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Chairman's message



After the terrible weather we've had this summer we are at present enjoying a glorious Indian summer and the apple trees are forecast to produce a bumper crop due to heavy rain then lots of sun, I'm glad something has benefited from it. Luckily the enthusiasm of OVA members wasn't dampened as you will read in this issue.

In June I attended an AONB Partnership Forum with two colleagues where we met many people from other organisations who have similar interests as ours so that we could exchange ideas and much literature. You will read further on an article by Kimmo Evans explaining how the AONB Partnership works.

Our new website (www.oval.org.uk) is up and running though not quite finished so do pay it a visit as it is very fast and slick now. We have also drawn up a leaflet entitled "An introduction to the OVA," that incorporates the membership application form and can be found in all the usual outlets or from your area rep's.

This leads me on to our next new innovation which is:- Otter Valley Association, PO Box 70, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6WN. This is now our address as far as the public is concerned. We have created this partly to protect individual officers' privacy from the wider public, but it also enables us to print many more forms (which are cheaper to buy in bulk) and to extend their lives as no details will need to be changed, as we do.

We have recently purchased a laminator (this is a machine that you put notices into a plastic covering so that they stay dry when put up outdoors.) So hopefully you will be able to view our monthly activities and events in many more places around Budleigh and the villages.

I am currently reading old Newsletters dating back to 1989 and finding them fascinating, so later in this edition you will find a poem which Phipps Turnbull (Brian's father) inserted, about a tree. In those days the Newsletter was full of wonderful little anecdotes and sayings which we would like to encourage you all to contribute anything you are particularly fond of, just email or send them to the editor or Nick Speare.

Continued

Below you will see one of Jed Falby's drawings, from when I held a reception for the walk leaders and distributors earlier in August. I was very pleased to be able to thank many of the OVA's unsung hero(ines)s who give so much of their time to save us a significant amount of money and to provide the frontline of our communications with you or provide the activities that so many of us enjoy.

Perish the thought, but it's only about ten weeks to Christmas so may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and festive season, and don't forget to re-cycle those bottles!

Belinda Mountain





From Editor

(Actually this is not from the Editor – rather from her deputy). Pat Quaife, unfortunately had to go into hospital for a major operation just at the time of preparation of this Newsletter and so I had to step into the breach. I am very pleased to report that Pat is now home again and on the road to recovery .

I must therefore make it very clear that any mistakes in the Newsletter are entirely mine and not the fault of the contributors. So if you spot the occasional typo or punctuation error it is because Pat's fine. Hand has not been guiding the Newsletter to its completion.

May I say thanks to everyone who volunteered their help, to the contributors for making the task a little easier by getting articles to me and to Jed Falby for the illustrations on the cover and within the Newsletter.

You will see that for this edition the Diary section of the Newsletter has been placed on the centre pages so that you may simply remove it to keep it separately if you wish. Please let me know what you think of this change.

**Deputy Editor
Nick Speare**

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Occasional Deliverers Can you help?

We have organised a pool of volunteers to cover for Newsletter Deliverers who, for whatever reason, cannot be available when the Newsletter is published. These floating Deliverers will deliver about a dozen Newsletters.

We would be very grateful if others would join the pool. You will only be called on if one of the deliverers in your area was unable to fit in with the due dates.

If you are willing to volunteer please contact me on 01395 443944 and I will add your name to the pool.

Thank you

Gill Speare

Natural Environment



Pond Walk on 4th July 2007

Eleven of us started out from Joney's Cross car park, a good access point for Aylesbeare Common, to visit a selection of ponds and explore their wildlife.

The previous year's walk in the area had shown us that two of the ponds there are lifeless, and probably anaerobic, so this year we concentrated on the two near the SW corner of Woolcombe plantation before moving on to a group of ponds constructed along a shallow valley to the NW of the first group. These latter have been formed by a series of low earth dams built across a seasonal stream. They can be reached quite easily by following a broad track that runs roughly N from the "lone pine".

