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A Friendly Local Walking Group for 50 years



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## NEWSLETTER May 2019

### Introduction

And so to our Spring Newsletter, although judging by the number of walks that had to be cancelled due to the weather it seems we are still emerging from Winter! On the subject of walk cancellations please see the item below, spelling out the process to be followed by walk leaders.

As this goes to print 39 Members will hopefully be enjoying a week's walking in Llanberis, with thanks to Francis Aynsley-Smith and Carol Wilson for organising the trip, and to those Members who kindly agreed to lead walks during the week.

Meanwhile we would like to offer a warm welcome to Lynn Collins, Jen Holmes and Fred Johnson to the Club Committee, and to thank them for coming forward to fill the vacant positions. A full list of Committee Members and their roles for 2019/20 with email addresses is available on the Member's Page of the Website (see below), contact with any Committee Member can also be made by using the Contact Page of the Website.

### Club Subscriptions

To date some 90 Members have paid their annual £5 subscription. Those who have yet to pay are asked to do so by the end of May at the latest. Although it shouldn't be necessary, final reminder e-mails will be sent to those whose subscriptions are still outstanding as that deadline approaches.

### Website and Club Facebook Page

Those of you who have paid your subscription and received a new style membership card will have noticed a seven digit number in the bottom left hand of the card. This is the password you need to access the Members' Area on our revamped website, [www.poyntonramblingclub.co.uk](http://www.poyntonramblingclub.co.uk) There you will find the detailed walk schedules and much more information, so it's well worth a visit.

Our Webmaster, Ken Perry, has asked us to point out that any problem in accessing the Members' Area is probably down a pop-up issue associated with Google Chrome - you are advised to persist or perhaps consider changing your browser!

The Website's Facebook page will be used solely as a Noticeboard from now on - all photos will be added to a new Flickr account that can be accessed via the Gallery page on the website. Please keep submitting new photos of any Club activities to Ken.

## Walk Schedules

It is always a challenge for the walk coordinators to find sufficient walk leaders for new schedules, and then to receive the walk details in time for the schedules to be reviewed by the Committee before they are published. We would therefore make a plea for more members to come forward to offer to lead walks, and for all leaders to send the details to the coordinators by the deadlines given. If you're not sure about leading, perhaps ask a colleague to share the role, or ask for help in trialing a walk - two heads are better than one!

You will note that a couple of Monday evening walks in the schedule below do not have any details. This does not necessarily mean that there will be no walk on those dates but that details have not been available to release in the Newsletter. Final details will be released by email and also on the Website's Facebook Notice board. This could become the norm rather than the exception if leaders and walk details are not available to circulate to Members with the Newsletter.

## Walk Cancellations

Given the vagaries of our weather, walks can inevitably end up being cancelled at short notice. To try to improve on the amount of notice given, it has been agreed that leaders should submit a 'Walk Cancelled' notice for the website by 6pm latest the night before the walk, and for an e-mail to be issued to Members at the same time. Otherwise the onus rests with the Walk Leader to communicate with all those Members who have indicated in advance that they will attend the walk - this clearly underlines the need for Members to register for walks, which is in any case the normal Club requirement.

## Club Residential Trips

*Paddocks Hotel, Symonds Yat - 7th to 11th October 2019*

46 members have booked and the deadline for deposits was end-January. Information about this hotel, close to the River Wye and with views of the Wye Valley as a stunning backdrop, can be gleaned from their website - [www.paddockshotel.com](http://www.paddockshotel.com) Payment of balances for this trip are not due until August, and will be requested in the July newsletter.

## Social Events

Lynn Collins has taken on the role of Social Events Coordinator from Dorothy Stevens. Lynn is looking at the possibility of organising some Club visits by coach/minibus to places of interest slightly further afield than is usual. These could include for example the National Arboretum near Lichfield in Staffordshire, the World of Wedgwood at Stoke on Trent, or a trip on the Manchester Ship Canal. Please let Lynn know via the Contact page on the Club website if you favour this idea, and also if you have any ideas of your own for Club social events.

## Long Distance and other Walks

Members are encouraged to send photos and accounts of any long distance or other interesting walks to our new website - [www.poyntonrambling.co.uk](http://www.poyntonrambling.co.uk). Malcolm Adams will be walking the whole of the 186 mile Pembrokeshire Coastal Path in early May, and will also be attempting the national Three Peaks Challenge in June, with his son. Brief accounts of both will be submitted for the July newsletter.

### Club Discounts

Please see the Members Section.

### Next Committee Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2019. If there are any issues or ideas that Members would like the Committee to consider please let Committee members know in advance.