'the run-around'. They will be spending the summer assisting wildlife conservation with their grazing 'work, within our fenced areas.' ...

'RSPB staff and volunteers will be spraying bracken in July, so please keep to footpaths, keep dogs on leads and observe any signs.'

SEPT 17th: OTTERTON GREEN, G.R.081853. WED. 10a.m. 4½ MILES, 2 HOURS MODERATE. WALK INCLUDES 'HIDDEN FOOTPATHS', RIVERSCAPE, CLIFFS, GOOD VIEWS. *Walk leader*, GLYNN WHITTLE, 01395-445601.

SEPT. 27th: START WHITE BRIDGE, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, G.R.076830, FINISH OTTERTON. SAT. 10 a.m. 2 HRS EASY. THE ARTIST'S 'SKETCHING STROLL'. SHORT STOPS FOR SKETCHES OR REST; CLIFF VIEWS; HISTORY. *Walk leader*, JED FALBY, 01395-445455.

OCT. 11th: BROADHEMBURY VILLAGE SQUARE, G.R.102047. SAT. 10a.m. 6 MILES, 2½ HRS MODERATE. ONE CLIMB UP, ONE DOWN; PAST GLIDING SCHOOL. FINE VIEWS, CAN BE MUDDY. *Walk leader*, PATRICIA DORAN, 01395-445954.

October 16th: talk: 'Wildlife in the Garden'  
Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Colaton Raleigh Village Hall.  
Speaker: Rod Lawrence.

OCT. 22nd: HAYES LANE CAR PARK, EAST BUDLEIGH, G.R.065849. WED. 10a.m. 2½ HOURS MODERATE. RIVERSIDE AND COASTAL. ONE HILL CLIMB; GREAT VIEWS. *Walk leader*, STAN HERBERT, 01395-445648.

NOV. 1st: HAYES LANE CAR PARK, EAST BUDLEIGH, G.R. 065849. SAT. 10a.m. 5 MILES, 2½ HOURS MODERATE: HAYES WOOD, SHORTWOOD COMMON. *Walk leader*, KEN WATSON, 01395-445859.

## OFFICIALS 2003/2004

**Vice-Presidents:** Mrs Dorothy Stammers  
Miss Barbara Primmer

<b>Officers</b>		<b>Telephone (01395)</b>
Chairman	Mr Alan Ford	445230
Vice-Chairman	Mr Robert Sellin	443283
Hon. Secretary	Mr John Saul	442977
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Brian Ludlow	568501

### **Executive Committee**

*Representing the Parish of:*

Budleigh Salterton	Mr Stan Murrell	446079
East Budleigh	Mr Norman Crossland	445129
Colaton Raleigh	Mr Brian Turnbull	567339
Newton Poppleford	Mr Haylor Lass	568786
Otterton	Mr Philip Greenhow	567996
Membership Secretary	Mr Brian Hawkes	442017
Publicity Secretary	Mrs Lin Ford	445230

### **Sub-Committee Chairmen**

Footpaths	Mr Alan Jones	568339
Natural Environment	Mr Robert Sellin	443283
Built Environment	Mr Brian Brown	446013

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The Association was founded in 1979, is registered with the Civic Trust and the Charity Commission and is a member of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV); it is also affiliated to the CPRE. It cares for the environment and any queries should be addressed to your Parish Representative.

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

Contributions for the next issue by 15 September, please