

CHESHIRE WALKERS

## Walks Programme

October 2007 to March 2008

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# October 2007

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| <b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b> | SATURDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> October - 9:45am (to better fit with train timetable)                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |
|                           | <b>Peaks:</b> Edale Horseshoe                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |
|                           | This is a classic walk from Edale that takes in the best ridge walking in the Valley. We'll ascend via Ringing Roger and follow the edge to Edale Head before returning on the other side of the valley. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | The start point for this walk is the large car park at Edale. The walk is also easily accessible by train. I'll be getting the 08:46 from Manchester Piccadilly that arrives into Edale at 09:30. Hope to see you on it! |                                |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Level:</b> Moderate to Hard |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Craig                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 929 9297      |

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| <b>Oct 7<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |       |                           |
|                           | <b>Go Ape: Knowsley</b> <a href="http://www.aerialextreme.co.uk/">http://www.aerialextreme.co.uk/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       |                           |
|                           | I have rescheduled the Knowsley aerial extreme for Sunday 7th October (this will definitely go ahead regardless of numbers). The course takes about 2 hours depending on the number of people on the course. We will aim to start at about 11.30am. Cost is £20 per person (I have to book in advance so will only book for those who have paid me). |       |                           |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sarah | <b>Tel:</b> 07958 615 525 |

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| <b>Oct 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                 |                           |
|                            | <b>Llangollen: Ruabon Mountain</b>                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                 |                           |
|                            | This circuit of Ruabon Mountain is full of contrasts, from open moorland to the dramatic limestone edge overlooking the River Dee and the town of Llangollen. |                                                                                                 |                           |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                           | Roadside parking on minor road at Trevor Rocks (grid ref SJ 234 432), off A539 near Llangollen. |                           |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                              | 11 miles                                                                                        | <b>Level:</b> Moderate    |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                | Nigel                                                                                           | <b>Tel:</b> 07971 063 709 |

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| <b>Oct 21<sup>st</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
|                            | <b>Yorkshire Dales: Whernside from Ribblesdale</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
|                            | Whernside - the highest point in Yorkshire - is famous as being one of the three Yorkshire peaks. We've already had walks up the other two - Pen-y-ghent and Ingleborough - this year, so this walk completes the set for the mere mortals amongst us who didn't do them on the Challenge Walk earlier in the summer! After passing under the Ribblesdale Viaduct - a spectacular piece of Victorian engineering - we'll walk up Whernside, the summit of which forms a high-level ridge giving commanding views over the Dales, and then return via the Twistleton Scars, some of the finest limestone pavements in the country. |                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Large lay-by/informal car-park at the junction of the B6479 and B6255, about 4 miles north of Horton in Ribblesdale, GR SD 765 792 |                                           |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 miles                                                                                                                           | <b>Level:</b> Moderate                    |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Charles                                                                                                                            | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 973 4799 / 07960 109 067 |

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| <b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10.00am PLEASE NOTE THE CLOCKS GO BACK AN HOUR</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                               |                           |
|                                | <b>Cheshire - Bowden and Dunham</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                               |                           |
|                                | This walk starts with some urban hiking through Bowden (see the houses of the rich and famous!) followed by pleasant rambling along the Bridgewater Canal, through Dunham Massey park and along the banks of the river Bollin. There's a good chance of it being muddy, so please do bring proper walking boots. |                                                                               |                           |
|                                | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Hale train station, Cheshire, (GR 769 869). There's plenty of parking nearby. |                           |
|                                | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 12 Miles                                                                      | <b>Level:</b> Easy        |
|                                | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Steve                                                                         | <b>Tel:</b> 07917 064 054 |

# November 2007

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| Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                            |                                           |
|                     | <b>Lancashire: Forest of Bowland</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                           |
|                     | This walk starts in Dunsop Bridge, and is a classic Forest of Bowland route, passing below the fells that we then cross and returning along a river valley. The Ordnance Survey recognises Dunsop Bridge as the nearest village to the exact centre of Great Britain, with a public phone box commemorating the fact! |                                                                                                                            |                                           |
|                     | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Car Park in Dunsop Bridge (NGR SD661 501). Dunsop Bridge is well signposted if approached from the B6478 out of Clitheroe. |                                           |
|                     | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10 miles                                                                                                                   | <b>Level:</b> Moderate / Hard             |
|                     | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Simon                                                                                                                      | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 476 0669 / 07733 138 720 |

