

## **Holywell Ramblers – Walks Programme: July – September 2023**

### **Sat 01<sup>st</sup> July A short walk around Cilcain**

**Walk Start :1000**

The walk starts from the Car Park at the bottom of Trail Hill between Pantymwyn and Cilcain . We walk away from the river and towards Ffrith .The walk takes us to the Waterworks and Cilcain . The final section is via Trim Rock and Hesp Alyn Farm.

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: SJ 187 651
Length	5 miles	Ascent: 500 feet
Leader	Ron	Meet Point: Hesp Alyn
Telephone	07967 513268	Meet Time: 9.50

### **Weds 05<sup>th</sup> July Ffynnongroyw To Llanerchymor via Trelogan**

**Walk Start : 1025**

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: n/a
Length	5.5 miles	Ascent: 400 ft.
Leader	Ron	Meet Point: Abakhan , Llanerchymor
Telephone	07967 513268	Meet Time: 1000

This walk can be accessed by the number 11 bus from Flint, Holywell , Prestatyn etc.,. Otherwise, park at Abakhan to catch Bus 11 to Ffynnongroyw. Our route takes us through Nant y Garth and Steps to Heaven to Trelogan . Then it's across the Mostyn Estate to the Llety . The final section is along the coast path back to Abakhan for lunch . Dogs welcome.

### **Sat 08<sup>th</sup> July Rossett / Dodleston 3 Counties walk**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

This walk takes us down tracks, back lanes,bridges over brooks and over the expanse of Burton Meadows. There will be good views westwards towards the Welsh mountains and eastwards to the Cheshire hills.

We will pass through the village of Dodleston where we will walk past Meadow Cottage. The activities at this cottage led to the book "The Vertical Plane" being written.

On the way back to Rossett we will pass the causeway with it's weir with a fish pass and mill race -a good place to sight herons.

Back in Rossett there are a choice of two pubs and a cafe for post walk refreshments.

This walk is suitable for dogs. Post Code for Rossett c.park = LL12 0HE

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: SJ 363 571
Length	7 miles	Ascent: 35 metres / 115 feet
Leader	John Huw Jones	Meet Point: Station Road C.Park Rossett
Telephone	01352 770655 07746 717792	Meet Time: 9.50.

**SUNDAY 09th July**

**Clwydian Foothills**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

From the craft centre we pass Ruthin School taking footpaths across fields to eventually cross the minor road heading to Bwlch Pen Barras. We then skirt the contours of the Clwydians to Hirwaen and return to Ruthin alongside Afon Clwyd. I will meet you at the Craft Centre.

Walk Grade    Moderate  
Length        9 miles  
Leader        Janet  
Telephone    01745 890453  
                  07423 829682

Grid Ref: SJ 125 586  
Ascent: 1178 feet.  
Meet Point: Ruthin Craft Centre  
Meet Times : 0920 (H) 0950 (R)

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Above Helsby & Frodsham**

**Walk Start 10.00**

This walk starts at Helsby Quarry woodland park. There is a short climb to gain the top of the hill. The majority of the walk is through an attractive woodland landscape and across fields. With fine views out to the Welsh hills, down the Sandstone Ridge and across the Mersey estuary. There are some quite steep ascents in places. These are of short duration and will be taken steadily. Dogs are welcome. Refreshments available afterwards in a local pub.

Grade         Moderate  
Length        7 miles / 11.2kms  
Leader        George  
Telephone    07308 613331

Grid Ref: SJ 490 749  
Ascent 1,000 feet  
Meet Point: Northop  
Meet Times: 9.15(N)

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Dingle & Llyn Cefni figure of 8**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

.Parking in the Station Yard car park – fee payable .We make our way to the Dingle , part of the Lon Las Cefni walk and cycle way . Passing through the Red Squirrel feeding area we continue to cross Llyn Cefni reservoir on the disused rail track and circle the eastern end of the lake . Continuing over the reservoir dam we circle the west end of the lake . We then recross the lake on the rail track to rejoin the path to Llangefni using a boardwalk through woodland back to the car park . There are good paths and tracks throughout , no muddy bits , and walking shoes would be suitable if a change was wanted from boots. No Dogs.

