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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: OVA WALKS, TALKS
AND EVENTS, JANUARY TO APRIL 2007**

10 January, Wednesday, 10 a.m. WALK (easy)

Lime Kiln car park, Budleigh Salterton, SY073820. Bird-watching stroll along the Otter, looking for winter visitors. *Walk leader:* David Jannaway, 01395-567159.

16 January, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. TALK by Tom Coleman on 'Peru, land of the Incas', at Otterton Village Hall.

19 January, Friday. 12.45 p.m. Birdwatching Cruise.

20 January, Saturday, 10 a.m. WALK (energetic)

White Cross car park, East Hill, SY118933. 5 miles, 2.5 hours. Waxway, Coombe, Hollow Head; woods, fields, bridleways, steep in places. *Walk leader:* David Nangle, 01404-811752.

31 January, Wednesday, 10 a.m. WALK (energetic) – walk off Christmas pudding. Joney's Cross, SY057898. 6 miles, 3 hours, East Devon Way, Harpford. *Walk leader:* Jed Falby, 01395-445455.

13 February, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. TALK by Clive Austing on 'Some Aspects and Gems from our Parish Churches'. 7.30 p.m. at Newton Poppleford Church Hall.

17 February, Saturday, 10 a.m. WALK (easy)

East Budleigh car park, SY065849. 2.5 hours. Town walk. *Walk leader:* Stan Herbert, 01395-445684.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Like all voluntary organisations, the OVA is totally dependent on the goodwill, energy and commitment of its members.

Some have particular interests or expertise as evidenced by the work of our committees, and the wide-ranging and informative contributions in the following pages. Others enjoy our walks, talks or social events. Some, who perhaps would like to participate in these activities, find it difficult to do so for understandable reasons. All our members, however, give the OVA valuable support through their annual subscriptions.

I am delighted to say that the tax authorities have now confirmed that subscriptions to the OVA qualify for Gift Aid. This means that we can reclaim from HM Treasury an additional 28p for each £1 you pay. Details are enclosed with this Newsletter.

Most OVA members pay income tax on pay, pension or savings, and so my message this time is a simple one. Please sign the enclosed pink Gift Aid Declaration and return it in the envelope provided. It will cost you nothing and make your backing for the OVA even more effective.

Thank you for your support, whether practical or financial, and may 2007 exceed all your expectations!

Brian Turnbull

PROFILE OF THE OVA VICE-CHAIRMAN, NICK SPEARE

'I was born in Stoke-on Trent in 1946' (*he's just passed another big 0*) 'and I have one younger brother. My father was a Cornishman who had moved to Stoke during the war and, I think, always regretted not moving back to the South-West on retirement. So we feel that we have done it for him, so to speak.

After leaving grammar school, I joined a local firm of accountants as an articled clerk, during which time I met and married Gill in 1970. After my articles I went to work for the Wedgwood Group who subsequently moved me to London where I was in charge of retail finance. It was unusual in those days to transfer staff, but even so after a few years they moved me back to Stoke on Trent, which felt like a backward move.

I left Wedgwood and went to work for NCR, selling computers. This upset my mother as she thought it gave her grandchildren (we have three sons) an insecure future and was a retrograde step. However, I discovered that I was good at selling and made quite a success of it, reaching the dizzy heights of Strategic Major Accounts Director. Whilst I was doing that NCR decided to implement a sales process from Miller Heiman, a U.S. company. I left soon afterwards to set up my own sales consulting company, and I approached Miller Heiman who asked me to set up their European operation. This I did, and subsequently expanded to Worldwide, and I ended up in a role with the unbelievable title of Vice-President for Europe, Middle East, Africa and

Australasia. This happily notched up an enormous number of air-miles which we are still spending.



Photo: Mo Bowman

We discovered Budleigh Salterton while walking the coastal path and fell in love with it immediately. Soon afterwards we bought a holiday cottage in Kersbrook which we used until I semi-retired in 2001 and we moved to our present home in Bedlands Lane. We very quickly joined the OVA and I was recruited by Alan Ford as the Budleigh rep.

