

# OTTER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: OVA WALKS AND TALKS,  
OCTOBER 2004 TO MID-JANUARY 2005**

**9 OCTOBER, SATURDAY 10 a.m. FOUR FIRS CAR PARK, WOODBURY COMMON. G.R.031863. 2½ HOURS, MODERATE. COMMONS WALK, EAST DEVON WAY, COLATON RALEIGH COMMON, WOODBURY CASTLE. ROUGH GROUND, COULD BE MUDDY. *Walk leader:* KEN WATSON, 01395-445859.**

**14 OCTOBER, THURSDAY 7.30 p.m. TALK BY ALAN BRUFORD ON 'THE RESTORATION OF THE RIVER TALE'. COLATON RALEIGH VILLAGE HALL.**

**23 OCTOBER, SATURDAY 10 a.m. BROADHEMBURY VILLAGE SQUARE. G.R.102047. 6 MILES, MODERATE. ONE CLIMB UP, ONE DOWN. PAST GLIDING SCHOOL. FINE VIEWS, CAN BE MUDDY. *Walk leader:* PATRICIA DORAN, 01395-445954.**

**10 NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. SPORTS GROUND C/P, NEWTON POPPLEFORD. G.R.087900. 2½ HOURS, EASY. LOOK AT FUNGI WITH AN EXPERT. RIVERSIDE MEADOWS, WOODLANDS. *Walk leader:* MARION NALDER, 01395-442176.**

**15 NOVEMBER, MONDAY 7.30 P.M., TALK BY TOM COLEMAN ON 'THE HISTORY OF THE DEVON FARMHOUSES. NB CHANGE OF VENUE TO NEWTON POPPLEFORD CHURCH HALL (NOT PETER HALL).**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

An Association like ours is nothing without the dedication and hard work of its members. To continue our good work, we need a steady stream of fresh blood. We are not short of experience in the OVA. Indeed, I am constantly amazed by the knowledge and experience that OVA members bring to any task. You should see them putting up the gazebo for Gala Week! But we are a forward-looking organisation, and we also welcome the energy, enthusiasm and ideas that new members can bring.

**I would therefore like each of you to try to recruit at least one new OVA member by Christmas.**

Between the pages of this newsletter, you should find a membership application form. Please give it to someone whom you think might be interested in joining the OVA. For the modest sum of £3 for individuals or £5 for households, they can enjoy four newsletters a year, giving details of our excellent programme of walks and talks. Most importantly, by supporting the OVA, they will also be helping to look after this beautiful valley for future generations.

Have you visited the OVA website at [www.ova.org.uk](http://www.ova.org.uk) recently? If not, I think you will be pleasantly surprised. As well as the most up-to-date diary of OVA events, it includes information about the Association, many photographs of the Otter Valley, and

full details of our publications. Tell your friends about it. Potential OVA recruits will find answers to their questions there. They will even be able to print out another membership application form, if required.

Provided we receive their completed application form by Christmas, each new member will receive an invitation to our new members' party to be held early next year.

And talking of Christmas, our publications make excellent stocking fillers. They are full of interest for anyone who would like to know more about the Otter Valley. Many of you will already have a copy of *Twelve Walks in the Otter Valley, Historical Guide to the Lower Otter Valley* or Alan Ford's excellent book, *Mark Rolle: his Architectural Legacy*. If not, they are available at modest prices from local Tourist Information Centres and bookshops, as well as Otterton Mill and Bickton Gardens. Why not give a copy to a friend (or yourself)?

The twenty-fifth Anniversary Party in June showed that the OVA is in good health. Please help to keep it healthy by recruiting at least one new member. If they enjoy the Otter Valley, your friends, relations or visitors are all fair game. Good hunting!

**Brian Turnbull**

**OVA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2004**  
**WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER**

Here comes the OVA Christmas party again! We all look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable and social evening. This year it will be held on **Wednesday 8 December in the Village Hall, East Budleigh at 7 for 7.30 p.m.** The evening will start with a glass of sherry or fruit juice and smoked salmon nibbles, while we all meet up. This will be followed by a break from tradition: **a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings** and, of course, delicious puddings. There will be a vegetarian alternative which you book in advance. We shall have a bumper Christmas raffle, the famous OVA quiz, a few carols and lots of merriment. **Please bring your own drinks to accompany the meal.** (We provide the glasses.)

**Tickets at £9-50 from your local rep. or by post from Belinda Mountain at 20 Redhills, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6JW (tel. 01395-446042).** Please enclose your cheque for £9-50 per person (no increase on last year) made out to OVA, as well as an s.a.e. Places are limited so put the date in your diary and buy your tickets as soon as possible.