Directions = A55 , A5114 to Llangefni , Follow town centre , turn left into one-way High st -and move into the right hand lane , in a short distance turn right at Lloyds bank , car park on the left at the end of Field st.

Grade         Easy  
Length        8 Miles  
Leader        Lawrence  
Telephone    01352 762162  
                  07950 586262

Grid Ref: SH 457 757  
Ascent 450 feet  
Meet Point: Station yard car park Llangefni  
Meet Time: 0820(N)0830(H) 0845(J29)C.P (0950)

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Mynydd Mawr -Rhyd Ddu**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

We will park and start the walk alongside the B4418, near Rhyd Du, see details above.

From this point we will make our way back down the hill and pick up the Slate trail on the left which we will follow through the forest, eventually coming out onto moorland above Llyn Cwellyn.

From here we will make our way up a fairly steep climb to the top of Foel Rudd then follow the ridge around Craig Y Bera and up to the summit of Mynydd Mawr. From here we will return back along the

same route until we reach the forest where we will continue down the moorland, going around Clogwynygarreg and Llyn y Dywarchen and back to the start point. No Dogs

Grade	Strenuous	Grid Ref: SH 566 526 -Nearest post code LL54 6TP
Length	6.5 miles	Ascent: 2,600 feet
Leader	Mel Petrie	Meet Point: A55 Junc 29
Telephone	07834 824665	Meet Time: 0830 (J29)

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Llangwm – Garnedd Fawr circular**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

.Park in the small car park in the centre of the village. Leaving the village we follow the Hiraethog Trail for a short distance through Garthmeillio . After passing Aeddren Isaf we cross the valley to the ridge onto Garnedd Fawr . Then on to Foel Goch , Orddu and Carnedd Benjamin and down to our cars . There maybe a few boggy bits. No dogs .

Grade	Strenuous	Grid Ref: SH 966 446
Length	8.25 miles	Ascent: 2,200 feet
Leader	Lawrence	Meet Point: Llangwm village 0950
Telephone	01352 762162 07950 586262	Meet Times 0845(H) 0900(N)

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Maelor Way Ramble**

**Walk Start 10.00**

.Park in the free car park at Church Road in Overton.A ramble over fields following the Maelor Way.Most stiles have been replaced with modern gates so this makes for easier walking.Return to Overton is via Trench farm and the grass airstrip.Dogs welcome.I shall be at Holywell at 09.00.

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: SJ 37351 41768
Length	7.5 miles	Ascent: 400 feet
Leader	Stuart	Meet Points: Church Rd car park , Overton
Telephone	01352 716581 07486 368574	Meet Times: 0900 (H) 0950 C.P.Overton

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July                      Llandrillo to Cynwyd via Mynydd Mynyllod                      Walk Start: 10.15**

Park at the layby as you enter the village of Cynwyd. We then take the T3 bus from Cynwyd to Llandrillo. The walk takes us over the River Dee and on to Mynydd Mynyllod. We eventually reach the Hiraethog Trail which is followed down and across the River Dee to Cynwyd. The walk is largely along bridleways Dogs welcome. Holywell 0845 Northop 0900

Grade	Moderate Mountain	Grid Ref: SJ 035 371
Length	8 miles	Ascent: 1,000 feet
Leader	Ron	Meet Point: Layby before Cynwyd
Telephone	07967 513268	Meet Time: 9.50

**Wed 02<sup>nd</sup> August                      Hafod y Coed and Waen                      Walk Start: 10.00**

Parking details will be notified via WhatsApp. The walk starts from the Hospice Drive on Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph (A525). We set off towards Tremeirchion. After reaching Hafod y Coed we cross over to join the Pilgrim's Way back to the start. Lunch can be had at the excellent Cariad Cafe at the Hospice. Dogs welcome.

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: SJ 044 735
Length	6.0 miles	Ascent: 600 feet
Leader	Ron	Meet Point: St. Kentigern's Hospice
Telephone	07967 513268	Meet Times: 0945 " "

**Sat 05<sup>th</sup> August                      Llanfairfechan to Porth Penrhyn coast walk                      Walk Start 1000**

Please note :- This walk maybe altered dependant on the footpath extension being ready from the Aber Ogwen car park to Porth Penrhyn through the Penrhyn Castle estate grounds. This should make the walk shorter.

