



## Welcome to the March Newsletter

### Hugh Griffiths

It is with sadness I am reporting the death of one of Bangor/Bethesda's stalwart members.

Hugh joined the Ramblers on 21st September 1994. After leading his first walk on 24th July 1996 Nantmor circular, he enjoyed gathering historical information on many of his walks.

In all Hugh led 70 walks for Bangor/Bethesda group. His last walk was on 7 August 2010, around Llangelynin, visiting the Old Church.

With Margaret they reccied and arranged walks in and around Hartington, Derbyshire. They led members on memorable walks on two different occasions, having booked and arranged everything beforehand to make sure the visits were enjoyable, staying in the flagship Youth Hostel of Hartington Hall.

Our group programme meetings were always held at his home, Trefonwys, Bangor, Margaret having baked goodies for everybody, tea/ coffee included! Most welcome and friendly occasions to remember. Hugh was born in Bethesda, attended the University College, Bangor, some time was spent in Liverpool and the Wirral before coming back to North Wales.

Hugh's heart never left Bethesda and he enjoyed leading walks in and around his birthplace, always pointing out the history of places on route.

In 2006 Hugh with Neville and myself took a party of Belgians on a walk around Sling Tregarth, informing them of the area's history. The Pub was closed, but we managed to get the publican to serve over 30 people with lunch and drinks. We did not charge for the event at which they were surprised. A whip-round was quickly arranged and £200 was raised which we donated to North Wales Air Ambulance.

Car boots were also arranged by Hugh, his little trailer packed with goods for the stall. All money raised donated to Wales Air Ambulance.

We remember Hugh with the fondest of memories.

Margaret Fernley

**Footpath News - Graham Fitch, F.P. Secretary Email: [graham.fitchs@gmail.com](mailto:graham.fitchs@gmail.com)**

### Weather Woes

As with the walks our Tim Taclo workdays on occasions have to be rearranged for an alternative date especially during the winter months, this has happened on just two occasions so far this year. Fortunately all the scheduled clearance work has been accomplished with enthusiasm by all involved. Full reports of our workdays with lots of photos are given many likes on our Facebook which is very encouraging.

During 2020 the TTL Arfon group will be working on two days per month and the Dwfor group on one day. These are generally on Tuesdays on dates to be advised. Please let me know if you would like to be kept informed. Now that we have introduced another day per month we would like to attract more volunteers.

Although I like the organising and seeing it all come together just like all the volunteers it's the actual site work that I enjoy most. It gets us out in the fresh air and we enjoy the steady healthy exercise.

**News of other walks and Training - Margaret Lowe, Secretary**

**'My' walk, led by Ryan Pierce of the National Trust in Cwm Idwal, Thursday, 12th March**

Cwm Idwal draws one back however often I visit. The scenery is magnificent and the geology and natural history full of interest. It is also where we introduced our son to rock-climbing some 30+ years ago. Charles Darwin was the first to recognise that the landscape was largely moulded by glaciers. It was created the first National Nature Reserve in 1954. Of particular interest are the rare arctic alpine plants that hang on to the inaccessible ledges. It has been studied for the effects of withdrawing grazing by cattle and sheep since the 1960s. Initially this was by fencing small areas off and since 1998 withdrawing all grazing rights. The way will take us close to the lake where, according to legend, Prince Idwal was deliberately thrown in to drown. We are fortunate to have one of the wardens to guide and inform us. Come if you can!

Please bring a drink and packed lunch and wear stout footwear as the way is rough in parts. We meet at 10 a.m. outside Ogwen Cottage, GR SH650603. There is a pay and display car park nearby or there could be free parking in the layby on the A5 towards Capel Curig which is a 5+ minutes' walk away.

[Big Welsh Walk 2020 - Ramblers](#) – This website is now up and running.

**Training Opportunities for 2020**

Please find below our currently scheduled training courses for 2020. If you click on the event title it will take you straight through to the Eventbrite site where you will be able to book your places.

Friday, 13 March 2020	<a href="#">Navigation Skills, Level 2</a>	Martin Bevan	Swansea Valley
Friday, 27 March 2020	<a href="#">Basic Public Rights of Way</a>	Amanda Hill	Machynlleth
Friday, 3 April 2020	<a href="#">Leading Family Walks</a>	Martin Bevan	Llandudno
Thursday, 9 April 2020	<a href="#">Basic Map Reading Skills</a>	Amanda Hill	Newtown, Mid Wales
Friday, 24 April 2020	<a href="#">Navigation Skills, Level 3</a>	Martin Bevan	Swansea Valley
Friday, 1 May 2020	<a href="#">Leading Family Walks</a>	Martin Bevan	Llandrindod Wells
Saturday, 2 May 2020	<a href="#">Edible &amp; Medicinal Plants from the Physicians of Myddfai</a>	Angela Charlton	Bridgend
Saturday, 16 May 2020	<a href="#">Edible &amp; Medicinal Plants from the Physicians of Myddfai</a>	Angela Charlton	Mold

Monday, 18 May 2020	<a href="#">Basic Map Reading Skills</a>	Amanda Hill	Machynlleth
Friday, 22 May 2020	<a href="#">Leading Family Walks</a>	Martin Bevan	Newport
Friday, 5 June 2020	<a href="#">Leading Family Walks</a>	Martin Bevan	Wrexham
Friday, 10 July 2020	<a href="#">Leading Family Walks</a>	Martin Bevan	Narberth, West Wales
Friday, 24 July 2020	<a href="#">Basic Map Reading Skills</a>	Amanda Hill	Barry, South Wales
Friday, 4 September 2020	<a href="#">Navigation Skills, Level 2</a>	Martin Bevan	Conwy, North Wales
Friday, 18 September 2020	<a href="#">Navigation Skills, Level 3</a>	Martin Bevan	Conwy, North Wales