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**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!**

New members are the life-blood of any voluntary organisation. Included with this issue of your Newsletter is an OVA membership application form. Please give it

to someone you know or meet who might be interested in joining the OVA!

Additional application forms may be obtained from Budleigh Salterton Tourist Information Centre, Budleigh Salterton Library, Fairlynch Museum (when open), any member of the Committee, the website [www.oval.org.uk](http://www.oval.org.uk), or the OVA Publicity Secretary, 9 Hayes Close, Budleigh Salterton EX9 6SR (tel: 01395-446892).

**Mo Bowman**

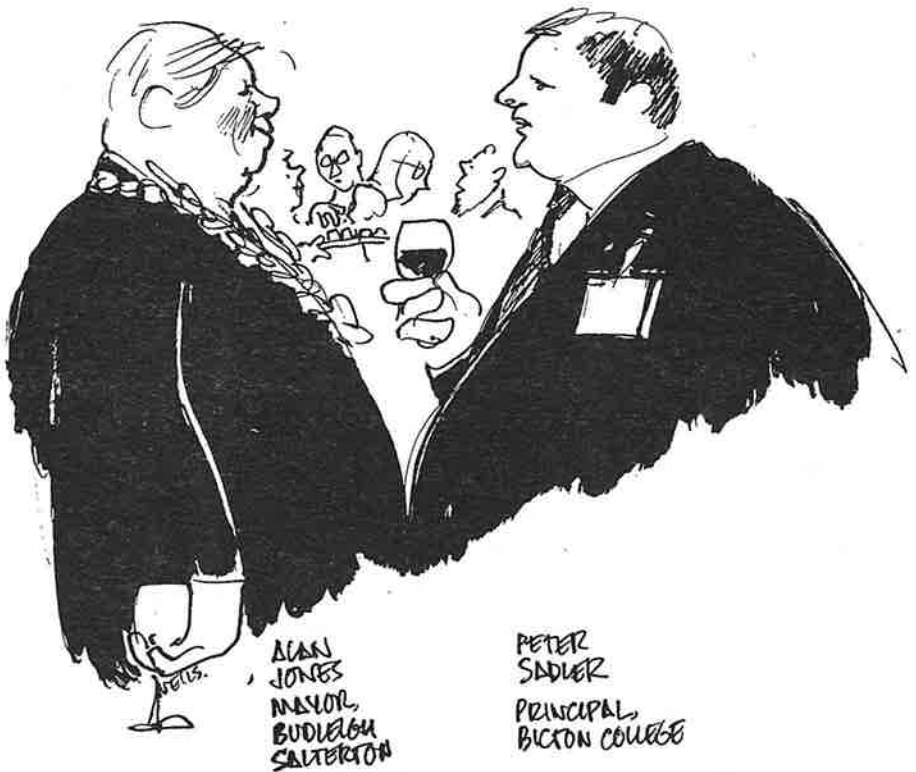
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## **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

Over 130 members braved the wettest and windiest evening of the summer to attend the OVA's twenty-fifth Anniversary Party at Bicton College on 22 June. Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed a splendid evening, hosted by Brian Turnbull and with special guests, Peter Sadler, the principal of the College, and Councillor Alan Jones, Mayor of Budleigh Salterton (see drawing overleaf). Also present were some of the founder members of the OVA, including Dr Anita Jennings, who cut the special birthday cake (made by Rowan Turnbull). Displays about the OVA's history and achievements had been prepared by archivist Robin Holt, who included covers of the OVA Newsletter over the years; these were much appreciated by newer members (including the current editor) who gained a greater understanding of the OVA's role and activities in East Devon.

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OVA 25TH PARTY  
AT BICTON  
22 JUNE 2004



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### ***Change of Venue for OVA November Talk***

Please note that the venue for Tom Coleman's talk on 'The History of the Devon Farmhouses' will be Newton Poppleford Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. (not the Peter Hall, as shown on your membership card).



## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In my newsletter reports of April and July 2003 I referred to the progressive degradation of the tree belt along the escarpment above Budleigh Salterton, resulting particularly from the loss of mature trees as a consequence of the development on the Elvestone site on Fore Street Hill. Letters to EDDC officers dated 04/11/02, 06/12/02, 03/03/03, 09/04/03 and 06/06/03 drawing attention to this problem failed to produce any constructive replies. Yet another letter was therefore written, addressed directly to the Corporate Director for the Environment, Karime Hassan, in the hope that this would produce some sort of positive response.