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| Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |                                            |
|                      | <b>Cheshire: Great Budworth/Arley/Pickmere</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             |                                            |
|                      | Marbury Park is located between Comberbach and Anderton, NNW of Northwich. This picturesque walk will take us along the shores of Budworth Mere, through the village of Great Budworth, one of the prettiest villages in Cheshire, around Arley Country Park, through Millennium woodlands to the shores of Pickmere. Stout walking shoes with good ankle support are recommended. Please bring waterproofs in case of rain. A minutes silence will be observed at 11am for armistice. |                                             |                                            |
|                      | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Car Park at Marbury Country Park (SJ653765) |                                            |
|                      | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10.5 miles                                  | <b>Level:</b> Easy                         |
|                      | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Andrew                                      | <b>Tel:</b> 01606 330 258 or 07788 923 961 |

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| Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
|                      | <b>Peaks: Bradford Dale and Lathkill Dale</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
|                      | A walk through beautiful limestone dales near Bakewell. Starting from Youlgreave, we follow the River Bradford beneath the woods and limestone cliffs of Rheinstor, to the confluence with the River Lathkill at Alport. Then running parallel with the River Lathkill over the (Conksbury packhorse) Bridge, by-passing Over Haddon into the tranquil surrounds of Lathkill Dale and Cales Dale with relics from the 18th and 19th Century Lead Mining industry. Returning to Youlgreave, climbing out of Cales Dale on the Limestone Way and then descending into the pleasantly wooded Bradford Dale. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
|                      | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=421335&amp;Y=364140&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=3">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=421335&amp;Y=364140&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=3</a><br>Youlgreave village has no public car park, however, there is plenty of parking in the village. Precise details of meeting point will be provided near the time of the walk. Youlgreave is 5 miles south of Bakewell and is 2.5 miles west of the Bakewell to Derby A6. Detailed driving instructions to be provided. |                           |
|                      | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Level:</b> Moderate    |
|                      | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Tel:</b> 07801 933 299 |

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| Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |
|                      | <b>Clwydians: Nercwys Forest</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |
|                      | Tucked away east of the Clwydians and far south of Mold is Nercwys Forest. Few visit this picturesque part of Flintshire, let alone have heard of it. The walk will cover the Nercwys Forest, Bryn Alyn and the upper Alun valley. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |
|                      | <b>Location:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Meeting point is SJ218592,<br><a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=321850&amp;y=359250&amp;z=3&amp;sv=321850,359250&amp;st=4&amp;mapp=newmap.srf&amp;search=newsearch.srf&amp;ax=321850&amp;ay=359250">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=321850&amp;y=359250&amp;z=3&amp;sv=321850,359250&amp;st=4&amp;mapp=newmap.srf&amp;search=newsearch.srf&amp;ax=321850&amp;ay=359250</a> |                           |
|                      | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Level:</b> Moderate    |
|                      | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | David                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Tel:</b> 07730 008 351 |

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| <b>Dec 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 9.30am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |
|                           | <b>Peaks: Grains in the Water and Alport Castles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |
|                           | This is a great walk exploring the beautiful moors and valleys to the south of Bleaklow Head. Despite its name, Bleaklow has some delightful spots and Grains in the Water ranks amongst the best. Alport Castles is a quite spectacular landslip where a large section of the edge has severed from the main bulk of the plateau. |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | The walk begins from the car park adjacent to the A57 Snake Pass Road at Birchen Clough Bridge (Grid ref. SK109914). This is approximately one kilometre west of the Snake Inn. |                           |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12 Miles                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Level:</b> Hard        |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Craig                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 929 9297 |

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| <b>Dec 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>SATURDAY 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                           | <b>Christmas Walk and Meal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                           | Beginning with a walk around the flat plains of Cheshire to get us well and truly in the mood for eating, food will be served at 1.30. The 3 course meal will cost £12.50 each. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible with your choice of food to follow. There are spaces for 50 - 60 people. |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | White Lion Pub (CW3 0JA), Hankelow, on the A529 Audlem Road. There is a large car park around the back of the pub with extra parking on the green opposite the pub in front of the duck pond. |                           |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5 Miles                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Level:</b> Easy        |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Dawn                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Tel:</b> 07740 605 347 |