The things I most enjoy about the Association are its broad context and meeting interesting people who display such enthusiasm and knowledge of their own special interests (such as birds, natural history, architecture and the local environment), with everybody mucking in, as well as the great camaraderie at all our events.

I became Vice-Chairman in 2005 and Chairman of the Programme and Publicity Committee in 2006, which I greatly enjoy. In the last three years I have seen two very positive changes in the OVA. These are:

1) The overall profile of committees has changed and with the injection of new blood comes increased vim, vigour and new ideas. For this reason, I am greatly in favour of the rule limiting tenure in office to three years.

2) We have improved our links with other organisations such as AONB and EDDC and have become more outgoing. For example, our recent approach to the *Journal* meant that they became much more collaborative and published six full-page articles on the OVA, written by different members. The more publicity the better!

Now I am relaxing after helping to organise the New Members Party and the Christmas Dinner and I am looking forward to spring.

Interview by Belinda Mountain

2007 EVENTS

Wildlife Study Group – Wednesday 28 March, 2 p.m.

David Jannaway will be taking a wildlife study group on the Commons as one of our occasional themed events. It will take place on Wednesday 28 March, when he hopes there will be plenty of creatures stirring from their winter slumbers for us to learn about. In fact, March will be something of an OVA Commons month, with two walks already taking place there then. Please meet at 2 p.m. at Joney's Cross car park, GR 058898.



A Visit to Coate's Willows & Wetlands Visitor Centre, near Taunton

Thursday 19th April 2007 - Depart Budleigh Salterton Public Hall at 09.30 - £15 including Buffet Lunch.

We have arranged a visit to a most interesting centre where you can see the processes involved in the willow industry from withy bed to finished baskets and furniture. All the process, growing, drying, stripping and weaving, can be seen as well as craftsmen producing finished articles and the production of finest artist's charcoal.

We will leave from Budleigh Salterton Public Hall at 9.30am by coach and drive to Stoke St. Gregory near Taunton where P H Coate & Son have been growing willow and making baskets and charcoal since 1819. There we will split into two parties, one to explore the Museum, Exhibition Gallery and Shop while the other takes the guided tour and then vice versa. We will have a buffet lunch in their excellent Courtyard Tea Room returning to Budleigh by 4.00pm.

The tour involves walking and standing and there are some steps, so please bear this in mind when booking. We can accommodate a maximum of 50 on the visit and we will not begin opening ticket applications until 20th January.

If you would like to join us please complete and return the slip you will find at the end of the Newsletter, with your cheque for £15 per person and a stamped addressed envelope.

**OVA Mini Tree Conference, Bicton College,
Saturday 9 June, 1-5pm**

This half-day OVA event is currently being organised with the help of Kate Tobin, EDDC's Great Trees of East Devon project organiser. Throughout the past 18 months, Kate and the EDDC Countryside Department have been busy running events and study groups to help people become more aware of and knowledgeable about trees, so the OVA has asked her to help us have a special tree event.

Details and a booking form will appear nearer the time in the April Newsletter, but please note the date in your diary now if you are interested. Briefly, the afternoon will begin with an indoor introductory talk, followed by three outdoor study groups in the College grounds, afternoon tea and a concluding talk and question time. A small fee will be charged to cover Bicton's hire and refreshment costs.

Wanted – Newsletter Deliverers

Would you like to get fitter and help out the OVA at the same time? Most Newsletters are delivered by volunteers in their own villages but currently we also post nearly 150 each quarter to other villages and towns where there are no deliverers. Areas where there are clusters of members and where deliverers might operate are Exmouth, Harpford, Ottery St Mary, Sidmouth, Tipton St John and Topsham. If you live in one of these places and would be willing to deliver the Newsletters to about 10 addresses once a quarter please contact Nick or Gill Speare on 01395- 443944



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Back-up for BECOM?

