# LLANGOLLEN – 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022



Today we have one main coach and a feeder coach. The rendezvous point is Darwen Services and the comfort stop is at Chester Services junction 14 on the M56. The drop-off point is LLANGOLLEN Pavilion car park for all the guided walks.

Our day visitors have an option to stay on the coach and go to *Pontcysyllte Aqueduct* & Canal World Heritage Site (See reverse)

#### WALKS INFORMATION FOR LLANGOLLEN

We have three led walks at Llangollen. On the walks -- You must not walk in front of the leader. There may be safety instructions during the walk which you need to be aware of. The Leaders pioneer and risk assess each route, but their experience may mean they need to respond to changes on the day and you must be able to hear their instructions. At the comfort stop please ask the leaders about their walks if you are unsure which ramble to select.

#### B walk Leader: Tony Culverhouse 9.5 miles Moderate

We follow the Shropshire canal east out of Llangollen to the hamlet of Trefor Uchaf. Paths and tracks lead us uphill through Trevor Hall Woods. The woodland trails will bring us out onto Offa's Dyke and the elevated Panorama Walk going west. There is an impressive view of Castell Dinas Bran (Crow Castle) but we aren't visiting the castle on this walk. We carry on west along paths, tracks and short sections of road to Abbey Cottage. We then walk south around the base of Velvet Hill to the canal which we follow east back to Llangollen. A nice walk through some beautiful countryside with short uphill sections to Offa's Dyke Path, National Trail.

## C walk Leader: Michael Counter 8 miles Moderate

We alight the coach in Llangollen and cross the River Dee and up onto the Llangollen Canal which is then followed along the towpath in a westerly direction, passing the Royal International Pavilion. We leave the canal to climb diagonally over Coed Hyrddyn (Velvet Hill) to reach the Valle-Crucis Abbey. The route now follows a level path below the Birches and then along the Offa's Dyke path with tremendous views of the Eglwyseg limestone escarpment. There is an option now to climb to visit the ruins of Castell Dinas Bray or follow a low-level path around the base of the hill. The final section is downhill back into Llangollen. This walk does involve some moderate hill climbing, steps and a few stiles but offers incredible views in all directions.

### D walk Leader: Jane Cordingley 6 miles Moderate

Horseshoe Falls and History - Leaving Llangollen by the canal tow path, an easy two miles brings us to Horseshoe Falls and then to Llantysilio church, where we will stop for lunch and to explore the church and churchyard. From there we climb gently using quiet roads and field paths to the base of Velvet Hill, which we skirt around and descend (short and steep) to join the A542 and make a short detour to visit Eliseg's Pillar. Retracing our steps, we pass through a caravan site ( tea shop and toilets available) and pass the ruins of Valle Crucis Abbey. A short, steep footpath and a set of steps lead onto a farm track, which takes us back to re-join the tow path at Pentrefelin and an easy stroll back into Llangollen. 8 stiles. Good paths and road work, short uphill sections, one short steep descent.

If you want to do a SELF-GUIDED WALK, then you must tell the Courier or Coach Secretary. You will be given a coach ramble contact number. It is important for safety reasons that independent walkers leave details of your names, a brief route or map and a contact mobile number with the Coach Secretary or Coach Courier as we need this information in case of an incident.

**Return Journey** *All the guided walks start and finish in Llangollen.* The coach will leave the Pavilion car park, Abbey Road, LL20 8SS (A542) at **5:15pm prompt**. What3Words timer.crystals.create. Please arrive 10 minutes early. The rendezvous with the feeder coach is Darwen Services.

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