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## ACTING-CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



In the last Newsletter I appealed for anyone willing to be nominated as Chairman to stand and be counted. I am extremely pleased to be able to report in this my second (and last) Acting-Chairman's report that we now have nominations for both the Chairman and Vice- Chairman's roles. We still need volunteers to serve on committees and on the Exec but the main crisis has been averted.

We have been busy over the last three months with a review of the Constitution and Rules. This is reported elsewhere in the Newsletter, but in that review we have taken the opportunity to take a detailed look at not only what we do but how we do it. It was good to confirm that our Founding Fathers were sufficiently far-sighted when they drafted the OVA's Constitution that they preempted the Charity Commission. Comparing our Constitution to the Commission's latest sample constitution showed we already had everything covered.

**"We were in danger of loading too much on the shoulders of too few"**

In looking at the Rules and way we do things we began by looking at the roles of the Officers. With a membership of over 1000, an active involvement in monitoring and caring for the Built and Natural Environments, a History section and a programme of walks talks and events as well, as an active involvement in the AONB, we were in danger of loading too much on the shoulders of too few.

One of the changes we have instigated, therefore, is to flatten the Executive and spread the load wider. To do this we have decided

to make the role of Chairman less of an executive one. More akin to the Chairman of a Board of Directors than to the CEO.

The Hon. Secretary will take on more of the management of the organization and to help do that we have re-introduced the role of Assistant Secretary. We have also looked at the remit of the various committees and made some changes there.

All in all, I believe that the work we have done over the past three months has readied the OVA to take on the challenges of the coming years and that when we hand over to the incoming Executive Committee at the AGM we will be handing over an organization fit for purpose and ready to carry on following the Objects envisioned by our founders. I look forward to reporting that, as your Newsletter Editor from June onwards, but meanwhile would like to thank Alan Huddart for his guest editorship of this edition.

**Nick Speare**

### **Natural Environment Committee.**

The NEC is in need of a Minutes Secretary. We meet on a weekday evening at intervals of 6 to 8 weeks. The work consists of attending the meetings, taking and typing up the minutes, and circulating these to the other members of NEC. Some familiarity with word processing, as well as e-mail access would be desirable. The committee secretary would be a full member of NEC and would be encouraged to participate in its business. For more details please contact the chairman, Robert Sellin, tel. 443283.

## The Constitution and Rules of the Otter Valley Association



In January this year, the Executive Committee voted for a review of both the Constitution and the Rules by which the OVA operates. This was to ensure the Constitution still meet the requirements of the Charity Commission, and provided for the ever increasing importance of Green Issues. A sub committee was appointed and a full review carried out. At the February Executive meeting, Nick Speare reported that the sub committee had completed the review and no changes were required to the Constitution at the current time. The Executive Committee agreed that a similar review should be carried out on a bi-annual basis.

Where changes to the Constitution are recommended, these must be presented to the membership and voted upon during the AGM. However, the Rules are under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee, and any recommended changes only require approval from the Committee. Several changes have been recommended and approved by the Committee, the most important being the splitting of the Programme and Publicity Committee into two smaller committees, one to deal with all the events, walks and talks, and one to deal with the publicity side including the news media, website and newsletter.

**Clive Bowman**  
**Hon Secretary**

## Natural Environment

### Annual Litter-Pick on Lower Otter Estuary Saturday 5 April 2008

Starting at 10:00 a.m.  
Limekiln Car Park

Old clothing & wellies, and  
gardening gloves are fairly essential

Free Parking for Pickers



## FRIEND

Friend, when you stray  
Or sit and take your ease  
On moor, or fell,  
Or under spreading trees;  
Pray leave no traces  
Of your wayside meal;  
No paper bag,  
No scattered orange peel,  
No daily journal  
Littered on the grass;  
Lest others view these;  
With distaste, and pass.  
Let no one say,  
And say it to your shame,  
That all was beauty here  
Until you came.

