

# **DYSERTH AND DISTRICT FIELD CLUB**

**Founded 1911**

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## **WINTER PROGRAMME 2018-2019**

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*Our aim is to encourage the appreciation and understanding of all aspects of the countryside*

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**1. Saturday 20th October 2018      LECTURE**

## **HISTORY OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OVER WALES**

Speaker: Medwyn Parry

Chair: Margaret Redford

Medwyn started working for RCAHMW in 1984 as a Graphics Officer. Later he moved to site investigation and surveying in the Industrial Archaeology Branch – specialising in Military Remains. He now maintains the National Monuments Record archive Historical Aerial Photographic Collections, which comprises well over a million images. He lives a few miles outside Aberystwyth, and is looking forward to a happy retirement.



**2. Saturday 3rd November 2018**

**WALK  
approx 4 miles**

**A CIRCULAR WALK FROM LLANGYNHAFAL THROUGH  
THE AONB IN THE VALE OF CLWYD**

A return to the village as - due to the extremely hot weather back in June—we only completed half of the walk. This time we will again walk a short distance to the 15th century Church of St Cynfal, the only Church dedicated to this saint, standing in its circular 'Celtic' churchyard above the village. We will then join the Country Park route to explore the historic houses of Llangynhafal and admire the spectacular views of the Vale of Clwyd.

There are some stiles and depending on the weather the path could be muddy, so wear stout footwear, and bring waterproofs and walking poles if used, also a packed lunch and a drink. Cars leave Prestatyn car park at **9.30am** or meet in the carpark of The Golden Lion pub in Llangynhafal ready to start the walk at **10.30am**.

**Directions:** *Via Rhuddlan take the A525 to Trefnant and turn left at the traffic lights on to the A541 signed Mold. Just before Bodfari turn right onto the B5429 signed Llandyrnog. At the roundabout just before the village turn left passing the Kinnel Arms Tavern and continue on this narrow road, going straight on at two crossroads and ignoring side turnings, until Llangynhafal is reached at a T junction facing the Golden Lion. Drive into the car park on left of the pub.*

**OS ref: SJ129635; Postcode: LL16 4LN**

**Leaders:** Pam Collins & Margaret Redford.

**More details:** 01745 854380 or 01745 887237.

**Car Share: £3**

**4. December 1st 2018**

**WALK/VISIT  
2 miles**

**3. Saturday 17th November 2018**

**LECTURE**

## **CHINA FARM STORY**

Speaker: Michael Corfe

Chair: Linda Wilkinson

After some years as a sales representative Michael went into industry, ending up in Senior Production Control. From there he moved into Local Government and Liverpool University, ending his professional career as Project Co-ordinator of the many disciplines involved in the Design period of multi-million pound highways. He is also an amateur historian.



## A WINTER WALK AT BODNANT

The gardens were founded in 1874 by Henry Pochin, a Victorian scientist, when he bought the Hall and estate. Winter is a great time to explore the garden and view the bare bones, especially the structure of the 140 year old Laburnum Arch; in the winter the gardeners prune and tidy the arch to ensure a wonderful display the following year. A leisurely walk will take us through the Winter Garden, down to the Poem and round the Skating Pond, returning via the Dell where hot drinks are available. At this point the more athletic members of the party can venture up Furnace Hill, which opened in 2017. The walk back via the easier paths ensures we do not have a steep climb.

There are toilets behind the Pavilion Tearoom, the Dell and behind the Garden Centre. Bring a packed lunch, a drink, waterproofs, comfortable shoes and walking poles if used. Cars leave Prestatyn Car Park at **9.30am** or meet at Bodnant by the Pavilion Tearoom at **10.30am**.

**Directions:** *Take the A547 to Abergele joining the A55 west. Leave at Junction 19 on to the A470 towards Betws-y-Coed for about 4 miles. Follow brown tourist sign on the left to Bodnant.*

**OS ref: SH799723; Postcode: LL28 5RE**

**Leaders:** Margaret Redford & Betty Smith

**More details:** 01745 887237 or 01745 354785

**Car Share:** £5 (Bodnant is NT, non-members £13.20)

## **5. Saturday 29th December 2018    WALK 3 miles**

### **POST-CHRISTMAS WALK AT POINT OF AYR**

An easy circular walk, mainly along paths and tracks, overlooking the Dee estuary. Point of Ayr is the site of the last deep pit mine in NE Wales. Once an important shipping route, the area is now internationally important for the large flocks of waders usually seen on the mudflats beyond the RSPB bird-watching hide.

Bring a snack and a warm drink. Binoculars recommended. Cars leave Prestatyn at **12.45pm** or meet in the Pay & Display car park at **1pm**.

