



Forthcoming Events

Coach Trip 1 – Buddleigh Salterton – 17 May 2015

We will leave Newport at 8.00am and travel down to Exeter Services where we will stop for coffee and toilet break. Our coach will take us to Sandy Bay for our coastal walk to Buddleigh Salterton. We will stop there for lunch and then continue up the Otter Estuary to Otterton. We are then going to Bicton Botanical Gardens where we will have a train ride around the gardens before exploring the Italian, American & Rose Gardens. We will be stopping at Nutwell Lodge for a meal before returning home. The cost of the coach is £17 and entrance fee for the gardens £6. Ring KGP on 01633 894172 to book your place.

Coach Trip 2 – Oxford – 12 July 2015

Two walks, Derek is leading a 10 mile linear walk from near West Isley to Maulsford and Joan is taking us into Oxford for a walk around the city and river with a visit to Magdalen University College (extra cost). The cost of the coach will be £17.00 and we will again be stopping for a meal before returning home. We will be leaving Newport at 8.30am. Ring KGP on 01633 894172 to book your place.

Boules Evening – Wheatsheaf at Llanhennock – 21 July 2015

Same format as previous years, meal first faggot & peas, chilli con carne or chicken curry (not mandatory). Ring Dave on 01633 864462 to book your place. Ladies please note that despite being in the summer it does get somewhat chilly later in the evening, so as the scouts say BE PREPARED.

Barbecue – Tintern – 2 August 2015

Derek has promised a different walk once again. Hopefully hurricane Bertha will not arrive this year and that being so, 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 – Guernsey – 5-9 October 2015

We are booked into the Pandora Hotel, which is situated in St Peter's Port. Our itinerary is coming together and we plan long & short walks on the Tuesday & Thursday. Wednesday is a free day however we are going to have a coach tour of the island and hope to show you some interesting sights. The trip is fully booked: however, if you would like your name on a reserve list please let KGP know.

Dewstow Grotto

We are also considering a return visit sometime in June. Phyllis is looking into dates etc. but is unable to obtain the necessary information at the moment.

Slimbridge

Another possible trip, Colin is getting details for a visit in September.

Past Events in 2015

Okehampton - We did not make our annual pilgrimage this year but we will certainly keep it on the back burner for future visits.

Skittles – At our first outing in March we have a new name as our champion. Pete Davies. Pete and his wife Sue were guests of Jan and Jen and despite claiming it was years since he played last, turned in a superb performance. The buffet was as usual first class: thanks Jen for arranging it.

First Aid Course – We finally managed to arrange one and nine of us enjoyed a very pleasant evening and more to the point perhaps learn something from it. Our thanks to John Ebdon who gave up his time to run the course for us.



Other News

May I remind you of a scheme supported by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays which would enable our group to benefit from holidays you book with them. The Walking Partnership will sponsor our group if you advise them when booking. Please let KGP know so that he can make sure we receive our funding. We will receive per person, £10 for U.K £20 for Short Haul and £30 for Long haul holidays.

Did any of you see the Iolo Williams television series on Great Welsh Parks?

If you did you will know that we now have our very own television personality in Ena Morris. Ena appeared with Iolo when they explored Pontypool Park. Iolo was very complimentary regarding the help Ena provided and I fully expect to see her on Springwatch and other similar programmes in the future!!



The next Welsh Council is on 11/12 April 2015 in Llanberis. Anyone who wishes to attend or seek more information as to what is discussed should contact our area secretary, Adrian Sheehan.

Ramblers Big Welsh Walk is a month long celebration of walks in Wales during May 2015. Every walk has a leader who wants to register a walk using the form on the website www.ramblers.org.uk/bigwelshwalk. If accepted it will appear on the BWW interactive map which is on the above website.

Members are also reminded that they can **claim pre-walk expenses** for any costs they incur for walks which appear on our programme. Contact KGP (Treasurer) if you wish to more details on how to claim. We encourage members to claim their due expenses since South Gwent Ramblers' annual budget contains a sum set aside for expenses. It's a case of use it or lose it and we wouldn't like to lose it!

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