

## Days out and visits and some Considerations

Firstly, **the format of the day out; all** day with a dinner at the end it seems to be too long for most folk so possibly plan for an afternoon with a dinner out or simply a day out and have dinner on another day.

**Reconnaissance** this is really important to check the distances that people need to walk as all members are getting older and not everybody can do long hikes. Also need to be aware of the weather conditions, too hot, rainy or too cold will make a difference of choice. It's beyond control but just needs to factor it in.

Factors to consider

Distance for travel

Cost of entry or activity

General interest

Opportunity for meal or decent coffee break

There are many National Trust properties, and most folk thought they could do with another visit. Killerton, Knightshayes, Saltram, Colleton Fishacre were thought to be viable prospects.

Dartington Hall, glass factory with a meal on the moor.

Walking quiz of Topsham with a meal on the key for example. Exeter quay or historic parts

Cadhay House

Carriage works at Colton

Dartmouth in a boat trip and the steam train. Greenaway, but need to check walking required

Darts farm with a walk to Topsham perhaps

Foot golf

A cooked breakfast out goes down well

Horse-racing meeting, maybe at Haldon or Newton Abbott

Tiverton Canal with Tiverton Castle

Weymouth and Abbotsbury for a day out

Stuart Line cruise meal for evening, they can provide a very good buffet and are amenable to organised music

Force Abbey

Pollock hill and Lynmouth

Chagford goldmine

Classic car rally

Quince Honey Farm

### Places to eat around Exmouth

The Point. Beach hotel. Imperial Hotel. Franklins upstairs Kings Arms, Otterton

Darren England's outside catering. Maybe this could be had at somewhere like Knowle Village Hall with some sort of entertainment

Day out at Plymouth, Plymouth Gin factory, a boat trip around the bay and dinner at the Royal Hotel

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