

DARTMOOR STROLL – Wednesday 24th June

A morning with friends on a journey through time

Although we were aware of the forthcoming threat of heat exhaustion we decided to proceed, completing our short journey by midday.



Dunnabridge Pound
SX 6474



Our gathering of 15 History Group members came together at the Bronze Age Pound of Dunnabridge. Initially containing a settlement it then became a stock pound on into Mediaeval times. In the late 18th Century the granite shelter was brought here from nearby Crockern Tor where it had been the 'Judge's Throne' of the tanners Stannery Parliament. Until recently this pound has served its community for a span of at least 5,000 years!



Laughter Tor & Menhir
SX 6575



From Dunnabridge we took the ancient trackway towards Laughter Hole on the East Dart, turning North towards Laughter (*Lough*) Tor, 420 metres, set above its Bronze Age Menhir, or Standing Stone. Between Standing Stone and Tor is the wonderfully named and simplistic 'Sheep measure', created during the 19th century to assist in the marketing of same!

Having returned to Dunnabridge for noon, we made our way to the Two Bridges Hotel. Originally built as the *Saracen's Head Coaching Inn* on the newly constructed Turnpike (1774), between Moretonhampstead and Tavistock. Its creator was Sir Francis Buller of nearby Prince Hall, and, Lord of the Manor of Churston Ferrers! An apt watering hole for the conclusion of an enjoyable stroll together. *John Risdon*