The best map reference I can give for these latter ponds is: 0550 0905. They are in a thin copse of trees. To approach from any other direction is fraught with problems, all wet and muddy. There are 5 ponds in this chain but I must confess that I have never found more than 4.

Norman Crossland proved a great help, both with his pond net and his professional knowledge. He notes the following: -

"*Potamogeton natans*" (broad-leaved pond weed) was the dominant emergent plant.

"*Alisma plantago-aquatica*" (water plantain) was present in the last of the ponds.

Water boatmen, nymphs of darter dragonflies, damselfly nymphs and Whirligig beetles were the abundant species of invertebrates; newts and tadpoles were also plentiful.



Broad-leaved Pond weed

Obviously, these are only a few of the many plant and invertebrate species that live in these ponds.



Common Blue Damselfly

On the wing we saw the Common Blue damselfly, and a number of dragonflies including the Common Darter and the Blacktailed Skimmer. Bird life was not conspicuous on this warm July morning. Altogether an enjoyable and rewarding walk.

Robert Sellin



Wednesday October 17th - 7:30pm
Colaton Raleigh Village Hall

“Wildlife on the South West Coast Path”

Speaker: Martin Catt of the South West Coast Path Association

The South West Coast Path is Britain's longest National Trail, running from Minehead in Somerset to South Haven Point near Poole Dorset, passing through Budleigh Salterton.



The path takes in some of the most dramatic scenery in the UK - there are plenty of gentle stretches as well as dramatic headlands, steep coastal valleys, sheltered estuaries, busy harbours, intimate coves and moorlands.

The wildlife is equally varied and interesting and our speaker, Martin Catt, has a wide knowledge and experience including all major groups of flora and fauna, and also geology and archaeology, with particular interests in butterfly ecology and behaviour, terrestrial orchids, reptiles and amphibians, fungi, and prehistoric archaeology.

Martin has over 30 years experience of leading successful wildlife holidays and courses both in UK and abroad, as well as conducting many illustrated talks and guided walks covering numerous wildlife subjects. A former rocket scientist, over the last twenty years Martin has successfully turned his interest in natural history into a full-time profession.

I hope you are able to come along to what promises to be an excellent talk to start out 2007/2008 programme.

Alan Huddart
Talks Secretary

“By 2020 the climate in Southern England could be like Portugal now”

That was a headline from a recent newspaper. But you have the opportunity to find out about the effects of climate change from an expert.

November 14th
7.15 p.m. Public Hall,
Budleigh Salterton

Talk on “Climate Change – The Impacts”
by Dr Pete Falloon who is a climate impacts scientist at the Met Office, Hadley Centre in Exeter.



Climate Change is a global issue and the Met Office Hadley Centre is leading international research into what could happen under climate change and the impacts on current and future generations.

Please note the change of time and venue for this talk.

**Alan Huddart
Talks Secretary**

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QT

And the winner is.....Rodney Eborn from Hornchurch Essex, who has been sent his £50 cheque by Chairman Belinda. The winner just beat a number of entrants who scored marks in the top 30's or lower 40's. Congratulations to Rodney and we look forward to the next QT in 2008.

Rowan Turnbull



Extra! Extra!



On the 14th November not only are we having a talk by Dr. Pete Falloon of the Hadley Centre, which is part of the Met



Office, but prior to that at 4 15pm in the Public

Hall you will be able to come and view Al Gore's film "An



Inconvenient Truth" which is 93mins long and about Climate Change

Dr Falloon will speak on the developments since the film was made and make it pertinent to our area.

At 6.45 we shall be offering you a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles before Dr Falloon's talk at 7.15pm.



Footpaths



About half a kilometre west of Stowford House are 2 ponds, down in a deep hollow under trees. A leat passes through them and a bridge takes the walker over one of them. A delightful spot. The approach from the north is fairly level with just a shallow sheet of water to cross. On the south there is a flight of steps to take you up or down.