*From Glynn Whittle  
(ex OVA Chairman)*

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Terry Wogan didn't come to Budleigh  
**but the Farmers' Market did.**

You won't be able to buy a live sheep or a cow there but Budleigh Salterton now has its own Farmers' Market. Set up by the Budleigh Salterton & District Chamber of Commerce the Market is held in Brook Road Car Park, just off the High Street.

By the time you read this the first market will have been opened on Friday 28th March by The Right Reverend Michael Langrish, Bishop of Exeter, a staunch supporter of agriculture, food production and the wider rural community. This year he is Deputy President of the Devon County Agricultural Association.

The Farmers' Market will be held on the last Friday of each month between 9.00 am - 1pm. Dates are listed below. Approximately 15 stalls will sell locally grown or sourced produce. All the producers are passionate about quality and sustainable farming systems and will be happy to talk about their products.

With your support it will flourish and its success ought to generate more business for the other shops and services in the town. Buying locally grown and sourced produce can help reduce your carbon footprint and food miles.



### ***Budleigh Salterton Farmers' Market Dates 2008***

<i>Friday 25 April</i>	<i>Friday 30 May</i>	<i>Friday 27 June</i>
<i>Friday 25 July</i>	<i>Friday 29 August</i>	<i>Friday 26 Sept</i>
<i>Friday 31 October</i>	<i>Friday 28 November</i>	
<i>Date in December to be finalized</i>		

**Malcolm Florey**

## East Devon World War II building restored

**Claire James**

(Assistant Land Agent, Clinton Devon Estates)

*The East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has funded the restoration of an important World War II observation hut at Brandy Head, adjacent to the South West Coast Path near Otterton, undertaken by landowners Clinton Devon Estates.*

The gunnery research range at Brandy Head was opened on 13 July, 1937. Although based on a standard hut, its three bays were modified as a range observation post, with blast walls at the rear and a viewing balcony looking seaward. The Exeter based Group 10 Gunnery Research Unit tested turret-mounted guns as well as wing-mounted cannons and latterly nose-mounted cannons. A number of different types of targets including flags and mild-steel structures were placed out in Lyme



Bay. Aircraft, such as the Typhoon would fly over land from Exeter and over East Budleigh seawards to test ammunitions. Later Redpath Brown Ltd built an armour-plated target for use with cannon ammunition and placed it in the fields behind this hut to be used as a rocket target. From the Observation Hut point strikes made by aircraft on these targets could be observed.



You will see from the before and after photos, that this gem of a World War II building has not only been significantly cleaned up but conserved and enhanced for future generations of walkers. In addition, a welcome resting place for Coast Path walkers has been put in too.

Its remarkable stories will also be told on new interpretation to be mounted on the building by Clinton Devon Estates in the near future. We are also seeking to use mobile phone technology to interpret these stories remotely, as you will have read about elsewhere in this edition.

Why not take a stroll out to Brandy Head later this Spring and see for yourself the efforts made to look after our special World War II heritage here in East Devon. Brandy Head can be accessed from either Budleigh Salterton (Lime Kiln car park) or Otterton.



*Image credits (P. Youngman, East Devon AONB)*

## A Word for Walkers

### Care of Feet



An army may march on its stomach but OVA walkers tend to use their feet. Here are some tips to keep them pain free.

Try dusting your feet with talcum powder before putting on socks and hiking boots. It's kinder to your feet than a foot deodorant and keeps you cool for longer.

Other people rub Vaseline on their feet before they put on their socks as this keeps the water out cuts down friction and will help prevent blisters.

When you stop for a 'sit down break' - take your boots off, and socks in nice weather. Even if your feet get a little cold, they'll soon heat up again when you get going. On long walks I change socks but if you can't carry them just the comfort of fresh air around the toes is worth it.

Trim your toenails and keep your feet clean.

