

Caernarfon & Dwyfor Ramblers

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Let's start with a nice bright opener from Joan.

Wednesday 24 October - Galari, Caernarfon.

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

With winter on its way it's time we had another Social evening, and what better way to start than a great foot-stomping evening as the music of Queen and their brilliant lead singer Freddie Mercury fills one of the new auditoriums at the Galari in Caernarfon, with scenes from the great Live Aid concert at Wembley in 1985 the culmination of this newly realised film.

The film starts at 8.30pm but for those who would like to chat first how about meeting in the Galari's bar lounge any time before 8pm. For those who wish to extend the evening with a meal and chat, we plan to gather around 6.30pm at Table Table, on the quay alongside the Galari. The film will be a great opportunity to rekindle some memories for all of us who danced away into the wee small hours not so many years ago.

Tickets are a very reasonable £6, down to £5 for concessions. Please book your own tickets.

WALKS NEEDED - JANUARY TO JUNE 2019

Roy Milnes will soon be compiling the next walks programme, so if you are a leader with a walk in mind, please send it to him by the 14 October. If you are interested in leading a walk, and there are plenty of easy options, please phone Roy for a chat, 07721 592892

C&D GROUP AGM - THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL, LLANBERIS

Chairman Dafydd Jones has issued an invitation to members of Bangor & Bethesda Group to join us at this year's AGM, following a meeting of B&B members where it was agreed to wind up their group. It seems that most present wished to join Caernarfon & Dwyfor Group, though no doubt the closing down procedure will take a little time. So the social evening of chat and refreshments after the AGM might this year include a few hellos and introductions.

If you think you or a friend could make a contribution towards running the group our Secretary, Margaret Lowe, would love to hear from you. New faces and new ideas are always a bonus. As Joan wishes to hand on the role of arranging the Social events, that's one vacancy that will need filling at the AGM

There will be at least one motion for the AGM, the one (at the moment) being a name change proposal for what will be a slightly enlarged area - Caernarfon & Dwyfor no longer fits the bill. Though how the Caernarfon part came about has always been a bit of a mystery to me.

Dave

MAX GRANT

Max went home from hospital on Tuesday (18th Sept), which is a great step forward. It has required a lot of work, mainly by Margaret, as he is still on a long road to recovery. He still needs help with things like walking but he was really looking forward to being at home when we saw him last week.

Joanna Slattery

OS PREMIUM MAPS FOR C&D GROUP MEMBERS

On behalf of Caernarfon and Dwyfor and now of course Bangor and Bethesda, we've purchased group access to OS maps.

Please note that this service is available to CADW members only and must not be passed onto non-members.

The big advantage is that when you install the OS app on your phone, you can download areas in 1km squares to use the map offline making your phone a GPS with latest 25k OS maps. It covers the whole of England, Wales and Scotland so other areas you are interested in can be downloaded too.

You can print maps from the PC app but it does limit us to only 5 PC users at any one time (offline users are unlimited).

Using the Mobile App (via Google Play or iTunes) you can save as many areas you wish for everyone to use offline when rambling.

On your Mobile please only use Offline maps (Menu/My Maps/Offline Maps) - being online will limit other members use and may incur data charges.

On your Mobile offline map areas are downloaded (Menu/My Maps/Offline Maps/Add a Custom Offline Map) by scrolling your screen around to include as many 1km squares as you require then naming and saving your map.

See <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/52.48621,-2.21548,7> save this URL in your browser.

The common sign in is cadwramblers@gmail.com The password is CADWrambler! (note CADW in capitals and the exclamation mark at the end).

Map types are changed to OS Leisure Maps, Aerial, 3D Aerial (amazing detail in HD) Routes are set by clicking points along your

desired path which are connected automatically by lines - the map may become cluttered with many routes but let's see how it goes before any need to be deleted. The best plan is to plot your route and print out as many copies as you require.

There is a very useful quick start guide (select Menu top left 3 bars) or call the OS helpline with any difficulty - they are very helpful.

Have a go and please let me know if any problems.

Roy

GRAHAM AND PATS LUCKY ESCAPE

Last month Graham and Pat Fitch were aboard their canal boat on the Llangollen Canal in Cheshire. The weather was rough so they moored up and then went below to relax with a cup of tea. But within minutes they were shaken as a tree came crashing down on to the boat! Fortunately they were not hurt, though the boat took on a 10degree list, smothered by the upper branches of a very large tree. Not hurt, but no doubt very shaken by the experience.

Dave

TIM TACLO LLWYBRAU

On Tuesday the 25th September the group members worked on FP 48 Llandygai, Moel a Ci. I am leading a walk in the area towards the end of the month which will include paths that have been cleared by us. We are also working on parts of the Slate Trail, Pilgrims Way, and North Wales Path. I am also looking out for volunteers to help with twice yearly patrols on these paths and also a section on the soon to be established Cambrian Way through our area.

If you would like to become involved with the Tim Taclo volunteer projects please email me with your contact details and you will be kept fully informed and made very welcome.

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CAERNARFON & DWYFOR GROUP - OCTOBER WALKS

Thursday 4 October An away day today, with fine coastal views from the train - meet at Porthmadog Cambrian Station (SH 566 392) to catch the 9.57am train to Tonfanau, for an 8 mile D walk to Tywyn. Train return. No dogs please. Leader Mickey 01286 673932

Saturday 6 October Y Garn and the Glyders are the target for today's 9 mile A walk. Meet 10am at the first layby south of Ogwen Cottage on the A5, SH 656 602 No dogs please. Leader Roy 07721 592892

Saturday 13 October An easier walk this weekend, with a 5 mile C+ walk in the Padarn Country Parc, meeting at 10.30am at the Dinorwig Quarry Slate Museum CP in Llanberis, SH 586 605. Leader Joan 01286 870208

Saturday 20 October Enjoy sea to sea views from Garnfadryn, the high point of today's 8 mile C walk. Meet 10.30am at Mynytho Common CP, SH 303 310 No dogs please. Leader Roy 07721 592892

Saturday 27 October Bethesda and the Slate Trail are the focus of the last walk this month, which starts at 10.15am from Moel y Ci CP - SH 592 678. No dogs please, leader Graham 01248 670778

If you have an interesting walk which has never featured in C&D walks, why not talk to walks organiser Roy Milnes about becoming a leader? Even if it is only for one walk!

MENTER FACHEN WALKS - Short walks with a difference

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 1.30pm

DISCOVERING HIDDEN CORNERS OF DINORWIG (2 miles)

START: BUS TURNAROUND, DINORWIG

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 1.30pm

MENAI BRIDGE STORIES (2½ miles)

START: COED CYRNOL CAR PARK, MENAI BRIDGE

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 1.30pm

BANGOR GEOLOGICAL WALK (2½ miles)

START: 'BEACH ROAD' CAR PARK, HIRAEI, BANGOR

Gareth

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