

# Devon Historic Churches Day, incorporating Ride+Stride 2014

## Press Release

Devon is an amazing place to live – how lucky we are to have such wonderful countryside and coastline – added to which are our communities with parish churches at their heart. This makes the **Ride+Stride** event one of the most enjoyable activities imaginable in which to raise funds – and to support the valuable work of the Devon Historic Churches Trust in providing grants for our glorious, but vulnerable architectural gems.

Each year the DHCT produces a Guide to Open Churches (with postcodes and ‘facilities’!) showing all the churches open, arranged in geographical groupings, so you can plan your day, visiting churches by whatever means you wish, gaining sponsorship or sending a donation, nominating a church of your choice to benefit from 50% of your contribution.

- **The Guide to Open Churches** – can be found on the DHCT website: [www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk](http://www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk)
- Donations/sponsorship details are also available on the website, including links to Justgiving.

Or Text **DHCT01 70070**

which will automatically contribute £5 plus gift aid if you wish.

A small sample of events being organised:

### **Powderham Church, Kenn Deanery. EX6 8JJ**

Cream Teas during the afternoons of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September with a Power Point display of the recent visit to the Church by Their Royal Highnesses the Earl & Countess of Wessex in support of the DHCT. This was a truly memorable occasion and the cream tea celebration will re-create that historic day in June this year.

### **Kingsteignton Church, Newton Abbot Deanery. TQ12 3ST**

A celebration of Creative Talents that so enrich our communities, with Painters, Knitters, Crochet Makers, Wool Spinning, Model Making, Cross Stitching, Flower Arranging and hopefully a Lacemaker for you to enjoy and participate.

There will also be tower visits, lunch and historical photographs. Altogether a day not to be missed.

### **Teignmouth East: Kenn Deanery. TQ14 8SZ**

10am Coffee morning with concert by Red Rock Harmony, followed by light lunch

3pm South Devon Singers followed by cream teas

Wow – this does sound fun!



### **Hike from Hartland Quay to Tintagel**

Ronald Somerville (aged 84!) and friends: 37 miles through the most challenging section of the SW Coastal Path – very beautiful, through coombe valleys and vertical drops to the sea.

*And Breaking News.....*

**WANTED: kindly folk to sponsor (and join if wish) our intrepid Explorer on Exmoor's edge**

Steve Baber for the 'nth' year running will be Striding Out – uphill, downhill and 'round every corner' to hidden parts of stunning North Devon. Matched funding available up to £50.

**Text DHCT08 to 70070 to donate £5.**