



Llama walks on Peak Hill

By Andrea Bishop

LAMAS have always fascinated Maggie Jee, so when an elderly horse died, she bought two rather unique new pets.

Maggie's interest in llamas began when she saw an advert for "llama walking" whilst on a holiday visit to Castle Drogo. After spending the afternoon learning

about and leading the animals, she soon became hooked and is now the proud owner of eight male llamas.

Maggie, who currently works part-time at The Donkey Sanctuary at Salcombe Regis has recently set-up "Peak Hill Llamas". Based on a 330-acre beef and sheep farm just outside of Sidmouth, "Peak Hill Llamas" offers people the chance to take the llamas for a walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Although Maggie is still developing the venture adding new ideas as she goes along, she currently offers "morning" walks, which include a tea, coffee and muffin picnic, "afternoon" walks, which include delicious cream teas and has recently been requested to conduct longer walks, to include a buffet meal.

She also has ideas about developing unique "Llama Experience" days in the future, and has already entertained a local Scouting group with a visit to the farm.

The walks take around two-and-a-half hours, although shorter routes can be arranged. Maggie comments: "Llamas are the nosiest animals I have ever come across... they stop and stare at everything around them, so its two-and-a-half hours at llama pace."

Strolling up and around Peak Hill, the panoramic views are sensational, with Hay Tor and Portland often sighted. Contrary to popular belief, the llamas are not aggressive animals, happily carrying the small bags of food required for the trips.

"Peak Hill Llamas" is still in its early stages of development and Maggie is happy to take any suggestions and will try to accommodate all needs.



▼ LLAMA LAND: Maggie Jee (owner) pictured with three of her llamas and Nikki Harris, Simon Blackledge and his mother Wendy
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