

Walks Programme and News

Summer 2022

For your diary

Bank Holidays: Platinum Jubilee 2nd and 3rd June
Summer bank holiday – 29th August

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

Message from the Chair:

I can't quite believe we are about to begin our Summer Programme! Many thanks go to Claire who has worked hard to put together a full programme including some Wednesday evening walks.

We have some new walk leaders on the programme. I know you will give them your full support but **do remember some walk basics** like

- not going in front of the leader,
- holding the gates for others and
- giving the leader space to work out the route!

Booking for the Tuesday and Saturday walks will continue as this is working well and appreciated by the walk leaders.

In view of rising fuel costs and after taking account of comments in discussions on walks the committee has decided to raise the **voluntary contribution to 8p per mile** from the start of this programme.

We are looking forward to our weekend at Grasmere as the new programme goes out. In October our venue is Dorking in Surrey. A new area for us to explore.

A new date for your diary is 14-18th May 2023 Dunster on the edge of Exmoor. This will be a mid-week break. Lovely hotel and some great walking in the area.

We then need to be looking towards October 2023 so if you have any ideas please let us know.

Don't forget our **Barbecue and Croquet on 3rd July**. This is a morning walk followed by a BYO barbecue and a croquet match. Always good fun especially if the weather behaves itself!!

Sunday walks

Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans. **Departure times are from Market Drayton.**

5th June

8.3 miles moderate walk from Llandrillo car park. Postcode LL21 0TH GR SJ035371. Climbing from the village up to the open moorland and across to Bwlch Maen Gwyndd, on to the summit of Cadair Bronwen and returning past the ancient stone circle of Moel Ty Uchaf. 2,116ft of ascent. Good views.

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| Leader Claire | 01630 673050 07811 532259 | Depart 08.30 |
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12th June

11 miles moderate walk with 1,750ft of ascent. The walk starts from the Stiperstones Nature Reserve Knoll Car Park (GR SO370977 nearest postcode SY5 0NL). The first 3/4 mile is along the Stiperstones ridge, the route then descends towards Ratlinghope & Bridges before climbing back up to the Knoll.

A sign in the car park asks for a voluntary contribution of £3 for the day. Payment has to be made either by using the RingGo app or phoning 02030 460160 to pay by card quoting the location code 19062.

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| Leaders Jeff and Janice | 01630 673685 07836 276242 | Depart 08.30 |
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19th June

9.5 moderate walk from Minnie Mine Disaster Memorial, Red Hall Lane, Halmer End. Visiting Craddocks Moss, Bowsey Woods, Finney Green and Bateswood Nature Reserve.

Car parking on side of Red Hall Lane adjacent to the memorial site. Nearest Postcode ST7 8AX. GR SJ 79269 48883

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| Leader Paul M | 07813 300997 07393 603578 on the day | Depart 08.30 |
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26th June

10.9 miles moderate/strenuous walk from Newcastle on Clun to include Offa's Dyke, Hergan, Cefns & Shropshire Way. 2,170ft of ascent.

Parking at the Community Centre post code SY7 8QN. GR SO249823.

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| Leaders Paul & June | 01939 220133 | Depart 08.30 |
| | 07853 044333 | |

3rd July

Morning walk, Barbecue and Croquet

at Hilary and Tony's house, Peplow GR SJ641236 nearest postcode TF9 3JT

- 10:00 Short walk (4 - 5 miles) leisurely from house.
- 13:00 (approx) Barbecue and croquet - bring own food & drink.

Phone Hilary **before the end of June** to contribute salad.

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| Leaders Hilary and Tony | 01952 541633 | Depart 09.30 |
| | 07773 246942 | from Market Drayton |

10th July

9 miles moderate walk from Welshpool along Montgomery Canal and Offa's Dyke, climbing up to Beacon Ring Hill Fort.

Parking at main car park in Welshpool SY21 7DY, toilets, information centre

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| Leader Roy N | 01630 620281 | Depart 08.30 |
| | 07989 288865 | |

17th July

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7.6 miles strenuous walk – weather permitting - (3,000ft of ascent) from Pay and Display car park in Rhyd Ddu. Postcode LL54 6TN GR SH570525. This Nantlle Ridge walk ascends to Y Garn, followed by a simple scramble up to Mynydd Drws-y-Coed and on to the obelisk at Mynydd Tal-y-Mignedd returning through Beddgelert forest. **Booking required for this walk.**

Leader Claire

01630 673050

Depart 08.00

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OR

9 miles leisurely walk from Swynnerton up to Hanchurch and back via Cranberry. Parking at Swynnerton Village Hall Postcode ST15 0RB.

Leader Margaret HI

01782 796688

Depart 08.30

07854 377981

24th July

Llanarmon yn ial and the Clwydian Hills.

