

Eryri Ramblers Newsletter – No 3 March 2019

Please send contributions for future editions to Jane Berry birstallberry@hotmail.com by the first week of each month.

All Change

Thanks and well done Jane for speedily volunteering to take over the role of editing the Newsletter. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have done and that you receive lots of support from our two combined groups.

I remember when Edmund was editor he used to be quite surprised when I dropped him an email to say thanks, or pick up on something he had written. He once likened sending out the Newsletter to dropping a stone down a dry well, with not a splash to be heard. While I have been editor I have often asked for contributions, but these have been few and far between. Thanks to Joan and now Di with our social events, and hats off to Graham Fitch for his regular reports on footpath matter. I am sure Jane would welcome more contributions, such as the name of a very friendly walker's pub you have discovered or a new route you have found and would like to share.

I have two walks left in the current programme. Roy Milnes has kindly offered to lead the Yr Aran walk on the 23 March, and Chris Parry the Llyniau Cwm Clogwyn walk on the 14 April. Both might well make changes to the routes I had in mind, but as long as they head in roughly the same direction and you have two days of good walking, what does it matter!

Dave Woods

Welsh Council AGM, 23rd and 24th March

As the above is being held at Nant Gwytheyrn I thought I would volunteer to help and then found myself nominated as your delegate. There are few motions as yet, other than tidying our constitution. So I look forward to learning from 2 of the 3 workshops - 'Innovation, Development and Digital Data', 'Volunteering' Website', and 'Paths for People' and a presentation on 'Local Membership Growth' and finding out about our new President, Will Renwick. It might also be interesting to learn what hope there was following meetings with Hannah Blethyn, A.M., Deputy Minister with responsibility for Rights of Way, about councils erecting and maintaining signposts where ROWs leave metalled roads. This is a requirement under the 1968 Countryside Act.

If you wish to raise any issue, please contact me, Margaret Lowe via eryriramblers@gmail.com

Chairman's notes:

Festival of the Wales Coastal Path opening. 6 May 2019 in Porthmadog

Many of you will know that our Cardiff office is planning to celebrate the opening of the Wales Coastal Path seven years ago. We were asked to host a day's walking based in Porthmadog on Monday 6 May 2019, as part of several days of celebrations. The Cardiff office is engaging a firm to deal with the promotion of these walking days.

I have spent some time sorting out the walks, six of them in total, with Catherine Morgan who is leading and arranging everything from Cardiff.

Roy has kindly posted details of all the walks on our website, registration will be at 0930 on Monday 6 May at the Ganolfan in Porthmadog.

I am still looking for a few walk leaders to help on the day. If anyone is keen then please contact me at davidgrant55@hotmail.co.uk

Obviously we would like to have as many of you as possible walking on the day, the more the merrier, so pick your walk and let me know.

Newsletter.

I have to advise you that Dave Woods our Vice Chairman and excellent Newsletter author has decided ,due to ill health , to give up his editors role and we now have Jane Berry to thank for agreeing to continue, many thanks Jane. Send her any notes to be published, thanks.

Personal.

It is with joy and sadness that I bring some news about our friends that are not in the best of health.

Guto is getting better and walking again after a long time of pain . He remains positive and has now to have an operation on his spine so good luck Guto.

Graham has also been in for surgery ,so hurry up and get well soon.

Dave is battling bravely on with his health issue and we all wish you well .

Weekend.

With Guto and Dave taking a sabbatical ,Ken Chandler and John Ilsley have enthusiastically taken on responsibility for organising our July weekend away .

We have sensibly ,due to the International Eisteddfod in early July, agreed that we shall aim for 12/13/14th July based in and around Llangollen, so please put those dates in your diary and let John (sarpedon@btinternet.com) know.

More details of campsites, restaurants and more importantly the walks will come out in the next few weeks. Roy will also include it in our walks programme.

Graham's slot: *LOST WAYS*

Following on from the above 1947 report the Definitive map and Statements were introduced in 1949. This was completed in Gwynedd during 1951.

The Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 (the CROW Act) officially introduced a cut-off date for adding historic footpaths and bridleways to definitive maps. By historic we mean paths which came into existence before 1949. We now need a concentration of minds to make sure that these old paths are subject to formal application for addition to the definitive map by 31 December 2025 because after that date the public rights over them will be extinguished. This will not change anything on the ground of course but these 'Lost Ways' must be recorded otherwise they could be lost forever.

On investigation of the OS Map you will be aware of many of what are called 'White Roads.' It may be just a track for instance to which a PROW connects but the track itself is not recorded as a PROW on the OS map. If you come across any of these, and there could be many, it is important that further investigation is put into place and an application made to enter it as a Footpath, Bridleway or Restricted Byway onto the Definitive Map. I am prepared to work with you on this and make the necessary searches on your behalf in the archives, old maps, Tithe and Enclosure records etc. so as to make the appropriate application.

