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The cover photo, and most others in this edition,  
were supplied by Mo Bowman. Thank you, Mo.

The next issue will be published in Mid October 2014:  
copy needs to be with the editor by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014**, please.

# Editor's Notes

Another Newsletter packed with Activities, both those to come and reports of past events, which I hope will inspire you to get out and about this summer and enjoy all that the Otter Valley holds in store for you.

A couple of items below of things you may be able to help with – keeping ears and eyes open as you go.

And for summer fun – does the profile on the left of our cover photo remind you of anyone? Names, in confidence of course, to the editor!

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## Water Quality

Residents will be aware that Budleigh Salterton beach has been named by the Environment Agency (EA) as being at risk of failing bathing water quality standards. This is partly due to new tougher water standards coming in next year and partly diffuse pollution entering the river.

The EA, which is responsible for water quality, is currently working hard to solve the problem. Initial results indicate that the pollution is not particularly storm-related, but may have a range of possible sources, including farm run-off and badly-connected household drains.

East Devon District Council has approved a £3000 campaign to make residents in the Otter Valley aware of things they can do to help and look for in an effort to identify misconnections and other sources of pollution.

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## Beach Litter Accreditation

I coordinate the local Litter Free Coast and Sea campaign and did a talk at one of your meetings last year. I am writing to ask you for your help in promoting a new **accreditation** that we have developed for local food and tourism businesses along the coast. The accreditation is free and has been designed to reduce any impact businesses might be having on the beach and to spread a message to customers to help achieve a Litter Free Coast. All the information about the accreditation is online at:

**<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/litter-free-food-outlet>** so I was wondering if you would mind promoting it in your newsletter and asking members of the association to help to spread the word to any cafes, restaurants, hotels and Bed&Breakfasts they know that would be eligible for the accreditation please? Many thanks, Matilda Bark

# Chairman's Report

**F**OLLOWING three years as Chairperson of the OVA, Nicky Daniel stood down at the AGM in May. As her replacement, I approach this new job with some trepidation; Nicky has set the standard for Chair at a very high level. I am comforted that I can rely on an experienced Executive Committee to keep me from going too far astray. I have served on the Executive Committee for 5 years already, first as Secretary and then as Treasurer. My professional background is in the sciences, I trained as a biologist and spent my career in the Bio-Pharmaceutical industry.

One of the first things I realised upon taking over as Chair is the large number of different organisations that the OVA collaborates with. In my first couple of months on the job I have attended an advisory meeting of Committee for the Preservation of Rural England (Devon), and a meeting of the Jurassic Coast Partnership (Annual Seminar). I will also attend meetings of the East Devon Area of Natural Beauty Partnership (ED AONB). Each of these meetings has participants from a wide number of organisations across East Devon and beyond.

Other members of the Executive Committee also interact with a number of people and organisations to further the aims of the OVA. A large project at the moment is the Himalayan Balsam clearance along the Otter tributaries, where the OVA works with Clinton Devon Estates and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group among others. A member of the Executive Committee also sits on the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group.

By participating in all these different forums we hope to further the objectives of the OVA and help its members. In case you were wondering what exactly our objectives are, here is the (slightly paraphrased) list:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture
- To educate the public about the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area
- To secure the preservation and protection of features of historic or public interest
- To promote the conservation, protection and restoration of the natural and built environment of the area

If you would like to see more details about the OVA objectives they can be found in our constitution- which is available online at:–

<http://www.ovapedia.org.uk/uploads/documents/Constitution%202008.pdf>

As you read through this newsletter I hope that you will see everything the OVA does is directed towards these objectives.

Promoting high standards of planning and architecture is a tricky goal for a voluntary organisation at any time, but the planning environment is particularly difficult at the moment. The Executive Committee is fortunate that several committee members have significant experience in this area. We are currently starting the groundwork on a Heritage Asset List for the area (see separate article on page 10 in this newsletter), which can help protect local buildings, and other assets that would not otherwise be formally recognised. In addition, after submitting written evidence to the Communities and Local Government Committee, we have been invited to attend a discussion forum with members of the committee about the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at Westminster in September. Of particular concern to the OVA is our perception that the NPPF guidelines are interpreted locally as over-riding many of the protections that should be considered in an AONB when developments are considered. Although housing development is necessary, our villages are facing several projects that would expand their housing significantly and that are also outside the currently developed boundaries.

As part of our objective to promote the natural environment, the OVA has publically expressed concerns about the bathing water quality of Budleigh beach for some time. In 2012 Budleigh beach was listed as non-compliant for bathing water quality. There is a risk, with revised water quality standards that are being introduced, that our beach could fail to meet the standards this year or next year. The Environment Agency is currently conducting intensive sampling to try to identify sources of sewage contamination in the river Otter. The hope is that these sources can be located and corrected to improve the bathing water quality on the beach. Agricultural run-off can also have a negative impact on water quality. The OVA will continue to be involved with this important issue for Budleigh and the surrounding area.

If you think there are other areas that the OVA should be involved with that we aren't at the moment please let me know, either through the OVA website or send me an email ([rsrbioventures@aol.com](mailto:rsrbioventures@aol.com)).

**Roger Saunders**

# Himalayan Balsam

## - Campaign Update

**T**HE MAIN THRUST of the 2014 programme throughout the Otter catchment remains that of controlling Himalayan Balsam (HB) in the tributaries as a necessary precursor to tackling the main river. Since 2012 this has involved the OVA concentrating on the Colaton Raleigh Brook while other local groups have worked on the Budleigh Brook (East Budleigh) and the Back Brook (Newton Poppleford and Hawkerland).

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June the season officially opened with OVA volunteers combining with those from Clinton Devon Estates (CDE) (some 20 in all) in the long reach behind Colaton Raleigh Church. This section had never been tackled before and HB was bad, though with only a small proportion in flower. That afternoon a sweep through Stowford, higher up the valley, was started and then completed on the following Thursday (19<sup>th</sup>). This area has now been cleared for 3 years and infestation was moderate. Overall it was an excellent performance. Small problem areas remain before this brook can be declared clear down to the flood plain and, as always, one or two further sweeps will be needed later in the summer.