I have a friend who keeps a cooling spray (with peppermint) and a spare pair of dry socks in the car. As soon as she gets to the car after a long walk its off with the sweaty walking socks, and a spray of the feet with cooling spray, letting her feet 'breathe' until dry ..... ahhh!

Remember dry feet are happy feet.

*Next issue: Footwear*

**Steve Hagger**

## OVAPEDIA

The OVA History section is launching a project in which everyone is invited to participate. The idea is to start a data base of the people who once lived in the Otter Valley along the lines of Wikipedia, called Ovapedia. For obvious reasons this data base will only be concerned with people no longer living.



Once we have got it started the idea is to make it available on the web as an ever expanding archive, accessible to all. Its success rests on those living here now to search out and record briefly the lives of some of those who have lived here before us and who have shaped the communities we live in today.

Entries would take the form of short biographies of individuals who once lived in the OV towns and villages, preferably concentrating on “characters” and those with long connections with the area, but no one is excluded.

Anyone can contribute, indeed, the hope is that everyone will feel inspired to find an entry, for example do you know who lived in your house before you? To start the ball rolling here is the first entry, as it happens, for East Budleigh.



**Rodney Beeton M Levick (1920 – 1999).** Rodney Levick was Mrs Beeton's great grandson. Described in Kathryn Hughes' 2005 biography of Mrs Isabella Beeton as: an eccentric man who lived for 50 years on his grandfather's capital.

He came to live in Whitewater House, Inner Ting Tong, with his widowed mother, some stuffed penguins and a lot of Beeton archives and ephemera in 1956.

The penguins were relics from his father's (George Murray Levick 1877 – 1956) expedition with Robert Falcon Scott to the Antarctic in 1910 – 1913, as its surgeon. RBML ended his days in residential care somewhere in East Devon.

If you can add to this or would like to submit an entry of you own please send it to: David Daniel [david@danielhighbury.plus.com](mailto:david@danielhighbury.plus.com) or c/o OVA PO Box 70, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6WN. Entries should contain some indication of provenance.

**David Daniel**

## Dates for your Diary

April to June 2008



### April 2, Wed - 10am. WALK (Moderate)

Uphams Plantation small CP, SY 045859. 5 miles - 3 hours. Over the commons. *Walk leader:* Jed Falby, 01395 445455



### April 10, Thurs – 7.30pm. TALK at Newton Poppleford Church Hall: ‘Discover Bystock Nature Reserve’

*Speaker:* David Brock of Devon Wildlife Trust. (Also follow-up field-trip round Bystock Nature Reserve on 19 July. Full details later.)



### April 19, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)

Newton Poppleford CP, SY 86897. 4½ miles - 2¼ hours. A walk with beautiful views over the Otter Valley to Venn Ottery Church. Almost entirely on footpaths through woods, commons, farmland. *Walk leader:* Steve Hagger, 01395 442631



### April 26, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate) / Pub lunch

Peak Hill CP, SY 109872. 4 miles - 2 hours. Bulverton Hill and Mutter's Moor. May be muddy. Optional social lunch in Otterton. *Walk leaders:* Phil and Chris Ashby, 01395 512339



**May 7, Wed - 10am. Day WALK (Energetic) / bring lunch**  
Haldon Hills Picnic Site, SX 916814 (A38, A380 for approx. 1 mile, turn left at top of hill at new bridge, after approx. 1 mile picnic site on right just beyond junction to right). 8 miles - 4½ hours (can be reduced to 6 miles by returning to CP after lunch stop). Easy walking on level forest tracks with occasional road crossings, wild flowers, superb views across the Exe to Portland Bill. *Walk leader:* John Daly, 01395 279571



## **May 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – 7.30pm – AGM**

Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton with wine, nibbles and a talk.



## **May 17, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)**

Joney's Cross CP, SY 057898. 4 miles - 2½ hours. Around the RSPB Reserve on Aylesbeare common, looking out for birds and butterflies. *Walk leader:* Ray Lovett, 01395 446074

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Budleigh Salterton Gala Week-** stall on the Green.