**Social Events - Dee Jamal, Social Secretary**

We had a very interesting talk in February by Peter Rutherford who is Access Officer to the Snowdonia National Park, so many thanks to him for coming out to meet with us at the Snowdonia Brewpub on one of those wet windy February nights. COMING UP:

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Wednesday March 18 at 6pm (food) 7pm start**

**Snowdonia Parc Brewpub in Waunfawr, LL55 4AQ**

Great prizes, so come along with your team or we'll put you in one on the night.

**SALAMANCA to SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA**

**Wednesday April 15, 6.30pm for 7pm start**

**The Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis (The Dolbadarn Lounge)**

Val Kressman will entertain us with another of her talks about her walk on the Spanish Pilgrimage route Via de la Plata (the Silver Way), a Roman route from Salamanca to Santiago de Compostela. She has PowerPoint slides and a music accompaniment photo show, so come along to meet friends and hear some of Val's experiences on this famous walking route.

**Irreverent Tales from a Rambler - Anon**

Rained off!

**Upcoming Walks** - Please always check the website in case of late changes, this is just a reminder.

**March 2020**

Sat, **07-03-20**, Blaenau to Penrhyndeudraeth, SH610391, Penrhyndeudraeth CP to 09:39 bus to Blaenau, 09:20, C, 10, John H, No dogs please

Sat, **07-03-20**, Rachel's Famous Short Walks, SH508548, Canolfan Y Fron, 10:30, D, 3, Rachel, No dogs please

Wed, **11-03-20**, Mawddach Trail, SH566932, Porthmadog main line station, 09:50, D, 8, Mickey, No dogs please

Thurs, **12-03-20**, Cwm Idwal with Simon, the Warden, SH650603, Ogwen Cottage SNP pay CP or 1st layby on A5, 10:00, C+, 5, Margaret, Assistance dogs only

Sat, **14-03-20**, Bontnewydd-Tryfan Jn.-Rhostryfan, SH483599, Newborough Arms Car Park (rear of Pub), 10:30, C-, 5.5, Ken + Evelyn, Dogs on lead

Sun, **15-03-20**, Abersoch to Pwllheli Coastal Path, SH373349, Maes Pwllheli for 10am bus to Abersoch, 10:00, B, 8.5, Dianne, No dogs please

Thurs, **19-03-20**, Slate Trail Section 3: Llanberis to Waunfawr, SH577602, Caernarfon Bus Station (Stand A) for 10:00 bus 88 to Llanberis, 09:50, C, 4, Mieko, No dogs please

Fri, **20-03-20**, Rachel's Famous Short Walks, SH508548, Canolfan Y Fron, 10:30, D, 3, Rachel, No dogs please

Sat, **21-03-20**, Yr Eifl and Tre'r Ceiri, SH380444, Roadside Lay-by, 10:00, B, 6, Richard, No dogs please

Sun, **22-03-20**, A lively stroll to Pont Garreg-Hyldrem and back, SH631446, Croesor car park, 10:00, D+, 6, Nigel, Dogs on lead please

Thurs, **26-03-20**, Slate Trail Section 4: Waunfawr to Nantlle, SH527588, Caernarfon Bus Station (Stand B) for 10:15 bus S4 to Waunfawr (Whiteways, Croesywaun).then and walk 1/2 mile to the start, 10:05, C, 6, Mieko, No dogs please

Sat, **28-03-20**, Llyn Padarn and Slate Quarries, SH578603, Llyn Padarn Llawn y Cewri, Giant Sword pay CP (Y Glyn free CP 5 min walk), 10:00, B, 6, Richard, No dogs please

**April 2020**

Thurs, **02-04-20**, Slate Trail Section 5: Nantlle to Rhyd Ddu, SH509533, Caernarfon Bus Station (Stand C) for 11:10 bus 1N to Nantlle, 11:00, C, 6, Mieko, No dogs please

Sat, **04-04-20**, Rachel's Famous Short Walks, SH508548, Canolfan Y Fron, 10:30, D, 3, Rachel, No dogs please

Sat, **04-04-20**, Cnicht via Llynnau Cerrig y Mylt a Cwm, SH632482, Gelli Iago, 10:00, A, 7, Richard, No dogs please

**Menter Fachwen Newsletter** - <https://eryriramblers.org/news%2Binfo>

**Menter Fachwen Walks - Gareth - 07867 810576**

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 10.00am

DISCOVERING TAN Y MARCHLYN AND TAL Y WAEN (2½ miles)

START: EBs CAFE, DEINIOLEN

MODERATE, WITH ONE HILL TO CLIMB. WALKING SHOES.

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2.00pm

GEOLOGY AND HIDDEN CORNERS OF OLD CAERNARFON (1½ miles)

START: OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO 'Y GALERI', CAERNARFON

EASY

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2.00pm

MYNYDD LLANDEGAI STORIES (3 miles)

START : MYNYDD LLANDEGAI COMMUNITY CENTRE

MODERATE ,WITH ONE FOOTPATH. WALKING SHOES.

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All contributions gratefully received by [birstallberry@hotmail.com](mailto:birstallberry@hotmail.com)

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**