

**DYSERTH & DISTRICT FIELD CLUB**  
**Founded 1911**

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**SUMMER PROGRAMME 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.  | 27th April | A walk around Mold          | W |
| 2.  | 11th May   | The Bridges pf Betws-y-Coed | W |
| 3.  | 25th May   | Greenfield Dock & Valley    | W |
| 4.  | 8th June   | Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham     | E |
| 5.  | 22nd June  | A stroll through Parkgate   | W |
| 6.  | 6th July   | Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve    | W |
| 7.  | 20th July  | The Menai Bridges           | E |
| 8.  | 7th Sept   | Eastham Country Park        | W |
| 9.  | 21st Sept  | Bridges of the Dee          | W |
| 10. | 5th Oct    | Martinmere, Ormskirk        | E |

**Please note there are no events in August**

## EXCURSIONS

Coach pick-up points & times for 2019 are listed below

Rhuddlan (Vicarage Lane bus stop)	<b>8.40</b>
Boulevard, Rhyl	<b>8.45</b>
Larkmount Road (High School all-weather pitch)	<b>8.48</b>
Eastville, Rhyl (Denmore Stores bus stop)	<b>8.50</b>
Ffrith, Prestatyn	<b>8.55</b>
Victoria Hotel, Prestatyn	<b>8.57</b>
Pendyffryn Road (layby opposite pensioners' bungalows)	<b>9.00</b>
Junction of Fforddisa & Princes Ave, Prestatyn	<b>9.05</b>
Manod Road bus stop, Meliden	<b>9.10</b>
St Bridget's Church bus stop, Lower Dyserth	<b>9.13</b>
Upper Dyserth Cross Roads	<b>9.15</b>

Please book coach seats **in writing**  
with Val O'Rourke, Excursions Secretary.

Enclose a cheque payable to **Dyserth & District Field Club**, stating your pick-up point.

**Each excursion has a clearly stated 'BOOK BY' date. Failure to book by this date could result in the event being cancelled due to apparent lack of support.**

On the day, if you cannot attend the excursion, please ring **01745 338472** (Val O'Rourke) between **7.30 and 8 am.**



**English Oak leaves and acorns**

***Quercus robur***

**1. Saturday 27th April 2019**

**WALK**  
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 it is market day so it may be busy in the town. Cars leave Prestatyn Car Park at **9.30am** or meet in the New Street Car Park to start the walk at **10.30am**.

***Directions:** Travel from Prestatyn along the A55 to Junction 33 to Northop. Follow A5119 into Mold and through the town centre and on to New Street. Passing Iceland on your left, take next left into the 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:** £3.30.

**2. Saturday 11th May 2019**

**WALK**

4 miles

## **THE BRIDGES OF BETWS-Y-COED**

A walk along the Afon Llugwy and Afon Conwy looking at 3 bridges and St Michael's Church. Some sections of the walk are uneven with small ascents and descents. There is one steady climb on to a forest track and a few low stiles.

Cars leave Prestatyn at **9am** or meet at Betws-Pont-y-Pair car park ready to start walk at **10.30am**.

***Directions:** From the Waterloo Bridge drive past the Anna Davies shop and turn right over the Pont-y-Pair bridge. Immediately turn left, then right into the car park opposite the river.*

*Parking **£3.50**. Toilets **20p**.*

**OS ref: SH792567 : Postcode: LL24 0BA**

**Leaders:** Val O'Rourke & Margaret Redford

**More details:** 01745 338472 or 01745 887237

**Car Share:** £5

**3. Saturday 25th May 2019**

**WALK**

4 miles

## **GREENFIELD VALLEY AND DOCK**

An easy walk on good paths down to Greenfield's once busy dock on the River Dee, then back up to walk through the Greenfield Valley Heritage Park, passing monuments and remnants of its industrial past. The area was the first in Britain to use water power for industry in factories in the 18th Century and the rocks in the Valley provided the initial evidence for gas and oil development in the Irish Sea in the late 20th Century.

The walk up through the Valley provides the opportunity to see wildlife in the woodland, around the reservoirs and in the river—so binoculars are recommended. Cars leave Prestatyn **10.15am** or meet at the Greenfield Car Park on the A548 Coast Road at **11am**.

