



Coventry CHA Rambling Club Newsletter June 2019



Annual Outing for 2019

Coventry CHA Annual Outing to Llangollen Saturday July 6th 2019. Depart Coventry 8.00am. Cost £14.

We will take everyone that wants to go on the outing, but if you put your name down on the list to go you will have to pay if you cancel.

Llangollen attractions include a two hour canal cruise to the world's highest and Great Britain's longest canal aqueduct, or a shorter more leisurely horse drawn canal boat trip.



There's also the steam railway to explore and a riverside park to stroll through. Our visit coincides with the Eisteddfod weekend in Llangollen. Hopefully we may be entertained by strolling musicians and singers. We are also putting on two walks. Julian will lead a 6 mile walk over the aqueduct and along the panoramic Offa's Dyke path into Llangollen and Brian will lead a shorter 2.5 mile

walk from Berwyn to Valle Crucis Abbey and along the canal into Llangollen. Club members concerned about the height/length of the aqueduct should consider carefully whether this walk is for them as choosing an alternative route is likely to cause a significant delay. Both walks will give people enough time to look around Llangollen and to get something to eat before departing at 4.00pm. Estimated arrival time back in Coventry is 6.30pm.

Brian Keates

Coffee Mornings

Four members have kindly volunteered to host coffee mornings, please support their efforts by attending.

Wednesday 19th June 10.30-12am. Terry Stamper invites you to 22, Erithway Road, Finham, Coventry. Post Code CV3 6JT. Tel: No. 07940 544606

Wednesday 10th July 10.30-12am. Jean Boccock invites you to "Westfields", Parrots Grove, Coventry. Post Code CV2 1NR. Tel. No. 02476 3101104

Wednesday 21st August 10.30-12am. Janet Foot invites you to 611, Henley Road, Coventry. Post Code CV2 2FZ. Tel: No. 02476 612691

Wednesday 11th September 10.30-12am. Pat & Mike Head invite you to 4 Westcliffe Drive, Styvechale Grange, Coventry. Post code CV3 6LE. Tel: No. 02476 411223



There will be a charge of £2.50 per head with profits going to charity. Any of your own cakes, homemade or otherwise will be most welcome on the day by our volunteers. Uneaten cakes will be auctioned off to add to the total.

Chris Buchanan

Annual Lunch Barston Lakes, Sunday 24th March

Sunday 24th March turned out to be bright and sunny. We had been warned there might be copious amounts of mud, thankfully the prophecy was not fulfilled and those who chose to walk had a pleasant pre-lunch ramble.

After a quick change of apparel, 53 members plus one driver sat down to lunch.

The lunch itself was fine but disappointingly not up to the standard set on our previous visit. We have been to The Lakes on a few occasions and the thoughts are that we should look at other locations for the lunch next year. Overall everyone had a lovely time, thanks goes to the organisers.

Chris Buchanan

Annual Skittles Evening, Friday 29th March

Fifty four people turned up at the Bulkington Working Men's Club, even though there had been a few casualties prior to the 29th of March, which reminds me of the song, "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes". Everyone happily joined in and we had an eventful evening.

During the break the local fish and chip shop supplied us with our supper which went down very well. The overall winners of the skittles were 'The Naughty Team' captained by George Henderson and supported by his merry band of followers, Carolyn, Mark and the two Debbie's. As a grand finale, the last game was a challenge to bowl at just one pin and knock it over. Folks taking part contributed 50p a go to our nominated charities. Chris Buchanan won the contest against stiff opposition and donated her £20 winnings to the total.

The staff at the club were very welcoming and did their utmost to ensure our evening went well and said we would be welcomed back should we wish to return.

Thanks go to Gordon for selling the raffle tickets. The overall amount raised during the evening for our three chosen charities was £117.55. Finally, it is always good to meet up with other walkers who walk on different days to renew our ongoing friendship.

Terry Stamper

Report on the Street Weekend 12th/14th April 2019

A group of 53 persons departed from Upper Well Street, Coventry on time. The driver cleverly avoided the usual traffic jams on a Friday afternoon (keeping off the motorways) by following the A46 around Stratford on Avon and Evesham, joining the M5 near Tewksbury. We arrived at the Wessex Hotel in Street in good time to check in and sit down to a hot buffet. After the long journey this was very much appreciated by everyone.

Following a good hot breakfast on Saturday morning, George Henderson travelled on the coach with the 'A' Party to Cheddar Gorge to walk an 11½ mile route with many climbs (Beacon Batch 325m). Richard Price led the 'B' Party from the hotel for a flat 4 mile walk following local dykes. The walk finished at the famous Clarks Village shopping outlet. Those who purchased shoes could choose from the largest Clark range you will ever see. During the afternoon, Ailis Henderson, the Club's longest serving member, was seen with a pushchair and children going round the shops in Street. She was pushing the children, not being pushed; was this real or a hallucination? Later that evening a three course meal was served with coffee at the hotel. Everyone including the vegetarians seemed to enjoy the food. Alexandria, our hostess, was charging around trying to keep up with the many demands during the meal time.

After breakfast on Sunday, the coach was loaded with everyone's luggage. The 'A' Party led by Julian Denny and Richard Price walked from the hotel and climbed Wearyall Hill and Glastonbury Tor, heading towards the coach at Glastonbury, a distance of 8 miles. The 'B' Party travelled to Glastonbury by coach and walked a 3½ mile circular in the foothills of Glastonbury Tor, led by George Henderson. There was plenty of time for both parties to have a hot meal in Glastonbury before departing for Coventry.



Richard Satchwell

Coventry Half Marathon



Dave Thomas does it again, successfully completing the Coventry half marathon. Here he is handing over a cheque for £1055, the monies raised by his efforts to Zoe's Place charity outside their premises in Easter Way. WELL DONE.

Sunday Rambles 12th May & Sunday 2nd June

Owing to road closures in and around the City Centre on these two dates the Coach pick up point will be the Park and Ride car park in the Memorial Park. If you cannot get to the Park please speak to a committee member who will try and arrange transport for you.

Sunday Rambles coach seat reservations

As you are probably aware there are no seat reservations on the coach on Sundays with the exception of the front two off side seats which have traditionally been reserved for the walk leaders of the day. The committee have decided that the front two near side seats should also be reserved for the use of such committee members who may need to use the mike to make announcements during the course of the day. It was also thought wise from a safety point of view to try and keep movement to a minimum whilst the coach is in motion.