

## GEOMON GEOPARK WEEK- WALKING AND OUTDOOR FESTIVAL 2013



**Welcome to the Isle of Anglesey's Walking and Outdoor Festival.**

**GeoMon is now a member of the prestigious European Network of which there are 54 members in Europe and is also a Global Geopark (UNESCO). Geomon is grateful to Menter Môn and partners for combining their activities as part of the European Geopark week.**

From May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup> you can walk, see and learn about the beautiful island of Anglesey with its many myths and legends. Visit quaint coastal and rural villages with their tales of shipwrecks and ghosts and explore the island's industrial heritage on the Holyhead and Copper Coin tours. See the variety of wildlife and wetlands of the local Nature Reserves and new for 2013 an otters, minks and voles walk!

The 2013 festival includes more family friendly events, walks accessible to all and an exciting programme for schools. In addition to this will be a weekend of challenges beginning with the Holy Island challenge where you can walk, costeer, cycle or kayak the Holy Island coast with Anglesey Wildlife Walks or take on the Full Monty – walk the whole of the Coastal Footpath, all 125 miles with Crwydro Môn/Môn Walking Holidays. Should this be too Challenging why not take a relaxing bus tour with Celticos and explore your 'roots' or the history of the island or cycle a 100 or 50k route across Anglesey at your own pace organised by Audax. Should you wish a lesser challenge why not try one of our four shortest cycling routes, or wander the coast of Anglesey with GEOMON looking for fossils and see and hear about the unique geology of the island and its dangerous coastline that was responsible for many shipwrecks that lie beneath the waves.

GeoMon and Menter Môn, as the organisers, are continuing our close working relationship with the new Natural Resources Wales Organisation who have taken over the functions currently carried out by the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales.

The Ramblers Association (Ynys Môn Group) are also assisting us in addition to the Anglesey Coastal Path Team, North Wales Wildlife Trust, National Trust, Countryside Officers of the Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

All our walks are guided by experienced, informative guides who will ensure your enjoyment during the festival and several walks are on the Coastal Footpath and feature stunning scenery, flora and fauna with varied geological rock formations - home to a large variety of nesting bird colonies, which is ideal for birdwatchers.

Walks will start promptly at the indicated start times. Walkers must report to the walk leader no later than 15 minutes before the start time

Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Challenge 1**

### **Holy Island Wildlife and Activity Challenge Part 1 – 9.30**

Walk, kayak, cycle or coaster the coast of Holy Island – this is up to you! Explore the wildlife hidden along the coast, choose your method of transport and be guided or self guided by professional knowledgeable guides. Take part in our wildlife treasure hunt at South Stack RSPB reserve, children's activities 'See and Draw' at Ellins Tower, Blackthorn Campsite, Outdoor Alternative, Rhoscolyn and Holyhead Breakwater Park. Should you wish to cycle or kayak equipment will be available. Places are limited, booking essential

Come and join Anglesey Wildlife Walks on the Holy Island Challenge – its FREE!

For a full programme please contact Caroline Bateson - 07725174087

Organiser and Leader – Caroline Bateson

To book your place and stay contact:- Anglesey Wildlife Walks –  
[www.angleseywildlifewalks.com](http://www.angleseywildlifewalks.com)

## **Challenge 2**

### **The Full Môtnty with Anglesey Walking Holidays - The Coastal Footpath Challenge 9.30 am**

Walk the whole 125 mile (200 kilometres) Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path in 12 days, staying at lovely accommodations around the island. You will be picked up and transferred to and from the path and your luggage transferred daily. Walk at your own pace, with plenty of time to marvel at our island's breathtaking scenery and wildlife – from birds, porpoises, seals to red squirrels – as well as an abundance of wild flowers and fauna. Learn about the island's fascinating maritime and archaeological past. On your last day you will be awarded a certificate of completion and a three course meal at one of the island's best restaurants.

You also have the option to complete the Full Môtnty in fewer days, or if pressed for time, to return next year to finish this amazing challenge.

This self-guided package is a challenge of a lifetime - not to be missed!

Organiser – Eurwyn Williams 01248 713 611 07979 055 979

To book your place contact:- Anglesey Walking Holidays/Crwydro Môn  
www.angleseywalkingholidays.com

## **WALK 1**

### **Hidden Treasures of South West Anglesey 10.00 am - 16.30 pm**

Excellent opportunity to visit some of the hidden treasures of the Menai Straits and south west region of Anglesey on a 'Walk & Ride' guided tour. Short walks and mini bus hops will enable us to visit historical and interesting locations such as the site of the Roman invasion, old ferry locations that were in use before the building of bridges, walk the stepping stones over the river Braint and much more; your guide will be knowledgeable and will have interesting stories and old pictures to enhance the enjoyment of the day.

Start point: LL P G Railway Station  
Total walking distance – 5 miles approx, easy grade  
Lunch break Llys Llywelyn, Aberffraw  
Cost £15 per person  
Maximum of 8 persons only, early booking advisable  
No dogs  
Leader: Alwyn Griffith [www.celticos.com](http://www.celticos.com)

## **WALK 2**

### **Menai Suspension Bridge and the Bridge House 11.00 a.m. & 2.00 p.m.**

Starting from Canolfan Thomas Telford a guided walk under and over Menai Suspension Bridge and into the Bridge House at the southern end to see how the chains pass through and a close-up view of the saddles. Limited numbers due to restricted access into building. At the end of the walk entry to the Menai Heritage exhibition and tea/coffee in Canolfan Thomas Telford will be available to walkers at reduced rates.

