

### **Saturday 19th April**

#### **To Cranbrook Castle - Butterdon and return.**

This is a leisurely walk using footpaths to Cranbrook Castle, an Iron Age hill fort, from which there is a fine panoramic view of northern Dartmoor and over North Devon. The return route uses lanes and footpaths with pleasant views of the surrounding countryside.

4-5 miles. Meet at 10am at Moretonhampstead Car Park SX 752861.

Contact: *John Howell (01626) 879770.*

### **Tuesday 22nd April**

#### **Basic Botany – Plant Identification**

Former English Nature site manager Phil Page will lead a guided walk through Yarner Wood and on Trendlebere Down. The walk is designed to provide guidance on identification of the common plants that are to be found in these environments. Phil will also talk about the ecology of each species and outline their contribution to the local habitat.

The walk starts at 2pm from the Yarner Wood car park (SX 785788) and will last about 2 hours. **Places are limited so please call the DPA office on 01822 890646 to book a place.**

### **Sunday 27th April**

#### **Parliament & Gunpowder !**

We start by visiting Crockern Tor, ancient seat of the Stannary Parliaments and Tinner's justice. Then over to Powdermills to explore the remains of the gunpowder business. We then climb to Higher White Tor, and return to our start point via Eden Philipotts favourite tor, Longaford, and the classic stunted woodland growth of Wistman's Wood.

6-7 miles. Meet at 10 am at Two Bridges quarry car park (SX 609750). Bus 82 stops at Two Bridges. Contact: *Val Barns (01837 840123)*



## **Events and Walks Jan – April 2008**

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Archaeology Ancient & Modern. Princetown Rifle Range, Hart Tor, Leeden Tor, Swell Tor.**

About 6-7 miles

Meet at DNPA car park Princetown SX589735 at 10:15am. (leader arriving by no 82 bus from Plymouth about 9:46am)  
Contact *Russell Steer (07928 522994)*

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Shaugh Moor – land that the DPA helped to save from burial under china-clay waste.**

Beatland Corner, Shaugh Moor, Saddleborough, Hawks Tor, Wotter Radar Station. Easy moorland; Bronze Age landscape with field system, settlements, cairns and stone row, as well as more recent bound stones & WW2 archaeology, all overlooked by a large china-clay waste tip !

About 4 miles, 3-4 hours

Meet at 11:00am at the hard standing on NE side of the road between Wotter & Beatland Corner SX550622. Buses 58 & 59 but check times.  
Contact *Bob Bruce (01752 837564)*

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Visit to Venford Water Treatment Works**

The dam at Venford reservoir was completed in 1907, submerging the deep valley of Venford Bottom. In 1996 substantial works were carried out to the water treatment plant (in spite of objections launched at the time by the DPA). Paul Rendell will lead a guided walk around the reservoir which will include a visit inside the water treatment works, hosted by SWW. This will provide a good opportunity to understand some of the technicalities of water supply and also to re-assess the effect of the development in 1996. After the visit to the works the walk will proceed to the head of the reservoir to look at the remains of the longhouse, visible now that the bracken has been removed (by the DPA). There will be some DPA members on site carrying out a survey of the longhouse. **Numbers are limited and places must be booked through the DPA Office in Princetown.**

### **Thursday 14th February**

#### **Some moorland fringe areas & some new access land.**

Erme valley, King's Gutter, Harford Bridge, Burford Down, New Waste, Hanger Down, Henlake Down. Paths, woodland & easy moorland; geology, swimming pool, leat, hydro-power & Bronze Age archaeology. About 8 miles, 5-6 hours.

Meet at 10:00am at roadside parking below the Ivybridge railway viaduct SX635568.

Contact Bob Bruce (01752 837564)

### **Tuesday 19th February**

#### **Visit to Imerys China-Clay workings at Lee Moor**

In 2006 Imerys announced their intention to cease china-clay operations in Devon. More recently we have learned that the Lee Moor pit will continue working under lease to WBB Minerals. On the afternoon of February 19th, by kind permission of Imerys, there will be an opportunity for DPA members to tour the Lee Moor workings and see for themselves the methods used by Imerys to extract and refine china-clay. The visit will be hosted by Andy Bond, manager of Devon Hydrous Operations and promises to provide a fascinating insight into this industry. **Numbers are limited and places must be booked through the DPA Office in Princetown.**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **A longer walk – 12 cists (better than 10 tors!).**

Drizzle Combe, Plym Steps, Langcombe Valley, Grim's Grave, Plym Ford, Eylesbarrow, Two Brothers' Adit. Open moorland; tin working, and Bronze Age archaeology.

About 9 miles, 6-7 hours

Meet at 10:00am at Gutter Tor car park SX578673.

Contact Bob Bruce (01752 837564)

### **Sunday 30th March**

#### **A Walk beside the East Okement River**

If the spring flowers are out this is a particularly enjoyable, leisurely, spring time walk through the woodlands up the East Okement valley. There are fine views of North Devon as we descend to the Moorgate and you will pass Fitz Well, with its cross, on the return route.

Fatherford Viaduct - Cullever Steps - Moorgate – Fitz Well & cross - Klondyke Corner - and return.

About 6 miles. Meet at 10am at Okehampton Youth Hostel Car Park SX 592944 Contact: John Howell (01626) 879770.

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

#### **Lunch at the Warren House Inn and walk it off afterwards !**

We will meet at the Warren House Inn at 12:30pm for a pub lunch. After lunch we will have a reasonably easy walk through the Golden Dagger Mine, via Dinah's House to Challacombe Down and will return via Headland Warren Farm.

About 4.5 miles. Contact: - Mike Collier (01752 217610)

### **Thursday 10th April**

#### **Exploring the past at Burrator**

Paul Rendell has researched and written extensively about the old farms in the Burrator area. This walk will visit several of the ruins and Paul will provide a description of their past. The walk will also take in some tin workings.

About 6 miles / 3 hours. Meet at 10am in large car park at far end of reservoir, Norsworthy Bridge (SX 569 692)  
Contact: Paul Rendell (01837 54727)