

Well, never let it be said that COVID put the ROBOTs out of business. A rather fine Talaton Inn meal in July was followed on 12<sup>th</sup> August with a fine walk. Fine scenery and fine weather.

Starting at Darts Farm twelve brave souls followed the Exmouth Cycle Trail briefly and then branched off over the wooden bridge crossing the River Clyst with views of the Bowling Green Marshes. Plenty of reed but few birds visible from the viewing areas – oh, no, there was a solitary heron. Better viewing a wee bit further on from the bird hide seeing many Canadian Geese, amongst others. Further on again we made a short detour to an outdoor viewing platform with excellent views over the marshland where the River Clyst meets the River Exe. Onwards to edge along the estuary on Goat Walk and out on to Topsham Quay. Unfortunately, the walk leader had omitted to check the opening times of the Topsham Museum, a visit to which had been planned. Luckily, there was a wonderful coffee house on the Quay and here the group partook of light refreshment – there was the odd serving of scone and cream which just about qualified for light refreshment.

The walk continued through the quaint streets of Topsham to eventually exit on the main road where a slow amble past the Bridge Inn brought us safely back to Darts Farm where, with about 4 miles under our belts and a full complement of ROBOTs, we sat in the sun and sorted out the problems of the world over our respective picnics.

A good day was had by all, and more are planned. Interested in joining the Retired Old Boys of Talaton? Contact the Secretary, Andy Bratt at [andybratt1@gmail.com](mailto:andybratt1@gmail.com)

