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# Ramble List & News

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Dear Ramblers,

We have had another busy quarter with lots of good rambles and events. I am pleased to report that I have not heard of any broken ankles, wrist or falls. However I did hear of a ramble leader who whilst on a walkout was bitten on his backside by an aggressive dog. Thankfully our ramble leader was not badly bitten.

I cannot sing the praises of our ramble leaders enough as they do a great job. There is a lot of time and preparation that goes into preparing for a walk. This quarter I thought that I would have a go at doing a walkout. It was then that I encountered some of the obstacles which I have so often heard of. At one point on my walkout I had to wade barefooted in water to get to a footbridge in order to cross an overflowing stream. I also encountered pathways that disappeared in woodland and found footpaths on the map which no longer exist. All in all it was quite a challenging experience.

## Past Events

Maureen Furlong recently went on a break with some of our members and I received the following write up from her:

### Hostel break in Exeter

*Early in the New Year a small group of us enjoyed a very pleasant five-day break in Exeter organised by Angela Shardlow. We explored the beautiful cathedral city and made several trips to surrounding areas.*

*At Exmouth, although misty we inhaled fresh sea air; two members walked along the front to Orcombe Pont and climbed up to the Geoneedle. On one of the days Maxim O'Reilly lead a scenic coastal walk from Dawlish to Teignmouth where we found a splendid café for lunch.*

*We spent our last full day visiting the historic town of Topshan where the riverside Strand contained lovely*



Good Friday at Worth Abbey

*examples of seventeenth century Merchant Houses. Many thanks to Angela for all the organisation and everyone who contributed to making this a memorable away break and a great start to 2004.*

### English Convent Brugge

*Prayerful Christmas wishes and New Year Greetings were received from Sister Mary Aline and Sisters of the English Convent.*

### Video Day

The video afternoon on 14 February was a day enjoyed by many. There were 17 of us that gathered to watch **Brother Sun Sister Moon**. It was not only an enjoyable video but also one that gave us plenty to talk about.

The **Good Friday Walk**, which homed in on Worth Abbey for the Service in the afternoon, was well attended. There were 27 of us on the short walk and 7 on the long walk. When we completed the walk at Three Bridges there was a number of us who decided to have a meal and drink before being homeward bound.

For a number of years our Club members have attended Worth Abbey on Good Friday and some of

us would like to try a different place next year. Any suggestions for an alternative place would be gratefully received.

### Day of Recollection 7 March 2004

This day of prayer and reflection was well attended and gave us a lot to think about. In the morning Fr. Peter Newby talked about a piece of scripture. After lunch we attended Mass which included bidding prayers.

In the afternoon Fr Peter then talked about conscience and how important it is to be guided by the scriptures. After the meeting many of the group then went to Wetherpoons for food and drink where there were further discussions on the day.

### Easter Break in Whitby 10 to 17 April 2004.

Maurice Hickman had 11 in his group and had a great week in the splendour of the Yorkshire countryside with frequent stops at different pubs to sample the different ales.

