

Caernarfon & Dwyfor Ramblers

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CAERNARFON & DWYFOR RAMBLERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held at the
ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL, LLANBERIS
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
7pm for a 7.30 start

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last AGM on 9/11/17
4. Matters Arising
5. The demise of the Bangor and Bethesda Group
6. Data protection
7. Walks Programme
8. Officer Reports
 - Chair - Dafydd Jones
 - Vice Chair - Dave Woods
 - Treasurer - Guto Parry
 - Walks Programme Coordinator - Roy Milnes
 - Website Manager - Roy Milnes
 - Social Secretary - Joan Glass
 - Footpath Secretary and Tim Taclo Llwybra (footpath maintenance group) Coordinator - Graham Fitch
9. Election/Re-election of Officers
10. Any other business

In addition to the officers listed above the following current committee members are willing to continue: - Margaret Lowe (Secretary), John Hammond, Wendy Pearson, Maggi Barry. Also Val Kressman (Membership Secretary) and Graham Fitch are willing to continue in their current posts without being on the committee.

Following the AGM, there will be refreshments and a chance to socialise, with the bar open - a successful format last year.

The current committee comprises: -

Dafydd Jones (Chair)

Dave Woods (Vice-chair and Publicity Officer)

Guto Parry (Treasurer)

Margaret Lowe (Secretary)

Joan Glass (Social Secretary)

Roy Milnes (Webmaster and Walks Programme)

John Hammond

Wendy Pearson

Maggi Barry

Hefina Rowley

who are aided by: -

Val Kressman (Membership Secretary)

Graham Fitch (Footpath Secretary and Tim Taclo Llwybrau [footpath maintenance volunteers] Organizer).

All are willing to continue, but Joan wishes to step down from organizing our social programme.

We welcome nominations for any of the above posts. Please let Margaret (ph 01286 660370; margaretlowewales@btinternet.com) know by 11/11/18. We would also like to hear from you if interested in joining our committee or have any suggestions for future walks, long or short, or ideas for social events.

Following the winding up of the Bangor and Bethesda Group, we have invited their members to join us. We need a new name. Your suggestions please to Margaret by 11th.

LOGO

Earlier this year Roy asked for ideas for a group logo. See my rough sketch on the last page, as a suggestion (needs some artistic work!).

Dave

SOCIAL EVENTS

After C&D Group members spent a brilliant night at the Galeri watching Bohemian Rhapsody, preceded by a meal at Table Table, there's another evening coming up when we could repeat the format! But first of all we have our AGM,

Thursday, November 15 AGM 7pm for a 7.30 start at the Royal Victoria Hotel Llanberis.

A good turnout would be great, Bangor and Bethesda members are invited to join us and we look forward to choosing a new name! Chat and refreshments to follow.

Friday, November 16 - Reel Rock 7.30 at the Galeri

If it's as good as last year, you will be holding your breath at the extremes some people go to achieve their climbing, skiing, cycling ambitions. Mind boggling!

We could meet at Table Table again beforehand or in the Galari foyer for a drink and chat.

Sunday, December 16 - 12.30 our annual Christmas Lunch at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis. Please book direct with Guto, 01286 872746, an exceptional meal is guaranteed.

Joan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chatting to Jesse James on Grahams Slate Trail walk last week, I heard about the damage his bunkhouse had suffered during the recent storm. Definitely one of life's characters, and with a bunkhouse that has evolved over the decades, it was him that had been up on the roof repairing the damage. Then later I heard that Jesse had turned 87 the day before the walk. A lot of years, with many mountaineering adventures and tales to tell along the way.

So I had in mind buying a cake for him when we got back to the café at Moel y Ci, and surprising him with a group rendition of Penblydd Hapus y chi. But he did a runner (more slates to fix?), leaving before many reached the café - shame! So now, a belated Happy Birthday Jesse, on behalf of all your friends in the Ramblers.

Dave

TRAVEL DESK

Free to borrow -Tom Tom Satnav for USA and Canada (except for September 2019). Also car battery trickle charger. Contact Roy 07721 592892

UPCOMING WALKS

8 November An Anglesey beach and forest walk today, as leader Mickey (01286 673932) leads us through Newborough Forest to the Cefni estuary. Meet 10am at Llyn Rhos Ddu CP (BS nearby) SH 427646 for this 8.5 mile D grade walk. (C&D walk)

11 November For today's hill and seaside walk join leader Margaret (01286 660370) at 10.15am at Clynnog Fawr CP/BS (SH 415497) for a 5 mile C grade walk, with views over Caernarfon Bay to Anglesey. (C&D walk)

17 November Back to the mountains for a walk to Yr Aran via the Watkin Path, a 6 mile B grade walk. Meet at Pont Bethania layby (SH 626505), CP/BS nearby, at 10.30am. Leader Pearl 01248 851117 (YM walk)

22 November Meet the others at a 10am meet at Dolwyddelan CP/BS (SH 737522) for a car shuttle to the Crimea Pass, prior to a 7 mile grade C walk back to Dolwyddelan. Leader Jacky 01654 761561 (ME walk)

28 November Join leader Graham (01248 670778) at 10.15am in Llandygai (SH 598708) for a circular 7 mile grade D walk to Half Way Bridge. (C&D walk).

A fresh start in Y Fron

Canolfan Y Fron officially opened on Friday October 19th.

Y Fron is a lovely little Welsh village in the mountains. It is at the end of a road that goes nowhere, and since the decline of the slate industry had little going for it. It's post war history is a familiar one of diminishing resources. The shops, chapels and the final nail for the community, the school, Ysgol Bronyfoel, closed three years ago.

A small group of people researched the future and asked the whole village for their views. Some sort of community provision came up first. So the long journey for planning and grants began. It soon became clear that there is no free provision so the Community Centre has to pay its own way. The provision of holiday accommodation, a shop and a café, seemed just right.

Now two years later following a successful application to the big lottery fund, the community vision has been realized. Three community rooms, a beautiful conservatory Café overlooking the Nantlle Ridge. Eighteen luxury bunkhouse style beds, all rooms en suite. Two kitchens, one for the café and one for the self catering guests. A television lounge and eating area for the visitors, and a treatment room for visiting specialists. All done to the highest specifications with lots of energy saving features. Air source heat pumps supply the under floor heating. A 12kw array of solar panels, defray the energy costs. Also really looking to the future four

electric hook ups for electric cars. The Canolfan is right on the route for the Pilgrims Way, The Slate Trail and the Four Valleys Path. Do try us out for a panad on one of the C&D walks.

Yes there is a spanking new web site, www.canolfanyfron.org

Edmund Plaxton