8.6 miles moderate walk with 1,700ft climbing. The walk takes in Bryn Alyn, skirts Moel Eithinen and Gyrn, passes the Clwyd Gate hotel and climbs the slopes of Moel Gyw. Parking off the B5430 on the right by the Pystyll Gwyn quarry just under a mile northwards from the B5431 left turn to Llanarmon yn ial. GR SJ188574. Nearest postcode CH7 5TA.

Leaders Peter & Brenda

01270 811650

Depart 08.30

07970 365800

Offers of walks for next programme

(October 2022 to January 2023) this week please

4th September

9 miles moderate walk from Pontfadog car park in Ceiriog Valley.
(GR SJ233379 Postcode LL20 7AR)

Walk climbs out of valley then follows Offa's Dyke to Chirk Castle. Goes back along very quiet roads to start.

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| Leader Chris W | 01630 658276 | Depart 08.30 |
| | 07890 145561 | |

11th September

10 miles moderate walk in N Wales. The object of the walk is to climb the modest Gop Hill but the approach involves views out over the coast in the vicinity of Prestatyn.

Parking is in the village of Trelawnyd at GR SJ091798 Postcode LL18 6DS.

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| Leaders Bill & Barbara | 01948 661906 | Depart 08.30 |
| | 07962 848212 | |

18th September

11.0 miles moderate walk from Ticklerton over Wenlock Edge down to Munslow. Returning via the Millichope Estate. Parking at Ticklerton Village Hall, £2 per car, Postcode SY6 7DQ GR SO484908.

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| Leader Hilary | 01952 541633 | Depart 08.30 |
| | 07773 246942 | |

25th September

Part of the Shropshire Way Festival of Walks 2022

9 miles moderate walk with 1,950 ft ascent across The Ercall and The Wrekin along The Shropshire Way, returning via Wenlock and Limekiln Woods.

Parking at car park on Ercall Lane, Wellington, above M54. Nearest postcode TF1 2DY GR SJ646102

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| Leader Claire | 01630 673050 | Depart 08.30 |
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Wednesday Walks

Starting 6.30 pm from swimming baths car park all walks are leisurely or moderate of about 5 miles in length.

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| 1st June | Burleydam, Combermere Arms | Tony & Jeanette | 01630 673607 07940 365767 M |
| 8th June | Norton-in-Hales, Hinds Head | Paul & Chris | 01630 672601 07813 809770 M |
| 15th June | Weston-under-Redcastle, Hawkstone Hotel | David & Marlene | dandmfarrington@gmail.com 01630 657106 |
| 22nd June | Little Drayton, park outside Christ Church, Buntingsdale Road. (Kings Head after) | Cathy | 01630 655068 07967 000326 M |
| 29th June | Woodseaves, Market Drayton Four Alls, | John & Margaret | 01630 656252 07776 487594 M |
| 6th July | Ash Magna, White Lion | Bill & Barbara | 01948 661906 07962 848212 M |
| 13th July | Pipegate, Chetwode Arms | Helen J | 07403 571913 M |
| 20th July | Swynnerton, Fitzherbert Arms | Margaret HI | 01782 796688 07854 377981 M |
| 27th July | Copmere End, The Star | Claire | 01630 673050 07811 532259 M |

The Tuesday & Saturday Walk Booking System

To book on a walk

Simply text the leader's mobile number (preferable) or phone the Walk Leader to book your place on your chosen walk.

The leader will add your name to the list and confirm your place or advise you if the walk is already full.

Look out for e-mails which September alert you to a walk which is already fully booked, or check the Ramblers website.

Be sure to let the leader know if you find you are unable to attend.

For Walk Leaders

The maximum number on a walk should not exceed 30. However, it is up to you as the leader to set a limit that you feel comfortable with and for which there is sufficient parking at the start of your walk. Reply to text or e-mail bookings to confirm or reject.

Accept bookings on a strictly first come – first served basis. The most convenient way to record bookings would be to complete

the Walk Register as bookings are received, and this would serve as a basis for a “roll-call”/ check list at the start of the walk.

Once you have the maximum number of attendees for your walk you can e-mail Heather (heatherjm13@gmail.com) and/or Claire (tomjbaker@btinternet.com) and we will e-mail the Group and update the Ramblers website with a “FULLY BOOKED” notification.

Saturday walks

Booking Required

Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans. **Departure times are from Market Drayton.**

4th June

10 miles moderate walk from Madeley via Netherset Hey Lane, Whitmore Wood, and Snapehall. Enroute to Aston a short deviation to the site of Old Madeley Manor Ruins, then returning via Red Lane to Madeley.

Parking at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley. CW3 9DN. GR SJ773451.

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| Leaders Cathy & Carole | 01630 801970 07866 663430 | Depart 09.00 |
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2nd July

9.3 miles moderate walk from Mitchells Fold Stone Circle to include Corndon, Hurdley and Priest Weston. 2,000ft of ascent.

Parking at Mitchells Fold nearest useful post code SY5 0JJ. GR SO 30279808.

