

1st September 2018, “Old Favourite” with Rosemary and David Hatch

On a lovely summer's morning a group of 29 walkers gathered at Joney's Cross car park for a walk led by David and Rosemary Hatch. David told us that he was going to do the walk the other way round, and told us about the local wildlife we would normally see at this time of year but may not today being a large group.

We set off towards Newton Poppleford, passing Goosemoor on the way, then crossed over the main road towards Southerton. After a short walk down the lane, we joined the East Devon Way and headed up onto Harpford Common, and stopped for coffee.



Rosemary handed round her delicious walnut cake, which was much appreciated.

Soon we were back at the car park, but not before David had shown us the three different types of heather to be found on the Commons:



Common heather (*Calluna vulgaris*), Bell heather (*Erica cinerea*) and Cross-leaved heather (*Erica tetralix*).



Many thanks to the Leaders for taking us on this delightful walk.

Dee Woods