Meanwhile a major innovation has been implemented. The problem with tributaries is that they are hidden away from the public who for the most part are only conscious of the issue along the much-used footpath on the main Otter River where HB is rampant. It was therefore decided that a “Demo Plot” with an information tent would be set up down on the main Otter by the footpath, where the aqueduct hits the river, on three Saturdays commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June. To this end new laminated posters were prepared, leaflets run off, a gazebo bought and a manning rota set up. FWAG and CDE helped the OVA with costs. On the adjacent river banks, OVA and East Budleigh volunteers sweated away in the hot sun, pulling HB and making large piles to ensure that it rots.

How do you judge success? The second Saturday was wiped out by the weather and there were fewer people on the third Saturday than on the first. Nonetheless, many were lured into the gazebo on the two Saturdays and were genuinely interested in discussing the issue, going away with leaflets having had a good look at the posters.

We hope that they will spread the word, maybe pull HB on their own when out walking and perhaps eventually come to us as full volunteers. Very significantly eight committed volunteers were recruited and this is not to be sniffed at! Two have already been out (one from Exeter) to work with us and the others will do so in July. Our normal work-party size is 6-10 so these new recruits represent a significant boost. I have no doubt that the exercise was well worth undertaking and want to thank all who put in so much time preparing and implementing.

**Patrick Hamilton**, Natural Environment Committee Chairman

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## Himalayan Balsam

The subtle but persuasive fragrance,  
down by the riverside, penetrates your nostrils,  
makes a beeline for the brain and teases it  
with ... bubblegum? Turkish delight?

And there's a stand, a stretch, a spread of them,  
flowers like camp helmets, flimsy lancehead leaves,  
a host, a crowd of them on ground you're sure  
they didn't occupy last year.

Plants are arrayed with buds and flowers and seedpods,  
as if they've conquered time as well as space.

Those fat, five-sectioned pods are primed cigars.

You touch one for the thrill

of seeing it go off, and are complicit.

But what if you only let yourself take in  
the sweet felicity of soft, floppy blooms,  
the pinky-white candystore scent?

**Mark Totterdell**

*This poem first appeared in the poetry magazine 'Equinox'.*

# Letter to the Editor

May 2014

Hi there

I've just been visiting Exmouth and read about Himalayan Balsam and Dr Nick Ward etc. I've found your OVA organisation and yours was the only email contact I could find so that's why I'm writing.

I'd just like to say that I'm really impressed by the energy people are putting in to getting out there and pulling up the plants.

I live in West Yorkshire and across many parts of the North we're completely covered by balsam in lots of areas and it's very depressing to see how quickly it encroaches. We also suffer from a lot of Japanese Knotweed.

Whilst I was down your way I cycled to Budleigh Salterton along the old rail path, up and down lanes to Lymphstone and along the Exe estuary trail. I loved seeing all the wildflowers.

Well done and do keep on with your work.

Cheers, Jean Margetts

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## Marion Nalder

We regret to announce that Marion Nalder died in June, aged 79. Marion joined the OVA in 1996 and used her expertise in mycology and botany to help the organisation. Marion was very active in leading walks focusing

on botanical identification and also the popular fungal forays in Newton Poppleford. She also helped survey the Jubilee Field wildflower meadow. Marion will be missed for her wisdom and gentle nature as well as her technical knowledge.



Marion examining the fruits of a fungi walk across the Newton Poppleford playing fields.

# Membership

At the 2014 Otter Valley Association Annual General Meeting, the members present were asked to consider and vote on two proposals. Records held by the Membership Secretary confirm that there has been no increase in the membership fees since prior to April 1998. However, during this time, the costs of printing the newsletters and posting to those we have no distributor for, have increased to the point that a postal member's 4 quarterly newsletters now cost almost £3.00 a year.

The first proposal is to increase the membership fees to £5.00 for an individual and £9.00 for a family. The Executive Committee discussed and agreed the proposal prior to the AGM, and it was felt that being just under double would be a fair increase. The membership present at the AGM voted in favour of this proposal.

The second proposal is to change from Standing Order payment to Direct Debit payment, which are much easier to administer. This was also discussed by the Executive Committee prior to the AGM, and agreement made to put this in place for the 2015 subscriptions. The membership present also voted in favour of this proposal.

The Membership Secretary confirmed that when sending out the Direct Debit forms for completion and return, no banking details other than the OVA's will be pre-printed on the forms. The OVA membership database only records the date of payment, the amount, and the bank reference to enable recording the payment, it does not contain any account numbers or sort codes.

A further article in the next newsletter will explain the process and say when the new Direct Debit forms will be sent out.

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## East Budleigh Station

Disused stations.com has updated its website with some 13 pictures of Brian George's, and several of other people's, relating to East Budleigh station in the 1960s and later. The direct link, where you can find the photos is. [http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/e/east\\_budleigh/index.shtml](http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/e/east_budleigh/index.shtml)  
"As a boy I grew up in Budleigh Salterton and actually lived quite close to the station. In fact I got to "ride" on the footplate of the SW Country Class loco Budleigh Salterton when it came to BS to be christened." – David Daniel, who is hoping to get more of the railway history on to OVApedia.

# Heritage Assets

## Lower Otter Valley Local Heritage Assets Listing Project

The OVA is embarking on an exciting new project, looking at our rich and diverse local heritage, and is seeking partners and volunteers to help with this work. We are working in partnership with Devon's Historic Environment Team, East Devon District Council, the Fairlynch Museum and the Town and Parish Councils to identify and list heritage assets in the Lower Otter Valley. This area covers Budleigh Salterton, and the parishes of East Budleigh, Otterton, Colaton Raleigh and Newton Pophelford.

The reason for listing heritage assets is because they are buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions because of their heritage interest. English Heritage is keen for local communities to identify assets that are important to the local distinctiveness of an area. The Draft New East Devon Local Plan states that the Council will work with local communities to produce design statements and heritage asset assessments as part of the ongoing preparation for the built heritage and heritage conservation strategy.

Heritage assets are not just historic or interesting buildings, but can be cultural landscapes associated with history, or relate to social history, such as traditions, practices, and artistic or literary associations. They can include patterns of settlement, parks, gardens, village greens, and landmarks of community value, such as war memorials and interesting items of street furniture.

For instance, do you value the building in the photograph? Should this be on the local heritage asset list? I am sure that you have an opinion about this structure and we want you to nominate structures or features that you think are important locally.

