

Eryri Ramblers Newsletter – No 6 June 2019

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Dave's Legacy and the Snowdon Marker Stones

There was standing room only at the commemoration service at the Crematorium on Friday, 31st March, a testimony to the many lives Dave had touched. His 4 granddaughters provided a collage of their fond memories of Taid; family friend, Helen Maurice-Jones, outlined his lasting contributions to the YHA both at the Snowdon Ranger Hostel which he and Kath ran for many years and to improving the management and care of the workforce; and our Denis McAteer spoke of his work for what is now our Eryri Group. This included writing newsletters, leading walks, drawing up the group's 6-monthly programme, helping organize our away weekends, FP maintenance and becoming Vice-Chair. I wish to highlight Dave's campaigning work, especially over the impacts of the Bontnewydd By-pass on Rights of Way and the safety of non-motorised users of paths and Lon Eifion.

After leaving hospital for the last time Dave raised the issue of the Snowdon Marker Stones that he had successfully campaigned for previously. He drafted the letter that I sent to the Snowdonia National Park. The issue is that in poor visibility the writing on the stones is easily missed and folk are still descending down into the wrong valley. The response was that the 'access officer was away on leave' and would contact me on return. I forestalled him and had a very sympathetic response, but sadly too late for Dave to know. So fittingly pictured on the end of the coffin was an iconic picture of said marker stone.

In accordance with his and Kath's wishes donations in his name to be directed to Shelter Cymru.

Margaret Lowe

How about getting even more involved.

Volunteering is a rewarding opportunity to contribute directly to projects that will improve life along our Rights of Way footpaths. By joining in with our Tîm Taclo Llwybrau group of volunteering friends you will be sharing your passion to assist Gwynedd Council to maintain and improve our valuable footpaths. The Arfon and Dwfor parts of Gwynedd cover a very large area and it has been found necessary to establish two separate groups of volunteers. Both groups are supported by Gwynedd Council and fully financed by Ramblers. This has ensured that all power and hand tools are available. The equipment includes all safety equipment and a risk assessment is always carried out before the work day. No previous experience is necessary, just wear suitable clothing for the weather forecast, have your refreshments to hand and give it a go.

Between us we can transform a path and help to enrich lives for everyone to enjoy. Please join us in this belief by helping Tîm Taclo Llwybrau make it all possible. Our next work days are **Tuesday 18th June 2019 and July 16th**. Please let me know if you can attend and I will keep you fully informed as to the location etc. It would be great to have you with us.

Graham, Footpath Secretary, graham.fitchs@gmail.com

The Slate Trail

I have recently received a request from Walk Magazine who are including an article on the Slate Trail. To support this they have asked whether we have any photos of any of us walking the Trail, also of the Trail maintenance.

I am asking a favour. I have a few but if you have any photos that you think would be suitable please send them to me by email attachment and I will forward on for consideration. Thank you. Graham

Social News:

Thursday 13th June, 6pm

Evening picnic on Trefor Beach Thursday - bring things to share. Depending upon the weather we could take disposable BBQs if we want to make burgers etc. There's always the option of a walk if it's not warm enough to swim!

Friday 5th July is the long boat rowing - there might be a couple of spaces left so let me know if you are interested.

I will try to organise kayaking during the Summer and other events which I will post on our Facebook page.

Cheers Diane, Diane.jamal@btinternet.com

Open Garden 29th & 30th June

I will be opening my garden for the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June and would welcome any Ramblers who are able to come and visit. All the monies taken are donated to various charities, mainly for cancer.

As well as contributing to a good cause, it's an opportunity to socialise with fellow ramblers over tea and cake! We will also have plants for sale.

The cost of entry is £3.00, children free. We will be open from 2.00 to 5.00 both days.

Do hope to see you then and many thanks.

Pat Stephens

Upcoming walks:

The new walk programmes (July onwards) for Eryri and all of North Wales Groups are published on the Eryri website News+Info page, our Facebook and the Ramblers walkfinder app.

Saturday 8th June – Aberdaron to Porthor: join Roy M at 10am at NT Porth y Swnt CP SH172264 for an 8.5 B walk (no dogs please)

Saturday 15th June – Moel Eilio: join Simon at 10am at Y Glyn CP Llanberis SH 574609 for a 9 mile C+ walk (Dogs: prior permission only)

Saturday 22nd June – Craig y Grut: join Derek C at Tal y Bont CP SH590218 (alternative Lidl Porthmadog, look on FB) (no dogs please)

Summer Evening Walk, Wednesday, 3rd July

As this is so early in the next Walks Programme, I would like to draw your attention to it now. After looking at other options for Summer evenings I'm returning to the Craig y Garn circular, meeting in the Garndolbenmaen village carpark at 5.30 p.m. It is a varied walk culminating in a great viewpoint. Although the Cross Foxes is no longer available for refreshment afterwards, the Madiha on the main road is not far. In spite of its unprepossessing appearance I've always found it to offer inexpensive but tasty food. Put it in your diary now.

Margaret (01260 660370).

Llyn 3 Day challenge 5/6/7th July in aid of St David's Hospice

From: Keri McKie,

I am the Gwynedd Area Fundraiser for St David's Hospice (Covering Gwynedd, Anglesey and Conwy).

We are organising a charity walk which I thought may be of interest to your members and would be most grateful if the details could be circulated on my behalf?