**Directions:** *From Prestatyn take the A548 towards Gronant/Llanasa. At the roundabout take the first exit signed Talacre on to Station Road. Bear left on to Gamfa Wen. The Pay & Display car park is at the end of the road on the right—£2 for up to 4 hours.*

**OS ref: SJ123848; Postcode: CH8 9RP**

Leaders: Val O'Rourke & Pam Collins

More details: 01745 338472 & 01745-854380

Car Share: Nil

**JANUARY 1st 2019**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

Individual Members £14

Joint Members £24

Junior Members (under 18 years) £2

***Gift Aid It !***

Gift Aid allows members to increase Club funds at no cost to themselves because, as a registered charity, the Club is able to reclaim the tax paid on subscription monies. If you are a UK taxpayer, but don't yet Gift Aid your membership subscription, please consider joining the many members who are already 'Gift Aiders'. Once you have filled in the simple form, the Treasurer does all the rest. For more information please contact the Treasurer.

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### **NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Under Section P(5) of the Field Club's Constitution, written nominations (including the names of both a proposer and seconder) of both Officers and Management Committee Members must, this year, be with the General Secretary by **JANUARY 12th 2019**.

The agreement of the nominee must be obtained beforehand. Nomination forms will be available at indoor meetings or on request from the General Secretary.

**6. Saturday 12th January 2019**

**LECTURES**

**SHORT TALKS BY MEMBERS**

Chair & Arranger: Joe Phillips

Invited Field Club Members speak about topics which they have found fascinating and would now like to share with their fellow members. But who will they be and what will they be talking about ? You will need to be there to find out!



**7. Saturday 26th January 2019**

**108th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
at  
Trinity Church Hall, Pendre Avenue, Prestatyn**

starting at

**2.00pm  
to be followed by a  
SOCIAL AFTERNOON**

The AGM will include reports on the work of the Field Club during 2018 plus the election of Officers and Committee Members for 2019.

The Social afternoon will take place immediately after the AGM. This is an opportunity to relax in good company and enjoy a really splendid afternoon tea. There will be stalls selling cakes, jams and chutneys etc. and a book stall. A variety of quiz sheets will be on offer for those who like a little challenge!

Tickets for the Social Afternoon, priced at **£3**, will be available at indoor meetings and at the door on the day.

Each ticket will be individually numbered and entered into a draw. The owner of the winning ticket will receive free Field Club membership for 2019.

**8. Saturday 2nd February 2019**

**WALK**  
approx 1½ miles

**A WALK AROUND THE HISTORIC MARKET  
TOWN OF MOLD**

A walk around Mold (Yr Wyddgrug) looking at the Bailey Hill, Town hall, Parish Church of St Mary and other features in the town. We will also take an historical glimpse at the important people of the past associated with the town, such as Mary Beaufort, Daniel Owen, John Ambrose and Richard Wilson.

It is easy walking, although as it is market day so it may be busy in the town. Bring waterproofs, stout footwear and walking poles if normally used. A packed lunch and a drink should also be brought. Cars leave Prestatyn Car Park at **9.30am** or meet in the New Street Car Park to start the walk at **10.30am**.

**Directions:** *Either travel via Denbigh and Ruthin, taking the A494 out of Ruthin to Mold. After Gwernymynydd, at the roundabout, take the A5119 into the town. On New Street, pass Travis Perkins on the right, take next right into the Car Park - **Car Share £4.50**. Alternatively travel from Prestatyn along the A55 to Junc. 33 to Northop. Follow A5119 into Mold and through the town centre on to New Street. Passing Iceland on your left, take next left into the Car Park—**Car Share £3.30**. Car Park fee **£1.50** all day.*  
**OS ref: SJ235637; Postcode: CH7 1NY**

**Leaders:** Joe Phillips & David Roberts

**More details:** 01352-810781 or 01352-740919

**Car Share:** As above

**9. Saturday 16th February 2019      LECTURE**  
**THE RIVER CLWYD - FROM SOURCE TO SEA**

Speaker: Mike Blackburn  
Chair: Janet Smith

Mike was a professional surveyor/draughtsman with OS for 37 years, working primarily in North Wales. He enjoys mountaineering, photography and transportation in all its forms and in the last 20 years has created a mountain garden of 2.5 acres, with trees, shrubs and various plants from all over the world.