We start from the small car park in Llanfairfechan (it may now be payable) – turn right into Station Road at the traffic lights in the village centre and the car park is on the right after about 150 yards. It's then down to the promenade and along the edge of the shoreline on the Wales Coastal path to a car park at Aber Ogwen, calling on the way at the Aber Falls Distillery cafe for morning coffee or tea. Twitchers should bring their binoculars to identify any seabirds/ waders etc on route. This next section maybe amended -see above (Turning inland on a minor road and on through Tal-y-Bont we pick up parts of the Slateway / Coast / Pilgrims paths. Then along Lon Las Ogwen through a wooded area alongside the Afon Cegin to end at Porth Penrhyn.) Then it's bus back to Llanfairfechan. No dogs.

( Don't forget your bus passes if fortunate to have one )

Grade.	Easy	Grid Ref : SH 681 749
Length	9.75 miles	Ascent : 387 feet
Leader	Lawrence	Meet Point: Llanfairfechan Station rd C.P.
Telephone	07950 586262 01352 762162	Meet Time: 0900(N)/9.00(H)/9.20(J29)

**Weds 09<sup>th</sup>Aug Llyn Crafnant,Geirionydd & St.Rhychwyn's church Walk Start 1000**

Walk starts at the CP & picnic area below Llyn Crafnant (Toilets available). From here we will make our way up to the NE end of Llyn Crafnant and walk along its full length, then climb up onto the moor towards Capel Curig before heading to the south end of Llyn Geirionydd. From here we will make our way through woods and over fields to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century St Rhychwyn's church and then make our return back to the start point.

Grade.	Moderate Mountain	Grid Ref; SH 756 618
Length	12 miles	Ascent 2,600 feet
Leader	Mel Petrie	Meet Point: A55 – Junc 29
Telephone	07834 824665	Meet Time: 9.00(J29)

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> Aug Capel Garmon Walk Start 09.45**

The walk starts with a steady climb up towards Capel Garmon but then levels out and is easy for the remainder of the walk. We will visit the Neolithic burial cairn before dropping down to the Conwy Falls cafe and returning along the slate trail to Betws.

I will meet you at the start

Grade	Easy/Moderate	Grid Ref : SH 794 565
Length	6 miles	Ascent : 1,164 feet
Leader	Janet	Meet Point : Betws Y Coed Rail station
Telephone	01745 890453 07423 829682	Meet Time: 0830(H) 9.40 Betws

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>Aug Alyn Valley & Coed Ddu from Cilcain Walk Start 10.00**

We start from the car park with the toilets and head east to the Alyn Valley, crossing the River Alyn. We turn north through Coed Ddu woods towards Big Wood and then turn west and pick up a long bridleway and lane with a viewpoint back to Cilcain. Dogs are welcome.

Grade	Moderate Mountain	Grid Ref: SJ 177 652
Length	7 miles/11 km	Ascent 1,260 ft /384m
Leader	Toni	Meet Point: Cilcain C.Park
Telephone	07767 323649	Meet Time : 0950

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug A Tale Of Two Quarries Walk Start: 10.00**

Take the Rhosesmor to Lixwm road and park on a track / grassed area between 2 chapels and by the village hall.

No stiles. Sheep around on the mountain so caution with dogs but on a lead is essential.

Undulating ground with fabulous views all around .

Grade	Easy	Grid Ref: SJ 187 708
Length	8 miles	Ascent: 900 ft
Leader	Phil & Marie	Meet Points: Rhes-y-Cae nr.Village hall
Telephone	07986 046396 07914820286	Meet Time: 0950

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug      Moelwyn Mawr Circular      Walk Start 10.00**

This walk starts from the car park on the road to Tanygrisiau reservoir. We follow a path up to the dam at Llyn Stwlan and then to the summit of Moelwyn Mawr. We then follow the ridge down to Cwm Croesor before heading back via Cwm-y-foel and Cwmorthin. Dogs are welcome

Grade	Strenuous	Grid Ref: SH 685 449
Length	9.miles/ 14.5 kms	Ascent 3,306 feet.
Leader	George	Meet Point: Northop & Junc29
Telephone	07308 613331	Meet Times; 0820(N)0840(J29)

