

Caernarfon & Dwyfor Ramblers

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FIST AID COURSE

Meirionnydd Group have two places available on a first aid course taking place at Blaenau Ffestiniog on Thursday , 22 May. Contact Jeff Nagle for details.

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TIM TACLO LLWYBRAU

Thank you and appreciation to all those that have attended the volunteer work days recently. This included some of our members working with the newly established Dwyfor Group of volunteers working on Bwlch Mawr, FP's 23 and 63 Clynnog. Clearly waymarked Circular walks are now in place taking in the coastal path and inland routes. On the 28th March FP15 Llandwrog was completely cleared by ten Tim Taclo volunteers of very dense obstructing vegetation, brambles, branches etc. This path is now open for use after many years of being completely obstructed. If you have not attended before please let me know and you will be kept fully informed.

LOST WAYS

Ramblers HQ in London now have on the staff a project manager (Jack Cornish) whose job is to establish what resources local volunteers need to take this work forward. Jack is on a fixed length contract but has hopes that it will be extended in due course.

"Lost ways" in this context means an old, or ancient, highway which might still be in frequent use by the public but which is not (for whatever reason) recorded on the council's Definitive Map and Statement.

We have been asked whether there are any cases which we are aware of in our area of interest. Should you be aware of any cases please let me know and I will check to see whether the path or highway is recorded on the council's "List of Streets" and the old Enclosure Maps available to us online. Some of these routes might be recorded, others not.

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C&D WEBSITE

Thanks to webmaster Roy Milnes we now have a direct link from the groups Facebook page to our own site. In addition our group walks are now shown on the Ramblers national walks data base.

LON EIFION

Gwynedd Council have withdrawn plans for a large commuters car park on land used by the Lon Eifion shared use path at the Goat roundabout, Llanwnda.

EDMUND PLAXTON

Good news from Rachel: One month into reprieve & Edmund is wonderfully recovered. His voice is back, so he could lead intercessions on Easter Sunday & sing the hymns again. The Consultant has set a scan for [May 29th](#), with results a week later. Hopefully the tumour shadows will have shrunk even further & remission will be established.

RAMBLERS COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM gathering at Bangor University on 7th & 8th April seemed a great success. Last held there in 1987, the occasion attracted around 150 people - delegates, visitors, volunteers and paid staff. In the absence of any other volunteers from C&D, Margaret and I (Dave) flew the flag for our group, finding ourselves given front row seats so that we could act as time keepers for the elections and debates. Might sound boring, but it made for an interesting few hours, in part hearing how the trustees and staff plan to deal with the challenges facing Ramblers. It also gave the two of us a great opportunity to wander through an otherwise empty, old style and in places magnificent, university building.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday 19th July at 10.30am

Come and enjoy a morning visit to Glynllifon Country Park, set in lovely countryside near Llandwrog. This will be a strolling walk, taking in the bird life and plants, following the hundred trees trail and seeing the amphitheatre and the quarrymen's memorial, all in the company of fellow members. As well as craft displays the Black Cat café is available for refreshments afterwards.

With regards to an evening beach picnic, it would be great if this could happen so I am waiting for a forecasted prolonged spell of warm sunny weather!! With our fickle mountain weather if we fix a date in advance you can guarantee it will rain so I hope to arrange a date, but it will be an impromptu announcement! Watch the Caernarfon & Dwyfor Facebook page!.

Joan

UPCOMING WALKS

Sunday 22 April – A two for the price of one day, with a 9 mile Stride walk followed by a 4 mile afternoon Stroll walk. The first group take the upper Wales Coast Path to Abergwyngregyn, the Strollers take the bus, we then all walk along the edge of the Laven Sands back to the Spinneys near Penrty Castle.

Sunday 29 April – Another NW coast day, this time a 9 mile walk in the hills around Penmaenmawr, including a walk on the Jubilee Path, a legacy from the villages days as a Victorian holiday resort.

Thursday 3 May – Meet at the lagoons on Llyn Padarn for a 6 mile loop on the hillside leading up to the impressive Glyn Rhonwy quarries and Cefn Du.

Saturday 12 May – An upping the ante day, as the intrepid Nigel leads an 8 mile A level walk ‘Nant Francon Skyline and Girdle Traverse’. Only 8 miles though – not like you, Nigel!

Sunday 20 May – We are way out west for this walk from Aberdaron, a 7 mile route around the end of Llyn. Rolling hillsides, cliffs and the big wide sea make this a lovely walk.

Saturday 26th May – Carneddau with a Difference – yes, its Nigel again, this time with an 11 mile A level walk starting at Ogwen Bank.

Full details in the North Wales Ramblers walks booklet or follow the link on the walks page of the cadramblers website.

TRAINING DAYS

From Catherine.Morgan@ramblers.org.uk

Here's the dates and locations of the remaining training days IN OR CLOSE TO North Wales, but please can you direct people to the link below for more info. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ramblers-cymru-3037015328> or If you're sending it out as a hard copy rather than email, there's an easy to remember tinyURL - <https://tinyurl.com/TrainingRC2018>

- Weds 25 April, 11am - Basic Public Rights of Way, Llandudno
- Friday 4 May, 10am - Short Walk Leader Training, Llangollen
- Tuesday 15 May, 10am - Basic Public Rights of Way, Newtown
- Wednesday 16 May, 10am - Advanced Public Rights of Way - mapping, Newtown
- Thursday 17 May, 2pm - Practical Maintenance workshop - Leading a vol group, Newtown
- Friday 18 May, 10am - Short Walk Leader Training, RCT
- Friday 25 May, 10am - Short Walk Leader Training, Bangor
- **Saturday 8 June, 10am – Ramblers Roadshow, Shrewsbury***
- Thursday 12 July, 11am - Effective Web Engagement, LLan