



MARKET DRAYTON & DISTRICT GROUP

REMINDERS to all WALK LEADERS

1. It is essential that you **reconnoitre** all walks in advance.
2. Ensure that there is ample and permissible **car parking** to avoid problems on the day.
3. During walks there are occasional difficulties from problems such as blocked footpaths, cropped fields, dangerous stiles etc. In these cases the leader should record the details of the problem and report it to the appropriate local authority. The contact numbers for the usual authorities are as follows:

Shropshire: Outdoor partnerships 01743 255056 or 01743 255058

Staffordshire: Footpath officers 01785 277247 [South] and 01785 277327 [North]

Cheshire East Public Rights of Way team 01270 686069

Telford & Wrekin Council 01952 384000

Walks Programme and News *Summer 2017*

For your diary

Bank Holidays: Monday August 28th

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 6th September 2017.

Comments from the Chair

You have probably heard the splendid news that Claire has agreed to take on the post of Walks Secretary after the AGM in November and Margaret Hall will compile the Tuesday and Saturday walks. Someone will need to organise the Wednesday evening walks on the summer programme but that can be sorted out next year. Steve has set a high standard in doing this job but I have every confidence that standard will be maintained.

Helen and I were pleased with Brecon weekend and grateful for all the help we received. Thanks to Janice and Jeff we can now look forward to the October weekend away in Chesham in Buckinghamshire. I get the impression this is an area that few of us have walked in before. In July, thanks once again to Hilary, Tony, Anne and Roger a BBQ has been planned.

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Looking further ahead you may want to note that I have made a booking at Glenthorne for the weekend of May 18/19/20th in 2018. This is in response to several requests I have had. However, I have emphasised that I will only be organising the accommodation. Helen and I will not be taking responsibility for planning the walks. For those of you who do not know Glenthorne, it is in Grasmere in the Central Lakes. This is our seventh booking there, the first was in 2003. More details will be available in the autumn.

Ramblers Central Office have requested that all group members should be informed of recent changes to the Ramblers safeguarding policy. A major change is that “everyone under the age of 18 now needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult, such as parent, guardian, teacher or youth worker, when they participate in Ramblers walks and other activities”. I don't think this is something that will be a major issue for us but if you are interested you can find out more on the Ramblers website.

Finally, could those of us who have walking poles please ensure that when we are not using them we hold them in front of us and always pointing downwards?

Happy rambling,
Ken.

COMMITTEE

Chair	Ken	01630 653489
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WALKS - general information

Unless stated otherwise, the meeting place for all walks will be the **Swimming Pool Car Park, Phoenix Bank** (GR SJ 676339, postcode TF9 1JT) in Market Drayton.

Walkers are strongly recommended to travel to the walks via the Market Drayton meeting point, to ensure minimum demand for car parking at the start of the walk. Those intending to travel direct to the start **MUST ALWAYS** ensure that the leader knows of their plans.

The Market Drayton Group encourages **car sharing** as this reduces the parking places required at the start of the walk. Drivers appreciate voluntary contributions from passengers; as a guide we believe **5p per mile per passenger** is an amount which reasonably covers the costs incurred.

Packed **lunches** and adequate **drink** are required for all walks.

The group regrets that in the interests of safety we do not allow **dogs** on walks. Registered assistance dogs are allowed to walk with their owners.

2nd July

10 miles moderate walk from Snailbeach walking east to Huglith Hill and back by Brook Coppice.

Total ascent approx 2100ft. Parking at Snailbeach village hall GR SJ 373023 nearest postcode SY5 0NS.

Leaders Anne & Roger 01630 653158 Depart 08.30
 07716 168059

9th July

EITHER

8 mile strenuous mountain walk from Capel Curig, with 2300 feet of ascent but no scrambling. The route goes along the old coach road down the valley to Gwern Gof Isaf farm. It then ascends a ridge Braich y Ddeugwm past Llyn Caseg-fraith and back along the main ridge past Y Foel Goch and Cefn y Capel. Parking behind walking shop and cafe at junction of A4086 with A5 after Capel Curig village. GR SH 720583, postcode LL24 0EN.

Leaders Peter & Brenda 01270 811650 Depart 08.00
 07476 718185

OR

8 mile leisurely/moderate walk around Nesscliffe. Parking at GR SJ 389198, nearest postcode SY4 1DG.

Leaders Marlene & David 01630 657106 Depart 08.30
 07484 171033

16th July

10 mile moderate walk from Wildboardclough, with a total ascent of 1600 feet
Parking at GR SJ 980680, nearest postcode SK11 0BD.

Leaders Jeff & Janice 01630 673685 Depart 08.30
 07836 276242

23rd July

9 mile leisurely walk around Llynbrenig reservoir. Parking at Llynbrenig visitor centre. GR SH967547. Postcode LL21 9TT

Leader Roy 01630 620281 Depart 08.30
 07989 288865

Saturday walks**3rd June**

8 mile leisurely walk from Ellesmere. Parking at Castle Field car park GR SJ 408344, nearest postcode SY12 0PD.