Well, at last, a year later and following further prompting, a comprehensive reply has now been received expressing profuse apologies and setting out the Council's position on most of the matters previously raised. The Corporate Director has confirmed that: *the presence of a tree screen was an important consideration in the determination of the planning application for the Elvestone development and the very effective screening of the large deciduous trees on the site was referred to in the applicant's design statement. The planning officer's report to the Committee confirmed that a Tree Preservation Order was in the making and conditions would be imposed to protect trees during construction and to prevent tree felling. Accordingly, one has to acknowledge that in granting planning permission there was a clear expectation that the trees would be protected particularly on the southern boundary.*



In the event, it became evident during the construction process that these expectations were not being realised. The developer appeared to take every possible step to ensure that as much as possible of the tree and scrub screen would be removed in order to achieve the aim, as stated in the sales literature, of *superb sea views* from all the apartments. The general leniency of the planning conditions and TPO regulations, and ineffectiveness in enforcing them, have clearly played into the hands of the developer. Or, as the Corporate Director puts it: *whilst I believe there have been no failures of process or judgement, the consequence in terms of the landscape screen is less than satisfactory.*

One of the major factors in this failure to satisfactorily enforce the planning conditions imposed on this development is the accepted convention that service routes for utilities such as gas, water and electricity are not subject to planning control and take precedence over landscaping requirements. In this instance the removal of many mature trees, including some covered by the TPO, was claimed to be necessary to allow services to be brought underground across the site.

Realisation of the harmful consequences of this policy has led the Corporate Director to propose amendments to the Planning Guidance on Trees to include specific reference to the requirement to provide details of servicing in future planning applications. It should then be possible for planning officers to impose a condition that will require details of routes and depths of all services to be submitted to and approved by the Council prior to development commencing.

Implementation of this guidance on future applications should ensure that the sort of landscape degradation that has already occurred at Elvestone can be prevented on future developments. Nevertheless, the successful realisation of landscaping demands will still largely depend on the goodwill of the developer!

**Brian Brown**

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## **THE SALEM CHAPEL, EAST BUDLEIGH**

The eighteenth-century Salem Chapel and schoolroom in East Budleigh is a derelict and neglected old building which is about to be restored by the Historic Chapels Trust (see their website at [www.hct.org.uk](http://www.hct.org.uk)) at an estimated cost of £675,000. This remarkable and exciting development is mainly attributable to the determination of Kathy Moyle, a resident and parish councillor of East Budleigh, who has worked tirelessly for many years seeking funding from a variety of sources.

On 19 August a tour of the chapel and surrounding buildings was arranged by Mrs Moyle for a group of 12 OVA members. We enjoyed her commentary on the history of the chapel and were impressed that the many obstacles to its restoration have been overcome.

The chapel lies just outside the boundary of East Budleigh village, at the junction of Vicarage Road and the B3178. It was built as a Presbyterian Chapel in 1719 at a time when so-called 'dissenter meeting houses' had to be built outside village boundaries. The chapel

is partly hidden by a wall with square gate piers and a wrought-iron overthrow enriched with scrolls and a lampholder. Within its grounds are a schoolroom and a small graveyard. The building is square with a four-hipped roof. The walls are of mixed cob and stone construction, rendered over and secured on stone footings. Facing the road on the south-east side are two panelled doors in low arches. Higher up is a datestone: 'Salem chapel, built 1719'. The sill is inscribed 'enlarged 1836', when the seating capacity was augmented. There are two tall, segmental-headed windows on each side wall and two at the rear dating from 1836.

Inside, the gallery across the front end dates from 1719. Others were added in 1836 and are supported on slender cast-iron columns with moulded caps. The moulded and bracketed cornice is original. The chapel has its own minstrel gallery, with pews to accommodate the musicians. In the centre, the vaulted ceiling rises from an iron post which replaced the original timber one and gives great character to the interior. Some earlier box pews remain in the galleries. The eighteenth-century clock is under repair.

Legend has it that Beech Tree Lane was dug out to give access to the chapel from Loddon (now Ladram) Bay. Much of the material excavated in digging out this lane was used in the building of the chapel but subsequently the lane was used to carry smuggled goods from Loddon Bay to Salem Chapel. The goods were taken through a secret 'bucket-shaped' roof and stored in the massive attic.

The records show that the Salem Chapel of East Budleigh was an important building not only to the local residents but also to the people of Otterton and other villages in the area. The current plans for its restoration should give this building a new lease of life. It is likely to become an interesting tourist attraction and venue for local events when it is opened to the public in 2005.