First to bring you up to date, not with the routine work of the Committee which is very much business as usual, but with the Communityscape Project. This has got off to a flying start. With the help of Kathy Moyle and Marion Nalder, and a little help from ourselves, the senior children from Drake's School have responded enthusiastically to the hunt for treasure in East Budleigh. The idea of getting them to rate features of the built environment and the choice and placement of trees and other plants according to whether they are cool, boring or rubbish has paid off handsomely. Now many of them are beginning to look at the village's buildings, trees, gardens and open spaces with fresh eyes. Every day children are coming to report sightings of features such as a really, really cool chimney or a rubbish street sign. Already a substantial selection of treasure has been assembled.

After Christmas, the children begin to work systematically on the collection and preparation of examples of village treasure for their Communityscape Exhibition which will take place in the summer. They will be taking photographs, drawing pictures and making models. We hope parents, grand-parents or others may be willing to work with them on this.

But now to the matter in hand. Our Committee feels we would be more effective if we could share some of our work with other members of the OVA. It is important to stress that we only have in mind occasional involvement to support a particular task. To give an example, Martin Smith, our very able secretary, would like to find an IT specialist who could provide him with IT back-up should this be needed. Likewise, if one of our members was ill, it would be great if we could ask a member of our supporting team to look at a property for which planning approval is being sought. And it would be wonderful if a model-maker, or someone with other craft or artistic skills could be called upon from time to time to help the children prepare for the Communityscape Exhibition.

There is no question of throwing a volunteer in at the deep end. We offer careful preparation and support to anyone who is willing to offer us back-up. So if you are an IT specialist or someone with an interest in the care and design of buildings or if you think you have interests/skills which might help the children to find village treasure or prepare it for display, why not get in touch either with Martin (tel.01395-442333 or martin.a.smith@talk21.com) or myself (442951 or gjaplin@ontel.com).

Geoff Aplin



FOOTPATHS

Devon County Council requires that a right of way must be "easy to use". This is vague. I'm rather in favour of vague criteria. They make it possible to apply common sense; but they can leave room for doubt and dispute. County is no longer satisfied with this vagueness. It decided to codify when a right of way fails to be "easy to use". The result is nine A4 pages of details.

Rights of way are divided into three categories. There are the friendly paths within villages, for example, which are used by people just getting from one part of the village to another and not shod for overcoming obstacles. There are the adventure paths for people who walk just for the fun of it. And there is a category in between. None of this is new, but now the interpretation of "easy to use" is separately defined for these three categories. On top of that the definition differs for footpaths and bridleways.

And the definitions are detailed; very detailed. And precise. Obstructions at the edge of a field caused by the crop are divided into four degrees of severity according to the width left available for the user and the height of the adjacent crop. Whether the route is "easy to use" then depends on the category of the right-of-way and the severity of the obstruction. Other sets of criteria apply to other obstacles.

This new code caused some consternation among the parish representatives responsible for looking after paths. Deciding whether a path is "easy to use" is one thing. It gets much more daunting when you have to measure how long the grass

is, how high the crop is and how deep and wide a patch of water is, applying different formulae according to the status of the path. I expected this code to be a hot subject at the footpaths workshop last month. In fact it was hardly touched on.

We did have some interesting information on the path furniture now available, with photos. I pricked up my ears when the horse stiles were mentioned. Perhaps you can imagine the ridiculous picture which came to my mind, requiring unusually agile horses. It was disappointing to find they were nothing more than a bar which the horses had to step over.

Alan Jones

Walks programme at risk?

Our programme of guided walks is one of our most popular activities. It gives pleasure and exercise to a large number of people, introducing them to our varied landscape and giving them a feeling that the Association is doing something for them.

The programme is now at risk for lack of someone to organise it. Brian Ludlow, who recently took on the job, has had to give up because of a sudden deterioration in his health.

