



RAMBLERS' GROUP NEWSLETTER **OCTOBER 2018**

Now that the Summer walks programme is coming to an end we can reflect on what a season of glorious walking we have enjoyed. The weather has been superb and despite being too hot on some days for some people, walks have been well attended. The Thursday evening walks have become increasingly popular, particularly during the really hot periods.

Events:-

Annual Pembrey Camp – 24th to 28th August 2018: The weather was less favourable this year than last, but, nevertheless, the usual programme was enjoyed by those who camped and those who came for specific events. The weekend wouldn't be such a success without the continued hard work of those who organize it all, and we are particularly grateful to Jeff and Diana, Huw and Adrienne, Hazel, Andrew and Linda, for providing the magnificent marquee, (less magnificent, but essential, toilets) and outstanding catering and activities. The food was, as always, delicious. Firstly, a hearty barbecue on the Friday evening enjoyed after the 4 mile family walk through the park and beach. Alwyn and Elaine manage to ring the changes with this walk so that we can explore and appreciate different parts of the park.

On Saturday Diana Davies took the children on a beach combing expedition, collecting shells plus other forms of jetsam and flotsam which were then used by the children to make interesting creations back at the campsite. Meanwhile Hazel and Ron led a group of adult walkers on a six mile walk to Burry Port. In the evening Jeff, Diana and Andrew provided the legendary three types of paella; with or without seafood/meat, but always tasty, authentic and satisfying, whilst the annual Poems and Pints evening, expertly organized by Mary – she knows what she's doing after all this time – proved great entertainment, with a very high standard of both original and published poems. The children particularly are getting used to the event and performing with ever more confidence.

This year's winners were:-

Children – Charlott **Sounds of Pembrey**

Adults original – Linda Jones **Saturday morning B.S.C.**

The Adult Published Poem Winner was: Huw Francis with **The Ballad of Rum**

Voted the funniest Poem was:- **The Tent** by Dorothy Williams

Friday morning went "Hell Bent", To sleep in Eileen's lovely tent. Carefully placed things in the car, Even packed the mini bar. With Eileen and Dot beneath the lot They were very hard to spot. Off we went to the Country Park When we arrived the sky was dark. Out of the car came the whole caboots Tents and poles and walking boots. The wind it howled all around Nine of us it took to keep the tent on the ground. We knew the monsoon was coming soon. The rain it piddled all over the roof, The roof went all leaky all over my feety.	Sat inside oh what a surprise Thought that an earthquake was starting to rise. The weather then, it took a turn, Out in the sun we started to burn. Matthew pumped the airbed up, Will sleep all night with a bit of luck. Then woke up at 4 o'clock, Air all gone, floor like a rock. Adrienne threw out her potty Right all over little Dotty, If she feels she needs a pooh She must use the portaloo Don't know why I went "Hell Bent" To sleep in Eileen's bloody TENT!
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Special Birthday Celebrations

In August Dennis Harris celebrated his 90th birthday. Dennis is still capable of a good walk but is unable to attend regularly these days. To mark the event, Keith Williams put on a 6 mile walk around the Llangennech and Bryn area, followed by a drink and a buffet at the Castle Inn, Llangennech. In cahoots, Hazel arranged for Dennis to attend and invited many of Dennis's contemporaries along to the buffet. The planning worked well and, following a good walk, everybody retired to the Castle Inn for a wonderful gathering of friends in a great atmosphere.

South West Coastal Path, Cornwall -8th to 15th September 2018

This year marks a significant milestone in this epic journey following the South West Coastal Path as they complete the Cornish section of the route and re-enter Devon. The start point for this year was Polruan and a little under 50 miles along the route was this year's end point, Bovisand Beach, just to the east of Plymouth. The touring group consisted of 43 people, with 30+ walking on each of the 5 walks. The terrain included several ascents and descents of steep stairways, but good weather and beautiful scenery were part of the reward for these trials. At the end of each day Base Camp 2, The Copley Arms, was another welcome reward for the trekkers. Group leaders Rob and Jan Davies wanted to give special thanks to John Davies and Huw Francis for their work to ferrying people back and forth to achieve the linear walks, and also to Alun and Marina Clement (Cornish faction of Llanelli Ramblers) who did some of the recce work and joined some of the walks. To end the week 39 of the group enjoyed an evening meal at Base Camp 2, and a good time was had by all. Next Year, come join us!

Two Moors Way with Ian and Peter.

The second leg of this walk took place on the weekend of September 28th / 30th and was based at Ivybridge on the South Devon coast. Over the weekend 25 walkers took part, covering 33mls from Wembury to New Bridge. There was good weather and great walking making for another fantastic weekend.

Watch for full details of part 3 on the programme web site.

Looking Ahead

AGM – Our Annual General meeting is scheduled to take place at the Halfway Hotel on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.30pm. Please come along as this an opportunity to air your views and select your 2018/2019 committee. All positions on the committee are open for election.

Social Events – During the winter programme there are a series of social events which are highlighted in the winter programme. The first of these is on **Thursday 11th October** at the Bowls Club, a beetle drive with Carolyn. Full list of events on the programme

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December at The Ashburnham Hotel.

Walking Events and Breaks:

All Wales Coastal Path – 3 sections, starting at Chester. Friday 17th May – Sunday 19th May led by Hannah. Prestatyn will be the base for the weekend.

Two Moors Way – Section 3 – either 7th or 14th June 2019. Led by Ian and Peter.

Festival of Walks – 25th to 28th May 2018 – Plans are well underway; with walks and leaders selected.

Pembrey Camp – 23rd – 27th August organized by Hazel

South West Coast Path (Devon): The project of walking the South West Coast Path continues. 7th – 14th September 2019 organised by Rob and Jan and Huw and Adrienne.

Agen Visitors – Llandudno and Llanelli. Agen Randonneurs visiting Wales for one week commencing 27th September 2019.

Homers and Roamers continue to go from strength to strength. Each group has its own three monthly programme of walks which can be found on our website. In addition, the Roamers are planning to use the Heart of Wales line for some of the winter walks. The Roamers Christmas meal will be on 10th December. Following the success of last year's walking holiday in Llangollen, there are plans for a holiday in Brecon in May.

The Working Party

In the last Newsletter we reported that the working party had been working on "The Ramblers Steps" in Troserch Woods, Llangennech, so named as the steps were originally carved out by Llanelli Ramblers working party. Work on the steps was completed in August just before Dennis's birthday and it came to light that Dennis was on the original working party.