



Forthcoming Events

Christmas Dinner – 12 December 2013

Our venue this year is the Park Golf Club, Church Lane, Coedkernew, Newport, NP10 8TU, (01633 680933). The format is as previous years, we meet 7.00pm to eat at 7.45pm. The cost is £16.50. Ring KGP on 01633 894172 ASAP to book your place.

Christmas Walk/Lunch – 27 December 2013

Once again at the Carpenter's Arms with a walk before lunch. Meet earlier than usual at 9:15am at the Civic Centre. The walk does NOT start from the pub, but from a small country car park nearby (NOT the reservoir). Those not walking should arrive at about 1:15pm at the pub. The meal starts at 1:30pm. Give your menu choices to Fred Fee by 17 December on 266647, by email or at the Christmas Dinner. Fred will be circulating the menu at the Christmas Dinner and by email.

Okehampton – 2-6 February 2014

We are having our annual pilgrimage once again. 5 days (4 nights) full board. The cost is £174 for a double/twin room, a single room is £192. If you wish to come you need to ring KGP on 894172 ASAP. There is a great deal of interest and single rooms are at a premium.

Skittles – 13 March 2014

Whiteheads has been booked. Usual format, Start 7.30pm. Ring KGP to book your place.

Other 2014 Events

We discussed the following possible events at our AGM and will confirm these early in 2014. All are at an early stage in planning, so more details will emerge later:

June – A walk round Sandy Bay, Weston-super-Mare lead by Keth and Ray.

July – Coach trip to Laugharne organised by Dave and featuring a6- and 2.5-mile walks. For those not walking the coach may go to Saundersfoot if the weather is glum.

July – Boules Night again at the Wheatsheaf, to be organised by Dave.

August – Barbecue at Tintern. Unbelievably, Derek has yet another original and inspiring walk from the venue.

Other trips were mooted at the AGM for later in the year with the most firm option being suggested by Derek, a coach trip to Barmouth in the Autumn with walking in the local hills, perhaps “doing” Cader Idris.

We also plan to hold some “**Everyday First Aid**” courses in 2014 with the British Red Cross. The course aims are to demonstrate the latest techniques in dealing with an emergency and what you should or shouldn't do. If you would be interested in attending give KGP a ring on 01633 894172.

Past Events in 2013

Coach Trips — There were two, the first to Ironbridge and the second to Winchester. We had excellent weather on both occasions, good food and of course first class walks.

Skittles — There were two. The first in March KGP was our champion and can he do the double in November. I doubt it !!

Boules — The weather was fantastic and the competitiveness was electric. Our winners this year were Derek, Jan & Val. They were pushed all the way by Ted, Fred & Sue. The Plate competition ended in a draw.

Barbecue — This year the weather was excellent and we had a good turn out. Koirin provided a great buffet once again and our two hairy biker masterchefs, Doug and John, cooked it to perfection. Derek led our walk - a different one once again. Where does he get them from?

Week Away — This year we went “abroad” to Jersey. We travelled to Weymouth where we boarded the Fast Cat. It still took approx.4 hours to do the 108 miles. Our Hotel was exceptional and the staff very obliging. Our walks led by Roger and Koiran were enjoyed by all. The weather was kind to us this year not like Weymouth last year. The island tour was very informative and our visit to the Zoo well worth it.

Other News

2014 will see the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the Wales coastal path and there is a proposal by Ramblers Cymru for a Big Welsh Walk to be held during the May Bank holiday. All groups are urged to take part and SGR will participate when we discuss our walking programme for 2014.

Ramblers Cymru have informed us that councils are cutting back drastically in their support of footpath work. However, Newport City Council, although short of funds, continues to support the volunteer group which includes several SGR members in maintaining our footpaths.

We continue to support the Ruperra Trust whose members maintain the grounds of the Ruperra estate, they really do an excellent job. They are always open to volunteers and if you feel you would like to help or would like more information on what exactly they do, give Sue Price a ring on 07977 599181 There is no further development regarding the sale of Ruperra castle. Brian Turner has continued to give our memorial bench some much needed TLC. Thanks Brian.

Devolution talks between Ramblers Cymru and the Ramblers Association are continuing but we have not heard a great deal as to what the likely outcome will be.

The Ramblers Association have revamped their web site and is worth a visit. Log on to www.ramblers.org.uk A new development is Ramblers Routes: this is a database of walks for our use. If you would like more information on how you could contribute to this scheme as a Route Planner or Reviewer contact the Greater Gwent Area Secretary on 01633 896275.

The next Welsh Council is on 12/13 April 2014 in Newtown, Powys. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact their group secretary.

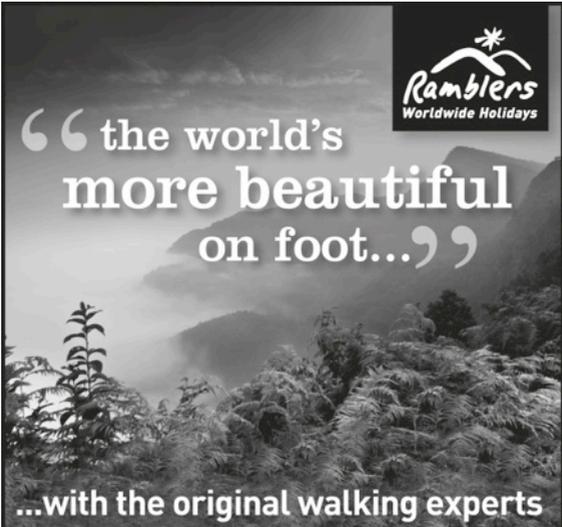
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