

## **UERSA WALKING GROUP**

### **January – March 2013**

**Dates:** *Wed, 16 January (short)*  
*Tues, 26 February*

*Wed, 30 January (short)*  
*Tues, 12 March*

*Thurs, 14 February*  
*Thurs, 28 March (short)*



*The very wet end of the year has threatened local villages and caused much anxiety to some of our members but fortunately, I believe, no serious damage. It has also taken its toll on the autumn programme resulting in difficult conditions and two of the last six walks cancelled – something we have avoided in the previous years.*

*Nonetheless the walks have been well attended (particularly when lunch was on offer!). The total mileage is creeping up towards 15000 with over 2500 participants during the almost eight years we have been walking.*

*The new programme contains a number of easier and shorter walks which is probably wise if the uncertain (or certainly wet) weather continues. The first ends at the Homestart Soup fund raiser which was much enjoyed last year. – DO JOIN US.*

***Happy New Year to you all.***

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### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- **10.30 am Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**                      **'Homestart' lunch walk**                      **4 miles**

Meet at 10.30 at Piazza Terracina, The Quay for a leisurely mainly flat stroll ending at Victoria Park Tennis Club for the 'Homestart' soup lunch for those who wish. Please let me know by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January if you wish to have lunch so that the volunteer chefs have an idea of numbers.

Trevor

- **10.30 am Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Fisherman's and Hunter's Path, Fingle Bridge**                      **5 miles**

Meet in the car parking area on the road to Fingle Bridge Inn.

I suggest the walk from Fingle Bridge upstream on the Fisherman's path and back either via the Hunters path or on the other side of the river depending on conditions. Lunch at the pub. About 2 hours.

John B

- **10.30 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Tom's Valentine's Day stroll**                      **7 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Start at Brampford Speke, near the Lazy Toad/church. Down Sandy Lane to Starved Oak Cross, then Great Oak Cross and eventually Berrybridge and Thorverton. Back to BS via Yellowford and Willowpark then Fortesque. If by chance it is dry enough the return from Thorverton could be through fields via Netherexe Barton. About 7 miles.

Tom

• **10.30 am Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Shobrooke**

**6 - 7 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

It will start at 10.30 at Shobrooke (OS Landranger 192 or Explorer 114, GR872014) and proceed to Stockleigh Pomeroy - Chilton -Cherlton Cross - Westwood Farm - Shobrooke, 6-7 miles, with a voluntary extra loop (1 mile+) south of Shobrooke for those who would like a slightly longer walk.

Packed lunch advised although it will probably be possible to get back in time for a late lunch at the pub in Shobrooke if desired. Be prepared for wet and muddy conditions.

There is some space for car parking in the road at the start of the walk, otherwise 200 yards further up the village. I don't think the occasional bus service is an option but if anyone is stuck for transport, if they can get themselves to Thorverton by 10.00 we could offer a lift. Anyone wanting this option should email me.

Roger

• **10.30 am Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Two Moors Way circular walk**

**7 - 8 miles**

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Start at Bennett's Cross (OL28, GR 681817) and walk clockwise to West Coombe, then Moor Gate, Lepra Cross, Lettaford, Jurston, Lingcombe, Hurston then back to Bennett's Cross. About 7 or 8 miles with no steep ascents. If it stops raining soon it should be ok by March.

Tom

• **10.30 am Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Steps Bridge (Daffodils?)**

**4 - 5 miles**

Meet at 10.30 at the car park at Steps Bridge. This is a mainly flat 4 - 5 mile circular walk along the Teign to Clifford Bridge and back via Cod Wood. Lunch is possible at Steps Bridge or Longdown.

Jarka

## ***RECENT WALKS 2012 (AND THE FIRST TWO CANCELLATIONS EVER!)***

### ***Postbridge, 9<sup>th</sup> October***

'Canned' again at Postbridge – Pete and Postbridge always seem to be ill starred and for those who (fortunately) missed it here is Pete's very brief report. (He has now been transported to Australia and so won't be troubling you for a while.)

Pete said 'Because of the forecast, I had expected a lack of enthusiasm from all and sundry but was surprised by some stalwarts. First Cathie Holden was waiting in her car when I arrived and then Keith and Sara turned up a while later. After a brief appraisal of the weather we adjourned to the East Dart Hotel for some refreshment. A short while after making ourselves comfortable, we were joined by Barbara and John.

We were all of the same opinion that if we ventured onto the moor, even for a short walk, we would get extremely wet and wouldn't see much either. WE ALL WENT HOME!'

### ***Exmouth Cake Walk, 25<sup>th</sup> October***



25 gathered at Lympstone Station for Patrick and Sue's walk on a pleasant but overcast day. The route along the cycle path is ideal for walking and talking providing you keep a lookout for passing cycles. We were soon at Exmouth for snack time and the arrival of five more walkers.

Then it was on to the Marina and the new lifeboat station where we had a leisurely lunch. After that it was on to Chez Kalaugher, via the Geo-needle at Orcombe Point, for tea and cakes. Here our numbers were increased by one with someone arriving just for cakes (no, not Roseanne)

Many thanks to Patrick and Sue for another very enjoyable occasion.

Trevor

### ***Otterton, 9<sup>th</sup> November***

Tom had an unexpected business meeting so Sara who knows the area well stepped in to lead a short walk with a lunch option. This proved to be very popular with fifteen turning up in fine weather.

Many thanks Sara.

Trevor

### ***Annual Lunch Walk - Exminster Marshes, 26<sup>th</sup> November***

Another disappointment as the marshes were flooded, the road to the Swan's Nest had almost a foot of water and the car park was unusable. Better luck next year.

Trevor

### ***Belstone Common, 12<sup>th</sup> December***

Dear Trevor

Twelve hardy types turned up at Belstone. There was a sprinkling of snow around and the sun shone, the air was clear but the wind was icy. So we had a good walk. It was very thoughtful of you to arrange for the armed escort which we met up on the Belstone ridge. You never know when the natives will attack. It was the first time that I can remember when we had our coffees sheltering behind the tor with thirty uniformed service people with their AK47s and 40lb packs.

John B

Dear John

Delighted that you had such a great walk and made the rendezvous. I thought long and hard when I arranged it; they seemed a willing lot but I wasn't sure that their map reading skills were up to finding you and they certainly didn't look the sort that could keep up with you all!! Glad it all turned out right in the end.

Trevor