**Dee Woods - 01395  
568158**



The 'Bat Home' Pillbox at Otter Mouth

# Beavers in the Otter

Dear OVA Member

You may have heard that the Government (DEFRA) is planning to trap and possibly cull the beavers living on the River Otter. If you are concerned about this and want to know more then follow the link below:

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-the-free-beavers-of-england>

The link includes the option to sign a petition opposing DEFRA's plans to remove the beavers. The OVA website has recent photos of the beavers on the Otter taken by OVA members.

Alan Huddart



Photo from Stephen Manning of one of the local beavers which he took in early July around Otterton

Although I am excited to know that they are back in the wild in England, I do have some sympathy with DEFRA. A few years ago I spent several weeks camping and kayaking on French rivers. On the Tarn the beaver dams are now found every few kilometres and they are great fun to watch. However, the damage they have done to the river banks is considerable. They prefer to gather their food and building materials from the safety of the water so they reach up the bank to forage. They can easily reach to a height of about one metre. In many places this has resulted in the bank being completely denuded and subject to erosion as there are no longer any roots to protect it from seasonal flooding. Without any natural predators the numbers may quickly rise causing serious problems. Action now may prevent the kind of ill-conceived and ineffective plan that we have witnessed with the culling of badgers.

Regards, Celia Rustom

# Friends of the Commons

**T**HE FRIENDS of the Commons Group exists to keep local people notified about the conservation work and activities of the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust, and to provide those that use and enjoy the Commons a voice to influence its management.

Please contact Dr Sam Bridgewater by phone (01395) 567138 or email [sam.bridgewater@clintondevon.com](mailto:sam.bridgewater@clintondevon.com), to become (free) a Friend of the Commons and **book your place** on any of the events.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August – 6.00pm to 8.00pm – *please book***

Meet at Joney's Cross car park SY058898. Discover Hawkerland Common with staff from the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust and local wildlife expert Lesley Kerry and learn about its past and present.

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Local Voices - Phoenix Rising.

On a brilliant summer's evening, I no speaka de lie, with the sunshine streaming through the open doors of our local theatre and a collared dove serenading us from a nearby tree, 50 people gathered at the Budleigh Playhouse to hear both verse and prose, from members of our community, who in some cases shared their innermost thoughts with us. The event was 'Local Voices', which had been sponsored by the OVA. It was held with a view to assemble like minded people to hear the works of our 'Local Voices'. The readers were introduced by Katie McDermitt and Wendy Spicer.

The recurring theme of the event was the Phoenix. This was inspired by Mo Bowman's photos of the burning of Colaton Raleigh Common and its subsequent regeneration. The pieces that we heard covered a plethora of subjects, mainly of a local nature. We even had a poem about Himalayan Balsam (*page 7*), eat your heart out Patrick Hamilton. We were taken from igneous to ignominy. We heard about the great storm of 14th February 2014. There was even a heartfelt tribute to Dawlish. We heard about allotments, real ones. Not community gardens. We also heard about the atomic flashes at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable evening, assisted by a glass of wine to wash down the canapés at half time. Our thanks to the Budleigh Salterton Players who allowed us to use their theatre which was an ideal venue and even leaving the 'drawing room' scene from their previous production, to add atmosphere.

Bob Wiltshire

Sunday 27th July – 12.00pm. WALK

Start at the Okehampton Railway Station, SX 5926 9443, 10miles, 6 hours. Aiming high! A romantic day out on the moor, travelling on the old Southern Railway from Exeter to Okehampton, now maintained by enthusiasts and only open on Summer Sundays. The challenge is to climb three increasingly higher tors, to reach the peak of High Willhayes (621m), Dartmoor's and Southern England's highest point with unsurpassed views. Returning gently downhill through the East Okement River valley alongside the tumbling river.

Outward Meet at Exmouth Railway station to catch the 10:21 to Exeter Central connecting with the 11:03 to Okehampton arriving at 11:49.

Return Our walk aims to return to Okehampton Station in time for tea and the 17:59 to Exeter St Davids connecting with the 18:50 to Exmouth, arriving at 19:20.

If you want to use public transport throughout, the 357 bus leaves Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton at 09:20, the Public Hall at 09:23, arriving at Exmouth at 09:39. The return bus leaves Exmouth at 20:01 arriving at the Public Hall Budleigh Salterton at 20:15.

Walk Leaders: Chris Buckland 01395 444 471 & Mike Paddison 446 550

Wednesday 30th July – 10.00am. WALK

Start at the Otter Inn CP, SY 078 874. 6 miles, 3 hours.

Circular walk through Back Lane, Stowford and on to the Commons including a visit to Woodbury Castle.

Walk Leader: John Jones, 01395 443 651

Tuesday 5th August – 6.00pm to 8.00pm

– **Friends of the Commons walk** – *please book, see page 12*

Meet at Joney's Cross car park SY 058 898. Discover Hawkerland Common with staff from the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust and local wildlife expert Lesley Kerry and learn about its past and present.

Saturday 9th August – 10.00am. WALK

Start at East Budleigh CP, SY 065 849) 3 miles, 2½ hours.

Local walk along Hayes Lane, through the woods and over the commons returning via Yettington.

Walk Leader: Stan Herbert, 01395 445 113

Tuesday 12th August – 10.15am. WALK

Start at the Green, Otterton, SY 0803 8525. 5½ miles, approx. 3 hours.

The first half of the walk is steady upwards with a couple of steepish bits, and rough underfoot in places. The descent from High Peak is steep although the second part of the walk is mostly flat or downhill.

The walk is a mixture of riverside paths, green lanes and some tarmac road. Initially we head up the Otter, then turn eastwards to Sea View Farm and then Bars Lane to High Peak. The peak looks a little sorry shorn of its trees, but the bonus is that there are now wonderful views all around. The walk then descends to Ladram Bay where we can pause for coffee and/or a snack. Refreshment can be purchased in the café.

We return via Monks Wall, Culliver Cross to Clamour Bridge and return to Otterton via the River Otter. Food available at the Mill or the nearby Kings Arms.

Outward travel by bus 157, dep Budleigh Public Hall at 10:00, or bus 157, dep Sidmouth at 09.45, Newton Poppleford at 10:01, arr Otterton at approx. 10:15.

If coming by car, park in the high street or up by the Church (1st right immediately past the Mill).

Return travel by bus 157 in the required direction

Walk Leader: Brian Gannon, 01395 443 502

Wednesday 20th August – 10.00am. WALK on Dartmoor

Start at Belstone CP, SX 6210 9377, 8miles, approx. 4hours.

