

EVENTS DIARY

October 2009 – March 2010



The Society's events diary is designed to offer a greater understanding and enjoyment of the Snowdonia National Park. From mountain walks to captivating talks, the Diary has something to offer everyone. Please read the event details carefully, as well as the notes at the bottom of the page and remember to register your interest with the Society office at Tŷ Hyll. Capacity is limited on most events.

Sat Oct 3	Mountain Biking Day led by Rob Collister – Route; Henryd-Rowen-Bwlch y Ddeufaen-Llanfairfechan-Abergwynnreggan-Llanfairfechan-Druid's Circle-Sychnant-Henryd. Refreshment stop in Aber. Good level of fitness and previous experience of mountain biking are essential. Expect to be riding for 3-4 hrs. Bring plenty of food and drink. Meet 10.00am, Woodland Trust lay-by above Henryd. GR 760745
Sat Oct 17	Annual General meeting at Bala , 2.00pm. An optional low level walk led by Rosemary and John Dick- Cleland starts at 10.30am For details see enclosed information or contact Tŷ Hyll
Sat Oct 24	Mike Cousin's Memorial Underground Walk - Tŷ Gwyn Mine, Llandudno led by Stephen Lea. Meet by the pier entrance for 11.00am start. Head torch required (helmets available). Wellies and old clothes recommended. Trip approx 2hrs. Visit to local pub after (optional). Places limited - booking essential.
Sun Nov 1	Search Dogs in Action – Netti Collister will lead a walk in the hills above Penmaenmawr and show how mountain search dogs work, with a demonstration by Search and Rescue Dog Association, Wales (SARDA,W) dog handler. Bring warm clothes and waterproofs. Not difficult terrain (maximum 2 hrs walking. Dogs on leads please. Meet at the top of Mountain Lane (GR 730758). Meet at 10.30am
Sat Nov 21	Snowdonia, Scenery of Fire and Ice – a guided fund-raising walk looking at the geology and scenery of Snowdonia led by Paul Gannon, author of <i>Rock Trails Snowdonia: A Hillwalkers Guide to the Geology and Scenery</i> . Bring packed lunch, drinks and suitable outdoor clothing. The route will depend on weather and conditions on the day, but if weather permits we will follow the Miners' Track up to where it joins the PYG track and then return by Pen y Pass along the Pyg Track. Some steep, stony tracks and with about 4-500m of ascent/descent. Suggested donation members £5 and non-members £10. Meet Pen y Pass 10.30am
Sat Dec 5	Christmas Social – Bob Cole will lead an optional walk around Blaenau Ffestiniog including viewpoints, historical buildings and the quarry. "The future of Blaenau – will it be in the Park?" is the subject for Bob's talk after lunch (£19.50 per person), which will be at Bistro Moelwyn, Blaenau Ffestiniog, owned by Ann and Bob Cole. Full details and booking form on request. Contact 01690 720287
Sun Dec 20	Cadair Idris is Alun Pugh's alternative to the last shopping Saturday before Christmas. Join him at 9.30am on Tŷ Nant Path at SH697153 for the 6 mile trip. Please come prepared for possible winter mountain conditions. Booking essential
Wed Jan 6	A low level winter walk led by Rob Collister- a midweek walk using the train to allow a linear walk from Roman Bridge station back to our start at Betws y Coed. Bring warm clothes, food and drink, waterproofs and money for the train. Dogs welcome but will need to be on a lead some of the time. Meet Betws-y-Coed station at 9.45 am
Mon Jan 18	Buildings of Gwynedd –a talk by Adam Voelcker. Adam was an expert contributor to the final volume in the Pevsner- Buildings of Wales series, "Gwynedd". This is a must for anyone with an interest in the built environment. 7.00 pm in Studio One at the Galeri, Caernarfon. Bar open. Tickets £3 members - £5 non-members. Booking essential
Sat Jan 30	A Family walk around Beddgelert led by David Firth. A shortened version of the famous "10 miler" to include Aberglaslyn Pass, Carnedd farm (famous for Ruth Ruck's book), Blaen Nanmor, Llyn Dinas (lake of legends) and return to Beddgelert (approx. 4 hrs). It can be shorter if there is poor weather. Bring warm clothing and waterproofs. Meet 10.30am at the main river bridge in Beddgelert.
Sat Feb 6	Winter Mountain Day led by Rob Collister. A day tailored to prevailing conditions, if there is snow on the ground, bring an ice axe and crampons (make sure they fit your boots!) If there is no snow a rock scramble will be the order of the day (probably Bristly Ridge or similar) Waterproof jacket and trousers, warm hat and gloves essential plus plenty of warm clothes, food, drink and a torch. No dogs please. Meet at Ogwen Cottage (warden Centre) 9.30 am – booking essential.
Thur Feb 11	Pre-history in the National Park – a talk by Frances Llewellyn to be followed up by an archaeological excursion later in the year. 7.00pm in Canolfan Cefnfaes, Bethesda – near the library. Contact 01690 720287

The Society thanks the Sports Council for Wales for supporting our walking programme with a Sportsmatch Award

DETAILS OF PRACTICAL CONSERVATION WORK DAYS ARE GIVEN OVERLEAF

NOTES

- Although the Society will make every effort to adhere to the programme detailed above, please register your interest before each event with staff at Tŷ Hyll in case of any unavoidable changes or cancellations.
- All participants take part at their own risk and the event leader has the right to refuse to take anyone that he/she feels is not suitable/adequately equipped for the activity. Full details on safety and insurance are available at the start of each walk or from the Society.
- Events, unless otherwise stated in the above details, are free to members. Non-members are asked for a voluntary contribution of £3 to cover administrative costs.
- Please contact Tŷ Hyll with any ideas for future events or offers of help! For the latest information please visit Snowdonia-society.org.uk

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