Start point: Canolfan Thomas Telford; SH 555 718  
Length & Grade of walk: 2 miles, 3 to 4 hrs, moderate  
Fee: **£5.00**  
Leader: **Bob Daimond and Nick Holyfield, MBCHT**

## **WALK 3**

### **The Wonders of Cemlyn 5.00 pm**

Cemlyn is one of the iconic coastal locations on Anglesey. It is an internationally important seabird site with Wales' single most important Sandwich tern colony and also has opportunities to see lots of other wildlife both on the shore and in the coastal waters of North Anglesey. This evening walk will provide the opportunity to learn about the life of the seabird colony as they return to roost for the evening and explore coastal habitats along with the chance of seeing seals or a really exciting wildlife sighting!

Start point: Bryn Car Park, Cemlyn SH 329925  
Length & grade of walk: 2 miles, 2 hrs, moderate to difficult  
Fee: 5.00  
Leaders: Wildlife Trust Tern Colony Warden

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>

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WALK 4

### **Family Adventure Day – start time 10:00am,**

Join staff from the Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team and the Conwy Centre as you explore the coastline off the Menai Strait in a canoe. As well as canoeing you will have the opportunity to build a shelter and abseil down a cliff face. All equipment and instruction provided.

Start: Conwy Centre, Plas Newydd: SH 522 698  
Leader: AONB and Conwy Centre Staff  
Length and grade of walk: all day, adventurous  
Fee: Adults £15 Children £10 booking essential (minimum age 8yrs old)  
Leader: Plas Newydd Guides

WALK 5

### **Marine Treasures - Rock-pooling at Rhosneigr. - 2pm**

Come and see what lurks beneath the waves and gets left behind when the tide goes out. Countryside Council for Wales marine staff will help you discover that there is a lot more to the beach than sand and surfing!

Very young children may not be able to reach the furthest rock pools but are welcome to join in as far as they are able.

Please dress sensibly for the weather, bring sun cream and plenty to drink.

Be prepared to get wet – especially your feet and shoes. Wear shorts and beach shoes or sandals you can paddle in or Wellingtons.

Bring your own net and bucket if you want, or use one of ours.

Start point: Rhosneigr slipway, at the end of Beach Road; SH316 732

Length and grade of walk: Short; rocks could be slippery

Fee: FREE

Leader: Rowland Sharp

## WALK 6

### **Bird Watching and Historical Tour of the Valley Lakes 9.30 am**

A bird watching and historical walk around Llyn Cerrig Bach where Iron age artefacts including a slave chain, tools, and chariot parts were found by local M.O.D. grounds man W O Roberts in 1943. His daughter, a local historian will provide an interesting talk about the artefacts by the Lake at the beginning of this walk. This area is also one of the most important reserves and historical sites on Anglesey and your guide an RSPB warden will explain how the lakes are cultivated and managed for the protection of migratory wildfowl and other wildlife living on this reserve.

Start point: RSPB Car Park, RAF Valley; SH 312 765

Length & Grade of Walk: 2 miles: 2-3 hrs, easy

Fee: £4.00 per person

Binoculars required

Guide: Eflyn Owen-Jones (at Llyn Cerrig Bach) and Ian Simms

## **Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>**

### WALK 7

#### **Bushcraft Skills – start time 9:30 to 12:00pm a 13:00 to 15:30**

Join staff from the Anglesey AONB and the Conway Centre for an introduction to the basics of Bushcraft Skills. You will learn to put up a shelter, make a fire and hopefully share in some toasted goodies. Spaces limited to 15 people in each session.

Start Point: Conway Centre SH 522698

Length & Grade: Mostly easy

Fee: Adults £10 Children £5

Leader: AONB Community Warden

### WALK 8

### **The Weatherman Walk (as seen on BBC TV) 10.00 am**

Join our expert guide on one of Anglesey's most stunning coastal walks with its rich historical and ecological interest. This circular walk takes you around Wylfa Head passing close to Porth yr Ogof, Porth Wylfa and into Cemaes Bay. From here to Penrhyn Mawr, Llanbadrig and Llanlleiana where there will be an opportunity to climb up to the top of Dinas Gynfor, then returning back to Porth Wylfa.

Start point: Wylfa Power Station (Old Wylfa Manor) SH 356 938

Length & Grade of Walk: 6 miles, 4 hours, moderate to difficult some steep cliffs

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Dave Salter

### **WALK 9**

#### **Benllech to Red Wharf Bay 2.30 pm**

Follow the shore to see rare sandstone pipes in the Carboniferous Limestone. Understand how Anglesey started its 'life' in the Southern hemisphere and crossed the equator 300 million years ago when these rocks formed in the warm shallow seas of the tropics.

Start point: Benllech Beach Car Park Grid ref: SH 523 825

Length and grade of walk: 2 miles, 3 hrs, moderate

Fee: £5.00 per person

Leaders: Jon Pinnington

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

### **WALK 10**

#### **Cemaes Bay / Porth Wen Circular - 10.30 a.m. (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

This circular walk follows the coastal path along the dramatic coastline from Cemaes Bay, passing Llanbadrig Church, to Porth Wen with views of the old brickworks before heading inland across fields using footpaths recently improved by the Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with Isle of Anglesey County Council. There is a section of road walking on a quiet country lane.

Start Point: Free car park east of Cemaes Beach SH 375 939

Length and grade of walk: 6.5 miles, moderate with some steep sections.

Fee:£5.00

Leader: Pearl Bucknall 01248 851117

### **WALK 11**

#### **Mariandyrys Nature Trail 11.00 am**

Enjoy an afternoon walk with Wildlife Trust ecologists through a variety of habitats on the Mariandryrs Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. Explore flower-rich limestone grassland, which attracts several species of butterfly.