## **May 25<sup>th</sup> Budleigh Salterton Young Pirates Treasure Hunt**



**May 29th Budleigh Salterton Town Walk-** Methodist Church Car Park, 10.00am. -a way for new members to learn about the town.



## **May 31, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)**

Crook Plantation, Stowford, SY 057866. 5 miles - 2½ hours. Yettington, Bicton and Woodbury commons. May be muddy. *Walk leader:* Shane Badham, 01395 567531



## **June 7, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)**

East Budleigh CP, SY 065849. 5 miles - 2½ hours. Hayes Lane, woods and commons. *Walk leader:* Stan Herbert, 01395 445648



**June 18, Wed - 9.30am. Day WALK (Energetic)** / Pub or picnic lunch Newton Poppleford CP, SY 086897. Share cars to West Bexington, SY 531864. 9 miles - 4½ hours + lunch break in Abbotsbury. Walk along coast path and return by the ridgeway. *Walk leader:* Bettina Wilson, 01395 578450



## **June 25, Wed - 5pm. WALK (Easy)** / Midsummer picnic

Budleigh Salterton Free CP, SY 061821. 4 miles - 2 hours. One incline up to the old railway line, riverside, (optional) beach picnic. *Walk leader:* Diane Gee, 01395 444388

## JULY - SEPT 2008



**July 2, Wed - 10am. Day WALK (Energetic)** / bring lunch.  
Budleigh Salterton free CP, SY061821. 9½ miles, 5½ hours.  
Coast path to Exmouth, returning via old railway line.  
*Walk leader:* Shane Badham, 01395 567531



**July 9, Wed - 10am. WALK (Easy)**  
East Budleigh CP, SY065849. 4½ miles, 2¼ hours. Riverside,  
fields, Otterton, brief tour of St Mary's church, Bicton.  
*Walk leader:* Stan Herbert, 01395 445113



**July 19, Sat - 10.30am. FIELD TRIP, Bystock Nature Reserve**  
Northern access Car Park, SY 030849. 2 - 2½ hours. Follow-on  
to the talk by the Devon Wildlife Trust on Bystock Nature Reserve  
in April. Some narrow paths, may be muddy; no dogs. Cost - £2  
donation for DWT. *Contact:* Diane Gee, 01395 444388



**July 26, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)** / Pub lunch  
"The Otter" CP, Colaton Raleigh, SY078874. 4½ miles, 2½ hours.  
Lanes, tracks and footpaths; fine views of Otter valley, mainly flat.  
Optional pub lunch.  
*Walk leader:* Steve Hagger, 01395 442631



**July 29<sup>th</sup> Budleigh Salterton Town Walk** (in conjunction with  
the Music Festival) Methodist Church Car Park, 10.00am.



**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> Budleigh Salterton Town Walk** Methodist Church Car  
Park, 10.00am.



**August 2, Sat - 10am. WALK (Moderate)**  
Woodbury Castle, Estuary CP, SY032872. 4½ miles, 2½ hours.  
Westwards towards Woodbury. Exe Valley views; two climbs,  
stony paths, muddy after rain.  
*Walk leader:* Ken Watson, 01395 445859.



**August 13, Wed - 9am. WALK (Moderate)** / "Brunch" on beach  
Budleigh Salterton free CP, SY061821. 5 miles, 2½ hours.

Kersbrook, East Budleigh, riverside. Optional "brunch" on the beach at the beach cafe. *Walk leader:* Stan Herbert, 01395 445113



**August 20, Wed - 10am. WALK (Energetic)**

Salcombe Hill CP, SY139882. 5 miles, 2½ hours. Circular walk with some steep steps; coast path to Weston with good views.

*Walk leader:* Brian Leveridge, 01395 443358.



**September 6, Sat - 10am. Artists' WALK (Easy)** / lunch

Old Bickton Church CP (SY073857), entrance from road SY073856. 5 miles, 3 hours. See the great trees of Bickton Park and the China Tower. Ten-minute stops for sketching and demos; non-artists very welcome! Optional lunch in Otterton.