From the CP, the walk follows the valley of the River Tor, crossing the river at a ford and onwards past the white hill hut circles climbing steadily to the White Hill stone circle by Little Hound Tor. Then on to Hound Tor, with a possible extension to Wild Tor if the group is keen and time permits. Both of these tors are good spots for lunch with fine views in good weather. The return walk continues to Metheral Hill and across the river. Finally up onto Higher Tor and Belstone Tor, descending via the nine stones cairn circle and back into Belstone, potentially finishing up at a local hostelry.

The walk is on open, and at times rough, moorland with some places very exposed, and includes two significant steady climbs. We will also ford the river twice and cross some boggy ground, good boots and spare socks are required!

Walk Leader: George Norman, 01395 442 307

Wednesday 27th August – 10.30am. WALK

The Mason's Trail – a 6½ - 7 mile cliff top and countryside walk, exploring the rich legacy of stone working, which helped build a Roman fort, Exeter Cathedral and the detailed tracery of many local churches. Meet at 10.30 am at Beer Cross (SY 229 895 – the top of Fore St, Beer) Best way of getting there is by the X53 bus from Newton Poppleford at 10.03, Sidford Spar at 10.09, to arrive in Beer at 10.28; (connections from the 157 bus Budleigh Salterton 09.03 to Newton Poppleford at 09.24 or the 52A bus from Sidmouth Triangle at 09.21, Sidford Spar 09.31). Alternatively you could take the 899 bus from Sidmouth Triangle at 10.30 and meet the walk at Beer Caves at 11.00, but please let me know. We will walk from Beer Cross to the Beer Quarry Caves, where there will be time for coffee before a conducted 1¼ hr tour of the underground workings (Adults £7.00, Seniors £5.20) It's always cool, so bring a jumper. Then we will walk over the hill to Branscombe for a short lunch stop, either at the Mason's Arms or bring a picnic. After lunch it's through Branscombe village to look at the stone in the church, then up the hill to the coast path at Dunscombe. 5 miles, including a long down and a long up will bring us to the Donkey Sanctuary. There will be time for a cup of tea here before the 17.25 52A bus back to Sidmouth or the 17.45 X53 back to Newton Poppleford, with onward connection to Budleigh. If you're in a hurry, there's the 16.45 899 bus straight back to Sidmouth. Car parking is not easy in Beer: if you park at the Donkey Sanctuary before catching the outward X53 **please ask permission**. I'll have information leaflets, or you could pick up a copy of the East Devon AONB's 'Mason's Trail' from a Tourist Information Office.
Walk Leader: Haylor Lass, 01395 568 786

**Wednesday 3rd September – 10.00am WALK**

Start at Colaton Raleigh, Otter Inn (SY 078 874) An easy 5 miles walk along the River Otter (north), Dotton Farm, Monkey Lane, Vennings Copse, Hawkerland Valley, Morish Cotley, Knapps Lane, Pound Lane, Old Sawmills and Colaton Raleigh, with the opportunity to eat at the Otter Inn afterwards.
Walk Leader: Mike Paddison, 01395 446 550

Tuesday 9th September – 10.30am. WALK

Start at the 157 Bus Stop at the junction of Salterton Road and Castle Lane, SY 042 823, 8 miles.

A linear walk starting and ending on the 157 bus route!

Using public and permissive paths, the walk includes Squabmoor Reservoir, East Budleigh Common, Hayes Wood and Bicton Church, finishing for lunch at Otterton Mill or the Kings Arms and returning by the 157 bus. Walk includes woodland, open commons, waterside sections and some short sections on minor roads.

Walkers could choose to finish the walk at East Budleigh, where the 157 bus also stops, saving two miles.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Saturday 13th September – 10.00am. WALK

East Budleigh CP, (SY 065 849) 8 miles, 4 hours.

A three lake walk at this season of mellow fruitfulness visiting the local beauty spots of Bystock Ponds, Squabmoor Reservoir and Black Hill Quarry. Please bring a picnic for a sociable lunch stop!

Walk Leader: Jan Stuart, 01395 568 235

Tuesday 16th September – 10.30am. WALK

Start at Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground CP, SY 088 899, 7½ miles. The 157 bus from Exmouth or the 52 bus from Sidmouth stops at Back Lane for the Recreation Ground.

Circular walk along the River Otter and to Venn Ottery Common and the Nature Reserve (<http://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/reserve/Venn+Ottery/>) using footpaths, fields and quiet lanes. On the return leg there is the opportunity to take lunch at the Golden Lion, Tipton St John, before walking back to Newton Poppleford car park or the bus stop.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Wednesday 24th September – 10.00am. WALK

Four Firs CP, SY 032 864 5 miles, 2½ hours

A circular walk on the commons using local paths and tracks at what we hope will be a mellow time of year!

Walk Leader: John Jones, 01395 446 513

Friday 26th September – 10.00am. WALK

Start at Lime Kiln CP, SY 0726 8201, 7 miles.

This walk in an AONB starts alongside the Otter Estuary Nature Reserve leading to the River Otter, which meanders through water meadows and rich agricultural land to Otterton. A short detour around this charming unspoilt village leads to extensive cliff top views of the coastline of Lyme Bay, and the SWCP back to Budleigh. This walk showcases the very best of the Lower Otter Valley and the Jurassic Coast of East Devon.

Part of the Great South West Walks 2014 Programme, sponsored by the South West Coast Path Association. (See www.swcp.org.uk)

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Saturday 27th September – 10.00am. WALK

Start at Lime Kiln CP, SY 0726 8201, 7 miles.

An attractive walk around Budleigh Salterton in an AONB, commencing with the Otter Valley Nature Reserve. Walk along the disused Budleigh to Tipton St John railway track to Budleigh town centre and the picturesque hamlet of Little Knowle. Re-join the railway track now designated the Budleigh-Exmouth Cycleway, before taking the path up to the cliff top point at West Down Beacon. From here the SWCP leads back to the starting point and presents splendid views across Budleigh to the Otterton Ledge and Jurassic Coast, and on a good day across to Lyme Bay and Portland Bill.

Part of the Great South West Walks 2014 Programme, sponsored by the South West Coast Path Association. (See www.swcp.org.uk)

Walk Leader: Mike Paddison, 01395 446 550

Monday 29th September – 10.00am. WALK

Start at Tipton St John CP, (SY 091 918), 5 miles.