Well there used to be. But water and wear have taken the steps out and in their place are gulleys which are very difficult to clamber through, perhaps even dangerous.

I have long wanted to replace the steps but they are not on a right of way so I am not allowed to spend the parish's footpath money on them. You are of course allowed to walk there: it's part of the commons. I tried to persuade the AONB partnership to do something about it but they do not have funds for employing contractors on the commons.

Now it looks as if Clinton Devon Estate has come up trumps. I don't have any promise but Bungy Williams, the commons warden, tells me he is considering putting the steps on his current program of work on the commons. This program is being carried out by the probation service under the supervision of Bungy.

He has already extended several boardwalks to the east of Woodbury Castle and another north of Upham's Plantation. These had been overcome by rising water. One even had a sheet of corrugated iron unsuccessfully trying to take walkers across one of the gaps.

Bungy is looking for other jobs the probation service can do on the commons, preferably not involving great expenditure on materials because his budget is under pressure. I have suggested 2 possible jobs but I believe other suggestions would be welcome.

Clinton Devon has a deserved reputation for maintenance on the commons and they have employed the probation service there before. The probation service has also done work on rights of way in the past. When Dorothy Stammers was in charge of footpaths in Colaton Raleigh she was told she would never get the bridleway on the south side of Hawkerland cleared. I tried to walk it and found it impossible. Dorothy was possibly the first to call the probation service in, and they did a wonderful job. Since then they have done quite a lot of work, especially in Otterton.

Alan Jones

The involvement of the Otter Valley Association is much valued in the Partnership. The East Devon AONB promotes OVA activities and events wherever possible, which potentially benefits your membership recruitment, recognising the wealth of experience and expertise you have amongst our members. You will recall the survey being carried out on the the impact of overhead electricity cables, by Geoff Aplin Chairman of your Built Environment Committee and the superb "communityscapes" activities.

A number of OVA members volunteer regularly on reserves or other biodiversity or environmental enhancement projects. Members have helped with the Great Trees of East Devon Project, part funded by the AONB , all of which contribute to the conservation and enhancement of this special area.



We all have a 'part' to play in the Partnership!
Thank you.

Kimmo Evans – Communications Officer AONB

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Built Environment Committee.

Powerlines Survey

Many thanks to those members who have responded to the Powerlines Survey.

Powerline blight has been very clearly identified in three communities, East Budleigh, Colaton Raleigh and in parts of Budleigh Salterton. But apart from those which cross the Otter at White Bridge there have been no nominations for rural powerlines.

Is this really the only problem powerline outside the Lower Otter Valley Built Environment?

There are still a few weeks before we report on the OVA Survey to the AONB Partnership so there is still time to advise us of any other powerlines which would be better underground.

Geoff Aplin

Diary - October to December

October 4th Thurs - 10am - MODERATE / Lunch

Escot Park grass CP, SY 082981. 4¾ miles - 2½ h.

A mainly level walk; attractive riverside paths by the Tale & Otter; old railway line. Optional lunch at Escot Park.

Walk leaders: Phil & Chris Ashby, 01395 512339

October 13th Sat - 10am - MODERATE

White Bridge, SY076830. 5 miles - 2½ h.

River, Stantyway, coast path.

Walk leader: Steve Hagger, 01395 442631

October 17th Wednesday – 7.30 pm Colaton Raleigh Village Hall

Talk “Wildlife on the South West Coast Path”

Speaker: Martin Catt of the South West Coast Path Association

See details on Page 5

October 27th Sat - 10am - ENERGETIC / Pub lunch

Bowd Inn CP, SY 107900. 5 miles - 3h.

Up, over and down Beacon Hill. Optional social lunch.

Walk leader: Jed Falby, 01395 445455

November 6th – 7.00pm – East Budleigh Village Hall (SY 067847)

Workshop “Reading Maps and Using a Compass”

Leader: Tony Burges Contact - Diane Gee 01395 444388

See details on Page 17

November 7th Wed - 10am - EASY

Newton Popp. sports ground CP, SY 087900. 2½ h.