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| <b>Dec 15<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>SATURDAY 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |                                           |
|                            | <b>Yorkshire Dales: The Wharfe, Conistone Dib, and a Dickensian Fair</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                         |                                           |
|                            | It's time to get into the festive spirit with this pleasant walk around the Dales followed by a trip to the traditional Grassington Dickensian Christmas Fair. We'll follow the River Wharfe north to Kilnsey Crag before heading up Conistone Dib (a spectacular limestone gorge) and onto Grassington Moor before returning to Grassington. Each December, the centre of Grassington is transformed into a Victorian market place - an excellent opportunity to pick up some unusual presents, or just browse around enjoying the atmosphere with a mince-pie and glass of mulled wine! |                                                                         |                                           |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Car-park at Linton Falls, between Linton and Grassington, GR SE 002 632 |                                           |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8 Miles                                                                 | <b>Level:</b> Easy / Moderate             |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Charles                                                                 | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 973 4799 / 07960 109 067 |

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| <b>Dec 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>No walk planned</b> |  |               |
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|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>    |  |               |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>       |  | <b>Level:</b> |
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| <b>Dec 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                 |                                             |
|                            | <b>North Shropshire: Whittington (near Oswestry)</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                             |
|                            | We'll start at Whittington, walk to Llangollen Canal, Montgomery Canal - cross country back to Whittington. Towpath walking and fields with a nice village and castle and maybe views of Wales depending on weather. |                                                                 |                                             |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>SJ 325313 Whittington Village Car park near Castle ruins</b> |                                             |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10-11 miles TBC                                                 | <b>Level:</b> Easy (it is after Christmas!) |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Fiona                                                           | <b>Tel:</b> 01606 832 223/ 07889 177 976    |

# January 2008

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| <b>Jan 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 9.30am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
|                           | <b>Peaks: Saddleworth Moor/Black Hill</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
|                           | "Oh Manchester, So much to answer for!" Whether you're a Smiths fan or not you cannot help but be moved by the bleak solitude of Saddleworth Moor. Black Hill is the reluctant summit, if summit it can be called, of the most northerly of the three great gritstone plateaux which mark the Dark Peak. What better way to start the New Year! The route follows the Pennine way over Laddow Rocks, across Grains Moss to Black Hill and returns via Westend Moss and Hey Moss. This area is known as Black Hill due to the profusion of inky-black peat bogs and is prone to sudden snowstorms and low cloud at this time of year, so waterproofs and/or gaiters if you have them and good, waterproof boots are a must. |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Crowden Car Park SK072992 N.B. From Mottram in Londendale, take the A628 through Hollingworth, via Tintwistle to Crowden. Watch out for the traffic queues at the end of the M67, even on a Sunday morning. |                                            |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Level:</b> Moderate                     |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Andrew                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Tel:</b> 01606 330 258 or 07788 923 961 |

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| <b>January 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10.00am</i>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                           |
|                                | <b>Cheshire: Delamere Forest</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                           |
|                                | A random ramble around the darkest parts of Delamere Forest and the surrounding countryside. There's a good chance of it being muddy, so please do bring proper walking boots. |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                           |
|                                | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                            | The car park in the forest about a mile west of Hatchmere village on Ashton Road (GR 542 716). Note this is NOT the main Delamere car park next to the train station/visitor centre. |                           |
|                                | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                               | 12 Miles                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Level:</b> Easy        |
|                                | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | Steve                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Tel:</b> 07917 064 054 |

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| <b>Jan 20<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                            | <b>Snowdonia: Rhinog Fach, Harlech Dome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                            | The plan is to climb Y Llethr first (756m) then head north via Llyn Hywel to Rhinog Fach (712m). This route involves some grade one scrambling (not difficult). Due to the season of year and the likelihood of rain or even snow, strong 3-4 season boots and full waterproofs are essential for this walk. I recommend an overnight stop before. <a href="#">The Castle Hotel</a> in Harlech provides very reasonable B&B. Tel: 01766 780529 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | From Harlech take the A496 south to Llanbedr and turn East at the Victoria Hotel. Follow the minor road for about a mile to a bridge at Pentre Gwynfryn. Turn right here and then almost immediately left following the sign for Cwm Nantcol. Follow the road round some sharp bends and then South East for about 2 miles, where the road swings round to the North East for a further mile and a half to reach Cwm Nantcol. There is little parking space at Cwm Nantcol so we may need to ferry people depending on numbers. |                                            |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Level:</b> Hard                         |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Andrew                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Tel:</b> 01606 330 258 or 07788 923 961 |

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| <b>Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan 27<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Arrive evening of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - depart Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</i> |             |                                                 |
|                                                  | <b>Annual Lakes Weekend!</b>                                                            |             |                                                 |
|                                                  | Further details nearer the time.                                                        |             |                                                 |
|                                                  | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                     |             |                                                 |
|                                                  | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                        |             | <b>Level:</b>                                   |
|                                                  | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                          | Aidan / Zoe | <b>Tel:</b> Aidan 01925 212 822 / 07908 976 722 |