**Directions:** *Leave Prestatyn on the A548 Coast Road to Greenfield. At the traffic lights, continue straight on and just **before** the viaduct over the road and the 30mph speed camera, turn right into the Car Park for free parking!*

**OS ref: SJ197775; Postcode: CH7 7EP**

**Leaders:** Pippa Barnsley & Janet Smith

**More details:** 01745 571349 or 01745 730789

**Car Share:** £1.70

**4. Saturday 8th June 2019**

**EXCURSION**

**GAWTHORPE HALL, Nr BURNLEY**

Gawthorpe Hall is a grade 1 listed Elizabethan house in the heart of industrial Lancashire. Built in the 1600s for the Shuttleworth family, they lived there until 1970 when Rachel died and the Hall was given to the National Trust. The Gawthorpe Textile Collection has an extensive display of textiles, needlework, lace and costumes, collected by Rachel Kay Shuttleworth. There is also a collection of portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery.

There is a flight of steps to enter and as the house is built over three floors there are many more flights of stairs to access the whole building. The toilets and tea room are situated approx. 100 yards from the house. The tea room serves light refreshments, soup, sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee. There are picnic tables and seating around the grounds for picnic lunches.

**Leaders:** Margaret Redford & Val O'Rourke

**More details:** 01745 887237 or 01745 338472

**Coach Fare:** (including entrance fee) **£21.**

**NT** members deduct £4 from this.

Remember to bring your **NT card.**

**Please book by 25th May**

**5. Saturday 22nd June 2019**

**WALK**  
3 miles

## **A STROLL THROUGH PARKGATE**

Following coffee at the Old Quay Inn (original, dated 1822), we will follow a trail through the village to look at old buildings and byways that have survived since the 17<sup>th</sup> century when it first became a port and from a later time when Parkgate was a fashionable resort. Weather permitting there should be good views of the Welsh side of the River Dee from 'The Parade'. After a picnic lunch there is a walk beside the bird-rich RSPB reserve of Gayton Sands, returning to the village via the Wirral Way, a pathway constructed from a derelict railway line. Paths are mainly on the level.

Binoculars are recommended. There are toilets at the start and end of the walks. Cars leave Prestatyn at **9:30am** to meet in the Parkgate free car park by **10:30am**

**Directions:** From Prestatyn take the A548 Coast Road eastwards, crossing the Flintshire Bridge, to join the A550, following signs for Birkenhead. After 2½ miles, at cross roads, turn left and follow the A540 (signed Hoylake) for about 3½ miles, turning left onto the B5134 signed Parkgate. Follow this road, turn left onto the B5135 and left again into Station Rd. The Ropewalk free car park is on the left. **OS ref: SJ280779; Postcode: CH64 6QJ**

**Leaders:** Betty Smith & June Patterson

**More details:** 01745 354785 or 01745 853446

**Car Share:** £4.80

**6. Saturday 6th July 2019**

**WALK**

4 miles

**A WALK AROUND RHYDYMWYN VALLEY  
NATURE RESERVE**

An easy walk through species-rich woodland and grassland habitats in this former 2nd World War chemical weapons production site. There are still a number of interesting listed buildings remaining on the site, although some were demolished after its closure. Since then it has developed into a splendid and interesting nature reserve.

Binoculars are recommended. Cars leave Prestatyn at **9.30am** or meet in the Nature Reserve car park at Rhydymwyn at **10.30am**.

**Directions:** *Travel from Prestatyn and through Dyserth to join the A5151. Through Trelawnyd to the roundabout on the A5151, passing over the A55 and through Caerwys to join the A541. Turn left and head towards Mold. Pass Nannerch and go through Hendre, to reach Rhydymwyn. Opposite the garage in Rhydymwyn, turn right along Nant Alyn Road—the Nature Reserve is along the road on the left.*  
**OS ref: SJ206668; Postcode: CH7 5HQ**

**Please note: Members attending MUST book by ringing 01352 810781 a week before the event.**

**Leaders:** Joe Phillips & Keith Tierney

**More details:** 01352 810781 or 01745 570722

**Car Share:** £2.80

**7. Saturday 20th July 2019**

**EXCURSION**

**THE MENAI BRIDGES & THEIR ENVIRONS**

We will first visit the Menai Heritage Centre in the Thomas Telford Centre, where we will have coffee and an introductory talk about the history of the area and the bridges. A visit will follow to the Bridge Exhibition to see documents, photos and artefacts before being taken on a guided walk, which includes crossing the Menai Suspension Bridge.

Back on the coach, we will then travel a short way to view the Britannia Bridge on the Anglesey side which now carries both the railway and the A55. A path leads to the rail level where we can see the disused northern track and one of the 4 stone lions that guard the original bridge. A visit will also be paid to St Mary's Church to see a monument erected to commemorate the workmen killed during the original construction of the bridge and the two men who died in the 1970s rebuild. If time allows we may get to see the monument to Lord Nelson, erected in 1873 as an aid to navigation through the dangerous Swellies.