**Norman Crossland, with contributions from  
Kathy Moyle**

### **EAST BUDLEIGH IS BLOOMING**

As well as being one of the seven finalists in the Devon Village of the Year competition, East Budleigh has won a silver gilt award in the South West in Bloom contest, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. This is the fourth successive year that its floral displays and general environment have won the award for the village. No doubt it will be 'going for gold' in the 2005 competition.

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### **Correction to vol.25, no.3, July 2004**

Pages 12 and 13 of the last issue consisted of Jed Falby's drawing of the setting up of the OVA 'gazebo' at the Budleigh Salterton Gala Week. Unfortunately, not all members of the five-strong team were correctly identified. Jed has now provided a 'miniature' with Nick Speare given his rightful place and Alan Jones and Brian Hawkes 'reversed'. Apologies all round!



**Robert  
Sellin**

**Alan  
Jones**

**Brian  
Hawkes**

**Nick  
Speare**

**Brian  
Turnbull**

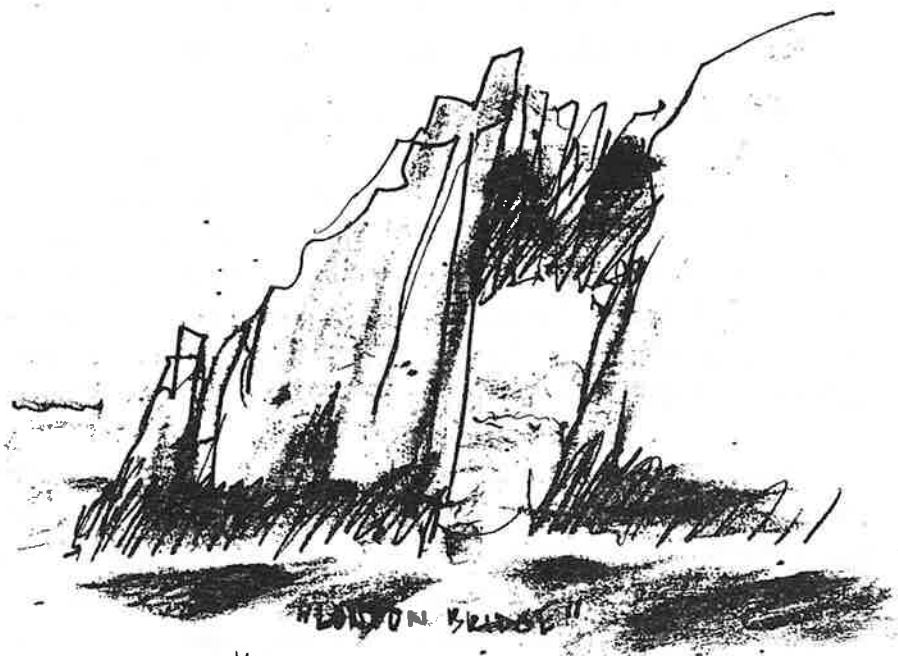
## OVA JURASSIC CRUISE

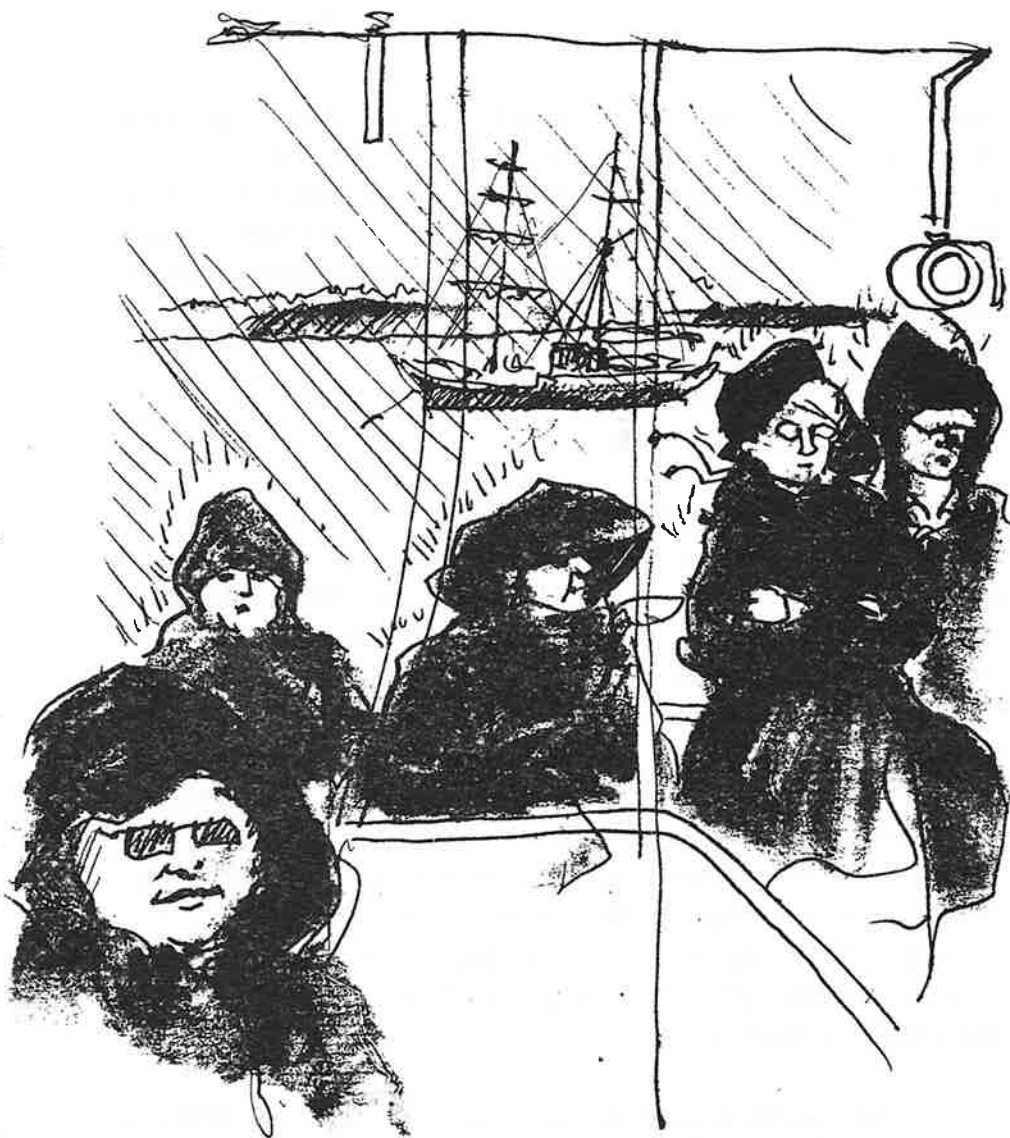
SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2004

Keen as always to offer rewarding experiences to its members, the OVA was able to book 40 places on a Jurassic Cruise organised by the British Association for the Advancement of Science as part of their annual Festival of Science which this year was based on Exeter. Following Norman Crossland's excellent Jurassic Cruise report published in the July newsletter, tickets were quickly snapped up.

About 200 people - scientists, OVA members and others - gathered at Exmouth Dock at 9 a.m. on a sunny but breezy late summer morning. The captain of *The Pride of Exmouth* explained that, because of the strengthening south-westerly wind and the sea conditions, it would not be possible to go to Lyme Regis and back as planned. Instead, we would see a short stretch of the Jurassic Coast, and then head for Brixham returning along the coast past Torbay and Teignmouth.