He has presented talks and lectures for leisure and professional entertainment over the past 26 years, of which 20 of those lectures cover the main rivers of North Wales. Today he will talk to us about the River Clwyd from its source in the Clocaenog Forest to the sea at Rhyl. We will look at the geology, the geography and the history linked with the story of the river.



between St Asaph & Rhuddlan

**10. Saturday 2nd March 2019**      **WALK 4 miles**

## **MORFA MADRYN NATURE RESERVE**

An easy, level walk along the coast where pools, salt marsh and bird-watching hides allow us to see the ducks and geese that over-winter in the area. Llanfairfechan is also interesting architecturally.

Bring a packed lunch and a drink. Binoculars, stout footwear and waterproofs are recommended. Cars leave Prestatyn Car Park at **10am** or meet in the free car park on Llanfairfechan Promenade at **11 am**.

***Directions:** Take the A55 towards Bangor. Exit at Junction 15 signed Llanfairfechan. At the roundabout take the first exit on to Penmaenmawr Road, turn right on to Shore Road (under the Expressway bridge), left into Glanmor Road, turn right towards the Promenade and then left on to the Prom and car park.*

**OS ref: SH679754; Postcode: LL23 ODA**

Leaders: Val O'Rourke & Betty Smith

More details: 01745-338472 & 01745-354785

Car Share: £4.50

**11. Saturday 16th March 2019**

**THE ANNIVERSARY LECTURE**

Celebrating the founding of The Dyserth & District Field Club 108 years ago on 23rd March 1911

**Snowdonia Habitats—from Summit to Sea**

Speaker: John Harold

Chair: The President

John started out as a gardener and estate worker. He then had varied roles in the conservation sector and became Director of Snowdonia Society in 2014. He helps the Society deliver a helping hand for Snowdonia through its practical conservation programme, whilst providing a clear voice speaking up for protection of the National Park's special qualities when they are under threat. He can see how things are changing in the world of conservation, but believes more than ever that we should protect nature for its own sake.



**12. Saturday 30th March 2019 WALK 4 miles**

## **A RAMBLE AROUND RUTHIN**

A town with a certain place in Welsh history and set against the backdrop of the Clwydian Range, Ruthin has narrow winding streets tightly packed with a diversity of buildings of differing styles, and a red sandstone castle originally built by Edward I in 1277. Owain Glyndwr and the Welsh caused devastating damage to the castle, and the subsequent English Civil Wars saw its demise when it was laid to waste by the Roundheads in 1646. We will follow footpaths around the outskirts of the town before returning to the narrow winding streets and try, on our route, to discover all 10 concealed spyholes so as to understand the character that is Ruthin.

This is relatively easy walking but remember Ruthin is built on hills, and any field walking might be muddy. Stout footwear and walking poles are recommended. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. Cars leave Prestatyn at **9.30am** or meet at Ruthin Rugby Club at **10.30am** to start the walk at **11am**.

**Directions:** *Follow A547 to Rhuddlan and A525 to Ruthin. At the roundabout continue straight on to town centre. At the junction turn right on to A494 along Mwrog Street, then turn left signed Bala. Take next left to park on the lane adjacent to the Rugby Club. Car parking is free.*

**OS ref: SJ117579; Postcode: LL15 2BB**

**Leaders:** Linda Wilkinson & Pam Collins

**More details:** 01745-336456 or 01745854380

**Car Share:** £3.50

**13. Saturday 13th April 2019**

**LECTURE**

## **HEDGEHOGS IN CARE**

Speaker: Tracy Pierce

Chair: Val O'Rourke

Tracy rescues wild hedgehogs when they are injured, sick, orphaned or underweight. Her background of being brought up on a farm and then nursing for over 30 years has helped her to care for them. She is now retired due to Arthritis and this allows her the time to run the rescue. Numbers vary all year round but last summer she had 42 in care, the most she has ever had.



TWO BABIES IN CARE

## **WALKS /VISITS**

A packed lunch and drink, and strong shoes or boots are required for all walks unless otherwise stated in the individual walk description. Warm waterproof clothing is always advisable.

No dogs are allowed on walks.

Distances given for walks are approximate.

Cars meet at Prestatyn Church car park

**(OS Ref: SJo66827; Postcode: LL19 9BY)**

Members with cars are asked to provide transport for passengers, who are requested to have the exact suggested car share money for the event ready to offer to the driver.

In addition to the OS grid reference of a meeting point, a postcode has been given, wherever possible, for car drivers using a Sat Nav.

A First Aid Box are carried on all walks.

## **VISITORS**

Visitors are welcome on both walks and excursions but with a £2 fee for lectures.

## **CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Nominations for Committee can be made to the General Secretary at any time, subject to the Member's agreement.

## **DISCLAIMER**

The Dyserth & District Field Club will not be responsible for any damage to property or persons during the activities of the Club. The presence of Members and Visitors during the various activities is deemed to be an acceptance of this rule.