



## DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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### Devon Historic Churches Day

#### The Worlingtons were wonderful – again.....

Steve Baber led The Charge again, supported so superbly by our Churchwardens Patrick Brook and Ray Bassingthwaighe with Michael Wall venturing into 'Outer Limits' all to raise funds for our Devon churches. There is clearly something very special about living in Worlington that gives so many of our residents the energy to go the extra mile for so many good causes – and for the many who have supported them with sponsorship for their endeavours.

As County Organiser I was 'out and about' (by car of course!) with visits to various churches. Each year I choose a different area of the county and this year most of it was spent in Cadbury Deanery – starting with an 8am visit to Kennerleigh Church – then Sandford and Crediton before spending time with churches in central Exeter which were taking part in their annual Pilgrimage – the highlight of which was at the Cathedral where Bishop Martin Shaw entertained us amusingly as always over some splendid refreshments. Back on the road for me, with a visit to Cheriton Fitzpaine, Stockleigh English, Wolfardisworthy, Morchard Bishop and Lapford before crossing the border into the South Molton Deanery to visit Chulmleigh where they were not only held a coffee morning but also in the afternoon some exciting abseiling from the church tower. I then visited Chawleigh before returning to our Worlingtons.

Altogether a most rewarding day, giving me the opportunity to meet good folk in each location and discuss the challenges they had with maintaining their churches – but everyone I met was happy and supportive - despite the heavy showers. I was interviewed by the press and had my photo taken and on the homeward journey stopped to offer a lift to a gentleman I found striding purposefully along well into his 'nth' mile of the day, with many more to go.....he nobly resisted my tempting offer of a lift to ease his journey – but as I drove away leaving him to his marathon I reflected on how much Steve does to support our Worlingtons in so many ways – and always with a smile and plenty of good cheer. So I give him a Big Cheer – and to those others who give their time and talents so generously to nurture the heart of our communities.



Bishop Martin and walkers with JK at the Cathedral.



Chulmleigh having fun.....

*Judith Kauntze*