Seeking and identifying fungi and wax caps.

Walk leader: Marion Nalder, 01395 442176.

November 8th – 10am – Field Trip (following Workshop Nov. 6th)

Joney's Cross CP. SY 057898 3-4 miles - 4hrs

Bring Picnic, may be muddy. Contact - Diane Gee 01395 444388

November 14th Wednesday – Budleigh Salterton Public Hall

4.15pm Showing of Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth"

7.15pm "Climate Change – The Impacts"

Wine & Nibbles from 6.45pm

Speaker: Dr Peter Falloon – Hadley Centre(Met Office)

See details on Page 6/7



November 17th Sat - 10am - MODERATE

Weston CP, SY 166889. 5 miles - 2½h.

Attractive circular walk including coast path.

Walk leader: Peter Hills, 01395 568576



November 21st Wed - 10am - MODERATE / Pub lunch

King's Arms CP Otterton, SY 082853. 5 miles - 2½ h.

Mostly level walk to north; riverside and lanes. Optional pub lunch

(NB non -"lunchers" may have to park on road).

Walk leaders: David & Nicola Daniel, 01395 445960



December 5th Wed - 10am - ENERGETIC.

White Cross CP East Hill, Ottery St Mary, SY 118933. 5 mls - 2½ h.

Waxway, Coombe, Hollow Head, East Hill; woods, fields, bridleways, steep in places, may be muddy.

Walk leader: David Nangle, 01404 811752



December 15th Sat - 10am - MODERATE.

Joney's Cross CP, SY 057898. 5½ miles - 2½ h.

Stoneyford, Stowford, Colaton Raleigh common; may be muddy.

Walk leader: Stuart Lovett, 01395 443141



December 15th 7.15pm for 7.45 – Bickton College

OVA Christmas Dinner

See details on Page 16 and application form on Page 24.



Diary - January to March 2008



January 12th Sat - 10am - MODERATE / New Year's Lunch

Knowle Village Hall CP, SY 052827. 5 miles - 2½ h.

Commons and woods. May be muddy.

Optional drink/lunch at the Dog & Donkey, Knowle.

Walk leader: Steve Hagger 01395 442631



January 16th Wed - 10am - MODERATE

Newton Poppleford CP, SY 086897. 5 miles - 2½ h.

Southerton, Venn Ottery, Tipton St John. Woodland, green lanes, riverside.

Walk leader: David Nangle 01404 811752



January 26th Sat - 10am - ENERGETIC

Joney's Cross, SY 057898. 6 miles - 3 h.

East Devon Way.

Walk leader: Jed Falby 01395 445455.



January 30th Wed - 7:30pm - Budleigh Salterton Public Hall

Talk "History of Clinton Devon Estates from 1299"

With New Year welcome drink at 7:15pm

Speaker: John Varley – Clinton Devon Estates Director



February 6th Wed - 10am - MODERATE

Squabmoor Reservoir CP, SY 038843. 5 miles - 2½ h.

Around commons and through the woods. May be muddy and stony.

Walk leader: Brian Leveridge 01395 443358



February 13th Wed - 10am - MODERATE / Optional Pub lunch

The Maltsters Arms CP, Woodbury, SY 010871. 4¾ miles - 2½ h.

Hogsbrook, Woodbury Park, Rushmoor Wood (short section may be muddy).

Walk leader: Bettina Wilson 01395 578450



February 21st Thurs – 7.30pm - Otterton Village Hall

Talk “Illustrated History of Exeter”

Speaker: Tony Burges (Exeter Red Coat Guide)



February 23rd Sat - 10am - MODERATE

Kersbrook (under railway bridge), SY 069830. 5½ miles - 2½ h.

Coast path, old railway track.