An easy walk along River Otter towards Fluxton, Heathlands, Ottery Common, Venn Ottery, Bridge o'er the Otter, Tipton St John. Please bring your own 'elevenses' and/or indulge in a late lunch at the Golden Lion, Tipton St John

Walk Leader: Mike Paddison, 01395 446 550



Saturday 4th October – 10.00am WALK

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 4 miles

Very interesting town walk, including a visit to the historic parish church of All Saints', East Budleigh. Stan will share his vast local knowledge of the people and places of bygone East Budleigh.

Optional lunch at the Sir Walter Raleigh.

Walk Leader: Stan Herbert 01395 445 113

Tuesday 7th October – 7.30pm TALK

'The Home Front in Devon during 1914', East Budleigh Village Hall.

From August 1914 to December 1914, Devon's population witnessed the transformation from peacetime to wartime. The residents of Devon were encouraged to participate with the war effort which ranged from recruitment efforts to war charities. This lecture explores how Devonians responded to the circumstances of wartime on the Home Front in 1914.

Speaker: Richard Batten – Exeter University

Saturday 11th October – 10.00am WALK

Start at the White Bridge (SY 075 830) 5 miles

Coastal path to Crab Ledge, inland to Colliver Cross, then via Clamour Bridge to finish along river path back to the White Bridge.

Maybe muddy in places and windy on the coast path.

Walk Leader: John Jones 01395 443 651

Monday 20th October – 10.00 am WALK

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 8½ miles

Walk via Clamour Bridge, coastal path to Ladram Bay, High Peak (great climb, great views!), Bar's Lane, Anchoring Hill, Otterton, Old Bicton Church, East Budleigh. Please bring a picnic!

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Saturday 25th October – 10.00 am Guided WALK

Start at White Bridge (SY 076 830) 2½ miles, 2 hours

A leisurely walk along the River Otter watching and identifying the arriving winter birds with Doug Cullen, Voluntary Warden of the Pebblebed Heath Conservation Trust.

Please bring binoculars if you have them.

Walk Leader: Doug Cullen, 01395 567 574

Wednesday 29th October – 10.00am WALK

Start at Colaton Raleigh Church (SY 082 872) 7 miles
Passaford Lane (steep uphill!), Mutters Moor, coastal path, green lanes,
River Otter, Colaton Raleigh Church.

“A wonderful walk, well worth the effort!”

Walk Leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567 339

Tuesday 4th November – 10.00am Guided WALK

Start Newton Poppleford Recreation Ground car park (SY 089 899)
An easy walk looking for and identifying fungi including wax caps. Please
bring along a magnifying glass if you can, (there will be one available to
share), to better see the detail of the samples spotted. If you come across
any fungi before the walk, that you would like be identified, bring a sample
to examine and share with the group.

Walk Leader: to be appointed

Tuesday 11th November – 10.00 Guided WALK

Jubilee Field, Budleigh Salterton (SY 060 817)
Meandering around this delightful wild flower haven
identifying aspects of nature.

Walk Leader: to be appointed

Wednesday 19th November – 10.00am WALK

Start Newton Poppleford CP (SY 085 897) 7½ miles
Walk to Benchams, Venn Ottery Common, Topshayes Farm, Aylesbeare,
Halfway Inn, Woolcombes, Harpford Common, Back Lane to Newton
Poppleford. Please bring a picnic!

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Tuesday 25th November – 10.00am WALK

Start at the car park opposite the Norman Lockyer Observatory (SY 139
881) 6 miles, 3 hours. Some strenuous sections along the SW Coast path
to Weston Mouth, Weston, the Donkey Sanctuary and Salcombe Regis.
Refreshments available at the Donkey Sanctuary and/or bring your own.

Walk Leader: David Buss, 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Tuesday 25th November–7.30pm TALK**‘From Beer to Brisbane and back’, Otterton Village Hall**

Illustrated talk on the working life of a Master Stonemason, over a period of 60 years. Born in Beer, Peter has spent a lifetime working on conservation and preservation projects from Exeter Cathedral to St John’s Cathedral in Brisbane Australia. *Speaker:* Peter Dare

Saturday 29th November – 10.00am WALK

Start at Wheathill Plantation CP (SY 041 847) 3 miles

A short and sociable walk on the commons to relieve those growing pre-Christmas pressures.

Walk Leader: David Daniel 01395 445 960

Saturday 6th December – 10.00am WALK

Start at Colaton Raleigh Church (SY 082 872) 5 miles

Down green lanes and over the commons, visiting Dotton, Hawkerland and Naps Lane. Optional lunch at the Otter Inn.

Walk Leader: Brian Turnbull 01395 567 339

Tuesday 9th December – 10.30am WALK

Start at the car park at the Blue Ball Inn, Sidford (SY 138 898) 8 miles, 3-3½ hours. Moderate with some steep ascents.

Walk to Knowle House, Lower Sweetcombe, Mincombe Wood, Harcombe Hill, and Harcombe. Please bring a picnic and/or enjoy refreshments at the Blue Ball afterwards.

Walk Leader: David Buss 01395 442 621/07920 114 573

Saturday 20th December – 10.00am WALK

Start Knowle Village Hall car park (SY 052 827) 7½ miles

A walk to West Down Beacon, coastal path, Sandy Bay, High Land of Orcombe, Maer Lane, Littleham Brook, Green Farm, disused railway track, Knowle Village. Optional request stops for seasonal refreshments as required, and/or bring your own!

Walk Leader: Chris Buckland, 01395 444 471

Friday 26th December – 10.30 am WALK

Start at East Budleigh Car Park (SY 066 849) 4 miles

Gentle Boxing Day walk across the commons at this time of good cheer. Optional lunch at the Sir Walter Raleigh.

(Please telephone walk leader by 6th December to book lunch)

Walk Leader: David Daniel 01395 445 960

East Devon Heath Week

Sunday 27 July –Family Festival Day, 11.00am – 3.30pm
Woodbury Castle, SY 033 873, off the B3180; Free parking, lots of action.
A wild time for all the family. A day of fun filled activities celebrating the beautiful heathland landscapes of East Devon. Drop in for an hour or two or bring a picnic and stay the whole day.

Activities on offer include:

- Wildlife walks and reptile rambles
- Pony rides
- Storytelling and music
- Willow weaving*
- Mountain bike safari rides around the common
(EXEplore Cycle Hire Delivered*)
- Archaeological fun
- Charcoal making
- Moth trapping
- Refreshments including pizzas from a wood fired oven, ice cream, and locally baked bread and cakes*.