Leader Margaret HI 01782 796688 Depart 09.00
 07854 377981

1st July

9.5 mile leisurely walk taking in parts of the Staffordshire Way and Monarch`s Way, including Brewood and passing Belvide Reservoir nature reserve. Parking south of Brewood at Park Lane car park. GR SJ882075, nearest postcode ST19 9DH.

Leader Claire 01630 673050 Depart 9.00
 07811 532259

12th August

Meet leader at the Horse and Jockey, Whitchurch at 10.30. Then travel to Thurstaston, Wirral Country Park (GR SJ 240834, nearest postcode CH61 0HN) to park. The walk will be 8 miles leisurely over shore and sand banks to Hilbre island at low tide. Bring bus passes – the return will be after 17.00.

Leaders Bill & Barbara 01948 661906 Depart 10.00
 07962 848212

2nd September

8 mile moderate walk from Gradbach car park, visiting the Roaches, including Hawk's Nest, Goldstitch Moss and Lud's Church. Parking at GR SJ 999662, nearest postcode SK17 0SU.

Leaders Cathy & Carole 01630 655068 Depart 09.00
 07967 000326

Wednesday Walks

Starting 6.30 pm from swimming baths car park all walks are leisurely or moderate of about 5 miles in length

7th June	Loggerheads	Jeff & Janice	01630 673685 07863 276242
14th June	Wrinehill	John & Margaret	01630 656252 07776 487594
21st June	Stanton	Hilary	01952 541633 07773 246942
28th June	Sherry Mill, Whitchurch	Bill & Barbara	01948 661906 07962 848212
5th July	Wybunbury	Marlene & David	01630 657106 07484 171033
12th July	Ashley	Phil & Sue	01630 673175 07530 335181
19th July	No walk		
26th July	Loggerheads	Claire	01630 673050 07811 532259

30th July

Morning walk, Barbecue and Croquet

Short (4 or 5 miles), leisurely walk starting from Hilary and Tony's house at Peplow, GR SJ 641236, nearest postcode TF9 3JT.

13.00 (approx). Barbecue and croquet at Hilary & Tony's house - bring own meat & drink. Phone Roger & Anne 01630 653158 beforehand to contribute salad.

Leaders Hilary & Tony	01952 541633 07773 246942	Depart 09.45 from Market Drayton, 10.00 for walk
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**Offers of walks for next programme
(October 2017 to January 2018) this week
please**

6th August

9 mile moderate walk from Alstonefield to Ecton Hill returning via Wetton and rim of Manifold valley. Parking at Alstonefield. Public toilets (no charge). GR SK 130556, nearest postcode DE6 2FY

Leaders Paul & Chris	01630 672601 07813 809770	Depart 09.00
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13th August

11 miles challenging moorland walk in the Peak District National Park from the Mermaid Inn above Leek. Long trousers recommended! Parking at GR SK 037604, nearest postcode ST13 8UN.

Leaders Freda & David	01630 653776	Depart 08.30
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20th August

10 mile moderate walk to include Milldale and Stanshope. Parking at Ilam Hall NT. GR SK 132507. Postcode DE6 2AZ.

Leaders John & Margaret	01630 656252 07776 487594	Depart 08.30
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27th August

9.5 ml moderate walk from Middleton Top car park on the High Peak Trail descending to the Cromford Canal and then taking in the heights around Cromford and Matlock Bath, returning via Bonsall. Parking at GR SK 275551, nearest Post Code DE4 4LS.

There are toilets. The car park is Pay & Display - all day charge is £4.40.

Leader Claire	01630 673050 07811 532259	Depart 08.30
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3rd September

9 mile moderate walk from Montgomery, visiting the Castle and Offa's Dyke. Parking at the recycling centre in Montgomery GR SO 225963, nearest postcode SY15 6RD

Leader Roy N	01630 620281 07989 288865	Depart 08.30
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10th September

Ivor Wyatt memorial walk from Clungunford. 10 miles moderate from the village hall. Parking at GR SO 398787, nearest postcode SY7 0PP.

Leader Vince	01630 638551 07768 852329	Depart 08.30
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17th September

10 mile moderate walk from Kettlethulme via Taxal Moor, Windgather Rocks, Sponds Hill and Cock Knoll using part of the Gritstone Trail. Parking at GR SJ 988797.

Leaders Bill & Barbara	01948 661906 07962 848212	Depart 09.00
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24th September

EITHER

9 mile strenuous walk from Llangynog and visiting Pistyll Rhaedr. Parking at SJ 053261, nearest postcode SY10 0EY.

Leader Paul M	07813 300997	Depart 08.30
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24th September (Continued)

OR

8 mile moderate walk from Gradbach car park, visiting the Roaches, including Hawk's Nest, Goldstitch Moss and Lud's Church. Parking at GR SJ 999662, nearest postcode SK17 0SU.

Leaders Carole and Cathy	01630 655068 07967 000326	Depart 08.30
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