



Forthcoming Events

Note that the Barmouth trip (see below) has to be booked soon with a deposit. If you want to go, let Ken know 01633 894172 quickly.

Outer Hebrides – 10/24 May 2014

Ian Reese has arranged a joint trip with the NOGS. For more information ring Ian on 01633 881447

1st Coach Trip – Sand Bay/Weston Super Mare – 22 June 2014

Ray and Kath are leading a walk around the headland in Sand Bay and will continue into Weston Super Mare (about 8/9 miles). Those of us who don't feel they can do both walks can have a coffee in Sand Bay before catching the bus into Weston. We will all meet up in Weston for a meal before returning home. We will leave the Civic Centre at 9.00am. The cost of the coach will be £13.00.

Ring Ken to book your place on 01633 894172

Boules Evening – Wheatsheaf Llanhennock – 15 July 2014

Boules at the Wheatsheaf – arrive at 7pm with a meal still at £6.50 – choose from chilli con carne, faggots and peas or chicken curry. Book with Dave on 01633 864462.

2nd Coach Trip – Laugharne – 27 July 2014

Two walks, each one incorporating Derek Brockway's Weatherman Walking routes. The medium walk is about 5 miles and the long walk about 8 miles. Laugharne is famous due to its link with Dylan Thomas. The castle and boathouse are worth a visit as are the numerous tearooms. The short walkers will also have a visit to Saundersfoot first. Once again we will stop

for a meal before returning home. We will leave the Civic Centre at 8.30am. The cost of the coach will be £17.00. Ring KGP to book your place on 01633 894172.

BBQ – Tintern – 10 August 2014

Derek has promised a different walk once again and Koirin will provide her usual first class menu. The two “hairy biker” chefs are on standby so with a bit of decent weather it should be a good day. The cost will be the same as last year £6.00. Ring KGP to book your place

Week Away – Barmouth – 6-10 October 2014

We will book into the Min y Mor hotel situated on the front in Barmouth. We will have long walks taking in Cadair Idris and shorter walks in the Mawddach estuary. We will also have a coach trip to Port Meirion for those who want a day off walking. The cost of our holiday is £275 plus £5 for gratuities. We have 10 single rooms and 15 double/twin rooms available.

Ring Ken 01633 894172 to secure your booking soon since Ken has little time to give the hotel the deposit and final numbers.

Past Events in 2014

Okehampton

As you probably remember the weather in early 2014 was atrocious. However, we did manage a couple of walks. Some of us visited Bude to see the damage done by the sea. Derek defended his archery title and there were tournament wins for David & Colin and Peter & Helen. I can safely say we all enjoyed our time there despite the weather.

Skittles

At our first outing in March, KGP was our champion. The title for the most exciting bowler has to go to Joan Lang. She had a style all of her own and no one was safe!! Iris still continues to amaze us with her bowling technique. The buffet was as usual first class. Thanks to Jen for arranging it.

Other News

You can generate income for the group! At our AGM in 2013 Ken was asked about the Walking Partnership, a scheme supported by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays which would enable our Group to benefit from holidays

booked by our members. We have now signed up to The Walking Partnership and any member who books a holiday with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays can nominate our group. This must be done before the holiday takes place. Please let Ken know so that he can make sure we receive our funding. SGR will receive, per person, £10 for U.K, £20 for Short Haul and £30 for Long haul holidays.

Welsh devolution talks are continuing between Ramblers Wales and the Ramblers Association Head Office. However, we have not heard a great deal as to what the likely outcome will be.

The Ramblers Association have revamped their website: it 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 Adrian or Colin.

We intend to hold first aid courses this year with the Red Cross and also the Mountain Rescue who may be able to offer walks leader courses as well. If you are interested in attending any or all of these courses please let Ken know.

We are also considering visiting Westonbirt Arboretum in December. They light up the grounds and what I saw on the TV programme Countryfile it could be worth going. I know at least one member who is keen to go, Paul Mellor has been suggesting this for some time now. I will give you further info later on in the year.

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays Summer 2013 brochures are packed full of great holidays. Brochures available are - Worldwide Holidays for walks abroad almost anywhere on the planet, Countrywide Holidays for walks in Britain, Adagio Holidays for leisurely and more touristic holidays, and finally Cruise and Walk holidays. If you have not received a copy of their brochure, please call on 01707 331133 or email on info@ramblersholidays.co.uk. Alternatively, you can visit website www.ramblersholidays.co.uk. They will be happy to help with any query.



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