

UERSA WALKING GROUP

July – September 2017



The Somerset Space Walk

Dates:

Tuesday, 4 July

Friday, 14 July

Tuesday, 25 July

Wed, 16 August

Monday, 4 Sept

Thursday, 21 Sept

The leaders have turned up trumps again with a range of interesting walks during the next three months. There are, as usual, 6 in all but only one in August (16th). This is because experience shows that other responsibilities (e.g. grandchildren) intervene. However I do hope that you will support Edward's Green Lane Circular to Butterleigh with the reward at the end of refreshment at Bickleigh Mill.

Do join us.

Trevor

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- **9.21 train Tuesday, 4th July – INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA)**

Crediton Circular

7 miles

Catch train to Crediton from Central (9.21) or St David's (9.27)

Start from Crediton railway station after the train gets in at about 9.37 am. Walk to Posbury, Gunstone Mill; lunch at Middle Hollacombe (chez Tom) at about 1pm and then back to the station for the 3.30 pm train.

No need for packed Lunch!

Tom

- **10.30, Friday, 14 July – BASTILLE DAY (France)**

Linear walk to Dunsford for lunch at the ROYAL OAK

5.5 miles

Meet 10.30 at the Old Vicarage, Longdown. Take the road to Longdown and 1/4 mile after the Lamb INN take the road on the RIGHT. (Explorer114 ; 862908) The Old Vicarage is the second drive on the right with plenty of parking space.

Out of back garden and cross country (50/50 footpaths ,quiet back roads) to Dunsford for lunch at Royal Oak.

On the day transport will be arranged to take enough drivers back to Longdown to collect cars to bring the group back .

David Kernick

David (a local GP) has recently retired from the Medical School and has generously offered to lead a lunch walk from his home at Longdown.

- **10.30, Tuesday, 25 July**

Kennick Reservoir to Steps Bridge

7 miles

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at 10.30 at the car park at Steps Bridge. (OL28: 803 883)

Starting at Kennick Reservoir and finishing at Steps Bridge (6 miles) via Bridford. All downhill with plenty of shade but requiring all cars to meet at Steps Bridge and some then used to take people to Kennick and obviously the remaining cars to return to Kennick from Steps Bridge.

Options would be coffee at the Bridford Inn and tea at the Dunsford tearooms.

Tom

- **10.30, Wed, 16 August**

Bickleigh – Butterleigh Circular

5-6 miles

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

A 5-6 mile circular Green Lane walk from Bickleigh to Butterleigh and back. It is described in Valerie Belsey's book Exploring Green Lanes. The Tiverton bus can take us to Bickleigh, e.g. 9.45 55B service from Exeter arrives 10.29, fairly frequent buses to return.

Edward

- **10.30, Monday, 4 Sept** **'Almost the second half of Green Circle'** **5-6 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

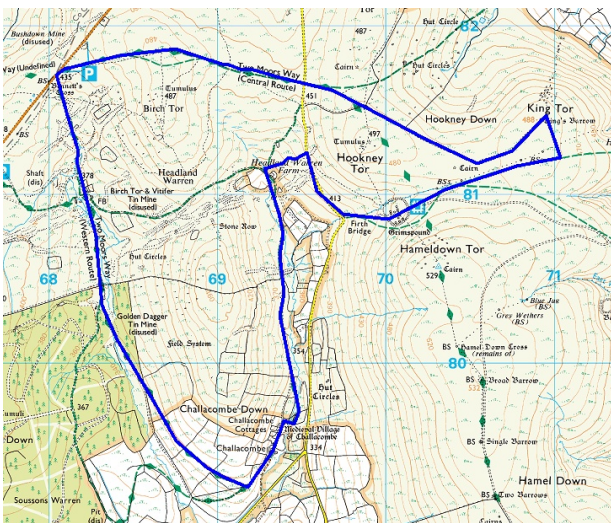
Meet at Statue of General Bullers at 10:30 (convenient bus stops, and possibly car parking).
 Join Green Circle across Bury Meadow to Hoopern Valley, through campus (steady uphill!).
 Coffee at Duryard Valley.

Through Pennsylvania, Mincinglake Valley, Lunch near Polsloe Bridge/Hamlin Lane fields
 Finish at Topsham Road by the bus stop at Crematorium.

David & Tina

- **10.30, Thursday, 21 Sept** **Bennett's Cross (Dartmoor)** **6.5 miles**
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at the car park at Bennett's Cross (Ref: OL28 683 819)



This is a 6.5 mile walk from Bennett's Cross. It's a walk that can be increased to 8.5 miles if the group that attends would prefer a longer walk.

The possible extension would drop down to Heathercombe, through the plantation to Natworthy Gate and return to Grimspound via the RAF Memorial Stone.

Pete

RECENT WALKS 2017



18 April

A period of silent contemplation at this lunch stop was broken by an incoming text announcing the election on June 8th. The stunned silence resumed at 22.01 on the same day.



28 April

The Keble seat above Newton Poppleford



8 May

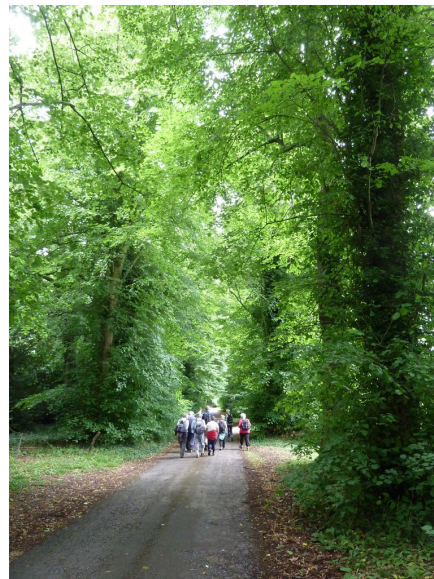
Dartmoor scenes on Judy's Newbridge walk



12 June

The Somerset space walk - 8 miles from the Sun to Pluto – depicts the relative positions of the planets and their size on the same scale.

The 8 miles represents the 3.7 billion miles to Pluto so that 12 inches represents 87,000 miles. Saturn is about 10 inches in diameter whilst the Sun's diameter is about 10 ft. The distance of 93,000 miles from the Sun to Earth is represented by a walk of 350 yds.



30 June

The drive to Bishop's Court, Sowton.

Thanks particularly to Jan who led a replacement walk at Fingle Bridge in late May.

Trevor