

**North East Lancashire Ramblers – Coach Ramblers Llandudno Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Today the coaches will rendezvous at Chester services on the M56 for a comfort stop.

**B Walk Leader Tony Culverhouse 9.5 miles Moderate**

We head east along Llandudno promenade, then a road and stony track which leads us uphill into woodlands passing Gloddaeth Hall. We then enter Nant-Y-Gamar woods and on to Nant-Y-Gamar Hill. A farm road and path takes us back to the promenade, continuing west to Happy Valley Gardens. Ascending paths and quite a lot of steps take us past the ski centre before crossing the hillside and joining a track on to St Tudno's church. After a short stretch of road walking and then follow a track onto the Great Orme where we cross a plateau of meadows and limestone pavements. (we don't actually walk on the limestone) We then descend to Gogarth and on to West Beach, then back through the town to our starting point. Fine views – as you would expect.

**C walk and D walk Leader Michael Bates C walk is 9 miles, D walk 4.5 miles. Both Easy**

Many people who have visited Llandudno have never been across to West Shore. From the town the route takes us along the lower slopes of the Great Orme to West Shore. The path passes through Haulfre Gardens where there is a nice tea rooms which overlook the resort. As we reach the West Shore, weather permitting, there are fantastic views towards the mountains, the Conwy estuary, Anglesey and Puffin Island. The path then follows the shore line through sand dunes along the Conwy estuary. As we approach Conwy passing Deganwy Marina we can see the imposing Conwy Castle looming in the distance. The D walk ends in the interesting small town of Conwy where you can spend some time if you wish before returning by public transport to Llandudno. Please ensure you have some money for the bus fare as you cannot travel free with a bus pass in Wales. Cost of a single ticket is £3.80. See Sue Baxendale for a refund at the end of the day. **C walkers** will return by a similar route to Llandudno but you will be able to enjoy the views from a different perspective.

Both walks are virtually on the level on excellent paths. Walking boots not essential, a decent pair of trainers will suffice, if preferred. There are public toilet facilities along the route and in Conwy.

**Pick up time for return journey. Returning Home: 6.00pm from the coach park.** Please do not ask the driver for extra stops on the way home as this can be dangerous and make the return journey longer for everyone. Blackburn coach to drop off in Darwen first, Burnley coach has Clayton le Moors as first stop.

Book today for our next two coach rambles – **Bakewell on 6<sup>th</sup> May and Grasmere on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** After today telephone Kathleen Parker on 01254 396894 (6.00pm and 9.00pm) for the Blackburn coach, or Margaret Boothman on 01282 692901 (6.00pm to 9.00pm) for the Burnley coach.

**Leaders needed** We still need leaders for A and D walks for Bakewell on 6<sup>th</sup> May and A and B for Grasmere. Plus other dates throughout 2018. If you are willing to lead at any time just let me know, or want more information give me a ring. Tel No 01254 235049 . Thanks to all our leaders and helpers. Sue.

**Cancellation Policy.** If you cancel your booking **before the Wednesday lunchtime** in the week of the coach ramble you can move your booking on to a future trip. If you cancel **after this time** you lose your booking and any monies paid and have to re-book and pay for your next coach ramble.

There will be a Treasure Hunt on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May to which everyone is invited to join. All details today from Brenda Maxwell, on the Burnley coach, or telephone 01282 697303.