The British Association had arranged two expert commentators for the trip - the ornithologist, Donald Campbell, and the geologist, Deryck Laming - who both took this change of plan in their stride. Soon we were inspecting at close quarters the vast colony of cormorants at Straight Point, and learning the origins of the familiar sandstone cliffs at Budleigh Salterton. Turning away to the south-west, we passed close to a naval auxiliary ship carrying out buoy maintenance, before heading out across Lyme Bay towards Berry Head





THE OVA  
'JURASSIC COAST' CRUISE  
(DETOUR WEST TO TORBAY!)  
11 SEPT 2004

WIND AND WAVES WESTWARD  
PROVE US - SO INSTEAD OF  
WME REGIS WE ENDED IN BRIKHAM

nearly 20 miles away. Accompanied by gannets, soaring on a five-foot wingspan, we butted into the waves. Reaching the comparative shelter of Torbay, the boat circled Thatcher Rock with its limestone beds fantastically contorted by immense subterranean pressures and temperatures. Two hours ashore at Brixham provided welcome respite from the wind and waves, and allowed time for lunch and a little exploration.

The return trip was a revelation. Seldom more than 200 yards from the shore, and often much closer, we enjoyed calm water in the lee of the cliffs although there were plenty of white horses further out. Fulmars soared on outstretched wings far above, as Deryck gave a running commentary on the fascinating geology unrolling before eyes. As each cove was revealed, we learned about the Devonian system, the ancient limestone headlands often with signs of past quarrying, the breccia conglomerates, the Sticklepath fault and the Permian sandstones. He pointed out raised beaches formed when sea levels were higher than today, and explained that, comparatively recently, sea levels were hundreds of feet lower.