Brian has already taken the first step by writing to all our walks leaders asking them what walks they can lead next year. The response has been poor so far but this is normal.

We need someone to chase up the walks leaders, then to check for errors such as wrong grid references in the proposed walks. The programme needs to be checked to ensure there is a reasonable spacing over the year. The completed programme is sent to the walks leaders so that they can check their own walk/s. It should be ready for publication by the end of April.

The most likely recruit for the job would be a walks leader but the organiser does not even need to be a walker: this is a purely desk job.

Please consider whether you could take on this useful job. If you can, contact me at 01395 568339 (I'm mostly not there but there is an answering machine) or at alan.k.jones@care4free.net with title "Walks organiser" to avoid my spam filter.

AJ

Time Team at Dotton

There is as yet no news of the date of the Time Team programme on Dotton (see article in Oct. 2006 Newsletter, pp.16-18). But keep checking your weekly TV schedule; normally Time Team goes out on Channel 4 on Sunday, in the early evening, around 6 p.m.



New Members' Party at Bicton House, 17 October '06





Talks, Walks and Events – a Round-up

Tour of East Budleigh Church and Environs, 18 October

Twenty-two OVA members were treated to a relaxed but highly informative talk and walk by David Jannaway, the first of our new occasional strolls designed to challenge the mind more than the muscles! Old and new members alike, the latter fresh from their previous night's OVA party, were intrigued and entertained by stories and puzzles rooted in both church and village history.

David began by setting the place where we were standing, the church car park, in its historical context, explaining how the Lord of the Manor had no grand house or castle but certain 'rights' such as tythes from the barn or produce from the mill (located on the present car park). Just along from here, past the site of the leat, we studied the make-up of old walls for clues to their origin and heard tales of smuggling and ghosts alongside the remarkably grand former priest's house, Vicars' Mead. It really did pay then to be a cleric!

A little later, standing by the churchyard gates, we began to realise how important the church and its surrounds were to villages. It was the only real space where people could meet for business or leisure, with the local market held by the church in the 'shambles' being so popular that its Sunday opening had to be changed to Monday, so as not to outshine and rival ecclesiastical matters.

In the churchyard we analysed the building's architecture – an original tiny church and tower had the present structure built around it, but was the new tower built in sections? We heard the story of the lady offered seven proposals of marriage (she paid off her suitors as they fell by the wayside) and studied how one of the best and most popular spots to be

buried, the west side, had been raised high above road level to accommodate literally piles of corpses.

On entering the church, David explained that it had originally been painted in welcoming bright colours, which probably led the eye to a further welcome from a reassuring statue of St Christopher opposite the entrance. Then he showed us how the Christian faith had cleverly amalgamated its own doctrines and symbols with pagan beliefs, symbolised by three little Green Men appearing amongst carvings on the nave's stone pillars. We settled on pews and tried to imagine how the church had looked before the Reformation, when the priest conducted his services standing high on top of a heavy rood screen, which also hid his secret hiding place in the stone wall behind, between the screen and the altar. This was a mystery to simple folk, echoing the mysteries of faith. During the Reformation, much of the church was stripped bare, leaving simpler essentials, but many of the banished Catholic symbols remained, hidden quietly to give less offence, such as the commemorative stone slab set in the floor of the outer altar area with its Latin inscriptions in reverse, unreadable at first glance.

Moving round the church like a little flock of birds, we began to see how everything was designed to work as a whole. Even the furnishings carried the Christian message, with beautiful and fascinating pew ends, but as David showed us over and over again, first appearances were often deceptive, with pagan and sexual undercurrents cleverly woven into the wood carvings by their medieval craftsmen.

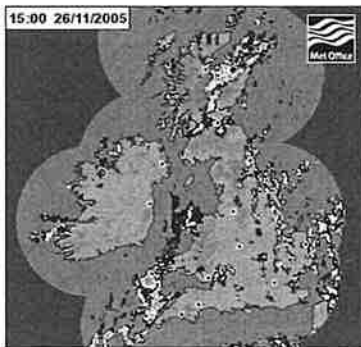
Finally, reluctantly, our roving talk came to an end, and we all agreed that this really had been a very enjoyable alternative to striding out across the countryside.