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| <b>Feb 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                           | <b>Peaks: Kettleshulme &amp; Taxal Edge from Lamaload</b>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                           | This is an interesting walk offering plenty of variation in this lovely valley, and almost entirely in Cheshire! The route takes in Taxal Edge, Windgather Rocks, and Pym's chair. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | The start is the small car park at Lamaload Reservoir (NGR SJ 975753). This can be reached down a lane from the A537 Buxton to Macclesfield road about 2 miles west of the "Cat & Fiddle", or from the B5470 Macclesfield to Whaley Bridge road. |                           |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                   | 10 Miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Level:</b> Moderate    |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | Simon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 476 0669 |

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| <b>Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                            | <b>Peaks: Dove Dale</b>                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                            | Walk around Dove Dale on the high level paths going to Milldale, starting and finishing at Thorpe Cloud. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                      | Meeting point is Thorpe Cloud SK146508<br><a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=414650&amp;y=350850&amp;z=3&amp;sv=414650_350850&amp;st=4&amp;mapp=newmap.srf&amp;search=newsearch.srf&amp;ax=414650&amp;ay=350850">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=414650&amp;y=350850&amp;z=3&amp;sv=414650_350850&amp;st=4&amp;mapp=newmap.srf&amp;search=newsearch.srf&amp;ax=414650&amp;ay=350850</a> |                           |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                         | 10 Miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Level:</b> Moderate    |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                           | David                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Tel:</b> 07730 008 351 |

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| <b>Feb 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                  |                                          |
|                            | <b>North Staffordshire: Cheddleton and Surrounds, (Near Leek)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                          |
|                            | Start at Deep Hayes Country park, then walking through the Churnet Valley and pass Cheddleton before taking in some of the Staffordshire Moorlands Walk and Coombes Valley Nature Reserve and then returning via some meandering through the surrounds. |                                                  |                                          |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Car Park at Deep Hayes Country Park<br>SJ 960534 |                                          |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8-10 Miles TBC                                   | <b>Level:</b> Easy to Moderate           |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Fiona                                            | <b>Tel:</b> 01606 832 223/ 07889 177 976 |

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| <b>Feb 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
|                            | <b>Cheshire: Marple (East of Stockport)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
|                            | Marple - Mellor Church - Brookbottom        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
|                            | <b>Start Point:</b>                         | Car park off service road, SJ 959 885.<br>From Stockport: after coming up the steep hill (Brabyns Brow) continue ahead over the railway bridge at Rose Hill Station. At the traffic-lights by the Texaco petrol station, take the right-hand fork turning into the one-way street, Church Lane, to the mini-roundabout. Go straight on here, uphill. Turn second left into the service road, then right and on to the car park. The fee at this car park is 80 pence for the day |                         |
|                            | <b>Distance:</b>                            | 10 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Level:</b> Moderate  |
|                            | <b>Leader:</b>                              | Steve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Tel:</b> 07960278804 |

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| <b>Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10:00am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                          |                                           |
|                           | <b>Wales: Moel Eilio from Llanberis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                          |                                           |
|                           | This is a lower level area of Snowdonia which nestles under the Snowdon massive. The walk takes in four peaks, Moel Eilio being the highest at 726m And affording very pleasant views over Caernarfon and surrounding areas. Fingers crossed! |                                                                                                          |                                           |
|                           | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Car park is next to the Electric Mountain visitors centre in Llanberis, off the A4086 (GR: SH 581 600 ). |                                           |
|                           | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7 Miles                                                                                                  | <b>Distance:</b> Moderate                 |
|                           | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Aidan                                                                                                    | <b>Tel:</b> 01925 212 822 / 07908 976 722 |

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| <b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
|                             | <b>Staffordshire: The Roaches</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
|                             | A Ridge Walk along the Staffordshire Roaches. Stupendous views of the Derbyshire Hills, the Cheshire Plain to the Welsh Hills, and the gorge known as 'Lud's Church'. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
|                             | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                   | Grid Ref, SK004620. Lay-by opposite the Roaches Tea Rooms, under Hen Cloud. After Meerbrook from the Macclesfield /Rushton Spencer direction, left onto the A53 at the Three Horseshoes Hotel After just under a mile take the left to Upper Hulme, then the first left turn, the <u>TEAPOT</u> sign points the way. The road is quite narrow, so care is needed. The first lay-by is about a mile on the right opposite the Roaches Tea Rooms. (there are further lay-bys and <u>only</u> these should be used to park the cars - do not park on any grass verge). Note - Nearest Toilets to walk start at the Meerbrook Reservoir visitor centre, just after Meerbrook village on the right. |                        |
|                             | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                      | 10 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Level:</b> Moderate |
|                             | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Alfred                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Tel:</b>            |