Graham Fitch Ramblers Footpath Secretary Eryri Ramblers Email: graham.fitchs@gmail.com

Social events – please contact Di at diane.jamal@btinternet.com

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 21 March

6pm if you want to order food and eat ... 8pm Quiz Start

Raffle and Prize for the winning team

TEN PIN BOWLING

Friday 3 April at Glasfryn Centre on the Pwllheli Road

7pm start

Please let me know asap if you would like to attend as I need to book

PICNIC ON THE BEACH

Thursday 13 June

Trefor Beach for 6pm weather dependent!

There's plenty of parking and 3 picnic benches in the harbour

A short circular walk is possible too

FOREST COASTER

Another Zipworld activity near Betws y Coed

Please let me know if it's something you would like to do and I will arrange - £20 in advance

More info online

***** July – December Programme Deadline – please submit walks to Roy Milnes
(roymilnes1@gmail.com) by 7th April ******

Upcoming walks:

Wednesday 13th March – Mawddach Trail: join Mickey at 9.50am on the platform of Porthmadog Main Line station SH566392 for the scenic ride to the start of the trail and an 8 mile D walk. (No dogs please)

Sunday 17th March – Tremadog Hills: join John at 10.30am in Tremadog Square SH562402 for a 7 mile C walk. (No dogs please)

Saturday 23rd March – Yr Aran: join Roy at 10.15am at the Cwellyn Arms, Rhyd Ddu SH569529 for the 10.31 bus and a 9 mile B walk. (Dogs by prior permission only)

Saturday 30th March – Beddgelert Forest: join Ken and Evelyn at 10am at the car park in Beddgelert Forest SH574503 for a 7.5 mile C walk. . (No dogs please)

Tuesday 2nd April – Borth y Gest: join Dafydd at 10.30am in the car park SH565375 for a 6 mile C walk. (No dogs please)

Saturday 6th April chose from:

Crib Lem: join Lew at 10am in Bethesda upper car park SH623668 for an 8 mile A strenuous mountain walk . (No dogs please)

Moel y Gest circular: join John at 10.30am in Borth y Gest car park SH565374 for a 6 mile C walk. . (No dogs please)

Sunday 7th April – Cwm Dulyn: join Dafydd at 10 am at Penygroes Police Station car park SH472528 for a 6 mile C walk. (No dogs please).

Wednesday 10th April – Seniors Ridge scramble: join Lew at 10am for an 8 mile A+ scramble. . (No dogs please)

Gareth Roberts:

Menter Fachwen short walks and events

MAP, APP AND EXHIBITION LAUNCH “A JEWISH HISTORY OF BANGOR”

AT THE ‘BANGOR ARTS INITIATIVE’ GALLERY, DEINIOL SHOPPING CENTRE, BANGOR

2.00-4.00 pm SUNDAY 17 MARCH

A SHORT INTRODUCTION BY DR.NATHAN ABRAMS, BANGOR UNIVERSITY AND GARETH ROBERTS OF ‘THE MENTER FACHWEN WALK AND DISCOVER PROJECT’ AT 2.10pm.COME AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF WARTSKI’S AND POLLECOFF’S STORES AND DISCOVER THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN BANGOR FROM MEDIEVAL TIMES TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THIS PROJECT COMMISSIONED AND SUPPORTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL AND BANGOR UNIVERSITY.
THE EXHIBITION WILL BE AT THE GALLERY UNTIL APRIL 26th. FREE.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF DINORWIG QUARRY CALLING FORMER QUARRYMEN!!!!!!
10.15am WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH at THE SLATE MUSEUM

In conjunction with The Slate Museum we are eager to gather as many ex-Dinorwig quarrymen as we can at the museum at 10.15am on Wednesday 20th of March for a chat, a panad and cakes. We will have gathered a good number of photographs of the quarry and quarrymen and the aim is to have former quarrymen select 50 of their favourite images and to tell us as much as they can about them. This is in preparation for an exhibition in the museum over the summer. Don't worry about parking charges – the museum will give you a ticket to display. So if you know of any former quarrymen – let them know!!!!

TALKS

CÔF A CHADW II MONDAY 25 MARCH 7.00-8.00pm
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF BANGOR AT 'Y POPTY', LON POPTY, BANGOR
SH 58083 71862
ENTRANCE £2. NOT SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT CLIMB STAIRS. SUITABLE FOR ADVANCED WELSH LEARNERS

MARCH DISCOVER WALKS

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 10.00 am
LLANRUG: WALKING THE 'CARREG HETAR' (*IT MEANS 'THE FLAT IRON!!!'*) (1 MILE)
START: GLANMOELYN PLAYING FIELDS, LLANRUG SH 53221 63342 VERY EASY.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 10.00 am
ABER FALLS (2½ MILES)
START: MAES ABER FALLS CAR PARK*, ABERGWYNGREGYN SH 66242 71999
*YOU WILL NEED TO PAY FOR THE PARKING MODERATE.

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 1.30 pm
TREGARTH AND CORORION LOST HISTORIES (2½ MILES)
START: TREGARTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, TREGARTH SH 60274 68040
MODERATE. WALKING SHOES. STEEP STEPS AT ONE POINT.