In what seemed like no time at all, Dawlish Warren came into view, and we slipped back into the River Exe through the narrow Western Way channel to tie up at 5 p.m. after a memorable day.

**Brian Turnbull**





## FOOTPATHS

The Coast and Countryside Service, which used to be called Heritage Coast, did a first-rate job of clearing the path along the river between Otterton and Colaton Raleigh recently. As well as removing four trees blown across the path by the gale they strimmed the hedges and the growth on the ground.

This organisation continues to provide the excellent service which they used to do under their old name, but their responsibilities are different. They cover a much larger area - the whole of Devon - but they do not have the same detailed responsibilities they used to have for coastal parishes such as Otterton. They now maintain only selected rights of way in Otterton (including the coast path and the path along the river), instead of dealing with all of them. It is because of the work they did under their old name that Otterton's rights of way are mostly in good order.

Now Otterton has to rely on persuading the County to do work on its paths. At the moment the County has ample funds for this under the Public Services Agreement, which ends next April. Hopefully, the County will then still be able to make funds available for paths and bridleways. Green lanes ('Unclassified County Roads') are another matter. Money for these has to come out of a highways budget which is much tighter, and in which routes for walking get little priority. In practice, it is usually impossible to get money from County for work on these.

I was surprised therefore that Otterton decided not to join P3 (the Parish Paths Partnership). This puts money for rights of way directly under the control of the parish. Furthermore, it is possible to put green lanes on the P3 schedule, so that the parish gets money for maintaining these too. The money comes partly from the Countryside Agency and partly from the County.

A further working party went back to finish the work on that lane in Newton Poppleford which turned out to be such a massive job. This time the party was under the auspices of the parish, not the Otter Valley Association. Many of the volunteers, however, were OVA members.

Newton Poppleford's paths are now in pretty good condition. This is due to the energy of Colin Campbell, but also to the direct control of the village's paths afforded by P3.

Alan Jones

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### ***Blackdown Hills Food, Drink and Accommodation Guide***

*A free pocket-sized reference guide to help the public locate good food, drink and accommodation in the Blackdown Hills is being produced by the Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA). The guide, in booklet form, will include different sections for hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, pubs, b. and b., holiday lets, farm shops and village shops, as well as sections for food and drink producers who market direct to the public.*

*The colourful design will include a location map highlighting each enterprise. Scheduled to be produced this autumn, the guide will have a wide distribution with a 20,000 print run. It will be updated and reprinted every two years. Further information from John Carter on 01823-601005.*

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## **THE OVA WEBSITE: [www.ova.org.uk](http://www.ova.org.uk)**

### **ITS ORIGINS AND GROWTH**

Several years ago, it was agreed that Alan Ford should prepare a book on the Mark Rolle buildings. Investigation showed that the Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) was likely to make a grant towards it. They wanted the information to be as widely disseminated as possible, and the idea of putting a summary on the Internet was mooted. The LHI was keen on the idea, but it seemed to me that it would be more sensible to have an OVA website with a section devoted to the Mark Rolle project while we were about it, and I was pleasantly surprised to find that the LHI was quite happy about this.

Jed Falby (who provided the artistic input) and I met on several occasions, sometimes with Brian Turnbull, who was then Treasurer, to plan the site, and parish representatives were asked to provide pages for their villages. Alan Ford was too busy with the book to provide his section at that point, but agreed to do so when he had time. One problem was that most of the contributors were unfamiliar with the Internet and asked questions such as: 'How many words can we get on a page?'. At first I pointed out that this was like 'How long is a piece of string?', but in the end I caved in and suggested as a guideline a typed A4 page.

Although I had software to write a website, I had no experience of it, let alone of arranging 'hosting' for the site, so I felt, as did the others, that it would be best to go to a professional who would do everything, based

on our draft ideas. I wrote to two firms which advertised in the computer press, but neither replied. Fortunately I then saw an advertisement in the *Journal* for a firm in Exmouth, Monroe Consultants, who replied promptly, with a quotation. This seemed much the best place to go, since it was near enough for personal contact. At our next meeting with the LHI representatives, I told them the situation. Officially, we should have had three quotations and accepted the lowest; however the LHI said they would be happy to regard the two firms who hadn't replied as two of the quotations, so we could go ahead with Monroe Consultants.