Start point: Glanrafon Car Park, Llangoed SH 604 807

Length & grade of walk: 3 miles, 2 hrs, easy

Fee: £5.00

Leaders: Geoff & Penny Radford

WALK 12

### **The Floral Dance - Benllech to Traeth Coch 2.00pm**

Walk through glades of trees, sandy beaches and the cliffs of Benllech whilst exploring a wide variety flora and of seaweed and lichen on the beach.

Start point: Beach car park Benllech: SH 523 825

Length & Grade of Walk: 4 miles, 4 hrs, moderate to difficult some steep cliffs

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Bethan Jones

WALK 13

### **Cemlyn Shingle Ridge Walk 5.00 pm**

Visit the shingle beach of Cemlyn with its host of water birds who live on the lagoon. Pass the home of Captain Vivian Hewitt who created this Lagoon and the double walls which act as both windbreaks and bird 'hides' – what can you see through the viewing holes in the inner walls

Start Point: Bryn Aber Car Park, Cemlyn SH328936

Length & Grade: 2 miles, easy

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Bryn Jones, Gwynfor Owen

**Wednesday May 29**

WALK 14

### **Sand dunes and Salty Air, Aberffraw. 10.30am**

Sand-dunes are fascinating places crammed full of special plants, birds and animals, making for unique sights, sounds and smells. So too are beaches, strandlines and estuaries, and you'll get to enjoy them all at Aberffraw! Come and learn about the wildlife we encounter as we meander through these different habitats, and why managing these places is so important. Bring a picnic for lunch and a paddle (if you fancy) on the beach.

Please dress sensibly for the weather, bring suncream, comfortable footwear and a picnic lunch with plenty to drink.

Start point: Aberffraw beach car park: SH357 690

Length and grade of the walk: 1.5 miles, 2.5-3 hours (includes half hour for lunch),

Easy/Moderate

Fee: FREE

Leader: Karen Rawlins

WALK 15

### **Wildfood Walk – 10:30 poss PM?**

A great opportunity to learn about our native wild plants and their edible and medicinal uses. We will be joined by a wild food expert who can give you an insight into past uses of wild plants and how we can still learn and benefit from them today.

Start Point: tbc

Length & Grade of Walk: tbc

Fee: £5.00

Leader: AONB Community Warden, Jules Cooper

WALK16

### **Geo-Caching the High Tech Treasure Hunt 10.00am – 12.00pm and 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Come and try the increasingly popular sport of geo-caching at the Breakwater Country Park. This high tech treasure hunt uses Geographical Positioning System (GPS) units to find hidden treasure boxes or 'caches' in interesting places.

Location Breakwater Country Park: SH 228 834

Length and grade of walk: 2 hours moderate

Fee: Free but booking essential as places are limited - 2 sessions max – 6 groups per session (GPS Units provided).

Leader: Gareth Evans (Countryside Warden)

Cycle event 1

### **Ride the Telor Loop 6.00 pm**

A great opportunity to see this stunning area on a bike. Feel the wind in your hair as you cycle the Telor loop and stop for a short while at Penmon Priory. Proceed back to the start and treat yourself to a glass of wine a pint or a good meal! before cycling home

Start Point: Beaumaris Pier

Length & Grade of loop: 16 miles

Fee: £5.00

Leader: tbc

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 a.m.**

## WALK 17

### **Rhoscolyn Circular (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

This walk will take us along the roadside for a short distance to access footpaths opened and improved by Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with Isle of Anglesey County Council followed by quiet lanes and footpaths to Traeth Llydan (Silver Bay) and around the headland to Borthwen (Rhoscolyn Beach) and along the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path past the Coastguard Lookout, St. Gwenfaen's Well, White Arch, Black Arch and inland paths to return to our start point.

Start Point: Near St. Gwenfaen's Church SH 268 757 or roadside SH 269 761 if full.

Length and grade of walk: 7.5 miles, moderate.

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Hefin Lloyd Roberts 01248 722764

## WALK 18

### **Newborough Warren and Ynys Llanddwyn NNR 11am**

Newborough Warren and Ynys Llanddwyn National Nature Reserve is one of our most spectacular and important sand dune systems. On this walk, led by the Senior Reserve Manager, you will discover how the sand dune system and its plants and animals have evolved through constant change and what is being done today to manage and protect it.

Start point: NRW Car park at Llyn Rhos Ddu: SH 426 647

Length and grade of walk: 4 miles, approx 4 hours, easy, suitable for children.

Fee: FREE

Facilities: Public toilet, shop and Post office in Newborough village.

Event Leader: Graham Williams

## WALK 19

### **Creative Writing – Llanbadrig Church 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

'Join Will Stewart for a very special creative writing session within the ambience of the 5<sup>th</sup> century Llanbadrig Church. Llanbadrig Church, the Church of Saint Patrick, is one of Anglesey's historical landmarks – legend has it that Saint Patrick was shipwrecked nearby. Will's love of the island's unique and very rich cultural heritage manifests itself in his enthusiasm to enthuse people to write about what they experience while on the island. Combining an infectious enthusiasm, practical knowledge via a masters degree from Bangor University in 'Writing: Practice and Context', plus a fascination with local scenery and history gained from years of experience as a Country Park Ranger, creates a springboard for Will from which to share his knowledge and enthusiasm with all. Prepare to experience Anglesey along a path that will be your personal journey – a journey that stirs the soul.'