Mo Bowman

The Meteorological Office

About 80 members of the Otter Valley Association braved a stormy wet evening on 19 October to hear Karen Dutton, Business Manager of the Met Office, tell us about its history and successful relocation to Exeter in 2003.

Karen told us that the Met Office is part of the Ministry of Defence but since 1996 it has also been a trading unit and is required to find paying commercial customers. It employs about 1800 people at 80 sites around the world and commercial work now accounts for 16% of the total and is worth about £30m.



We learnt that weather forecasts start from observations. Every day 10 million items of weather data from satellites, ships, buoys, aircraft, land stations, oil platforms and radar are fed into the Met Office forecasting model which runs on their huge computer. This computer can perform 16 billion calculations per second per processor and there are two processors – the computing equivalent of 80,000 PCs.

In addition to standard weather forecasts, the Met Office also provides other services, including forecasts of severe weather, sea conditions, storm tides and atmospheric pollution.

The Met Office also operates the Hadley Centre which researches into climate change caused by human activity. Karen explained the greenhouse gas effect and the serious consequences for us all that are predicted by the Hadley

Centre if we don't reduce our energy consumption in the home, car travel, air travel and many other wasteful ways. Karen concluded her talk by asking "Are we willing to change?"

Alan Huddart

Woodbury Castle, Common and Hawkerland Walk, 21 October, 2006

OVA walks in recent years have generally been in the morning, but this one broke with tradition, beginning at 2.30 pm. Despite threatening skies, twelve walkers arrived at Crooks Plantation at the appointed hour. All obviously subscribed to the maxim that there is no such thing as bad weather – just unsuitable clothing – and had dressed accordingly.

In fact, there was only one brief shower soon after starting. Prompted by a spectacularly large red and white fly agaric toadstool, Marion Nalder gave an impromptu talk on the unusually prolific fungi as we sheltered under a convenient tree.

The skies cleared as we headed across the pebblebed heath to Woodbury Castle. Approaching this evocative site from the east, the scale of the earthworks was awe-inspiring. The massive steep rampart and deep ditch still constitute a formidable obstacle today despite 2500 years of erosion. With a stout wooden palisade on top, it must have been an imposing sight and an important centre for our Iron Age predecessors in the Otter Valley. Like them, no doubt, we enjoyed the spectacular views across Lyme Bay walking north east along what is now part of the East Devon Way.

Leaving the ridge after a mile or so, a charming wooded path led down from Hawkerland Brakes. Beneath the trees,

there was a plethora of fungi and mosses. Marion found her expertise in great demand, and this added greatly to our interest and enjoyment. A little-used link path brought us out above Hawkerland Cross. From there we followed the bridleway along the edge of Colaton Raleigh Common southwards. A late dragonfly at the ponds above Kingston Farm did a ceremonial fly-past for our benefit, and we examined Bicton leat near Stowford before arriving back at the starting point.

Although all the walkers on this occasion *could* have managed a morning walk, there was general agreement that afternoon walks were a welcome addition to the programme.

Brian Turnbull

Harpford Common, Colours of Autumn Walk, 25 October 2006

The rain was bucketing down. No sensible person would turn up for a walk on a day like this.

But mere rain does not deter OVA walkers; seven hardy souls (yes, seven) met up at Bowd Inn dressed for the worst the weather could do.

So we splashed off down the old Harpford Woods railway line. No 'autumn colours' as advertised in the walks programme, as the high winds of the week had stripped the woods of their colour.

At Tipton St John the new roofing at Hayne Barton exposed the old railway metal fittings, but the railway was never there so it might be that a builder 'borrowed' these elements when the line was closed. Or perhaps some reader will know more than we did? After a rain-soaked council-of-war here we decided to shorten the planned route by

taking the 'County Road' towards Beacon Hill The 'road' was by now more like a river with multiple streams and waterfalls to amuse us. (Isn't it interesting that with a perfectly good ditch at the side, the water prefers to run down the road?)



