

# Ruthin 05 August 2012

Today we have two coaches for our trip to North Wales and the small town built on a red sandstone hill overlooking the beautiful Vale of Clwyd.

We'll have a brief stop about half-way at Chester services for the two coaches to meet up. It's a long way to Ruthin (possibly the furthest we travel for the Clitheroe and Colne people) and it would be really appreciated if this stop could be as short as possible otherwise there may not be time to complete the walks.



## Today's Walks

- A Walk**      **Robert Eccles**      **14.5 miles Strenuous**  
Starting from Loggerheads we follow the river and woodland more or less north before turning for Cilcain. Then it's north west across farm land, around Moel Evan and Moel Plas-yw before climbing to the old fortified hill of Moel Arthur (451m). We drop down to join the Clwydian Way and follow this popular path to Moel Dywyll (475m), the Jubilee Tower on Moel Famau (554m) and onto Foel Fenlli (506m) before dropping down to Llanbedr-Dyffryn-Clwyd where the coach is scheduled to pick us up. If time permits though we'll then take field paths to Ruthin and pick up the coach there. This walk has the high-lights of the Clwydian Range with a bit of something different before-hand. There is 1000m of climbing but with many options to avoid this.
- B Walk**      **Alan Livsey**      **10 miles Fairly Strenuous**  
Alight at Llanferres on the A494 and take the diagonal path to reach the Offa's Dyke path over the remains of the old fort and onto the view point at 358 metres. From here descend to paths that skirt the base of the Clwydian Mountains. A short break for refreshments may be held in this area. Continue on paths to the Clwydian Way and follow the River Clwyd where we may see kingfishers on our way into Ruthin.
- C Walk**      **Derick Fielding**      **8.5 miles Moderate**  
Alight at Llanferres on the A494 and follow track up to Pentre-cerrig-bach. Walk broadly south past Mount Pleasant and Bryn-yr-Orsedd to Four Crosses. Short woodland climb to join Offa's Dyke path for some lovely views, then down to follow field paths via Plas-yn-chal and on the road back into Ruthin. Please note there are "typical" welsh stiles on this walk - i.e. higher bar.
- D Walk**      **Paul Brown**      **6 miles Moderate**  
We alight in Ruthin and have a look at some historical sights in the town, before walking to Cae Ddol park and then on to the hamlet of Galltegfa. We then follow undulating country lanes to Woodland Hall caravan park before descending steeply on field paths and a track to Bontuchel, where we join the Clwydian Way. We follow this pleasant route through woodland alongside the river Clywedog to reach Rhewl, where one of the coaches will meet us to take us back into Ruthin, a short journey of 2 miles.  
2 or 3 high stiles to get over, unfortunately this is normal in this area. Hopefully there'll be good views of the Vale of Clwyd and the Clwydian Hills beyond.

## Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Potentially two pick-up point for this trip:

06:00 PM	Ruthin	Craft Centre on Lon Parcwr (A525)	Walks: B, C and D.
06:10 PM	Llanbedr-Dyffryn-Clwyd	A494 by The Griffin	Walks: A

The Burnley coach is down to drop of at Padiham first and the Blackburn coach at Darwen first. Any deviations to this, additional toilet stops or drop-off points are at the discretion of the couriers; these must, however, take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly and any restrictions with drivers' hours.

## Our next trips

Today we'll be taking bookings for Broughton-in-Furness (02 September), Buxton (07 October) and Ingleton (04 November). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today then contact Robert by email ([bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk](mailto:bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk)), telephone (07795 250502 / 01282 798145) or on-line at [www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book](http://www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book).

## Moving People and Passenger Numbers

We've had a sudden surge of interest from people wanting to get on the Blackburn coach. It broke my little heart but I've had to turn six away so far. Whatever Accrington, Blackburn, Clitheroe and Darwen folk are doing WRT promotion is working and they deserve a big hug. Burnley numbers are down but this is due to holidays and sickness but I suspect, in a couple of cases, because Ribby's sent a smaller coach last month.

I've still had no satisfactory explanation as to why Rigby's did that. This together with other administration problems and suggestions from Alan and Nigel led me to contact Moving People. We had a meeting last Monday which went well. They have good coaches; one with the extra leg-room that's always welcome and a second due next year. They are offering more for our money than Rigby's together with advertising options which, as we've demonstrated, are important.

Obviously I'm going to look into this further but very cautiously; I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't. Bottom-line though; if a Moving People coach turns up at the appointed place and the appointed time then get on it!

## Dates and Destinations for The Diary

### Walking from Ruthin to Broughton; our local groups' walks between now and then:

Date	Group	Time	Destination
Tue 07 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Tosside for Whelpstone Crags
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Carleton Glen (C)
	Spring Vale Rambling Class	19:00	Grane road Car Park (GR: SD751231)
Wed 08 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	19:15	Sportsman Inn, Kebcote (GR: 929274)
	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Pendleton
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Silverdale
Sat 11 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Elslack – moors, woods and reservoirs.
	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Blubberhouses
	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Trollers Gill (A)
		09:40	Worsthorne (B)
Sun 12 Aug		10:00	Malham (C)
	Spring Vale Rambling Class	11:00	Gisburn Village (GR: SD826487)
	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	13:00	Spring Wood / Wiswell
	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:00	Boulsworth Letterboxing
		12:00	Oswaldtwistle Moors
Tue 14 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Blubberhouses
	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Nabs Head
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Waddington (C)
Wed 15 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	19:15	Shooters pub Nelson (GR: 883371)
	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Edisford Bridge
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Gargrave
Sat 18 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:00	Pateley Bridge
	Hyndburn Ramblers	08:00	Haverthwaite
	Pendle Walkers	07:30	Scafell Pike (A)
Sun 19 Aug		10:00	Addingham (C)
	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:30	Owd Betts for Ashworth Valley
		12:00	Grindleton for Bradford Fell
Tue 21 Aug	Rossendale Ramblers	08:00	Longsleddale
	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Austwick
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Balderstones (C)
	Spring Vale Rambling Class	19:00	Sunnyhurst Wood (GR: SD699224)
Wed 22 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	19:15	Whalley bus station (GR: 733377)
	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Whalley
Sat 25 Aug	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Threshfield
	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Ogden Round (A)
		10:00	Stone Gappe (B), Burnsall (C)
Sun 26 Aug	Spring Vale Rambling Class	11:00	Longton (GR: SD478252)
	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Cowling
	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:00	Stoodley from Todmorden
		12:00	Nick of Pendle for Big End
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Hayfield
Tue 28 Aug	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Settle (C)
	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Hurst Green
Wed 29 Aug	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	19:15	Bull and Butcher pub (GR: 830305)
	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:30	Chatburn near Church
	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Hackingknife and Peak Forest Canal
Sat 01 Sep	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Linton near Grassington
	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Pendle Walking Festival (A)
		10:00	South Pennines (B), Conistone (C)

### To join any of the Above Walks then just Contact the Group's Co-ordinator:

Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	Janet Lofthouse on 01282 435352
Clitheroe Ramblers	Jane Donnelley at enquiries@clitheroeramblers.co.uk
Hyndburn Ramblers	Phil Bedson on 01254 398670
OXO Coach Rambles	Hannah Rose on 01254 886105
Pendle Walkers	John Crabtree on 01282 859437
Rossendale Ramblers	Martin Corbett on 07801 146864
Spring Vale Rambling Class, Darwen	Glenda Brindle on 01254 671269