

Llangollen 06 April 2014



Today we have two rather full coaches for our trip to Denbighshire in North Wales with the meeting point at Lymm services on the M6. It's quite a way and will take time to get there but we've done it before and had a good day somewhere a bit different.

We're far better in making the morning stop as quick as possible; this is much appreciated and really does help the rest of the day go smoother. [BTW: that's also a hint for today]. I also appreciate people helping out by moving to another coach which has allowed even more of us to come. Fingers crossed a 57 seat coach can get over the horse-shoe pass though!

Today's Walks

A Walk	Robert Eccles	Off first at Pen-y-stryt	12½ miles Moderate
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Starting from Pen-y-stryt we pick-up The Clwydian Way to Graig Farm where we leave it to start our journey over Cyn-y-Brain to Worlds End. Here we pick-up the alternative Offer's Dyke path to follow the limestone ridge to Trevor Rocks via Craig y Cythraul and Craig Arthur. If time and weather permit we may make a detour to the trig point on Ruabon Mountain for the views over the Cheshire Plain. From Trevor Rocks it's a short but steep drop down to the road before we're up and over Crow Castle to Llangollen.

Over-all, one of the best higher-level walks in the area with 670m of ascent.

B Walk	Michael Counter	Off second at Llangollen	9½ miles Moderate
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This walk is to the south of the town. Llangollen, North Berwyn Way, Vivod Mountain, T Foel, Biddulf Tower, LLwybr Ceiroi g Trail, Ty n Celin, Pen y Coed, Llangollen. The views from the tops are truly spectacular. These include looking across the Dee valley to the fortress of Dinas Bran and the Eglwyseg Mountains behind; the whole of the Ceiriog valley, Cadair Berwyn and even a glimpse of Snowdon in the far distance.

C Walk	Paul Brown	Off second at Llangollen	8 miles Moderate
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We leave the coaches in Llangollen, cross the River Dee on the road bridge, then walk steadily uphill northwards towards Castell Dinas Bran (ruins of a 13th century castle). We climb steeply up to the castle along a good zig zag path; views from the top are worth the effort. We then descend walking eastwards to join the Offa's Dyke Path, which we follow for about 2 miles to Trevor Hall Woods . We then cross the A539 road, walk on field paths, the disused railway and country lanes to reach the Llangollen branch of the Shropshire Union Canal, which we follow westwards along the towpath back to Llangollen.

If the day is clear there are also good views from Offa's Dyke across the Vale of Llangollen.

D Walk	Sue Baxendale	Off second at Llangollen	6 miles Moderate
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From coaches walk through the town to canal and then along the tow path for just over 2 miles, passing Horseshoe Falls, to Llantysilio church. Lunch here with time to visit the church. Then take minor road and then steps to meet the path around the side of Velvet Hill. This is the hardest section of the walk, the path is good surface but narrow and undulating. Then drop down to Valle Crucis Abbey, through the caravan park to cross the stream and up another flight of steps. From here the wide track takes us through the woods along the lower hillside to join the road at Byn Hyfryd. Then minor road to either rejoin field paths back to Llangollen, one last gentle climb to base of Castell Dinas Bran, or stay on minor road back into the town.

This is not the easiest of D walks but the views are well worth the effort.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just the one pick-up point.

06:00 PM	Llangollen	Main Coach / Car Park on Market Street	Walks: A, B, C and D
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Any additional stops are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.

Our Next Trips

Today we'll be taking bookings for Ashbourne via A53 (11 May), Pooley Bridge via A6 (08 June) and Eyam (06 July). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond July, then contact Robert by email at bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk, telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book.

Area Events

Sun	13 Apr	Social trip to Beverly and Skidby Wind Mill. Tickets are £12 and available from Margaret Clark (Burnley).
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Sun	18 May	Family Race Day at Ripon. Tickets, again from Margaret, are £10 but entry to the racecourse and for the meal are extra.
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Walking from Wales: Our Group Walks between Now and May

Date	Group	Time	Destination
Tue 08 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	High Moor, Clitheroe
Tue 08 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Witton Weavers Way (B)
Tue 08 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Otterburn (C)
Wed 09 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Bank Hall Car Park next to Queen Victoria pub. GR 848335
Wed 09 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:30	Grindleton junction by pubs
Wed 09 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Dunsop Bridge (M)
Sat 12 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	08:30	Great Shunner Fell and Lovely Seat
Sat 12 Apr	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Pendle from Worston (A)
Sat 12 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Bingley to Druid's Altar (C)
Sat 12 Apr	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Wyre Way (M)
Sun 13 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:00	Accrington / Lough Clough via Halo (B)
Sun 13 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	Spring Wood (C)
Sun 13 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Catterall / Churchtown (M)
Tue 15 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	10:00	Newton
Tue 15 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Airton to Malham Cove via Weets (B)
Tue 15 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Gargrave (C)
Wed 16 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Edisford Bridge car park
Wed 16 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Ribchester (M)
Fri 18 Apr	Pendle Walkers	09:00	Kirkby Stephen (A - D)
Fri 18 Apr	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Below Pendle (L)
Sat 19 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:00	Crummock Dale
Sat 19 Apr	Spring Vale Rambling Group	11:00	Roddlesworth Circular (L)
Sun 20 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Osbaldeston
Sun 20 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	12:00	Beamers Trail from Witton (D)
Tue 22 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	13:00	Rimington
Tue 22 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Hurstwood (C)
Wed 23 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	18:45	Barrowford Heritage Centre car park. GR 860398.
Wed 23 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	18:45	Ribchester car park
Wed 23 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Foulridge (M)
Sat 26 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	09:30	Entwistle Reservoir
Sat 26 Apr	Pendle Walkers	08:30	Chew Valley (A)
Sat 26 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Bridestones from Todmorden (B)
Sat 26 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Cock Clough from Barley (C)
Sun 27 Apr	Burnley and Pendle Ramblers	10:30	Kelbrook Moor
Sun 27 Apr	Hyndburn Ramblers	09:30	White Coppice and Black Hill (B)
Sun 27 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Frodsham (M)
Tue 29 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Canal, White Moor and Admergill (B)
Tue 29 Apr	Pendle Walkers	10:00	Ilkley (C)
Wed 30 Apr	Clitheroe Ramblers	19:00	Jeffrey Hill car park
Wed 30 Apr	Rossendale Ramblers	09:00	Hardcastle Crag (M)

To join any of the above then just contact:

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

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Hannah Rose on 01254 886105

Pendle Walkers

John Crabtree on 01282 859437

Rossendale Ramblers

Martin Corbett on 07801 146864

Spring Vale Rambling Class

Glenda Brindle on 01254 671269

New Way to Book for the Next Trips

I'm doing the courier's job for the first time this trip and as a direct consequence I finally modified the coach program to make the job easier. A classic case of doing nothing until it affects oneself!

When the booking forms are passed around you'll notice that your name is already listed under those that have pre-booked. (Before today it was just blank lines). Thus:

To book:

- Find your name in the list (it's ordered by surname)
- Put a tick in the "book" box to show you want to come (this is the important bit)
- Check that your pick-up-point is correct; if not write over it
- Put a tick in the paying by cheque or cash box

To not book:

- Do nothing and just pass the form on

To book for someone not on today's trip:

- Go to the end of the list where there are some empty lines
- Fill the details in as hitherto

For most people booking should now just be a couple of ticks and putting a cheque in the pouch.