* Small fee applies

Monday 28 July

Pond Dipping and Tractor Ride at Aylesbeare Common 10.00am - 12 noon
Joney's Cross car park, A3052 near Newton Poppleford (SY 058 898)
Join us as we look for the wettest inhabitants on the heath. Meet at 10am and we'll take you over in the tractor and trailer — much easier on the feet!
Booking essential, online booking now available via Eventbrite[#].

Nature Reserve Open Day 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Venn Ottery Nature Reserve. Meet at grid ref (SY 066 915)
Join DWT and RSPB wardens for a guided walk on the reserves, looking for Southern Damselflies. Organised by DWT and RSPB
Booking essential, online booking now available via Eventbrite[#].

The Biodiversity and Archaeology of Dalditch Camp 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Wheathill car park (SY 033 873) East Budleigh Common was once the site of a large WWII military camp, and the footprints of structures from this era can still be seen hidden amongst the undergrowth.

[#]Simply type in 'Eventbrite' and the title of this event into your search engine to find the booking form. Enquiries: 01392 432691

Nightjars at Mutter's Moor

Mutter's Moor car park, nr Sidmouth (SY 109 873) 9.00pm – 11.00pm

Join the staff of the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust on a search for the illusive nightjar, one of our heathland's most enigmatic summer visitors. Once heard never forgotten! Refreshments provided. Please bring appropriate clothing/footwear for the outdoors and a torch.

Booking only. Clinton Devon Estates 01395 443881

Tuesday 29 July

Wildlife Ramble at Fire Beacon Hill (SY 110 906) 8.30am - 10.30am

Come along and join the rangers to look for all creatures great and small at this heathland nature reserve. Find out all about the mammal, reptile, invertebrate, and bird life on Fire Beacon Hill.

Booking essential, call EDDC Countryside 01395 517557 (meeting point to be confirmed on booking) Donations Welcome.

Discovery Day, Bystock Nature Reserve 11.00am – 4.00pm

Parking at the north entrance to the reserve (SY 030 849)

Join us to celebrate the wealth of wildlife at Bystock for a day of fun and exploration with pond dipping and craft activities for children. Guided walks round the site and refreshments will also be available.

Organised by Devon Wildlife Trust. For detailed directions and further information go to www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Nightjar Hunt on East Budleigh Common

Wheathill car park, fire point 4 (SY 040 846) 9.00pm – 11.00pm

The churring call of the nightjar is one of quintessential sounds of summer.

Join the wardens of the Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust on a search to see and hear this distinctive nocturnal bird on East Budleigh Common.

An event not to be missed. Refreshments provided. Please bring appropriate clothing/footwear for the outdoors and a torch.

Booking only: Clinton Devon Estates 01395 443881

Wednesday 30 July

Heather and a lot more! 10.00am - 12.30pm

Joney's Cross car park, A3052 near Newton Poppleford (SY 058 898)

Take a stroll to discover heathland plants around RSPB Aylesbeare with Mike Lock, Axe Vale and District Conservation Society. Discover the wealth of plants that make up important heathland habitats.

Donations Welcome.

RSPB Aylesbeare Common Volunteering Day 10.00am — 4.00pm
Joney's Cross car park, A3052 near Newton Poppleford (SY 058 898)
Join in and make a real difference to this special Heathland reserve. You'll meet new people and make a real difference to protecting the wildlife that calls Aylesbeare home. Stay for as long as you like. We'll provide all the tools you need but bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Booking essential, online booking available via Eventbrite[#].

Explore Bicton Common 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Meet at Uphams car park (E of Yettington) (SY 041 861)

Bicton Common is the site of the Royal Marine endurance course and the Commando Challenge. Currently the focus of a grazing scheme, this Common supports a great variety of habitats including mire, reedbed and dry heathland vegetation. Join Nature Conservation Manager, Dr Sam Bridgewater and find out about the habitats and diversity of wild flowers of this Common, the history of its management and the conservation challenges ahead. Please bring suitable clothing/boots for the day's weather and binoculars if you have them.

Bystock Nature Reserve. Evening Walk 9.00pm – 11.00pm

Meet at the north entrance to the reserve (SY 030 849)

Join DWT volunteer Sarah Butcher for an evening walk round Bystock nature reserve. We will be hoping to see and hear bats and nightjars. Stout footwear essential as uneven terrain. Don't forget your torch. Access from the reserve's north entrance. Go to www.devonwildlifetrust.org for directions. Organised by Exmouth DWT Local Group.

Booking essential call DWT on 01392 279244 Suggested donation £3

Thursday 31 July

Heathland and Quarry Walks, Blackhill Quarry near Woodbury (SY 028 859) Two tours, 10.00am - 12noon and 2.00pm – 4.00pm

A fascinating and rare opportunity to go behind the scenes of this working quarry with Aggregate Industries and RSPB to discover more about future plans to recreate heathland habitats once quarrying has ceased.

Booking essential, online booking now available via Eventbrite[#].

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Bystock Nature Reserve. Evening Walk 9.00pm — 11.00pm

Meet at the north entrance to the reserve (SY 030 849)

See Evening Walk at Bystock on Wednesday 30 July for details.

Friday 1 August

Wildlife Ramble at Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve, 8.30am - 10.30am
Trinity Hill, Axminster (SY 307 959)

Come along and join the rangers to look for all creatures great and small at this heathland nature reserve. Find out all about the mammal, reptile, invertebrate, and bird life on Trinity Hill. Donations Welcome.

Booking essential call EDDC Countryside 01395 517557

Dawn to Dusk Day at RSPB Aylesbeare Common

Joney's Cross car park, A3052 near Newton Poppleford (SY 058 898)

Booking essential, online booking now available via Eventbrite[#].

Darties at Dawn: 6.30am - 9.00am

It's an early start but it's worth it to see the heath awakening and all the magical nature it hides. Afterwards, we'll take you to a place we know well on the reserve and treat you to a delicious BBQ, using tasty local produce. £7 donation

Water and Wellies: 11.00am - 12.30pm

Our ponds hide all sorts of amazing beasts with some great stories to tell! Bring your wellies and we'll bring the nets - who knows what you'll find?

Things With Wings: 11.00am - 1.00pm

We have more species of butterfly, dragonfly and damselfly on Aylesbeare than any other RSPB nature reserve. Join our guides and see how many you can find!

