



Welcome to November 2019 Newsletter

Press and Publicity officer.

As a very active and enthusiastic group that value walking we desperately need someone to take on the role of Press and Publicity officer. Other groups that have one report that their recruitment success is due to their press officer cascading news of walks and social events in local newspapers etc. We need someone so that we can see new faces joining us on walks. Please volunteer, the committee would help all we can and ,there would be no need to attend committee meetings unless you want to.
Contact **Margaret or Dafydd** for more details.

Membership fees 2019/2020 - Simon Longman, Vice Chair

Please can we bring the following information to your attention?
In summary, membership fees have increased in line with inflation. The concessionary fees have been adjusted to reflect a level of discount seen commonly across the membership sector. If you have been receiving the concessionary fee you will notice an increase in fees when your renewal comes up. However if you can demonstrate you are receiving means tested benefits or are solely reliant on the state pension you can still qualify for the concessionary rate. You will have to contact the membership team in London to advise them of your circumstances.
More information and FAQ's are available on the Ramblers website

Footpath News - Graham Fitch, F.P. Secretary.

Can a farmer keep a bull in a field crossed by a public path?

The answer is yes to any bull up to 10 months old. Bulls over ten months of a recognised dairy breed (Ayrshire, British Friesian, British Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry) are banned from fields crossed by a public path under all circumstances. All other bulls including Welsh black over ten months are also banned unless accompanied by cows or heifers.

Tîm Taclo Llwybrau (Footpath Tackling Team) - as in attacking.

Gwynedd Council have thanked all those that attended the work days during October. Again more achieved in re opening two Talysarn paths. A return to the same location to complete the clearance work is now being planned for Tuesday 12th November. Please let me know if you are able to attend, plenty of work for all and a very worthwhile day guaranteed. A further work day is planned for Tuesday 26th November. Please let me know if you are able to attend either of these days.

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During our work day on the 22nd October David Bird gave us all a much appreciated short training/introduction in using the AED Defibrillator. All very useful information and good to know on how to operate the equipment, if ever needed but hopefully not required

Graham

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Wind and Solar Priority Areas

Rather belatedly I'd like to draw your attention to the WG consultation on the 'Draft National Development Framework; Wind and Solar priority Areas'. The deadline for responding is **15th November 2019**

About 20% Wales has been earmarked as areas where the presumption will be to give planning approval to either 'wind and solar' or just 'solar' developments. Large parts of Denbighshire and a central chunk of Ynys Mon are included in the wind and solar areas.

In Arfon and Dwyfor there is a corridor earmarked for just solar stretching from north of Bwlch Derwin to touching the Coastal path between Criccieth and the junction of the B4354 and A497. Currently the view from Craig y Garn (inside the SNP!) looks down on the electricity transmission lines and 3 quite small wind turbines. Welsh Water had to design their new treatment works to look like an agricultural building and there are solar panel over their reservoir, but they have invested in trees etc to screen their site. However there is still a lot of restful green valley scenery. Are we to look down on a sea of black panels instead?

Welsh energy consumption has been falling.

Margaret Lowe

Social News and Events



**Christmas Lunch, Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis
Sunday 15th December at 12.30.**

Please confirm your place by ringing Guto on 01286 872746
(please leave a message if no reply)

Not to be missed

Hints and Tips - these could include walk/ holiday/ general useful bits of information members have found out e.g. Dafydd could advise on holidays in Iceland, I could explain far more than you would wish to know about visiting Orkney etc. **Please contribute!**

OS Mapping - OS Maps: the new app permits 1:50k and 1:25k maps to be downloaded from the 1:250 road map view so large areas can be downloaded without the need to scroll your screen around. **(Roy)**

Energy - last year I was paying Toto Energy 14.76p/kWh but this year they wanted 18.02p/kWh which I thought was extortionate; Toto ceased trading subsequently. Via www.moneysupermarket.com (Martin Lewis) Igloo have come up with 13.85p/kWh which is cheaper than I was paying in 2016! (Roy)