Once the grant had been agreed, Jed Falby and I arranged a meeting with Monroe Consultants (actually an individual named Martin Bright, working from his home). We brought ideas on paper, together with files on disc of the artwork Jed had produced and of some photos. Martin came up with a number of useful suggestions, such as the ability to click on a name on the Contacts page and bring up the 'Create Mail' from Outlook Express, ready addressed. We asked him to go ahead, and when he showed us the result, including some additional photos to enhance the site, we were very happy with it.

The site has a number of functions. For members, the diary page gives an up-to-date list of activities, some of which may have been arranged too late for inclusion in the programme or the Newsletter. The contacts page gives a list of officers, and by clicking on a name you will open up a form to create an e-mail with the address automatically placed in it. The site as

a whole provides publicity for the Association, with information about its activities, about the parishes and villages we serve, and, of course, information on the Mark Rolle buildings. In addition, it is possible to download and print out a membership application form.

The site attracts a large number of visitors from all over the world. In the first month of its operations we had visits from as far away as Japan, and in July 2004 there were 1150 'hits'. If you haven't yet viewed it, try soon: even if you haven't Internet access yourself, the Public Library has.

**Brian Hawkes**

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### **OVA VISIT TO SIDMOUTH BYES**

On 10 July 18 members enjoyed a guided walk around the Sidmouth Byes by Brian Calloway and members of the Sid Vale Association. Three meadows by the riverside are owned and managed by the Association and are being turned into wild flower meadows. The woodland areas have been augmented by recent planting, including a copse of golden trees. We all enjoyed the beauty of this wild-life sanctuary. To end a fascinating afternoon, we were given tea, scones and cake by Patrick Stubbs, the chairman, in his adjoining garden. Brian Turnbull gave a vote of thanks, emphasising the forging of new links between the two associations.

**Nicky Daniel**



## WALKS

**Seaview Farm, Peak Hill, Passaford Lane, 21 July**

It is often a revelation to do a familiar walk in the opposite direction. New vistas open up. Climbs become descents - losing some of their steepness in the process - and vice versa. It almost becomes a different walk.

I comforted myself with this thought as some veterans of earlier Passaford Lane walks gathered at Colaton Raleigh Church on an overcast but dry July morning. Whereas previously we had always gone clockwise, today we would be going anti-clockwise.

A healthy leavening of newcomers made up the select group of 12 which set out enthusiastically at 10 a.m., heading down the sluggish River Otter past great banks of intrusive, purplish-pink Himalayan Balsam. After crossing the river at Rickety Bridge, the lush July vegetation plucked at our sleeves as we climbed up Rydon Lane. Emerging from the high-banked green lanes, we had our first glimpse of the wide blue yonder from Seaview Farm, spectacularly situated on its saddle between the Otter Valley and the sea. This farm, originally called Larderham, was built from scratch in 1868, one of the first fruits of the impressive building programme undertaken for Mark Rolle. [For more details, see *Mark Rolle: his Architectural Legacy in the Lower Otter Valley* by Alan Ford (OVA, 2002).]

History from an earlier age accompanied us along the Monks Way used by the monks from Otterton Priory, passing behind High Peak to join the Coast Path. Here the spectacular view east along the Jurassic Coast past Sidmouth to Beer Head and beyond brought us up short. Did the monks pause here to absorb the view, and perhaps a little refreshment, as we did? I'm sure of it.

A short, stiff climb up Peak Hill was rewarded by views back along the coast in the other direction, past the crumbling face of High Peak to Brandy Head, and on down to Torbay. Turning inland, we followed a winding path through the delightful National Trust woods before crossing the road on to Mutters Moor. Purple heather provided a perfect backdrop for golden gorse, until we plunged into the plantations. The path down Passaford Lane was steep at first, but the gradient soon eased as plantations gave way to fields. Overhanging trees sheltered us from a passing shower, which conveniently stopped before we reached the road at Passaford Farm. This, together with its neighbour, Pavers, is an older farm improved by Mark Rolle in 1886.

A few hundred yards along a quiet country road brought us to Burnt House Farm, and the bridge back over the Otter to Colaton Raleigh. Reaching the church at 1 p.m., we relished that combination of fatigue and satisfaction brought on by three well-spent hours.

