

# Eryri Ramblers

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## Love our Countryside? Help us improve it.

When I first became Footpath Secretary over eleven years ago for several years we had a separate group of footpath workers that regularly surveyed a random selection of paths. This was a legal requirement through Gwynedd Council to report on the condition of all Public Rights of Way best known as 'Performance indicator Surveys'. Although this came to an end about six years ago the record held on all paths surveyed is still of considerable value. Following this and various other council cuts in expenditure our footpath maintenance team was formed to again work with the Council to ensure our paths are not neglected.

I feel that we can all play a big part in continuing with this aim in mind. If you are not part of our Tim Taclo team perhaps you could consider becoming a footpath worker and just arrange as far as practical to walk the paths in your local area. This could be done at least once a year or preferably more regularly. Record the condition of the paths and report all defects either directly to the Council or myself. If you come across, or your attention is drawn to paths not shown on the OS or definitive map make a note and it could be recorded at Gwynedd Council as a Lost Way. Details of what qualifies as a Lost Way will be the title of an article in the next edition.

Many thanks for your interest, whatever part you play in helping our aims will be so much appreciated.

Graham L.Fitch

Footpath Secretary. Eryri Ramblers.

## SUMMER WEEKEND

It looks as though we have a replacement team to organize the weekend this year, which is great news. Probable venue Chirk, for walks in Glyn Ceiriog and elsewhere, dates 7 - 10 July, more information to follow.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The popular Kendal Mountain Festival, with talks and films, takes place on 15 February at 7.30pm at the Galari in Caernarfon. Arrive before 7pm for a chat before this always entertaining evening.

On Saturday 2 March (7.30 or pre-show 5.30) a posse of Fell Running Legends will be at the Galari. With talks and films this should be a good evening for anyone who enjoys the mountain. An evening to bring back memories for our own fell running legends, such as Joan & Dennis, Guto, Nigel and others.

We will have our Annual Quiz night on Thursday 21 March at Snowdonia Parc Brewpub in Waunfawr - from 6pm if you want to eat/drink from the bar, with the quiz at 8pm

## UPCOMING ERYRI RAMBLERS WALKS

Saturday 9 February - The Menai Bridges. Meet at the bus station in Menai Bridge SH556 720 to catch the 11.36am (not 10.52 as in the walks booklet) Newborough bus. So you can come along early and have a coffee, or slumber in bed for a few more minutes!

Five minutes on the bus takes us to the edge of the Plas Newydd estate, from where a lane leads down to the Menai Strait. An interesting route just above the high water mark takes us to the Nelson statue and the Britannia Bridge. A chance to see the famous

lions before we follow the Wales Coast Path to Church Island, the Belgian Promenade and then Thomas Telford's soaring Menai Bridge.

This is a short easy walk with lots to see and chat about, so expect some dawdling along the way. Ken Chandler, who will be leading the walk if I cannot make it, will be able to tell of the day he climbed up inside one of the Britannia Bridge towers!

For those who like to round off a walk with more chat over a glass of beer or a cup of tea, the Liverpool Arms and the Victoria Hotel are both near the bus station.

**PARKING** - Please note that one of the car parks at the bus station has a time limit of two hours.

(The above is lifted from the Eryri Facebook page, hence the detail.)

Thursday 21 February - Aberffraw Circular. Join Mickey at 11.15am at the square in Aberffraw, SH 355 688 for a 6 mile coast and country D walk. Or go green and join Mickey on the bus from Bangor, or, like Mickey, Caernarfon.

Saturday 23 February - Around Moel y Ci. Graham takes us through the rolling countryside around Moel y Ci on a 6 mile D walk starting at 10.15am at Moel y Ci Farm, SH 593 678

2 March - Moel y Gest Circular. Join Derek at 10.30am at the Lidl CP in Porthmadog, SH 561 390, for an 8 mile coast and country C walk around this stand alone hill.

9 March - Crimea Pass to Dolwyddelan. A change of scene today for a 7 mile linear C walk, starting with a 10am roadside meet with John at Dolwyddelan Church for car sharing to the walk start, SH 736 523. A welcome visit to country less known for a lot of us folk living further north.

## MENTER FACHWEN SHORT WALKS AND EVENTS

DINORWIG '69: THE END OF THE LINE

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm - 3.30pm

LOCATION: THE NATIONAL SLATE MUSEUM, LLANBERIS

Do you know the names of Dinorwig Quarry's galleries?

The National Slate Museum, the Welsh Place-Names Society and us at Menter Fachwen have teamed up to host sessions to record the names of the galleries and paths. There will be maps, old photographs and screenings of two films from the BBC archive.

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

1.30pm

WAUNFAWR STORIES (2½ miles)

START: WAUNFAWR COMMUNITY CENTRE\* SH 52296 59517

MODERATE. WALKING SHOES.

\*It's possible that the car park in the community centre may be full. In that case, park safely on the main road outside.

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

1.30pm

DISCOVERING PENTIR, Y FODOL AND CAERHUN ROMAN ROADS TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR (4½ miles)

START: Y FAENOL, PENTIR SH 57361 66982

MODERATE. WALKING SHOES - NO PUBLIC FOOTPATHS THOUGH. DOGS ON LEADS PLEASE.

Gareth Roberts