Venue:- St Patricks Church  
Speaker:- Will Stewart

## WALK 20

### **Wildlife and The Heritage Waterfront, Menai Bridge 2.00 p.m.**

Learn about the interesting heritage of Menai Bridge and variety of wildlife on the Straits and on the waterfront. Walk through Coed Cynol to Church Island, along the Belgian prom and under the suspension bridge to Princes Pier. Your guides will identify the various fauna and flora to be seen as well as providing commentary on the history and heritage along the route. At the end of the walk entry to the Menai Heritage exhibition and tea/coffee in Canolfan Thomas Telford will be available to walkers at reduced rates.

Start point: Canolfan Thomas Telford; SH 555 718  
Length & Grade of walk: 2 miles, 3 to 4 hrs, moderate  
Fee: **£5.00**  
Leaders: **Joanna Robertson, MBCHT and others.**

## **Friday May 31**

### **WALK 21**

#### **Family Adventure Day – 10:00am,**

Join staff from the Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team and the Conwy Centre as you explore the coastline off the Menai Strait in a canoe. As well as canoeing you will have the opportunity to build a shelter and abseil down a cliff face. All equipment and instruction provided.

Start: Conwy Centre, Plas Newydd: SH 522 698  
Leader: AONB and Conwy Centre Staff  
Length and grade of walk: all day, adventurous  
Fee: Adults £15 Children £10 booking essential (minimum age 8yrs old)  
Leader: Plas Newydd Guides

## WALK 22

### **The Llyn Cefni Walk – 10.00am**

Come and join the Countryside Officers on this part boardwalk part cycle path walk which starts at the Dingle in the market town of Llangefni and meanders through wooded areas up to Llyn Cefni where you can relax a while before returning to the start. If your lucky you may spot the recently reintroduced red squirrels or the elusive kinfisher!

Start: St Cyngar's Church, the Dingle; SH 458 759

Length & Grade of Walk: 4 miles, 3hrs, easy-Suitable for Wheelchairs  
Fee: Free (please note there is a fee for parking)  
Leader: Gareth Evans

## **WALK 23**

### **Cultural Walk to Ynys Llanddwyn 11am**

This is a chance to take part in a fantastic walk along the beach to Ynys Llanddwyn. During the 5<sup>th</sup> Century, this tidal island was home to Santes Dwynwen, the patron saint of love in Wales and is steeped in local history and folklore. Natural Resources Wales Senior Reserve Manager Graham Williams will guide us through the island's rich history, interpret recent archaeological work completed on some of the relicts, and help identify plants and animals along the way. We may also get to see some seals who can often be found hauled up on the rocks just off Llanddwyn.

Start point: Main beach car park (SH405634)  
Length and grade of the walk: Moderate, 3-4 hrs.  
Fee: FREE, but please note there is a £3 parking fee in the car park  
Leader: Graham Williams

## **WALK 24**

### **Join us in wonderland!! 6.00 pm**

Follow in the footsteps of Alice and the White rabbit for an adventure in Wonderland at Tyddyn Môn. Come and meet the Cheshire cat and all his friends before finishing the evening at the mad hatters tea party.

Start Point: Tyddyn Môn Cafe, SH 484 869  
Length & grade of Walk: approx 0.5 miles, 1 hr, easy.  
Fee: £6.00  
Leaders: Mared Huws + Rhiannon Williams

Tyddyn Môn is a social enterprise providing day care facilities in a working environment for adults with learning difficulties. Tyddyn Môn farm is located in Brynrefail, Dulas in a scenic location and within extensive grounds.

## **Cycle Event 2**

### **Ride the Nico Loop 6.30pm**

Another opportunity to cycle instead of walking this very rural part of Anglesey. Pass Llyn Llywenan, Llynnon Wind Mill and Hywel's Watermill on this 20 mile route. Should you wish you can reduce this loop to 13 miles.  
Start Point: Llyn Alaw Visitor Centre  
Length & Grade of loop: 13 or 20 miles  
Fee: £5.00  
Leader: tbc

**Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**WALK 25**

**Walking for Wildlife Cors Goch NNR 10.30 am**

Explore the history, landscape and biodiversity of one of Anglesey's nationally important wetland sites. The walk will take in some of the outstanding features of Cors Goch, with excellent opportunities to encounter a varied range of wildlife in the company of the North Wales Wildlife Trust's Senior Conservation Officer.

Start point: Lôn Lydan, Llanbedrgoch, to the east of Penycefn Farm  
(signposted for the event) – SH 498 803

Length and Grade of Walk: 3-4 miles, 5 hrs, moderate – damp/wet conditions  
underfoot

Fee: £5.00 per person

Leader: John Rowe, National Reserve Warden

**WALK 26**

**The Wonders of Cemlyn – 11.00 am**

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Start point: Bryn Car Park, Cemlyn SH 329925

Length & grade of walk: 2 miles, 2 hrs, moderate to difficult

Fee: 5.00

Leaders: Wildlife Trust Tern Colony Warden

**WALK 27**

**Holyhead Maritime Museum to the Holyhead Breakwater Country Park 2.30 pm**

Join Gareth Evans Countryside Warden on and members of the Holyhead Maritime Museum on this walk which will give you an insight into the maritime and natural history of the area. Once you reach the Breakwater Country Park you will be treated to a wealth of information on the flora, fauna and industrial history of this special corner of Holyh Island. A guided tour of the innovative open air brick shed gallery will precede refreshments (at your own cost) at the newly opened tea rooms. You will then return to the maritime Museum on Newry Beach. Suitable for wheelchairs

Start point: Maritime Museum, Newry Beach: SH 245 833

Length and grade of Walk: 2 miles, 3 hrs, easy

Fee £5.00

Leaders: Gareth Evans

WALK 28

### **Two Bridges of Menai 2.00 pm**

Starting from Canolfan Thomas Telford, walk over the Suspension Bridge, along the Gwynedd Coastal path to Britannia Bridge. See the preserved piece of tube from the original bridge, get close to a lion, down to the shore and see how the bridge was constructed and later reconstructed. Return through the University Botanical Gardens, recross Menai Bridge and then walk under it. At the end of the walk entry to the Menai Heritage exhibition and tea/coffee in Canolfan Thomas Telford will be available to walkers at reduced rates.