**Brian Turnbull**

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## Artists' Walk, 7 August

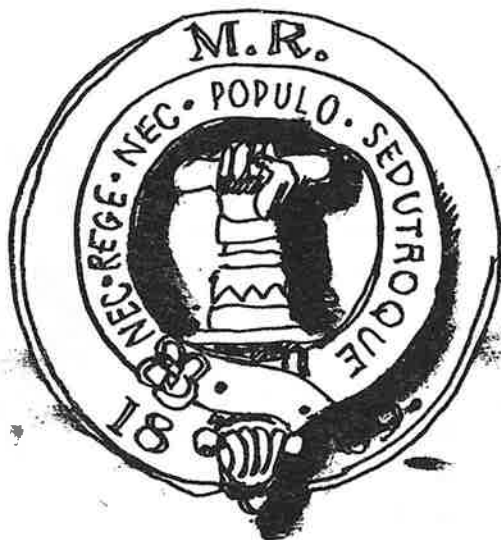
Twelve artist walkers turned up on a morning that wasn't sure whether to go for storm or sun. The optimists won since the sun appeared as we headed up river to the old gates of Otterton Park.

David Jannaway gave us a good outline of the history of the Earl and Rolle families, which left us a brick gateway and an impressive avenue of trees - but no grand house. As the 'artist'-leader, I believe David does these discourses to avoid drawing, a charge he hotly denies.



DAVID JANNAWAY EXPLAINS...  
'ARTISTS WALK' 7 AUG 2004





MARK ROWE'S PLAQUE, SOUTH FARM PORTAL

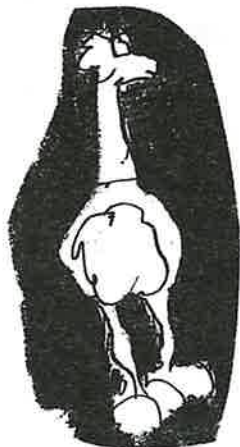
NEC REGE NEC POPULO SED UTROQUE

"Neither for the King  
nor for the People,  
but for Both"

obviously afraid of getting caught on the wrong side  
in the Civil War!

On up through Colliver Lane to the cliffs, where David talked of birds and boats and butterflies while my artist walkers did some very good colour sketches of the patterns of the harvest fields and the rolling reds of the cliffs.

Then, cutting up by Monks Wall to Piscombe Lane, we circled Otterton to be stopped dead in our tracks by the new animals where horses used to graze.



Llamas! Yes! Llamas in Otterton! David was nearly speechless as we all tried drawing these strange new visitors. They looked almost naked with their furry coats cut right back.



The llama is a good test of drawing skill because unless you are careful it comes out looking like a strange horse - or maybe a camel!

So, on around the village, looking down on to the beautiful new thatched roofs from Anchoring Hill. Then down beside the Kings Arms where artists and walkers took a well-earned rest - and some of the day's drawings were sped on their way by the handy Post Office there.

**Jed Falby**

27 NOVEMBER, SATURDAY, 10 a.m. WHITE BRIDGE, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON. G.R.076830. 4½ MILES, 2 HOURS, MODERATE. RIVER AND COASTAL, FAR-REACHING VIEWS. A POPULAR WALK. *Walk leader:* DAVID HUGGETT, 013955-446075.

8 DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY, 7 FOR 7.30 p.m. OVA CHRISTMAS PARTY, VILLAGE HALL, EAST BUDLEIGH. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)

11 DECEMBER, SATURDAY, 10 a.m. CROOKS PLANTATION, G.R.057866. 2½ TO 3 HOURS, EASY. RIVERSIDE, COLATON RALEIGH, OTTERTON, EAST BUDLEIGH, YETTINGTON, GREEN LANES. COULD BE MUDDY. *Walk leader:* STUART LOVETT, 01395-443141.

2005 - 5 JANUARY, WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. CROOKS PLANTATION, G.R.057866. 2½ HOURS, 5 MILES, MODERATE. COMMONS WALK. HAWKERLAND, CANTERBURY GREEN. GOOD VIEWS, MUDDY AFTER RAIN. *Walk leader:* BRIAN TURNBULL, 01395-567339.

15 JANUARY, SATURDAY 10 a.m. PEAK HILL CAR PARK, G.R.109872. 2½ HOURS, ENERGETIC. MUTTERS MOOR, SEVEN STONES, KEBLE'S SEAT, THE OLD SIDMOUTH MULE AND COACH ROADS. *Walk leader:* JED FALBY, 01395-445455,

18 JANUARY, TUESDAY 7.30 p.m. TALK BY CYRIL SHERE, 'A DEVON FARMER LOOKS BACK'. OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL.

# **OVA COMMITTEE AND OFFICE-HOLDERS, 2004/5**

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## **Executive Committee**

### ***Representing the Parish of:***

Budleigh Salterton	Clive Bowman	446892
	Nick Speare	443944
East Budleigh	Norman Crossland	445129
Colaton Raleigh	Alan Jones	568339
Newton Poppleford	Haylor Lass	568786
Otterton	Philip Greenhow	567996

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