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| Leaders Paul & June | 01939 220133 07853 044333 | Depart 09.00 |
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Offers of walks for next programme

(October 2022 to January 2023) beginning of August please

6th August

9.1 miles leisurely/moderate walk from Poynton Coppice car park. GR SJ942826 Postcode SK12 1UE. Taking in Lyme Park, The Cage, Bow Stones & Sponds Hill.

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| Leader Claire | 01630 673050 07811 532259 M | Depart 09.00 |
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3rd September

7.5 miles leisurely walk starting from Oakamoor car park ST10 3AG GR SK052445 taking in Hayes Wood and Dimmings Dale with excellent views.

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| Leader Margaret HI | 01782 796688 07854 377981 M | Depart 09.00 |
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Tuesday Walks
Booking required

*Starting 9.30 am from swimming baths car park all walks are leisurely or moderate of about 5, maximum 7, miles in length. Walks will start within a c45 minute drive of Market Drayton. **Those intending to travel direct to the start MUST ALWAYS ensure that the leader knows of their plans.***

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| 7th June | Loggerheads [5.5 miles] | Derek | 01630 672160 07939 564528 M |
| 14th June | Copmere [5.5 miles] | Patricia | 07792 567328 M 01785 851150 |
| 21st June | Hales [6 miles] | John & Margaret | 01630 656252 07776 487594 M |
| 28th June | Sugnal [6 miles] | Helen J | 07403 571913 M |
| 5th July | Offleybrook | Victoria | 07580 801761 M |
| 12th July | Erdigg [6 miles] | Peter M | 07568 470758 M |
| 19th July | Market Drayton | Esme | 07397 989445 M |
| 26th July | Childs Ercall [5.5 miles] | Sharita | 07858 510252 M |
| 2nd August | Croxton [5.25 miles] | Brian | 07967 631183 M |

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Tuesday Walks continued

Booking required

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| 9th August | Winnington/ Willoughbridge [6.3 miles] | Claire | 01630 673050 07811 532259 M |
| 16th August | Myddle | Joan & Peter | 01630 653569 |
| 23rd August | Pontesbury [5.5 miles] | Steve & Pauline | 03330 116186 07969 954566 M |
| 30th August | Bilmarsh [6 miles] | Paul & June | 01939 220133 07853 044333 M |
| 6th September | Swynnerton [5.0 miles] | Margaret HI | 01782 796688 07854 377981 M |
| 13th September | Whitchurch [6 miles] | Bill & Barbara | 01948 661906 07962 848212 M |
| 20th September | Stanton upon Hine Heath [6 miles] | Chris W | 01630 658276 07890 145561 M |
| 27th September | Broughton [6 miles] | Julie & Tony | 01630 656940 07760 195076 M |

COMMITTEE

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| Chair | Chris | 01630 672601 |
| Secretary and membership | Heather | 01952 250948 Email: heatherjm13@gmail.com |
| Treasurer | Jeff | 01630 673685 |
| Footpaths | John W | 01630 656252 |
| Social Secretary | Steve | 07969 954566 |
| Publicity | Bill | 01948 661906 |
| Walks Secretary | Claire | 01630 673050 Email: tomjbaker@btinternet.com |
| Member | Dot | 01630 672332 |

WALKS - general information

Unless stated otherwise, the meeting place for all walks will be the **Swimming Pool Car Park, Phoenix Bank** (GR SJ 676339, postcode TF9 1JT) in Market Drayton.

Walkers are strongly recommended to travel to the walks via the Market Drayton meeting point, to ensure minimum demand for car parking at the start of the walk. Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans.

The Market Drayton Group encourages **car sharing** as this reduces the parking places required at the start of the walk. Drivers appreciate voluntary contributions from passengers; as a guide we believe **8p per mile per passenger** is an amount which reasonably covers the costs incurred.

Packed **lunches** and adequate **drink** are required for all walks.

The group regrets that in the interests of safety we do not allow **dogs** on walks. Registered assistance dogs are allowed to walk with their owners.

REMINDERS to all WALK LEADERS

1. It is essential that you **reconnoitre** all walks in advance.
2. Ensure that there is ample and permissible **car parking** to avoid problems on the day.
3. During walks there are occasional difficulties from problems such as blocked footpaths, cropped fields, dangerous stiles etc. In these cases the leader should record the details of the problem and report it to the appropriate local authority. The method of contact for the usual authorities are as follows:

Shropshire:

Go to Shropshire Council website Report Report a Rights of Way issue complete form.

Or Phone 0345 678 9000

Staffordshire:

Go to Staffordshire County Council website..... Report Something Rights of Way issue..... complete form

Or Phone 0300 111 8000

Cheshire East: Search “Public Rights of Way - Contact Us - Cheshire East-” and under the Contact Us section complete the online form or
Email: prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Telford & Wrekin Council Senior Rights of Way Officer 01952 380380 or
Email: rightsofway@telford.gov.uk

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