



THE ANCIENT TREE FORUM
Devon Group Report

Proposed Meeting and Venues

The following meetings are proposed in the country.

Feb/March Powderham

KT doesn't know anyone connected with this site.

30 May 2006 Saltram House, Nr Plymouth

Tuesday 30th May - Evening visit to Saltram House, Nr Plymouth, The National Trust are kindly hosting an evening visit to the parkland at Saltram House near Plymouth. John Banfield, the warden for Saltram, will guide us round this site which has some impressive ancient trees.

Please meet at the main car park at 7pm. From the A38, head for the Marsh Mills roundabout outside Plymouth and then take the road for Plympton. There are brown signs off this road directing you to Saltram.

Terrain will be easy going but walking boots are advised. Mobile contact on the night will be 07734 568949. If you would like to attend please contact Kate Tobin below:-

17 June 2006 Veteran Trees Training Day

This day is hosted by the Neroche Landscape Partnership Scheme and the venue will be close to the Somerset/Devon border. Ted Green and Jill Butler will be there, as well as consultants who are currently carrying out a veteran tree survey for the project. This event will be free - Ring Gavin Saunders on 01823 680 846 to book places.

August Escot

Proposed joint meeting with Arb Association and including a demo - KT /Simon Major to organise.

22 Nov 2006 ATF Visit to Dartmoor

We will meet at 10 for 10.30am at Parke, HQ for Dartmoor National Park, in Bovey Tracey. We will spend the morning looking at how the National Trust manage this historic landscape which has several very prominent ancient trees which are beginning to shed limbs. Brian Beasley, DNP tree officer, and Gus Fergusson, National Trust, will be leading us round the site. Bring a packed lunch since there is no restaurant on site.

In the afternoon, James Mason from the Woodland Trust will take us up the Bovey Valley to look at ancient trees in woodland and PAWS woodland restoration work being carried out here. The afternoon will involve strenuous walking over rough terrain and there will be limited parking, so we may need to share vehicles.

Please let me know if you would like to come or **book via the ATF website**. I have attached notes from our visit to Escot in August, which was attended by around 60 people, on the Devon ATF home page.

I look forward to seeing some of you at Parke for what should be a great day. KT

23 Mar 2007 We have been invited to Clovelly by the Hon. John Rous, where we will spend the whole day looking at this fantastic site. Many thanks to Tom Hynes for setting this up

As both Cornwall and the Neorche Prohect in Somerset have events in the spring, KT has tried to choose an early date and venue that dosen't clash with theirs.

The parkland inventory

KT says:

"The parkland inventory that KA mentioned to KT in an email sounds like a great idea but KT dosen't know what it would involve in terms of coordination and collating data. KT wishes to discuss this properly via email or through meeting."

Need for expert assistance

KT would welcome some expert input within the next 4 – 8 weeks (both in the Shute area).

PR/articles

KT notes there is a need for a strategy for PR and articles to ensure that information is in the most important magazines.

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