Skirting the Fire Beacon Plantation (not a day for 'fires' of any sort) we shared the rain with some soggy pigs and quite happy horses before redescending the good road back to the Bowd Inn and warm chocolate – days later my boots are still drying out!

Jed Falby

**‘Devon Air Ambulance’ -a talk by Mike Saffin,
14 November 2006**

For most of us, this was the first opportunity to see inside the newly refurbished village hall at Colaton Raleigh, and nearly 40 members and visitors were present. Mike Saffin is a retired construction and design engineer. He decided he needed to do something worthwhile in retirement as well, so volunteered to give talks on behalf of the Devon Air Ambulance.

A family had lost a son involved in an accident, due to the delay in reaching hospital by road; they commenced an appeal and started what is now a two-helicopter service in Devon. The first started in 1992 and is now based at Middlemore, and the second in 2005 and based in the north of the county. Fifty percent of Devon can be reached in five, and the rest in 15 minutes.

We learned that three agencies are involved in the running of the service. The West Country Ambulance service deploys the air ambulance, provides the specially trained paramedics and medical equipment; the Bond Air Service leases out and maintains the helicopters, and provides and trains the pilots; and the Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) raises funds and deals with publicity and awareness.

The little red helicopters provide a very speedy, versatile service that can also reach areas inaccessible to other rescue services. Rescues are made from cliff paths, the middle of Dartmoor, from the motorway and anywhere that will safely take the width of the blades. However, they do not carry winching equipment, and the Search and Rescue is involved if this is needed; a problem at night might also involve the police helicopter with its heat-seeking equipment. In the air,

the pilot is in charge and decides on the landing site, but on arrival at the scene, the aircrew make the decisions, attend to the casualty and liaise with the most appropriate hospital for the injuries sustained.

Now for some statistics! It costs £2.2 million per annum to keep the service operational. DAAT is run by an independent charitable trust with a board of trustees; it is 100% charity funded and no government or national lottery funds are received. The fund-raising exercise has to be relentless and includes having its own lottery, collecting boxes, charity shops, outside events and talks; the pilots often give up their free time to publicise and promote the cause. Twenty-nine percent of its income is from legacies; last year the Torquay bikers presented a cheque for £27,000 and Jennie Bond (ex Royal Correspondent) donated her fees from "I'm a Celebrity - Get me out of here!" (so something good HAS come out of that programme!). In the year ended April 2006, 1090 operations were carried out in the south, and 646 in the north of the county, road traffic accidents being responsible for 33% of these. Other accidents (43%) were related to walkers, horse-riders and sport, or due to falls; medical emergencies counted for the remaining 24%, including transfers between hospitals.

Mike stressed that there was one very important thing to do if we were present at an accident attended by the Air Ambulance. Waving something easily visible from above **must be sustained** until after the helicopter has circled to evaluate landing conditions and has safely landed. Please don't ever wave to a helicopter because it seems a fun thing to do; precious time could be, and has been, lost by confusing the crew as to the correct emergency location!

I am sure that Mike's enthusiasm made us all far more appreciative of the hard work that is involved in providing such an important service on our doorstep!

Diane Gee

River and Coastal Walk, 18 November 2006

It was a perfect November morning for walking when 16 of us set off from White Bridge – blue skies and not too cold. We crossed the river at Clamour Bridge, went past the brick pillars and on to the footpath at Colliver Lane. Whilst it was a good day for walking, the previous few days had seen rain and strong winds and we soon met the tree that had fallen and was completely blocking our path. So we about-turned and went back past the brick pillars, down the road and through the well-worn gap in the hedge to rejoin the path leading on to Colliver Lane and then to Colliver Cross.