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| <b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                           |                                           |
|                              | <b>Yorkshire Dales: Firth Fell and Littondale from Kettlewell</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                           |                                           |
|                              | Wharfedale is often called the Queen of the Dales, and on this walk you'll see why! Starting in the picturesque village of Kettlewell (where 'The Calendar Girls' was filmed), we follow the Wharfe north to Buckden before ascending Firth Fell (hopefully!) with commanding and unfamiliar views over Littondale towards the 3 peaks, Before returning via a pleasant walk along the River Skirfare. PS: there are a surprising number of pubs on this walk! |                                           |                                           |
|                              | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Main car park in Kettlewell GR SD 967 723 |                                           |
|                              | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 11 miles                                  | <b>Level:</b> Moderate                    |
|                              | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Charles                                   | <b>Tel:</b> 0161 973 4799 / 07960 109 067 |

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| <b>March 21<sup>st</sup> -<br/>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <i>Arrive Good Friday - depart Bank Holiday Monday</i>                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |                                                     |
|                                                          | <b>Easter Weekend: Whitby &amp; North Yorkshire Moors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |       |                                                     |
|                                                          | Details to follow, though involves sea cliffs, moors, abbeys, fish and chips, and a famous Transylvanian. We'll be staying at the newly re-furbished Whitby YHA right next door to the Abbey - we get free entry into the abbey as well! |       |                                                     |
|                                                          | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |       |                                                     |
|                                                          | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |       | <b>Level:</b> Moderate                              |
|                                                          | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | David | <b>Tel:</b> Accommodation - Kirsty<br>Walks - David |

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| <b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Sunday 10am</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
|                              | <b>North Wales: Llantysilio Mountain</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
|                              | <p>The walk starts from the top of the Horseshoe Pass and explores some of the hills above the Dee Valley, known locally as the "4 peaks": Moel Y Faen (548m), Moel Gamelin (577m), Moel Y Gaer (504m) and Moel Morfydd (550m). It will involve some walking along a high-level ridge path (not suitable for vertigo sufferers). Following descent the walk may include a further descent towards the Cwm Coed Drwg valley. This addition will be confirmed nearer the time, prior to the day of the walk. The walk lends itself to some wonderful panoramic views (weather permitting): the Arans and Arenig mountains; Snowdonia range; Clwydian Hills, the coast; Llandegla Moors; Eglwyseg Rocks; Vale of Llangollen; and Berwyn Mountains.</p> <p>I shall be looking into the practicalities of going for a meal, following a drink, after the walk in Llangollen. This will be confirmed nearer the time.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
|                              | <b>Start Point:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Opposite the Ponderosa Café on the Horseshoe Pass. O/S No.256, GRSJ195482. From Llangollen take the A542 towards Ruthin and the Horseshoe Pass; from Ruthin take the A525 and from Wrexham/Coedpoeth take the A525, then A5104 and A542 towards Llangollen and the Horseshoe Pass. Free, informal off road parking on grass areas opposite the Ponderosa Café. Parking is restricted to only 2 hours at the Café.</p> |                             |
|                              | <b>Distance:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8-11 miles tbc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Level:</b> Moderate/Hard |
|                              | <b>Leader:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rebecca                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Tel:</b> 07780 676 892   |

## **Other Stuff**

Don't forget our website which includes the walks programme and any changes and updates <http://www.cheshirewalkers.org.uk/>

Social events are organised on an ad hoc basis and advertised on the walks and by e-mail so keep your eyes and ears open!

We normally travel to the walks by car meeting promptly at the time and location given in the programme. Please call the leader by the day before the walk to let them know you'll be going. It may also be possible to arrange lifts with other members of the group.

## **Walk Conditions**

Our walks cover a variety of terrains and are graded accordingly. The grades may also depend on the time of year.

**EASY:** Lowland walking, gentle hills, ideal for beginners.

**MODERATE:** Hills & Dales, generally below 1,500 feet.

**HARD:** High level mountain & moorland over 1,500 feet. May include steep ascents or scrambling.

The following are items of clothing and equipment which you should consider bringing on walks:

Comfortable Walking Boots (not trainers)

Waterproof Jacket & Overtrousers

Warm Clothing

Packed Lunch & Water

And remember - with your Ramblers Membership you can get discount on goods in many outdoor shops.

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