*Walk leader:* Jed Falby, 01395 445455



**September 10, Wed - 10am. WALK (Moderate)**

Colaton Raleigh Church, roadside parking, SY082872, 5 miles, 2½ hours. Kingston, Hawkerland Brakes, Stoneyford; commons and riverside. *Walk leader:* Gordon Wilson, 01395 568594



**September 15<sup>th</sup> Mon 7.30pm – TALK at Peter Hall BS**

**"Beer caves - 2000 years of History".** *Speaker:* John Scott

(Also follow-up visit to the caves later in September. Full details later.)



**September 20, Sat - 10am. WALK (Energetic)**

The Green, Otterton, SY081852. 7 miles, 3½ hours. Countryside, river, Mutters Moor, coast path with fine views from High Peak, some strenuous climbs. *Walk leader:* Steve Hagger, 01395 442631



## Walks and Events – a Round-up

### Illustrated History of Exeter – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008



Ottertton village hall with a newly refurbished floor was the venue for Tony Burges' talk to about 65 OVA members. He began with a run through from pre-Roman times to the present day which took him about eight minutes. The remainder of his talk was taken at much more sedate pace and we learnt more about what the Romans, Saxons and Normans (and Vikings and Hitler) did for Exeter.

The Romans built a wooden stockade and a stone wall, the Saxons kept the wall in good repair, the Normans built a castle and then Bishop Grandisson built the cathedral.

Rebellions, wars, kings came and went. The wool and cloth trade flourished and declined and was followed by banking. The city continued to develop despite Hitler and here we are today.

Tony related all this to us accompanied by stories and legends and his many slides of historic sites in Exeter. I think we all felt inspired to explore the hidden corners which Tony brought to light.

**Alan Huddart**

## **Walks and Events – a Round-up (continued)**

### **800 Years of Clinton Devon - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

The Public Hall at Budleigh Salterton was packed to hear John Varley, Chief Executive of Clinton Devon Estates (CDE), tell us about the history, present and future of CDE.



It all began at the battle of Falkirk against the Scots in 1298 when John de Clinton successfully led the English army. In the 16C the estates in Devon were established. In the 19C the estates passed to Mark Rolle who set the pattern for the modern, efficient, innovative and caring operation that is CDE today.

John stressed that CDE is a very special family business and a model example of how long a business can survive by adapting to changing circumstances. Nowadays the family side of the operation is private but the business side wants to be transparent in its relations with its stakeholders.

CDE has a policy of sustainable development and is committed to handing over the estate to the next generation in a better condition than it was received. Environmental concerns are at the forefront of planning for the future. All the farms are converting to be fully organic with a complete elimination of nitrogen fertiliser. Woodfuel is being developed with a view to selling heat to tenants and anaerobic digestion is being investigated to convert animal and food waste to electricity and heat. CDE is also a major developer of affordable homes. As John said "Land management has just got exciting again".

**Alan Huddart**

## Walks and Events – a Round-up (continued)

### East Devon Way Walk – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Saturdays in January are rarely as bright, as clear sky blue, as this OVA Day. It was such a beautiful morning that twenty-four walkers turned up at Joney's Cross to explore the RSPB Reserves and the East Devon Way.

Striking off across Aylesbeare and Harpford Commons the day was so clear that the sea was a silver shining to our right while the Dumpdon Hill Fort above Honiton seemed close ahead rather than the actual twelve miles away that it really is (as crows fly - not OVA walking!).

Then North to Venn Ottery Common, covered with bright new yellow flowers on the gorse and bright new fencing since the RSPB have decided to fence their Reserves here. Was there mud? Oh Yes! There were mud and puddles aplenty even though the serious rain was days past. Undaunted by the mud the team voted to forego short cuts (return via Venn Ottery) and walk on down to our River Otter and the Old Mill and weir above Tipton St. John.