We took the path to the coast past the sewerage works. Fortunately, the direction of the wind had changed since the week before when I had walked the route. We had fine views of Sidmouth and the coastline with Golden Cap and we climbed the South-West Coast Path we could make out Portland Head over 40 miles away.

We stopped at the derelict lookout building for refreshments before continuing along the coast path past Otter Head to White Bridge with wonderful views of Budleigh Salterton. We kept up a good steady pace and were back at White Bridge soon after midday, just as it started to rain. That is to say that most of us were back, as some had stopped off at the bird hide to see if there was any activity on the river. They may have got a little damp on their way back.

David Huggett

Commons Walk, 2 December 2006

On a sunny mild morning, more like spring than early December, 28 walkers set off round the practice ground of the East Devon Golf Course, heading towards Dalditch. We made our way along the permissive path through Dalditch Plantation, grateful for the clearance work carried out the previous week by an OVA working party. The path then took us above and around Squabmoor Reservoir when a short, heavy shower surprised us just as Haylor Lass was telling us a little of the origins of the reservoir. The sun shone again as we returned via Dalditch Lane (the brickwork of the viaduct is always a source of admiration) and Knowle Village.

Stuart Lovett

STOP PRESS

WHO WANTS TO BE THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE OVA?

Under the OVA Constitution, officers are obliged to stand down after three consecutive years in the same post. This helps to bring in new ideas, a good thing for any organisation.

At the next AGM in May 2007, our chairman will have completed his allotted span, and his successor will be appointed. We are now looking for suitable candidates.

There is already a good supporting team in place with a wide range of expertise. So broad-based leadership skills are more important than specialist knowledge.

If you think you could lead the OVA effectively, or know someone else who would be a good candidate, please contact Brian Turnbull (Tel: 567339) for an informal chat as soon as possible.

WILLOWS AND WETLANDS CENTRE

VISIT, 19 APRIL 2007

APPLICATION FORM

(Please cut this page carefully from your Newsletter if you wish to take part in this visit; the back is blank.)

To:	From: (your name, address & telephone number)
Rowan Turnbull Hayes, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh, Sidmouth EX10 0LH	

Please send me tickets at £15 each for the visit to the Willows and Wetlands Visitor Centre on 19 April 2007, departing at 9.30 a.m.

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to the OVA and a stamped addressed envelope.

Signed:

Date:

(Please return this form, with your cheque and stamped addressed envelope to Rowan Turnbull at the above address.)

6 March, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. TALK by David Nichols on 'The Shallow Seas of Devon' at East Budleigh Village Hall.

10 March, Saturday, 10 a.m. WALK (moderate)

Crook Plantation, SY 057866. 5 miles, 2.5 hours. Woodbury, Bicton, Yettington. May be muddy. *Walk leader:* Shane Badham, 01395-567531.

24 March, Saturday, 10 a.m. WALK (moderate)

Squabmoor reservoir, SY 038843. 5 miles, 2.5 hours. Commons, woods. May be muddy, stony. *Walk leader:* Brian Leveridge, 01395-443358.

28 March, Wednesday, 2 p.m. Wildlife study group

Joney's Cross, SY 058898. *Leader:* David Jannaway, 01395-567159.

4 April, Wednesday, 10 a.m. WALK (energetic)

Yettington/Uphams, SY 048859. 5 miles, 2.5 hours. Yettington, the Commons. *Walk leader:* Jed Falby, 01395-445455.

18 April, Wednesday, 10 a.m. WALK (energetic)

Colaton Raleigh church, SY 082872. 6 miles, 3 hours. Riverside, green lanes, coastal path, Mutters Moor, Passaford Lane (steep hill). *Walk leader:* Brian Turnbull, 01395-567339

18 April, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. TALK by Dr Bob Symes on 'The Heritage Coast' at East Budleigh Village Hall.

19th April Thursday 09.30 VISIT to Willows and Wetlands Visitor Centre nr. Taunton (see pages 5 & 23).

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