Start point: Canolfan Thomas Telford; SH 555 718

Length & Grade of walk: 2 miles, 3 to 4 hrs, moderate

Fee: **£5.00**

Leader: **Bob Daimond and Nick Holyfield, MBCHT**

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>–

CHALLENGE 4

### **Anglesey Lanes The 100k Cycle route. 10.00 am**

Departing Llangefni and at 'your own pace' cycle along the quiet lanes of Anglesey towards Capel Coch and Parc navigating it's way around the edge of Mynydd Parys to the first control point at Amlwch Leisure Centre. Cycle on through Rhosgoch across to Mynydd Mechell and on to Llanrhyddlad and Bodedern crossing through various country roads to Rhosneigr to the second control point. From here the route goes through Bryn Du, Ty Croes and wanders through Bethel, Trefdraeth and Llanddaniel then back towards Menai Bridge. We then follow the main road up through Penmynydd and back to the finish at Llangefni.

Start Point: Llangefni Town Hall

Fee: £5.00

Organisers: Audax

CHALLENGE 5

### **Anglesey Wandering The 50k Cycle Route 10.30 am**

Departing Llangefni and 'at your own pace' cycle your way towards the West coast of Anglesey to a control point and cafe stop at Maram Grass, Newborough.

The return leg takes you through Llanddaniel and Llanfairpwll on to Penmynydd and back to Llangefni.

Start Point: Llangefni Town Hall  
Fee: £5.00  
Organisers: Audax

#### WALK 29

### **Geological Walk from Lligwy Bay to Moelfre, including descriptions of the last voyages and wrecks of "Royal Charter" and "Hindlea". 10.30**

Commencing with descriptions of the Devonian 'Old Red Sandstone' and Carboniferous Limestone that border Lligwy Bay, the walk then proceeds along the beach to look at the long and short term time cycles evident in the rocks on the south side of the bay. Past and present uses of limestone are described and classic limestone formations are viewed as we progress along Anglesey's Coastal Path towards Moelfre. At the wreck sites of "Royal Charter" and "Hindlea", the circumstances leading to both shipwrecks are described in detail. The walk finishes at the Moelfre Seawatch Centre which may be open to visitors for refreshments, etc.

**Start point:** Main Car Park on south side of Lligwy Bay: Grid Ref: SH496 871.  
(Last toilets before Moelfre).

**Length of walk:** A linear walk of less than 2 miles / 3 kilometres.

**Grade of Walk:** Moderate, possibly muddy, popular (tourists and dogs!).

**Duration:** 2 - 3 hours.

**Fee: £5.00**

**Guide:** Terry Beggs.

**Return transport: Participants requiring transport back from Moelfre to Lligwy, please meet your Guide at Lligwy at 0945 BST.**

#### WALK 30

### **The Lions Trail 2.00pm**

Guided by local historians visit the famous lions of Britannia Bridge. Enjoy the magnificent views across the Menai Straits and the Snowdonia Mountain range. Learn about the Marquis of Anglesey Column, the history of the Women's Institute, and the HMS Conway whilst walking the foreshore of the Menai Straits to Pwll Fanog.

**Start point:** Y Gors Car Park, Llanfair PG, next to Post Office: SH 528 716

**Length & Grade of Walk:** 4 miles, 3hrs, moderate

**Fee;**£5.00

**Leaders:** John Gwilym, Gerwyn James

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

#### WALK 31

**Dry Stone Walling – 10:00 to 15:00**

Join staff from the Anglesey AONB as they work with local landowners to repair traditional stone walls which are a special quality of the AONB. Whether you are new to this traditional skill or want a brief refresher this day will give you a taste of the basic skills required.

Location: Meet at the National Trust Plas Newydd Car Park

Length & Grade N/A

Places limited to 10

Fee: free

Leader: AONB Community Warden

## **WALK 32**

### **Llanfachraeth / Valley Circular (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols) 10.30 a.m.**

This walk incorporates a newly opened section of the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path avoiding the previously unpleasant road walking route. We take a country lane from the Car Park down to the Coastal Path where we cross the newly installed impressive footbridge over the river Alaw and follow the new footpath along the Alaw estuary to Gorad Beach. We then follow an unclassified road before turning inland to cross three fields back to the Coastal Path to retrace our steps back to the footbridge to return to our starting point.

Start Point: Llanfachraeth Village Car Park SH 315 823

Length and grade of walk: 4.5 miles, easy.

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Allan Norris 01407 740013

## **WALK 33**

### **Cors Bodeilo - Access for all! 11am**

Because they're so wet, wetlands are places we don't often visit, so we don't always appreciate the richness of the wildlife and plants they support. Cors Bodeilio National Nature Reserve has the benefit of a new boardwalk leading into the very heart of the site which gives the opportunity for everyone to enjoy this fabulous place. There will be a chance to take part in some pond-dipping for those that fancy and discover what lurks in the murk!

Everyone is welcome!

Please dress sensibly for the weather, bring suncream, comfortable footwear and a picnic lunch with plenty to drink.