The Old Mill is in a most beautiful state of decay for the artists or in a terrible state crying for restoration for most of our members.



The old original wooden water wheel sits still there - it's machinery long gone, only the water moving.

On, on, following the river down to Harpford Bridge. In fact, as we started the long slog up the endless slopes to of the common I realized that I had miscalculated the mileage. I tried to apologize as everyone collapsed by their cars but everybody was enthusiastic in their thanks. Nobody complained and, in discussion, we thought it was seven - maybe eight miles.

We gained five new members and sold four "Twelve Walks" booklets - so it can't have been too bad a day. I think the wonderful winter sunshine warmed their spirits - and mine!



**Jed Falby**

## WALKS AND STATISTICS

I thought it might be of some interest to share the statistics from the 23 walks scheduled from July last year to the beginning of March. There has been an average of 20 people per walk and 55% have participated in the "lunch option" where included.

Figures below show number of walkers plus numbers staying for "lunch" in parentheses. Weatherwise there were 12 fine days, 4 dull, 1 cold/windy, and only 2 wet (bad luck David Nangle, who had both of them!).

July	11	13 (10)	6
Aug	22	13	
Sept	16	26 (10)	15
Oct	26 (18)	23	18 (3)
Nov	20	18	25 (15)
Dec	9	26	
Jan	34 (21)	21	24

I think the numbers are very encouraging and hopefully show that we have the right balance in the variety of length, strength and interest. It also proves, once again, what a good job our volunteer (well, with a bit of encouragement sometimes!) Walks Leaders are doing. In our confined valley, walks invariably must be duplicated at times and we sometimes go a bit further afield to add variety. Feedback on these vary from "too far away" to "great to go somewhere different". It is important to have the choice.

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Especially pleasing is the success of the "lunch option" which allows a relaxed, enjoyable get together and renewing of calories with liquid and food refreshment after the health-giving fresh air and exercise! I'm not quite sure if the benefits of one are not outweighed by the other, but do we care?

We had a record attendance on the New Year's walk led by Steve Hagger. Thirty-four walkers took advantage of a glorious, sunny January day, to walk to Shortwood common, through Hayes Wood and onto East Budleigh common, returning along the side of Squabmoor reservoir. Steve stopped at various places of interest to give us snippets of information and history, which we appreciated and enjoyed.

After the walk, 20 of us settled down for lunch at the "Dog & Donkey" in Knowle, and were presented with a quiz sheet on what we had just seen and on information given. Groans all round until it was announced that there was a bottle of whisky for the winner.



Wishing we had paid more attention and listened harder, we pooled resources (cheated?), and did our best. The winning team was Nick & Gill Speare (not a fix) – so that was one shot each from the miniature. All in all, a great start to 2008.

**Diane Gee**  
**(Walks Organiser)**

## **Forthcoming OVA Talks & Events**

### **Bystock Nature Reserve - Talk and Field Trip**

Bystock is one of the nature reserves managed by the Devon Wildlife Trust. This unique area of lowland heath is part of the East Devon pebblebed heaths and is very important, being a special habitat that is nationally in decline.



David Brock and Roger Hamling (from the local Exmouth and Bystock group) will explain how the DWT manages the reserve with its varied habitats and show us the many special plants and animals that it supports including a virtual tour of the reserve.

**TALK** - Thursday 10 April, 7.30pm at Newton Poppleford Church Hall.

**FIELD TRIP** - Saturday 19 July, 10.30am at Bystock

Our guides for this trip will be Roger and Liz Hamling, and David Brock. As a practical follow up from the talk, we will be able to see, first hand, the various habitats, plants, insects, birds and reptiles (if we are lucky!) that are to be found there.

Depending on the weather and what we find, it is expected that the tour will last for about 2 - 2½ hours. Please use the northern access car park entrance (Grid Ref SY 030849), and wear suitable footwear as some paths are narrow and may be muddy. We would prefer no dogs please. There will be a collection for the DWT towards the upkeep of the reserve (suggestion £2 per head).