Irreverent Tales from a Rambler - Anon

The Ramblers arrange, with the generosity of time and effort by the many volunteers, a big diversity of walks. These range from leisurely to hard walks. I've been on many different walks. A few of them memorable for a variety of reasons. A lot depends on the walk Leader and, of course, everyone who turns up. One particular walk that springs to mind was 10+ miles over hills and mountains with fantastic views of the mountains and the sea. Weather wise it couldn't have been better. There must have been 26 ramblers on this walk. As we set out, obviously because of the large number, we became a long snake of people. The Leader set a fast pace. We were soon high up, great views. Unfortunately, we couldn't enjoy these views as most were trying to keep up with the Leader. It was hard going as it was rough ground and also surprisingly hilly. We thankfully stopped for a break. As the snake came together, the Leader jumped up and started packing up. Those at the back of the snake had only just sat down and were in the process of pouring drinks and getting out goodies. As the Leader strode off these unfortunate ones had to quickly down hot drinks and gulp down whatever goodies they had and try to catch up. Lunch was the same. After lunch we set off at a tremendous pace. By now, the snake was fragmented. The back marker came across one straggler who had managed to catch themselves on a branch and was hooked by their rucksack dangling there like a fish on a hook. At the end of the walk, we were all exhausted. I remember going up to the Leader to say thanks for the great walk. The answer I got was "well I'm knackered now"!!!!

Walks: The walk programme for Spring 2020 has been finalised and is published on Facebook and eryriramblers.org the booklet will be posted out shortly.

We have a great programme ranging from Rachel's Famous Short and Easy "D" Walks to Richard's "A+" exciting scrambles with a good range of A, B and C walks to cater for all members.

Safety: Please can everyone ensure that they carry a completed Ramblers ICE card (In Case of Emergency) in the top pocket of your rucksack. These are freely available from you walk leader.

Thank you and enjoy your rambling.

Roy Milnes

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

November 2019

Wed, 06-11-19, Moel Y Ci and Glasinfryn, Low level Autumn Ramble around Moel Y Ci and Glasinfryn, SH592678, Moel Y Ci CP, 10:15, D, 6, Graham, Dogs on lead please

Sun, 10-11-19, Tre Ceiri and Yr Eifl , Open country taking in the Iron Age fort of Tre Ceiri and Yr Eifl. If weather conditions bad then there is an alternative low level walk. Refreshments available after in Café Meinir, Nant Gwrtheyrn., SH353441, Top CP past Mount Pleasant Cottages, 10:00, C+, 6, Margaret, Dogs please check with leader beforehand

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Wed, 13-11-19, Newborough Forest and Cefni Estuary, Llandwyn shore and Cefni estuary then via forest to Rhosyr and Llyn Rhos Ddu. Walk accessible No. 42 bus departing Bangor Clock 08:55, SH427646, Llyn Rhos Ddu CP, 10:00, D, 8.5, Mickey, Dogs on lead please

Thu, 21-11-19, **ERYRI AGM**, Llanberis, SH593597, Royal Victoria Hotel, 19:00, Dafydd

Sun, 23-11-19, A lively stroll to Pont Garreg-Hyldrem and back, Stroll either side of the lower Croesor Valley, SH631446, Croesor car park, 10:00, D+, 6, Nigel, Dogs on lead please

Thu, 28-11-19, Cwm Yr Eifl, From Trefor Harbour up into the Cwm for Yr Eifl circular, SH378472, Trefor Beach CP, 11:00, C, 5, Diane, No Dogs Please

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Sat, 07-12-19, Y Felinheli: Mince Pie and Tinsel History Walk, around 'The Docks, Y Felinheli & the interesting paths around Y Faenol Estate including the Mausoleum and Chapel'. SH523674, The Garddfon, Beach Road, Y Felinheli, 10:15, D, 6, Graham, Dogs on lead please
Sat, 14-12-19, Y Fron - Moel Tryfan and Mynydd Cilgwyn, A bi-circular route around Moel Tryfan and Mynydd Cilgwyn, SH506549, Downtown Fron, 10:30, C-, 6, John H, Dogs on lead please

Sun, 15-12-19, ERYRI Christmas Lunch, SH593597, Royal Victoria Hotel, 12:30, Guto.

Menter Fachwen Newsletter

<https://eryriramblers.org/news%2Binfo>

Menter Fachwen Walks

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 10.00am

STORIES OF PENISARWAUN FROM THE BOOK 'BRO DEINIOL' (2½ miles)

START: PENISARWAUN CHURCH

SH 55272 63876

MODERATE. WALKING SHOES. MAY WALK SOME FOOTPATHS.

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1.30pm

DISCOVERING THE LANES AND STREETS OF LLANBERIS TO TŶ DU (up to 2 miles)

START: MENTER FACHWEN, 52 HIGH STREET, LLANBERIS

MODERATE. WALKING SHOES.

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Any contributions gratefully received by birstallberry@hotmail.com

Deadline: 2nd December