**Start point:** Talwrn Community Hall Car Park: SH490 771

**Length and grade of the walk:** 1 mile, Easy, 2hr (including lunch) , Easy/Moderate

**Fee:** FREE

**Leader:** Emyr Humphreys

## **WALK 34**

### **Fascinating Geology, Wildlife and History of Malltraeth Estuary 12.30 pm**

This is an easy 'there and back' walk along one of the least visited parts of the Anglesey Coastline, following the Cefni Estuary (Wellingtons advised and unsuitable for push chairs). You will learn about the violent tectonic event that formed the estuary, and see the evidence in sedimentary features and unconformities, as well as the house once occupied by Charles Tunnicliffe, the famous wildlife artist, and get an insight into some of the ancestors of the Meyrick family. (Binoculars useful)

Start Point: Car Park in Malltraeth Village SH40680 68813

Length & Grade of Walk: About 3 miles/ 2 hours – fair to easy, not suitable for pushchairs or prams

Fee:£5.00

Guide: Paul Gasson (Chairman, GeoMon Anglesey GeoPark)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### **WALK 35**

#### **Parys Mountain Circular 10.30 a.m. (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

The walk starts from the Amlwch Port far car park and gradually ascends through fields to Parys Mountain, once the site of the largest copper mine in the world. The route traverses Parys Mountain passing along settling pools and through areas of multi-coloured rocks and debris exposed by the mining operations. There will be an opportunity to see the "Great Opencast" quarry and the old buildings which form prominent skyline landmarks. The walk will also explore the northern flank of Parys Mountain, where the Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with the Isle of Anglesey County Council have improved the footpaths by providing new sleeper bridges and gates and clearing vegetation. The route returns to the start point along a former mine track and paths through small fields with views out towards the coast.

Start Point: Far car park at Amlwch Port SH 453 935

Length and grade of walk: 8 miles, moderate.

Fee:£5.00

Leader: Dave Melling 01248 812987

### **WALK 36**

#### **A 'Maritime Interest' Walk Along The Menai Straits 10.30**

With information and explanations mainly of an historical nature, the walk follows the route of Anglesey's Coastal Path from Pwllfanogl to Menai Bridge.

Commencing with Pwllfanogl's tiny harbour and little known industry, the famous training ships HMS "Conway" and "Indefatigable" are described, as is the geological formation of the Menai Strait itself. There is then the story of Nelson's statue and St. Mary's Church before we walk down to the Britannia road/rail bridge. Here, Stephenson's original tubular bridge design and construction are described, along with its disastrous fire and reconstruction.

Now in the Swellies, the dangers of navigation are considered, along with a famous shipwreck. Ancient fish traps are mentioned, as is a "Gorad Tea" for

one shilling! Finally, the walk takes in St. Tysilio's Church, (which may be open), the Belgian Promenade and ends beneath Telford's famous suspension bridge from where we can take in its graceful design and construction.

Start point: Pwllfanogl Harbour: Grid Ref: SH530 709; (Quarter of a mile from the old Toll House in Llanfairpwll, on the A4080 going south, go left into and walk down the lane.)

Length of walk: A linear walk of 2 miles / 3 kilometres. There are no refreshment or toilet facilities until we reach Menai Bridge.

Grade of walk: Moderate. Very muddy in parts.

Duration: 2 - 3 hours.

Fee:£5.00

Guide: Terry Beggs.

Car parking: There is no parking down at Pwllfanogl itself, (private houses). Careful parking at the top of the lane, LHS, (allowing for passing vehicles), is possible.

As an alternative, park in the 'railway crossing' road to Llanfairpwll and then walk along to the lane.

**Return transport: Participants requiring transport back from Menai Bridge to Pwllfanogl, please meet your Guide at Menai Bridge car park, Grid Ref: SH555 718, (adjacent to the Jade Village Chinese Restaurant), at 0945**

WALK 37

## **The Welsh Descendants Trail** 10.00 am - 16.30 pm

This tour has been specifically prepared for visitors with Welsh ancestry who are interested in 'taking a step back in time' to get a flavour of how their forefathers existed and made a living.

This 'Walk & Ride' guided tour with short walks and mini-bus hops will take you to a variety of interesting sites and locations such as the village of Brynseicyn, where many of the inhabitants were slate miners on the mainland, they lived in squalid conditions in the quarry and only returned home for one night a week. Travelling across Anglesey we begin to appreciate how difficult farm life was working on the estates of wealthy land owners'. Arriving at the area of Amlwch we gain an awareness how life was working in the copper mining, fishing, seafaring and shipbuilding industries.

An amazing opportunity that will take you back in time and appreciate why our forefathers left the 'Motherland' to seek better lives in the 'New World'

Start point: LL P G Railway Station

Total walking distance – 5 miles approx, easy grade

Lunch break: The Sail Loft Café, Amlwch

Cost £18 per person

Maximum of 8 persons only, early booking advisable

No dogs

Leader: Alwyn Griffith [www.celticos.com](http://www.celticos.com)

## **Evening Event 1**

### **Cooking with 'Dai' 6.30 pm**

Spend the afternoon with Anglesey food producers who will tell you their story. Watch the multi award winner welsh chef 'Dai Chef' as he gives an exclusive cooking demonstration 'Ready Steady Cook style using a variety of ingredients locally sourced. Samples will be available and purchases can be made on the day

Venue: Llangefni Town Hall  
Fee; £15.00 (inc refreshment.)  
Speakers tbc

## **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

WALK 38

### **Landscape through a Lens 10:30 a.m**

Join staff from the Anglesey AONB and a Landscape Photographer for a walk from Llys Llywelyn, Aberffraw to Porth Cwyfan taking in the beautiful coastal landscape. Along the way you will be able to discuss the attributes of landscape photography as well as brushing up on your existing skills whilst sharing and learning new ones.

