

# ***EXETER RAMBLING CLUB***

*(Affiliated to the Ramblers Association)*

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## **NEWSLETTER – JULY 2009**

Hello everyone! In our new year we now have 67 paid up members plus two life members. This represents a similar number to last year. Welcome to Michelle Richards and Phil & Jane Love. We hope you enjoy many walks with us in the future.

### **EDNA'S MEMORIAL WALK**

A total of 37 people, including members of Edna's family, enjoyed the above walks. With a choice of three routes, we enjoyed good weather and an excellent turnout. It was also a chance to reflect and remember Edna. Our thanks go to Graham for arranging the whole event and of course to his daughter Ann who excelled with her delicious scones and fruit cake! But more than that we thank Edna's family for their generous donation to our club, without whom we would not have had such a pleasurable day.

### **OTHER WALKS WITH A DIFFERENCE**

The Club has had a few walks with a difference during this quarter. Twenty of us supported the Exmoor Walking Festival and attended an organized walk from the HF Holnicote House at Selworthy, with a generous, free tea and cake provided afterwards.

Although we do mid-week walks using public transport, usually led by Sylvia, Graham recently arranged a Sunday walk using the newly published 'Tarka Line Walks' booklet. This was produced by way of encouraging leisure travellers to use the train as a means of exploring the beauty of the surrounding countryside. This was also well supported and thanks again to Graham.

### **SICK PARADE!**

After a couple of setbacks Pam B is now making good progress. Ron is taking life easy at home for a few months before the hospital want to see him again. Barbara's eye op. was successful and Terry has received much more encouraging news after an anxious few weeks. Our sincere good wishes go to them all.

### **HOLIDAY**

Twelve members plus a friend enjoyed a short break in the Cotswolds last week. We were extremely lucky with the weather as it improved for our arrival and we drove back during heavy rain. Tetbury proved to be a very pleasant and interesting town to explore during our outward journey and during the return journey, some did an extra walk whilst others visited a National Trust property. Our days at Bourton-on-the-Water included a visit to Blenheim Palace and all its grandeur. HF often have a fun idea attached to holidays and ours was to design a boat made from scrap and to race them down the shallow river at Bourton, for a distance of three bridges. We attracted a significant crowd of puzzled onlookers! Barbara and her friend Carol won the best design, but when it came to 'seaworthiness' Pete's & my version of the QE2 was more like the Titanic – back to the drawing board!

### **NEXT HOLIDAY**

You will recall in the last newsletter I mentioned a break for us in 2010 and the need to reserve places early in order to get what we want. After exploring several possibilities we are now in a position to offer a 4 night break based in Shropshire, staying at the Longmynd Hotel at Church Stretton. We have booked direct with the hotel as this offers much better value than going through a big company. The Longmynd specialise in holidays for all sorts of groups. They supply walk leaders and we shall have the choice of two walks, a long and short, on each day. Further details are on the booking form.

SUMMER BREAK – 2010

DATE: Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, for 4 nights

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Dinner, bed & breakfast, staying at the LongMynd Hotel, a 3 star family run hotel at Church Stretton. (www.longmynd.co.uk) I have a leaflet from the hotel which I shall carry with me on walks, plus a sample menu for groups (vegetarians well catered for). All rooms are en-suite, have a TV, central heating and tea/coffee making facilities. It also has an outdoor heated pool. The hotel supplies packed lunches – a simpler one at £4 and a ‘Walkers’ Lunch’ at £6. Of course you are free to bring your own nibbles, or you may want to share the larger lunch with someone else. It contains a baguette, drink, fruit, cake, crisps and a choccy bar!

On the outward (Monday) journey Pete and Pat will lead two walks in The Malvern Hills.

During our stay there will be two different levels of walk on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The walk leaders are insured for public liability but participants should take out their own holiday insurance as per usual. The walk leaders will be exclusively ours.

On the return journey (Friday) there are National Trust properties in the area to break your journey.

**COST:** **£292.50 PER PERSON.** This is based on 25 people. If we get fewer it will be slightly dearer, more and it will be cheaper! The above will be plus fuel. (The journey + our usual car sharing to and from walks – total estimated at current rates to be approx £35).

ADMIN. To secure a place please send a deposit of £25 per person to me at 7 St Anne’s Place, Silvertown, EX5 4NH. **No later than Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

I have provisionally booked 25 places but more are available. These include all **7 available single rooms** which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

You can even state a preference for a room with a bath or a shower and The hotel can’t absolutely guarantee this but will do their best to accommodate your wishes.

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Please reserve me a place on the summer break, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, at the Longmynd Hotel. I enclose my deposit of **£25. Please make your cheque payable to Teddesley Leisure Ltd.** **The balance of £267.50 will be payable by 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.**

Name(Please print)..... I prefer a bath/shower (delete as applicable)  
I am prepared to share/prefer a single room