**Leaders:** David Richards & Keith Tierney

**More details:** 01745 570625 or 01745 570722

**Coach fare** includes admission, refreshments at the Menai Heritage Centre and the guided walk: **£18**

**Please book by 6th July**

**8. Saturday 7th September 2019**

**WALK**

3 miles

### **EASTHAM COUNTRY PARK, WIRRAL**

An easy walk around woodland in the Eastham Country Park on the Wirral bank of the River Mersey, providing views across the estuary with its abundant birdlife. Originally the site of the ferry terminus for the Eastham-Liverpool ferry, after its closure in 1846, the area was landscaped as pleasure gardens, and later a zoo was added with a bear pit, monkey enclosures and a lion's den. In 1970 the Park was designated a Woodland and Country Park and now has a tearoom and a Visitor's Centre with a dedicated bird watching room. With 100 acres of woodland, it offers walks of differing lengths for differing needs.

Binoculars are recommended. Toilets available at the Visitor Centre. Cars leave Prestatyn at **9.30am** or meet at the Car Park at **10.30am** - **£2** for all day.

**Directions:** *Follow the A548 Coast Road to Queensferry then the A550 to Birkenhead. At Hooton take A41 to Eastham Village, shortly fork right on to the B5132, turning right at the Hooton Arms. Continue for 1 mile, passing The Tap pub, and turning immediately left into the Car Park.*

**OS ref: SJ362818; Postcode: CH62 0HB**

**Leaders:** Jacquie Irving & Linda Wilkinson

**More details:** 01745 854132 or 01745 336456

**Car Share:** £4.80

**9. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

**WALK**  
4 miles

## **BANKS OF THE DEE**

A flat riverside walk along the banks of the Dee starting from Connah's Quay, involving two of the three, quite different types of bridges on this section of the river. The river has for many years been important for transport, industry and fishing and today the cycle tracks and walking routes on its banks provide recreation. An opportunity at the end of the walk to visit the Kathleen & May Community Heritage Centre on the old stone quay, named after the last three-masted topsail schooner built in Connah's Quay.

Binoculars are recommended. Cars leave Prestatyn at **10:00am** or meet at the car park in Dock Road, Connahs Quay for an **11am** start.

**Directions:** *From Prestatyn take the coast road (A548) for 17 miles then on to the B5219 (signed Connah's Quay). Continue on this road and after approx 1.25 miles pass St Mark's church on the right then turn into the 2nd road on the left, Dock Rd. We will be calling at Yvonne's café on this road for a quick coffee and toilet stop before parking at the end of Dock Road for the start of the walk.*

**OS ref SJ294699. Post code CH5 4DS**

**Leaders:** Betty Smith & Keith Tierney

**Further details:** 01745 354785 or 01745 570722

**Car Share:**£3

## **10. Saturday 5th October 2019    EXCURSION**

### **MARTIN MERE, ORMSKIRK**

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust is a conservation organisation saving wetlands and their biodiversity. After coffee there will be a short talk giving information about the Centre, its resident world-wide wildfowl collection and other attractions. Details of native resident and visiting species, and endangered species and conservation projects will also be given. After lunch members are free to explore or join the leaders to see the many attractions. Paths are level and bird hides easily accessible.

Bring packed lunch or use the café at the Centre. Binoculars are recommended.

Coach fare includes discounted admission and talk cost. Members of the WWT should deduct £9.38 from their coach fare.

**Leaders:** Val O'Rourke & Margaret Redford

**More details:** 01745 338472 or 01745 887237

**Coach Fare and entrance: £25**

**Please book by September 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Greater Horseshoe Bat**  
*Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*

## **WALKS & VISITS**

A packed lunch, a drink and strong shoes or boots are required for all events unless otherwise stated in the individual event description. Waterproof clothing is always advisable. Poles are optional and binoculars are recommended.

No dogs are allowed on walks.

Distances given for walks are approximate.

Cars meet at Prestatyn **Nant Hall** Car Park

**(OS Ref: SJ066827; Postcode: LL19 9BY).**

Members with cars are asked to provide transport for passengers, who are requested to have the exact car share money for the event ready to give to the driver. In addition to the OS grid reference of a meeting place, a postcode has been given, wherever possible, for car drivers using a Sat Nav.

A First Aid Box is carried on all walks.

## **VISITORS**

Visitors are welcome on both walks and excursions but with an additional £1 fee for excursions.

## **CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Nominations of Members for the 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.

## **Omissions from this Summer's Programme**

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**More details:** 01745 354785 & 01745 853446

**Car Share: £4.80**

Event 6    ***A Walk around Rhydymwyn Valley-Nature Reserve***

**More details:** 01352 810781 & 01745 570722

**Car Share: £2.80**

Event 8    ***Eastham Country Park, Wirral***

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Event 9    ***Banks of the Dee***

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