Location: Llys Llywelyn Aberffraw  
Length & Grade: 5 miles, moderate  
Places limited to 10  
Fee: free  
Leader: AONB Community Warden

WALK 39

### **Geology, Shipwrecks, Wreckers and Wildlife – 2.00pm**

This is a easy walk along the tourist beaches of this popular resort, including a circuit of Llyn Maelog. On the walk you will learn about the fascinating geology of the area, hear of the heroic actions of lifeboat men attending the 'Norman Court' wreck, and of the less heroic actions of the 'Crigyll Wreckers' and hopefully see some of the wildlife on and around Llyn Maelog (Binoculars useful!).

**Start Point:** Rhosneigr town beach at the bottom of Beach Road (SH 31684 73203)  
**Length & grade of walk:** About 5 miles/ 3 hours. Easy (Not really suitable for push chairs)

**Fee:£5.00**

**Guide:** Paul Gasson ( Chairman, GeoMon Anglesey GeoPark)

WALK 40

### **The Treasures of Tyddyn Môn - 10.00am-3.00pm**

A fun family walk at Tyddyn Môn, come and take part in our Treasure hunt walk. Follow the footpath in search of our mystery boxes; can you guess what's inside?  
Start Point: Tyddyn Môn Cafe, SH 484 869  
Length & grade of Walk: approx 0.5 miles, 1 hr, easy.  
Fee: £3.00 per child, Adults Free

Tyddyn Môn is a social enterprise providing day care facilities in a working environment for adults with learning difficulties. Tyddyn Môn farm is located in Brynrefail, Dulas in a scenic location and within extensive grounds.

### **Cycling Event 3**

#### **Ride the Giach Loop 6.30pm**

Cycle the Giach route past Llyn Coron, Din Dyfrol Ancient Monument and Malltraeth Village & Estuary. Should you wish you can reduce this loop to 11 miles and stop off at Malltraeth to take in the views and treat yourselves to some local 'Fish and Chips' whilst bird watching from the 'Cwt Glas' picnic area.

Start Point: Llys Llewelyn, Aberffraw – SH355691  
Length & Grade of loop: 11 or 15 miles, moderate  
Fee: £5.00  
Leader: tbc

WALK 41

#### **Talwrn / Cors Bodeilio Circular 6.00pm (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

The walk will start from the Community Hall Car Park, following paths recently opened and improved by Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with the Isle of Anglesey County Council to the boundary of Cors Bodeilio where they have constructed a boardwalk from recycled plastic materials and stainless steel fixings. The walk will take us along the boardwalk around the wetland to the reserve car park to lanes and footpaths opened and improved by the Volunteers. Come along to enjoy this special environment.

Start Point: Talwrn Community Hall Car Park SH 490 771  
Length and grade of walk: 4 miles, easy.  
Fee: £5.00  
Leader: Gwynfor Roberts 01248 722723

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **WALK 42**

#### **Benllech, Cors Goch and Coast Circular 10.00 a.m. (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

The walks will start from the village through Gypsy Wood and across fields to Llanbedrgoch chapel and into Cors Goch reserve and a coffee stop before crossing

over the Stepping Stones and into the lanes to Brynteg. We will find a place for lunch before heading back towards the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path at Traeth Bychan and the return to Benllech. Many paths have been improved by Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with the Isle of Anglesey County Council. Start Point: The Square Benllech Car Park opposite the Benllech Hotel SH 518 828 Length and grade of walk: 9 miles, moderate.  
Fee: £5.00  
Leader: Beryl Roberts 01248 853157

WALK 43

### **Aberffraw-Porth Cwyfan circular walk 11am**

Join us for this lovely walk down the Aberffraw estuary and along back lanes to Porth Cwyfan where the famous church on the island is found, then back along coastal path, enjoying the little coves, headlands and stunning views across to Snowdonia along the way. We'll stop at some picturesque spot for a picnic lunch, and there will be plenty of opportunity to learn about the plants, wildlife and landscape, and maybe try your hand at some beach art.

Please dress sensibly for the weather, bring suncream, comfortable footwear and a picnic lunch with plenty to drink.

**Start point:** Aberffraw beach car park: SH357 690

**Length and grade of the walk:** 2.5 miles, 3-4 hours (includes half hour for lunch), Moderate

**Fee:** FREE

**Leader:** Karen Rawlins

WALK 44

### **Otters, Minks and Water Voles 4.00 pm**

Come for a journey through Malltraeth Marsh on the hunt for signs of Otters Minks and Water Voles. Learn about these shy creatures their habits and habitats and the conservation measures that are being taken to protect them today.

Start Point: RSPB Reserve Car Park Pentre Berw, Gaerwen

Length and grade of walk: 2.5 miles, easy.

Fee: £5.00

Leader: Gareth Pritchard Conservation Officer Menter Môn

WALK 45

### **The Copper Coin Trail 2.00**

Visit the Copper Bins in the old harbour of Amlwch, hear about the history of the copper coin and the druids head and how it contributed to the development of currency world wide. Learn about the history of boat building and shipping of copper mined on Parys Mountain followed by tea at the sail loft (at your own expense)

Start Point: Sail Loft Car Park  
Length and grade of walk: 1 mile, easy.  
Fee: £8.00 including entry into the museum  
Leader: Alison Price ? tbc

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **WALK 46**

#### **The Bone Setters of Anglesey 10.00am**

This walk takes you from Swtan in Church Bay to the top of Mynydd y Garn and its magnificent views of the Skerries passing through Mynachdy home of the 'Bone Setters'. Your guide will tell you the story of how they came to be shipwrecked off the shores of Anglesey, were adopted by a local family and revolutionised medical history during World War 1.

