

# Ancient Tree Forum – Devon Group – Activity in 2006

## **Field meetings 2006:**

- Saltram Park (National Trust), 30 May, a Tuesday evening;
- Escot Park (Jean Michel & Lucy Kennaway), 30 August;
  - Lunchtime Reception for ‘Great Trees of East Devon’ project - a local East Devon District Council initiative to discover ancient and heritage trees - with councillors, tree wardens, tree owners, press, etc;
    - East Devon’s Great Trees now selected and images available on cd and poster produced
  - ATF Devon event in afternoon, led by Simon Major, tour of grounds concentrating on tree surgery on ancient trees;
- Parke (Dartmoor National Park & National Trust) & Bovey Valley Woods (Woodland Trust), 22 November.

## **Planned field meetings for 2007:**

- Clovelly Park (Hon. John Rous), 23 March

## **Other activities:**

- The Editor of the local CLA publication has offered to carry a regular feature about ancient trees and Devon ATF – Kate Tobin will be the Devon ATF link.
- East Devon Wildlife Conference at Escot 15 October included workshops on ‘wildlife in ancient trees’ (led by Keith Alexander) and ‘biodiversity in orchards’ (led by Anita Burrough). The KA workshop included recording trees for the Ancient Tree Hunt.
- KA presented a talk on ‘Life in Old Trees’ to the Bovey Tracey group of the Devon Wildlife Trust, 13 December.

Keith Alexander, 8 January 2007