**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Aug      Plassey / Overton Circular      Walk Start 10.00**

We park in the Plassey craft centre for the start of our walk down the main driveway . Then down lanes and fields past Old Hall and Erbistock Hall until we meet the Wats Dyke Way at Lower Farm .It's then following closely to the river until we arrive at the recently refurbished Boat Inn at Erbistock . A refreshment break will probably be taken here . Then through the Hydrangea gardens ( which have a large variety of Hydrangea and which should be in full bloom ) , behind the pub and onward through fields and lanes to the bridge at Overton . More fields and woodland follow hugging the river bank until we join lanes from Eyton Hall Farm back to the Plassey . Here an après coffee / cake can be taken in the craft centre cafe.

If going direct to Plassey please let me know – WhatsApp or text , thanks .

No dogs.

Grade	Easy/Moderate	Grid Ref: SJ 35060 45326
Length	8.75 miles	Ascent 760feet.
Leader	Lawrence	Meet Point; Plassey Craft Centre car park
Telephone	07950 586262	Meet Time; 0900(H) 0915(N)

**Weds 30th Aug      Berth-Ddu to Mold      Start 10.30**

Park at Love Lane long stay car park in Mold (current charge £1) then walk to Mold bus station to catch the 10.20 P and O Lloyd 126 to Bert-Ddu.From the start of the walk at Berth-Ddu we walk towards Hendre then to Rhydymwyn.From Rhydymwyn we follow the disused railway track to Bellan then over the Mold to Gwernaffield road and onto Maes Garmon on the outskirts of Mold.I will call at Holywell at 09.45. Dogs are welcome.

Grade	Easy/Moderate	Grid Ref: SJ 21118 69507
Length	7.5 miles	Ascent 530 feet
Leader	Stuart	Meet Point : Mold Bus Station
Telephone	07486 368574	Meet Time : 10.15

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**Sat 02<sup>nd</sup>Sept**

**Conwy Mountain in full colour**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

From the car park opposite Glan Conwy High School (nearest postcode LL32 8QR) we will make our way to the footbridge over the rail way track and up the road towards Conwy Mountain. At the end of the houses, we will take the first stile on our right and after a short climb onto the ridge we will hopefully have panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Picking up the track of the Cambrian way we will follow this path to the Sychnant pass car park, from here we will continue on the path above Capelulo and onto Waen Gyrach and across the moor before turning NW towards Foel Lus.

We will follow the path around Foel Lus and return across the moorland and pick up the N. Wales path back to the Sychnant pass CP and beyond Allt Wen where we will pick up the lower byway route back to the start point. No Dogs

I'm hoping we will see the heather in full bloom at this time of year which makes for a fabulous display.

Grade	Mod/Mountain	Grid Ref: SH 775 781
Length	11.5 miles	Ascent: 1,800 Feet.
Leader	Mel Petrie	Meet Points: A55 Junc29
Telephone	07834 824665	Meet Time: 9.00 (J29)

**TUESDAY 05<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**10.30**

**Marchlyn Horseshoe**

**Walk Start:**

Starting from the Llyn Marchlyn access road we circuit the lake via the peaks of Elidir Fach/Fawr, Mynydd Perfedd and Carnedd y Ffiliast. A splendid high-level walk in the northern Glyderau. Some minor scrambling – dogs at owners' discretion.

Grade	Strenuous	Grid Ref: SH 596 630
Length	6 miles	Ascent: 2,500 feet.
Leader	John Roberts	Meet Point: Northop
Telephone	07954 272561 01352 757366	Meet Times: 9.00(N)(Jcn29)

**Sat 09<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Nercwys Circular**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

A delightful circular walk in the vicinity of Nercwys. After leaving the village we head towards Nercwys Hall then to the redundant railway cutting; from there onto Pentre, Pwll Farm and Trefrwd. Returning via the north of the village we pass over ancient stone stiles to the Mold to Treuddyn road. Dogs are welcome; I shall be at Holywell at 09.15, 09.30 Northop.