Things With Wings 2: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Another chance to see how many of our spectacular insects you can spot (don't worry, we'll help!).

Willow Weaving & Art on the Heath: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Inspired by our Heathland wildlife? Create your own wild artwork to take home as a lasting memento. £5 to cover materials

Goodnight Heath Week, 8.30pm – 11.00pm Hello Bats, Moths and Nightjars! Join us on our final night of Heath Week as we track down the mysterious night creatures of the reserve. We'll listen for the haunting churr of the nightjar and look for moths and bats, too.

A great night to enjoy.

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Ten Easy Tors

- OVA walk, Tuesday 8 April

The main attraction of this walk is that it affords stunning panoramic views across Dartmoor and the surrounding areas, so we were delighted to have bright clear weather for our hike. 18 walkers plus one canine companion took part in what was to be a most enjoyable perambulation.

Starting from the National Park Visitor Centre at Haytor, we made the brief ascent to our first tor. Haytor (or Hay Tor or Hey Tor – probably derived from ‘high’ tor) is Devon’s most visited tor, not least because of its proximity to a couple of car parks and an ice cream van. It is not the highest on Dartmoor or even on this walk but it is visible from many places around the county and beyond, and it provided a useful bearing for us for most of the walk.

From Haytor, a steep descent and a gentle climb brought us to the aptly-named Saddle Tor from where we looked back to a very different view of Haytor lying Sphinx-like to our east. Approaching our next tor, we skirted around Blackslade Mire as we made the gentle climb up to Pil Tor from where the view over Widecombe opened up to the west. Pil Tor lay only a short walk away as we started to head north in virtually a straight line to reach Bell Tor, Chinkwell Tor (at 458 metres, one metre higher than Haytor and the highest of our ten tors) and Honey Bag Tor which, with the panoramic views and multiplicity of rocks to sit on, made a perfect stop for lunch as we approached the halfway point of our 10 mile hike. From here, the easily identifiable landmarks included the North Hessary Tor mast near Princetown, Haldon Belvedere – clearly visible when the sun was shining on it – and the white cube-like object which Castle Drogo has become for the duration of its massive restoration, making it look like an artwork by Christo.

After lunch, we contoured around below Chinkwell Tor and skirted past an unnamed mire to reach Holwell Lawn, famous for its arrays of bluebells in May. Following the permissive footpath past a variety of horse jumping fences, we made our way to the most northerly part of our walk, Hound Tor which, like Haytor, is much visited due to a nearby car park and ice cream van. From here we could see the well-preserved stone circle to the south-east. As we headed towards Greater, popular with rock climbers, we passed through the Medieval Village which was excavated as recently as the early 1960s.

The steep descent to Becka Brook provided one of the prettiest sections of our walk. Crossing over the stone bridge, we then tackled the steepest climb of the day to get to Smallacombe Rocks where Haytor re-appeared after a short period out of our sight. From here we could look back to see most of the tors we had visited together with our next and final tor, Holwell Tor. This we approached by one section of the famous granite railway which had served the Holwell Quarries, active from 1820 to 1919, that provided granite stone for buildings including The British Museum and the Exeter War Memorial.

Having chalked up the ten tors, a relatively level walk took us to the Haytor Quarries, now a beautiful oasis in the surrounding moorland with its pools, plant life and rock outcrops. Following a gentle descent back to the car park, we finished off a great day with a visit to Moorlands, the nearby HF Holidays Hotel, to enjoy well-earned refreshments in their Dandelion Café.

David Buss



Beating the Bounds – walks on 2nd & 15th May

Beating the Bounds is an ancient tradition where parishioners were invited by the clergy on one day a year to walk the boundary of the parish and stopping at strategic points to sing hymns or pray for a good harvest. The ground was beaten with appropriate plant material such as birch twigs as the group progressed around the boundary.

As well as religious significance the practice was also a practical one as officials could estimate what tithes they might get by looking at the emerging crops. In those days there were no maps and it was important that parishioners knew where their boundaries were as it was not uncommon for neighbouring parishes to annexe profitable parts of other parishes, so a good local knowledge by as many people as possible was considered essential.

Newton Poppleford and Harpford joined together administratively in 1933. So it was 81 years later that 8 OVA members met in Back Lane, Newton Poppleford on 2nd May to traverse 8 miles of the route to finish at Joneys Cross. It is not possible to walk the exact boundary these days and our route used footpaths and other accessible paths as with the diminished powers of the church, we are obliged to keep to legal routes.

Thus it was that on a cool but pleasant day we set off over the Otter and through Harpford Woods, ending up on the old railway line. At this point our youngest member decided that he had done enough and as he was only 16 months old, he and his mum took the quicker route back to the village. The rest of us continued through the bluebell carpeted wood to emerge on the main road by the top of Four Elms Hill. The stony track then took us up the hill where we stopped at the recently refurbished Keble's seat to regain our breath and admire the view.

At this point Haylor, who had not been able to be at the start of the walk, phoned to ascertain our position so he could come out and join us. We traversed the long scarp along the recently felled tree line admiring the far views across to Dartmoor. Going down Passaford Lane we met up with Haylor coming up to meet us and we all went down together to Northmostown Lane. We abandoned the boundary here as it went across farm land and was not accessible. We walked down the lane to the Otter via Ashtree Farm where we had lunch by the river monitoring station.

Stopping in Mill Lane at the site of the now demolished mill, we ascended Monkey Lane to reach the parish boundary at the Budleigh Road. The way then took us to Stoneyford where we ascended onto Hawkerland Common to finish the day at Joneys Cross.

Part 2 of this walk commenced from Joneys Cross where just four of us met and headed north along the surfaced East Devon Way. We soon left the lane and were descending on increasingly boggy ground to finally scramble across a stream and ascending an overgrown path. We had a good vantage point here of a large number of red deer grazing in a field adjacent to our path.

Coming off the common onto an 'access land' field being grazed by sheep, we were accosted by the landowner who was not too pleased to see us on his land. We were however able to convince him that we were legally allowed to be there and with some reluctance on his part we continued to the Venn Ottery road where we turned east finally coming to Tipton St John. The riverside route back to Newton Poppleford concluded our traverse of about 13 miles on a gloriously warm spring day.