Walk leader: Shane Badham 01395 567531



March 5th Wed - 10am - EASY / Pub lunch

East Budleigh CP, SY 065849. 2½ h

Town walk.

Optional lunch at The Sir Walter Raleigh.

Walk leader: Stan Herbert 01395 445648



March 12th Wed – 7.30pm - East Budleigh Village Hall

Talk “The Shallow Seas of Devon”

Speaker: Prof. David Nichols



March 15th Sat - 10am - MODERATE

East Budleigh CP, SY 065849. 5½ miles - 2¾ h.

Attractive oval-shaped walk east of EB.

Walk leader: Peter Hills 01395 568576



March 22nd Sat - 10am - ENERGETIC / Day walk, bring lunch

Lime Kiln CP (charges apply), SY 073820. 10 miles - 6 h.

Colaton Raleigh by cliffs and common, return by the river.

Walk leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567339

Only 75 Days to the OVA Christmas Dinner

From 1st October there will be just 75 days to go till the OVA Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 15th. Note that date in your diary.

This year, as last, the Dinner will be at Bicton and the format will be very much the same. For those of you who were unable to attend last year, the evening begins at 7.15 with a reception where you get the opportunity to mingle, enjoy a pre-dinner drink and nibbles and buy raffle tickets.

We then proceed through to dinner at 7.45 which will consist of a starter (to be decided), turkey and the trimmings (or a vegetarian option) and then either Christmas pudding or satsumas and coffee and mince pies.

During the meal we will exercise our brains as well as our jaws with Alan Huddart's fiendishly festive and fun filled quiz. After the meal we will announce the quiz answers and the raffle prizewinners and raise the roof with carols lead by Haylor and Ruth Lass.

This year Bicton have sorted out their licencing and will be selling wine at very reasonable prices so you will not need to bring your own.

Tickets are £16.50 each and can be obtained using the form at the end of the Newsletter. We are restricted to a maximum of 120 so regretfully we ask that only members attend.

Please return the form which you will find at the end of the Newsletter along with a stamped, addressed envelope and your cheque (payable to the OVA of course). To ensure tickets will be allocated fairly, applications will not be opened before Monday 22nd October and tickets sent out that week.

Nick Speare



Can you read a Map and use a Compass?

If not, we have a Workshop just for you!! On organised walks, I suspect most of us just happily follow on behind the leader, but how would we fare if we found ourselves lost in unfamiliar surroundings, with no-one else to take charge? Join us to learn how to pinpoint landmarks, use Grid Refs, read the terrain, find out one's own location and the required direction of travel. This is not aimed at only "serious" walkers but a worthwhile, even educational exercise for anyone who would enjoy learning about maps and how best to use them.



Many of you will remember the very interesting, recent talk on "Aspects of Dartmoor" given by Tony Burges. Tony is an authorised Dartmoor National Park Guide, holds a Mountain and Moorland Certificate and leads groups all over the West Country and as far as the New Forest, focusing on all aspects of history and nature. Tony has kindly agreed to spend an evening giving OVA members some instruction on how to use an OS map and a compass. This will be followed by a field trip over the commons, putting theory into practise!

Workshop: Tuesday 6 November, East Budleigh Village Hall SY 067847, 7.00pm - 9.30pm. You would ideally need to bring an Explorer map no 115, (Exmouth & Sidmouth), a compass (although there may be a few spares), a ruler, pen/pencil and notepad. A small charge will be made and will include tea or coffee and biscuits. Numbers may have to be limited; see below to book a place or take a chance on the night.

Field Trip: Thursday 8 November, Joney's Cross SY 057898, 10am. This should last for about 4 hours and cover 3 to 4 miles. Bring equipment as above together with a picnic and wear stout footwear as it may be muddy.

To book: To reserve a place, asap please send your name, address and telephone number, together with a cheque for £3 made payable to the OVA to: Diane Gee, OVA maps, PO Box 70, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6WN.