Start Point: Swtan car park, Church Bay: SH 301 891  
Length and Grade of walk: 4 miles, moderate - strenuous  
Fee: £5.00 per person  
Leader: Dafydd Evans (direct descendant), Elfyn Roberts

#### **WALK 47**

#### **Llangoed Circular 10.30 a.m. (Picnic, no dogs, stout shoes symbols)**

This is a circular walk following the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path and various footpaths re-opened and improved by Ynys Mon Ramblers Volunteers (The Silver Slashers) working with Isle of Anglesey County Council. We will be visiting Penmon point and Aberlleiniog Castle on the route.

Start Point: Llangoed Village Car Park near the bridge SH 610 796  
Length and grade of walk: 8 miles, moderate.  
Fee: £5.00  
Leader: Gwen Richards 01248 810330

#### **WALK 48**

#### **The Red Squirrel Walk 2.00 pm**

Discover the hidden treasures of Plas Cadnant Gardens. The fascinating habitat of Red Squirrels will be revealed along with the lives of other species that take refuge in this beautiful setting which is a designate area of scientific interest.

Start point: Plas Cadnant Walled Garden: SH 553 733  
Length and Grade of walk: 1 miles, 2 hrs, easy  
Fee: £5.00 per person  
Leader: Anthony Tavernar, Bethan Jones, Raj Jones

## **Cycling Event 4**

### **Ride the Hebog Loop 6.30pm**

Cycle this lovely coastal area of Anglesey past Lligwy Beach, Din Lligwy, Mynydd Bodafon, Bryn Refail Craft Centre(Anglesey Good Gifts) and the Cefni Reservoir on this 20 mile route. Should you wish you can reduce this loop to 15 miles

Start Point: Benllech Public Library – SH517825

Length & Grade of loop: 15 or 22 miles, moderate

Fee: £5.00

Leader: tbc

## **WALKING FOR SCHOOLS**

### **Tuesday June 4.**

#### **Cors Erddreiniog; Wet and Wonderful! 10.00 am**

Cors Erddreiniog is one of the biggest fenland areas in Europe and is internationally important. It is home to some amazing wild aquatic life including swan mussel, water scorpion, dragonflies, adders, frogs, newts and water voles. We'll walk through the sedges and rushes taking time to admire some of the very special plants that live here, such as marsh orchids and the insectivorous bladderwort. At the heart of the site lies Llyn yr Wyth Eidion with its bird hide. You'll have to watch and listen carefully to see many of the birds here. You'll spend some time pond-dipping to see what lies beneath the water and we'll have expert advice to help identify what you find.

Bring a picnic and plenty to drink, and the minimum essential kit to prevent you getting very wet, cold and muddy includes wellies, waterproofs, warm clothing, sun-hat, sun-cream and a rucksack to carry everything.

**Start point:** Capel Coch, SH458 821

**Length and grade of the walk:** 2 miles, Easy, 3-4hrs (including lunch)

**Leader:** Emyr Humphreys

#### **Introduction to Aviation**

Visit Mona Airfield and learn all about flying. Take turns with the simulator and see a 'real aircraft' before it takes off.

Venue: Mona Airfield Gwalchmai

Leader: David Frankland

### **Wednesday June 5.**

**Seashells and Sand Sculptures, Porth Nobla. 12pm for picnic lunch on beach to start.**

This is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved and have fun! We will be scouring the standline for shells and other things of interest, and using them later to create some fabulous beach art. Marine specialists and shell enthusiasts will be on hand to help identify your finds and we will also have plenty of keen creative-types to help you along with your sand sculptures.

Please dress sensibly for the weather, bring suncream, comfortable footwear and a picnic lunch with plenty to drink.

**Location:** Porth Nobla Car Park; SH330 717

**Duration:** Approx 3hrs (including picnic lunch)

**Leader:** Karen Rawlins

### **The Copper Coin Trail**

Visit the Copper Bins in the old harbour of Amlwch, hear about the history of the copper coin and the druids head and how it contributed to the development of currency world wide. Learn about the history of boat building and shipping of copper mined on Parys Mountain.

Start Point: Sail Loft Car Park

Length and grade of walk: 1 mile, easy.

Leader: Alison Price ? tbc

### **Thursday June 6**

#### **Otters, Minks and Water Voles**

Come for a journey through Malltraeth Marsh on the hunt for signs of Otters Minks and Water Voles. Learn about these shy creatures their habits and habitats and the conservation measures that are being taken to protect them today.

Start Point: RSPB Reserve Car Park Pentre Berw, Gaerwen

Length and grade of walk: 2.5 miles, easy.

Leader: Gareth Pritchard Conservation Officer Menter Môn

#### **Trwyn Cemlyn Walk**

Walk and discover the heritage and wildlife of Cemlyn. Visit Bryn Aber the home of Captain Vivian Hewitt the first man to fly across the Irish and the monument to the island's first lifeboat which closed in 1918. Then move on to Mynachdy which to this day retains original navigation markers linking it to copper mining and industrial heritage of the island, whilst birdwatching and discovering a variety of wildlife en route

Start Point: Bryn Aber Car Park, Cemlyn SH328936

Length & Grade: Mostly easy

Leader: Bryn Jones, Gwynfor Owen