

Caernarfon & Dwyfor Newsletter – February 2018

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RAMBLERS GENERAL Council – BANGOR 7 and 8 APRIL

Delegates from Wales and England will be attending this gathering at Bangor University. It is usual for the groups in the meeting area (that's us and Bangor/Bethesda) to help with arrangements. The meetings take place on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and help is needed for hosting the registration and information desk, scrutineers and tellers for voting, and timekeepers for debates. A couple of short local walks for the Saturday morning are also usually arranged. If you can spare some time that weekend it would be much appreciated by the organisers. Please contact our chairman Dafydd to discuss. davidgrant55@hotmail.co.uk

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SOCIALS

Hi everyone, here's a little reminder of events where we can meet up and socialise without having to walk and get wet!! Apologies to begin with, the date for the Banff Film Festival at Venue Cymru is **Friday 16th February** NOT Thursday 15th as stated in previous newsletters! To make more of the evening, and perhaps having used the opportunity for a bit of retail therapy, we aim to meet up at 5.30pm for a meal at the Premier Inn, which is on the Little Orme a mile or so east along the promenade. .

There is also another film festival in Galeri Caernarfon on **Thursday 22nd February**. This time it's the Kendal Mountain Festival, usually with guest speakers. It starts at 7.30 though we usually arrive about 7pm for a drink and chat. These film festivals are a real eye opener to the skill, expertise and mind boggling antics performed on sheer rock faces, on bikes, skis, horseback and much more by both men and women. Extremely entertaining.

Then in March there is our annual Quiz Night at the Snowdonia Parc Hotel, Waunfawr, on **Thursday 8th March**. Meet from 6pm for those who wish to have a meal beforehand, with the quiz starting at 8pm. The extremely high standard of quizzes set by Derek and Wendy will not, I'm afraid, be achieved! But an excellent fun evening is guaranteed. Wendy has very kindly offered to send a couple of sheets of questions and I'll provide more, so come along, as I said earlier you can have a jolly good chat without walking or getting soaked! See you hopefully at one or more events.

Cheers Joan

WALK LEADERS

Its good being part of a group but if you feel that you would like to give something back to the group, would you like to help by leading a walk for us? It need not be much - a nice local walk that you are familiar with, which could be along with a more experienced leader if you wish. Please contact Roy if would like to help us.

Cheerio Roy roymilnes1@gmail.com

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THE SANDSTONE TRAIL – 6,7 and 8 JULY 2018

For this year's long summer weekend we are based at Whitchurch in Shropshire. From there we plan to walk and explore the best parts of the 34 mile long Sandstone Trail, as it passes through some of the nicest parts of Cheshire on its way north from Whitchurch to Frodsham. Anyone who knows the area will have fond memories of Beeston Castle on its lofty crag, the Peckforton Hills and Delamare Forest.

Some folk might be extending the stay in the days before or after, but we will keep to our usual weekend pattern of meeting Friday lunchtime for an afternoon walk, two full days over the weekend and then a Monday morning walk. The plan is for short easy walks, as well as longer versions to make the most of the summer days.

Accommodation is left to you to choose, there are campsites in the area (Whitchurch Marina already full), as well as accommodation in Whitchurch. If you are joining us I have a list of town accommodation that I can send you. The Sandstone Trail starts from the west of the town. We will be eating together each evening, with Guto sorting out the venues. For this reason, and for arranging transport for the walks, we need to know who is coming. Please email me soon, davewoods@toucansurf.com, if you are intending to take part. I know July is a long way away, but it seems Whitchurch is a busy place and accommodation well booked in summer.

Dave

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FORT BELAN WALK , 30 DECEMBER. – DONATIONS

Received with thanks, from Caernarfon & Dwyfor Rramblers, a cheque for £34 as a contribution to the 'Friends of Belan' restoration fund.

Jean Blundell (Acting Hon. Membs. Sec.)

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Saturday 10 February • Dinorwig Quarry – High Level

Start Time	10.00 am
Start Grid Ref.	SH 584 596
Grade	C+
Distance	5
Contact Name	Nigel
Contact No.	01248 352604
Meet	Royal Victoria Hotel rear CP (permission granted)

An uphill walk to the higher levels to see the remaining slate cutting machinery and power plant, with a welcoming pint in the Royal Vic afterwards/.

Wednesday 14 February • Mawddach Trail Linear walk

Date	
Start Time	9.50am for 9.57 train
Start Grid Ref.	SH 565 392
Grade	D
Distance	8
Contact Name	John Bowers
Contact No.	01766 514396
Meet	Porthmadog Network Rail Station

Train to Morfa Mawddach then follow the track bed of the old GW Railway to Dolgellau, to return to Porthmadog on the 15.20 Traws Cambria bus. Check for any timetable changes with John. A Julia Bradbury Railway Walk.

Sunday 18 February • Snowdrops around Criccieth

Date	
Start Time	10.30 am
Start Grid Ref.	SH 499 383
Grade	D
Distance	6.5
Contact Name	Pat and Dave
Contact No.	01766 523204
Meet	Trefais, top of Y Maes

Paths from Criccieth lead to the wooded, snowdrop clad banks of the Afon Dwyfor, with a walk along the sea shore adding to the day's attractions, not forgetting the Pat & Dave's renowned hospitality at Trefais..

Saturday 24 February Moel Smytho and Betws Garmon

Date	
Start Time	10.15 am
Start Grid Ref.	SH 527 587
Grade	C
Distance	6
Contact Name	Graham
Contact No.	01248 670778

A walk on part of the new Slate Trail up to the edge of the old Moel Tryfan quarry and returning via Betws Garmon.