Grade	Easy/ Moderate	Grid Ref: SJ 235 604
Length	6 miles	Ascent: 700 Feet.
Leader	Stuart	Meet Point: Nercwys Bowling Green

Telephone 07496 368574  
01352 716581

Meet Time: 0950

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Wales to Wirral**

**Walk Start : 10.00**

From Connahs quay Dock , we follow the walking / cycling path beside the river then over the railway bridge and through part of the Deeside Industrial park . Along the side of the River Dee where many a variety of wildfowl and other birds may be seen , bring binoculars if you like bird spotting . Lunch at NET'S CAFE halfway or bring own lunch, if preferred, and sit outside. Return is by the same route . Dogs welcome .

Grade Easy/Moderate  
Length 12.50 miles  
Leader Alison  
Telephone 01352 331064

Grid Ref: SJ 294 698  
Ascent: Negligible  
Meet Point: Connah's Quay Dock  
Meet Time : 0950

**FRIDAY 15th Sept**

**Llansannan to Denbigh**

**Walk Start: 11.30**

Park in the large layby on the A543 ( Denbigh moor road ) as you leave Denbigh . We catch Llew Jones bus number 71 to Llansannan . Then walking the Clwydian Way via Henllan back to our cars .

No Dogs .

( This walk is on a Friday as the bus only runs once a week )

Grade Mod/ Mountain  
Length 9.50 miles  
Leader Lawrence  
Telephone 07950 586262

Grid Ref: SH 042 660 ( layby)  
Ascent: 1,230 feet  
Meet Point: Layby on A543 nr Denbigh  
Meet Time : 1050

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Cregiau Gleision ,Craig Wen & Crimpiau**

**Walk Start : 1000**

Walk starts at the CP & picnic area below Llyn Crafnant (Toilets available). From here we will make our way up to the monument at the NE end of Llyn Crafnant. From here we will follow the path to the north side of the lake & through the woods then making our way up to the first peak, Cregiau Gleision.

From here we will continue to Craig Wen and then Crimpiau before making our way down and around to the SW end of Llyn Crafnant and follow the road back to the car park. No Dogs .  
Nearest Post Code for car park = LL27 0JZ

Grade Mod/Mountain  
Length 8 miles  
Leader Mel  
Telephone 07834 824665

Grid Ref : SH 756 618  
Ascent: 1,950 feet.  
Meet Point: A55 Junc 29  
Meet Time : A55 Junc 29 (0900)

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

**Holy Island**

**Walk Start: 10.00**

Starting from Holyhead Breakwater Country C.P. we follow the coastal path to North Stack. From here we continue to South Stack with the option to ascend Holyhead Mountain on the way.

We continue along the coastal path to Porth y Post. Cutting inland we make our way via Rocky Coast to the walk start.

No dogs.

Grade Moderate/Mountain

Grid Ref : SH 226 834

Length 12 miles

Ascent: 1,000 feet.

Leader Bryn

Meet Point: Holyhead Breakwater Country Park C.P.

Telephone 07543 397123

Meet Time : 0830(H) Junc 29 (0845)

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**A ramble around Delamere Forest**

**Walk Start : 1000**

This is a pleasant ramble around Delamere Forest, which is all that remains of a medieval forest, which once covered most of present day Cheshire and North East Wales. Parking at Barns Bridge Gate car park, currently free, we will walk up to the viewing point at Old Pale where four counties can be seen on a clear day. Walking on we will visit the Bronze Age hillfort of Eddisbury before turning north towards Hatchmere. A circuitous route through woods and fields will return to the start. Dogs are welcome and refreshments are available both during and after the walk.

Grade Easy /Moderate

Grid Ref: SJ 543 715

Length 8 miles

Ascent: 400 feet

Leader George

Meet Point: Holywell & Northop

Telephone 07308 613331

Meet Times : 0900(H)0945(N)

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Leeswood / Hope Mountain circular**

**Walk Start : 1000**

This walk takes us through woods , over fields, tracks , an old railway line and past a Reindeer Lodge and to the top of Hope Mountain with panoramic views. We then descend to Ponblyddyn and make our way back to the start over fields . There are many visual remnants of the mining and Industrial history to be seen in the landscape of the area .

Grade Moderate

Grid Ref: SJ 27043 60024

Length 7 miles

Ascent: 350 metres (1150 feet)

Leader John Huw Jones

Meet Point: Leeswood Community Centre C.Park

Telephone 07746 717792

Meet Time : 0950

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