Ted Swan



Coleridge Link Walk - 29 May

On a rather grey and unpromising morning 6 walkers gathered at Newton Popleford for a walk led by Iain Ure up the River Otter to Ottery St Mary. After a bit of dampness, and a muddy footpath at Tipton St John, the day improved and it was a very pleasant, easy walk, past Tipton Mill, with its interesting Archimedes screw turbine, and the nearby weir with its new fish ladder. As this was a walk devised by the Coleridge Memorial Project, the 'Sonnet to the River Otter' was recited Dee Woods on the bridge by the Mill.

As we neared Ottery St Mary, we stopped to view Salston Manor in the distance, and then soon crossed over St Saviour's bridge and into Ottery. We enjoyed seeing swifts, swallows and house martins swooping low over the river, and then saw

sand martins nesting in a sandy river bank. We followed the heritage trail around the town looking at the old mill complex with its unique tumbling weir, and stopped at the poetry stones and information board about Samuel Taylor Coleridge in the nearby park, called 'The Land of Canaan'.



There was time to visit the splendid parish church with its astronomical clock, and admire some of the fine Georgian houses in the vicinity before retiring to the Volunteer Inn for some light refreshment.

After lunch we followed the east bank back down the river to the Pixies Parlour, a small cave in the cliff where we heard extracts from the 'Songs of the Pixies'. Then we headed east away from the river, and mostly uphill across tracks and fields, and through a delightful woodland garden, to the words of 'Kubla Khan'. After a steep climb we reached White Cross on East Hill and stopped to rest while listening to an extract from 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. The spectacular view was somewhat diminished by the mistiness of the day, but we were all thankful that the forecast for thunder and heavy rain had been proved so wrong.

It was then a downhill, mostly wooded walk back to join the River Otter at Harpford, and then to our starting point. This walk proved to be a cultural as well as physical excursion.

Iain Ure



Ramble in the Jungle

- Walking the Undercliffs from Seaton to Lyme Regis

I am filing my first copy for the OVA newsletter and I have been advised that a good opening sentence is xx intrepid walkers set out ... On this occasion, and for this correspondent, I think the appropriate opener would be: 11 naïve walkers set out....

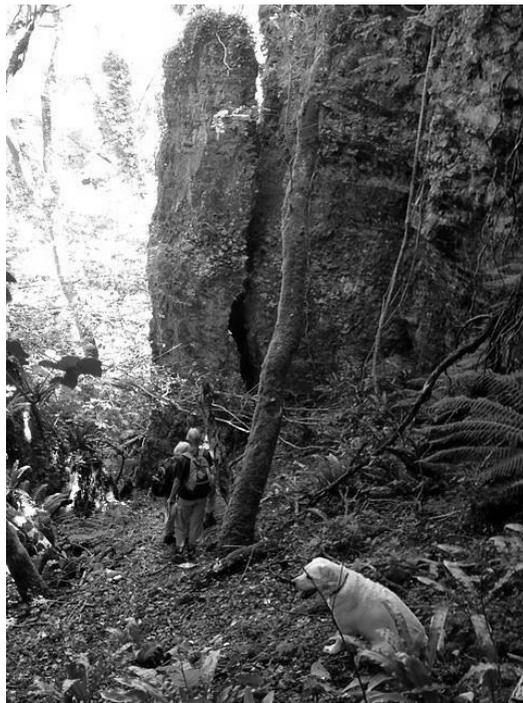
The bus deposited us on Seaton seafront, and, with the arrival of our expert guide Donald Campbell, we climbed out past the golf clubhouse to start our journey, stopping briefly to deposit 4 bottles of real ale at a secret location to be collected later. This is not a new OVA tradition but a token of gratitude to Don for his guidance, without whom we might never have seen daylight again.

We soon deviated from the SW Coastal Path which is closed due to numerous landslips and our ramble through the jungle commenced. We were ducking and weaving through dense woodland, grabbing thick stems of ivy in order to remain upright on the loose ground underfoot and praying that precariously balanced boulders didn't choose this particular moment to come tumbling down.

Then, quite unexpectedly, we popped out of the jungle into a hidden nature reserve on Goat Island where we ambled around trying to identify the 12 varieties of orchid to be found, the highlight being the Bee Orchids.

We stopped for refreshments at the site of a massive landslip in the 19th century which left a significant gorge where landscape features can be seen on either side that once joined up. What a night to remember for the folks who once lived there and lost their homes in the slip.

We then continued with our jungle experience, clambering over fallen trees, swinging from branch to branch, until we once again re-joined the SW Coastal Path. Here we parted company with Tony and his dog who were off to do more heroic things on their way back.



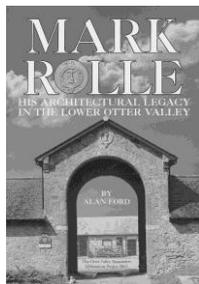
The path was now clearly marked and we could relax into a less taxing walk through the woods, glad of the shade on such a hot day with so many ups and downs. Don ably pointed out buildings/ruins of interest along the way including John Fowles' writing hut close to Lyme Regis which was perched at a rather alarming angle but was still lived in.

Great Jurassic experience, thanks to Don for bringing it alive - and keeping us alive in the jungle!

Vivien Insull



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Mark Rolle

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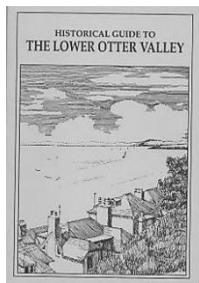
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Twelve Walks in the Otter Valley.

The area of the Lower Otter Valley is covered by a network of footpaths, mostly waymarked and in good condition. OVA members have compiled these walks, each with clear directions and illustrated with a sketch map. They range from 4 mile easy walks to a more energetic 9½ miler. There are notes on places of interest to whet your appetite for further exploration.

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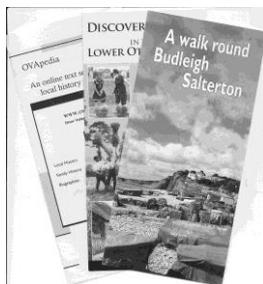


Historical Guide to the Lower Otter Valley

Want to know more about the area you live in or are visiting? This book is packed with detailed information about the places, buildings, people and natural history of this beautiful area, from the very earliest times to the end of the 20th century.

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Leaflets

The OVA also publish a number of (free) leaflets about the history, flora & fauna and walking the villages of our area of interest in the lower Otter Valley. They can usually be found in the Tourist Information Centre and in other outlets around the valley.

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