Day 1 Abersoch – Rhiw: Start Abersoch Golf Club SH313275 about 13 miles

Day 2 Rhiw – Porthor: Start Plas yn Rhiw SH236282 about 15 miles

Day 3 Porthor – Porthdinllaen: Start SH166295 about 14 miles

The event is FREE to enter, and you can take on either 1 day, 2 days or all 3!

We are asking participants to raise as little as £50 for one day or £100 if taking on the 3 days.

Participants drive to the start and will be provided FREE transport back at the end of the day. Walkers will need to register online in advance at www.stdavidshospice.org.uk Once registered more details will be sent over to them in preparation. It would be wonderful to see some of your members on this walk. Kind Regards, Keri McKie, Gwynedd Area Fundraiser, keri.mckie@stdavidshospice.org.uk 01286 662772

MENTER FACHWEN WALK AND DISCOVER PROJECT

NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2019

Dear Friends

Hope that you are all well. We have a very busy month ahead so, without further ado, here is the Newsletter for June with all the walks, events and news:

WALKS

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2.00pm

BANGOR: PERFEDDGOED AND CAERNARFON ROAD (2½ miles)

START: THE RANGE, CAERNARFON ROAD, BANGOR*

MODERATE. WALKING SHOES. ONE SHORT BIT OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH CAN BE A LITTLE WET.

*This is our starting point. For parking I recommend that you spread your parking here and there in the shopping outlets car parks along Caernarfon Road. The Tesco Car Park for example has camera surveillance (allegedly) that record how long you park there. So come in good time to find places to park.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 10.00am

DINORWIC WOODS – THEN AND NOW* (1½ miles)

START: ALLT DDU, DINORWIC

MODERATE. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS THAT ARE UNEVEN. WALKING SHOES.

*This walk is by special request. We'll take a peek at the wildlife and landscape (past and present) – just for a change.

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2.00pm

DINORWIC '50: DINORWIC QUARRY HISTORY WALK: NUMBER 3 OF 6

GILFACH DDU (2½ miles)

START: MENTER FACHWEN, 52 HIGH STREET, LLANBERIS

RELATIVELY EASY. WALKING SHOES.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE 5.30pm

CWM Y GLO: THE NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION – 150 YEARS ON...TO THE SECOND (1½ miles)

START: MENTER FACHWEN, CWM Y GLO

EASY. YOU NEED TO BOOK YOUR PLACE BY E-MAILING ME ON 'garethroberts754@yahoo.co.uk'

NEWS

DINORWIG '50

There will be a full programme of events and activities to note 50 years after the closing of Dinorwic quarry. For example, we are working closely with the Slate Museum on many such projects and we will advertise them in due course, so make sure you keep an eye out on our 'NEWS' in the coming weeks. One of the activities will be a new exhibition in our gallery at the Menter Fachwen Shop and Walk and Discover Centre in Llanberis. The exhibition will include artwork and photographs by local artists depicting the quarry as it is today, and we are calling on photographers and artists to get in touch with us if you would like your artwork displayed. Call me or Sally Ellis on 01286 870681 for further details. Other events and activities will be taking place in Deiniolen in particular. More on those as soon as we have details.

LOCAL NAMEPLACE MAPS

Following the event at the Slate Museum a couple of months ago, we will be putting the maps on display at our Shop and Centre in Llanberis hopefully by the end of June. The purpose of the project is for people to write what they know of old field names etc on the maps. The quarry ones will be there too and you are invited to come and write on them what you know of the names of the levels etc. The maps for the parish of Llanddeiniolen will also be available and over the winter we will be arranging various 'local history nights' (with the maps) in conjunction with the primary schools within the parish. More details later in the year.

LOCAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

The work to create the catalogue of all the books and files that have been donated to us over the years is now well under way and the hope is to open the Library as soon as possible. When it is ready, the idea is to have an open day to coincide with one of our Old Photos and Films events. Watch this space.

STARTING WORK ON NEW MAP AND NEWS OF A NEW EXHIBITION

Following the success of the 'History of the Jews in Bangor' map, app and exhibition in conjunction with Bangor University, I am pleased to announce that the project has been expanded to include Llandudno. I am really looking forward to starting on this project imminently and a massive thanks once again to Dr. Nathan Abrams at the University for his hard work and support.

We have also heard that the 'Jews in Bangor Exhibition' that was on view in the Deiniol Centre Gallery in Bangor until recently will be on its way to the Assembly in Cardiff in November. A massive thank you again to Nathan.

'LIMERICK BOLLOTEN' COMPETITION

You may recall that we ran a Limerick competition as part of our 'History of the Jews in Bangor' exhibition with over £50 worth of prizes for the winning entry. Well, in the end, we have decided to give prizes to two entries. More details after we've contacted the winners.

COMMISSIONED WALKS More and more schools and community groups are now commissioning us to arrange walks than ever before. Get in touch if you would like us to lead any walk – and give us the task of doing some 'research' in your own villages or community!!!!

LOOKING FOR THE CHARCOAL IN 'CWM Y GLO'

This month we will be welcoming the first pupil that will come to us for their 'work experience' this year. Over the summer, with special and kind permission by a couple of landowners, we will be searching for the location(s) of the charcoal-burning camp(s) that gave Cwm y Glo its name. I'll let you know if we find anything.

That's it for now. There's a lot to go through here so I'm sure to remind you of these activities throughout the month.

Till the next time.

Gareth