## **Forthcoming OVA Talks & Events (continued)**

### **Industrial Archaeology Conducted Walking tour of Foggintor Quarries and the Merivale Antiquities**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 3 miles**

Tony Burges (Exeter and Dartmoor guide and OVA member) has kindly agreed to lead a tour on this well-preserved, historical part of Dartmoor where we will see man's influence on the landscape. The tour includes the well preserved prehistoric remains at Merrivale and the Foggintor granite quarry with its canyon – like entrance, used to make the 19<sup>th</sup> century London Bridge and Nelson's Column, its associated settlement and the railway lines used to transport the granite.



The terrain is typical moorland but keeping to well-used tracks and paths. A certain degree of fitness and strong walking boots are essential as some parts of the moor can be boggy. Please bring a packed lunch.

We leave Budleigh Salterton Public Hall by coach at 9.30 am. Stop in Princetown for orientation at the National Park Information Centre.

*3 miles walking tour with packed lunch en route.*

*Cream tea at Badger's Holt.*

*Cost- £16.00 to include coach, guide and cream tea. Booking form on next page.*





**Industrial Archaeology Conducted Walking tour of  
Foggintor Quarries and the Merivale Antiquities  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 - 3 miles**

The tour involves walking and standing and so please bear this in mind when booking. We can accommodate a maximum of 30 on the visit and we will not begin opening ticket applications until 14th April.

If you would like to join us please return the slip below with your cheque for £16 per person and a stamped addressed envelope to Mrs Gill Speare, 7a, Bedlands Lane, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6QH

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Foggintor Quarries and the Merivale Antiquities  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 3 miles

To :	Your Name, Address & Telephone number
Gill Speare 7A, Bedlands Lane, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6QH	

I /we would like .....places on the Foggintor Quarries and Merrivale Walking Tour on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 departing 9.30am at £16.00/head.

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to OVA and a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

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## From the Programme and Publicity Committee

The committee has arranged a varied and interesting programme of events and talks for later this year. Here are some firm dates for your diary.

April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Talk "Discover Bystock Nature Reserve" by David Brock at Newton Poppleford Church Hall at 7.30pm
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Conducted 3 miles walking tour of Foggington Quarries and Merrivale Antiquities
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	AGM with wine, nibbles and a talk.
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Budleigh Salterton Gala Week- stall on the Green- please support us.
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Budleigh Salterton Young Pirates Treasure Hunt
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Budleigh Salterton Town Walk- Methodist Church Car Park, 10.00am. -a way for new members to learn about the town.
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Conducted tour - Bystock Ponds & Nature Reserve
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Budleigh Salterton Town Walk (in conjunction with the Music Festival) as above
Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Budleigh Salterton Town Walk as above
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	New Members Party (invitations sent out later)
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner (note new venue - Atrium Restaurant, Woodbury Golf Club)

In the autumn we are also arranging a lecture by John Scott on Beer Caves with a follow up of a conducted tour. We hope to do the same with the wild-life from the Seaton Tramway. We also hope Phil Planel will give us a workshop on the Parishscapes Project.

We are limited in our activities by the number on our committee and two are leaving after several years. We are enthusiastic, friendly and always end our meetings with a cup of tea and piece of cake! We would welcome people to join us so please contact Nicky Daniel, on 01395 445960.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE HOLDERS

<b>Executive Committee:</b>		01395-
<b>Acting-Chairman</b>	Nick Speare	443944
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Clive Bowman	446892
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Martin Smith	442333

### *Representing the Parish of*

Budleigh Salterton	Neville & Maureen Lister	444269
East Budleigh	Bill Ridgeway	442330
Colaton Raleigh	Alan Jones	568339
Newton Poppleford	Haylor Lass	568786
Otterton	Wendy & John Winson	568274

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