Pebblebed Heaths
CONSERVATION TRUST

Conservation Trust and Book Launch

A new conservation trust has been launched in East Devon at Woodbury Castle, Woodbury Common.

The East Devon Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust has been formed by Clinton Devon Estates as an independent charity to manage the ongoing conservation of the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths and the Otter Estuary. Both Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Trustees have been appointed and include Professor Denys Brunsden OBE, responsible for the successful application to UNESCO to nominate England's first natural World Heritage Site – The Jurassic Coast and Pete Gotham, renowned ornithologist.

The Trust was officially launched by Lord Clinton. John Varley Trustee and Director of Clinton Devon Estates commented "The Trust is a transparent body, engaging with local communities, schools and regional and national conservation bodies. The Trust will continue the work undertaken by the Estate with regards to wildlife and habitat management to help maintain and improve the biodiversity in the area. Significant gains are expected as the Trust has been awarded one of England's flagship 10 year Higher Level Stewardship agreements by the government."

To tell the story of the Heaths, a book which has been commissioned by the Trust was also launched. The book entitled ***"East Devon Pebblebed Heaths - 240 million years in the making"*** has been written by renowned BBC wildlife film maker and author Andrew Cooper

Andrew Cooper commented "The story of the Pebblebed Heaths is indeed a rare and fascinating one. The book allows the reader to travel back through time to the dawn of dinosaurs, discover monsters and myths, and reveal a dramatic history of the people and lives of a land that still bears the scars of war. Out of it emerges a

landscape of exquisite, wild beauty still privately owned yet free for all to enjoy – this is the amazing story of the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths.”

The book has been reviewed by Fiona Reynolds, CBE, Director General of The National Trust and she commented “This is a fascinating insight into the geology, landscape, people and wildlife of the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths. It brings the past to life in an enlightening way which engages with people.”



The book “*East Devon Pebblebed Heaths – 240 million years in the making*” by Andrew Cooper is available direct from the Trust - www.pebblebedheaths.org.uk priced £14.99 or from local bookshops and the usual book sellers on the web ISBN 978-0-9556239-0-5

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New Publicity Officer

After serving the OVA as Publicity Officer and providing an invaluable service from behind her camera Mo Bowman has reluctantly decided that she can no longer continue as Publicity Officer. However we are very glad she has agreed to continue to avail the OVA of her expertise as a photographer. Many of the photographs that appear on our website and in OVA publications have been provided by Mo and we hope that we will continue to see their like in the future. The Executive Committee expressed and minuted its thanks to Mo at its last meeting

We are very grateful to Helen Tickle who has agreed to take on the mantle of Publicity Officer. Helen was Budleigh Salterton Representative before she took on the Publicity Office role and she has already made her presence felt in the good publicity the OVA received for the Communityscape project and the QT. These auger well for her future in her new role and we wish her every success.

Nick Speare.

THE POEM OF THE TREE

You that are passing by
And raise your arm to me
Before doing me any harm
Look at me well:

I am the warmth of your home
In the cold winter nights
I am the friendly shade
When you walk under the August sun
And my fruits are the tasty freshness
That satisfy your thirst

I am the friendly rafter of your home
I am the plank on your table
The bed where you rest
And the wood of your boat

I am the handle of your hoe
The door of your house
The wood of your cradle
And the comfort of your coffin

I am the bread of goodness
And the flower of beauty

You that are passing by
Look at me well
And don't do me any harm

Translation of a poem by Albano Mira Saraiva attached to a very old tree
at the sanctuary of Remedios, Lamego, Northern Portugal.

Colour Newsletter – Would you pay more?

In the course of preparing the Newsletter over the last few editions Pat Quaife has made major improvements through the inclusion of photographs and more graphic material. The next logical step was that we should investigate the use of colour. However, at this stage we have come up against a major stumbling block – cost.

After investigating the alternative ways that we might print each edition we have found that there is a threshold quantity under which it is just not economic to produce a colour version or even include some colour in the Newsletter and that threshold is very high. The various costs we have found are:

Black and white - 36p per copy

Black and white inside with a colour cover - 83p per copy

Colour throughout - £1.82 per copy

These costs are for the quantities we produce at the moment but even a significant increase in the print quantity would have only a marginal effect on the unit cost. There seems to be no alternative to black and white with subscriptions held as they are today at £3.00 for an individual and £5.00 for a household.

However, in saying that we are making an assumption i.e. that Members would not wish to pay higher subscriptions and receive a colour Newsletter. Hence the title of this article. I would like to hear your views.

Whether you feel that it would be a good idea to increase the subscription and receive a colour Newsletter or that the present black and white version is perfectly adequate then please let me know either by email to (nspeare@btconnect.com), or letter to the new OVA address (PO Box 70, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6WN) .

Thank you

Nick Speare

“Artists’ Walk”

Artists don’t like walking – they like sitting still and looking, which allows time to draw or paint. Walkers don’t like sitting still – they want to get on to the far horizon. So once a year I get to work with both groups together in the annual “Artists’ Walk”

This year twelve of us started off in Bickton College Farm, walking down through the old Mark Rolle buildings to join the old path to Otterton following the brook (a lovely place to sketch) – but no! - we walked on to join the river path to Colaton Raleigh.

There is a delightful path that crosses the ford behind the church and climbs the hill to give the best view of the village and church. Here, walkers and artists alike, we stopped in beautiful sunshine to do quick sketches of the scene. Jed did a demo of his quick watercolour sketch using watercolour pencils – it is now up to the editor of the newsletter to decide if it is good enough to print! (it is! See below - Ed.)



OVA ARTISTS WALK
COLATON RALEIGH CHURCH
THE 'TEN MINUTE' DEMO
WED 18 JULY 2007

The footpath runs behind the village until it reappears next to the Otter Inn on the main road. Here our intrepid walkers braved the road, crossing to join the quiet lanes that lead behind Bicton. The fields here, brilliant yellow with the rape seed, allowed photography and sketches. Then on to the back entrance to Bicton and a celebration lunch at the King's Arms in Otterton.



Our chairman Belinda Mountain joined us for this first tryout of a “social lunch” after a walk and all twelve of us – artists and walkers together – agreed it was a tasty idea!

Jed Falby

Easy Walk Saturday 8th September

A Glorious sunny morning with not a cloud in the sky. 26 walkers set off from the Public Hall in Budleigh Salterton to trace a circular route through Dalditch, the Golf Course, Westdown Beacon, and down the Coast Path to the town.

10 of the group had booked a (late) breakfast at the beach café and a table had been set aside for us to enjoy good company and a first class class fry-up. Final verdict: we must do it again!

Stuart Lovett

1842 1890 and 1933 Maps of Budleigh Salterton

The OVA has recently been given a wonderful gift by Harry Lane who now lives in Yate in Gloucestershire.

Harry lived in Budleigh between 1999 and 2005 but began his map making hobby in 1969.

He has produced 3 hand-drawn maps of Budleigh Salterton based on the Tithe map and the OS maps of the time and information gleaned from other documents showing how the town developed over the 100 years . Harry has generously gifted the copyright of the maps along with the remaining stock to the OVA.

Harry used to sell his maps for £8.00 each and £20.00 for the set of three and we are very pleased to continue to offer the maps at the same price.

If you would like to acquire these fascinating documents please order your copies via our new PO Box address Otter Valley Association, PO Box 70, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6WN with a note of which maps you require (individual or full set) and a cheque payable to "Otter Valley Association".

To avoid folding the maps they will either be hand delivered by your local Representative or they can be collected. They will also be available at future Talks and events.



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The Association was founded in 1979, is registered with the Civic Trust and the Charity Commissioners and is a member of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. It is also affiliated to the CPRE. Queries should be put to your Parish Representative.

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