



NEWSLETTER -April 2019

Oadby Hillwalking Club

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Dates for your Diaries:

AGM 2019 revised date

The AGM will now take place on Wednesday 1st May 2019. There will be vacancies on the committee, if you would be interested in joining the Committee please talk to any committee member. We would especially like someone with website IT experience.

Snowdonia Weekend July 19th-21st 2019

Geoff Mattock is planning a walking weekend in Wales. Members will need to sort their own accommodation and transport ASAP. Dolgam B&B tel 01690 720228 and campsite just turn up. If you would like to attend this weekend or find out more please contact Geoff. If you are interested in Zip wiring please let Geoff know ASAP the cost of this is £89.

April Mid Month Walk

Sunday 28th April 2019

Meet at The Bell, Burton Overy at 9:30AM

about 7 miles Leader Catherine Gwinnett

Next monthly walk Sunday 12th May Cleeve Hill

Coach departs: Oadby Central Car Park (adjacent to the Trinity Methodist Church) at **8.00am** and will leave The Rising Sun Hotel, Cleeve Hill at **5:30pm**.

Coach Route: M69, M6, M42, M5 J11A, A417, A436, A435, A40, A4019, B4632

Boot stop: Hopwood Park

Maps: Explorer 179

Walk Leaders Carol Hinks (8), Jenny Fox (10), Geoff Mattock (13), Catherine Gwinnett (14), Andy McQuaid (long)

Walk Routes. To Mike Hinks, preferably as a gpx file or alternatively as a JPEG file by Thursday April 2nd please. mike.hinks19@gmail.com

Walk Route Map

Please go onto the News section of the Club website, www.oadbyhwc.com a few days before the monthly walk, to see a map showing the walk routes. Hopefully this will speed up selecting your walk when signing up on the coach.

Prospective walkers – please contact the group email address to book a seat on the bus this month: OHWCmail@gmail.com. You will receive a reply confirming the availability or otherwise of a seat. You are reminded that it is first come first served. If you delay booking you may not get a seat. Please do not turn up without booking and receiving confirmation that you have a place. You must book a place on the coach in advance or you may not be allowed on as it picks up at various places on the ring road members who have already booked a seat.

If you wish to be picked up, at other places than the Oadby Car Park, please mention where when booking and please be aware that very occasionally another Woods coach may go past before ours arrives.

Members can book for the next month's walk on the return journey back to Oadby. You don't have to wait for the Club meeting or the Newsletter.

Bus Fares – preferably by cheque payable to "Oadby Hillwalking Club" or simply "O.H.W.C." Adult Members £12, Junior/Student Members £5, Guests/Visitors + £3. (subject to review at the AGM)

Cancellations - members and guests - Cancellations up to Tuesday Midnight before the Sunday walk - no penalty. Cancellations thereafter - full cost of the bus fare due. (AGM 2011). Please send fare due to the Treasurer, Alison Beckett, 5 Spinney View, Great Glen, Leics, LE8 9EP

Boot/Toilet Stop

Members are urged to keep the time taken at the boot stop to a minimum. At the end of the walk members should change their footwear and place dirty boots and rucksacks in the luggage locker before getting onto the coach, thus avoiding any congestion and mud in the coach.

Those getting off the coach at Fosse Park and the Ring Road, may alternatively, put your dirty kit into a "Bin Liner" and then take it onto the coach; thus negating having to search for your kit in the bus Luggage Locker.

Interested in being a Walk Leader? Please speak to any Committee Member, who will gladly arrange this for you – or better still come along to our Club Meetings.

Monthly Club Meetings

Monthly club meetings are held on the Wednesday following the Sunday walk at the Wigston Conservative Club, 38 Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AH at 7.30pm. All club members are welcome.

Safety Form and Emergency Personal Details

Please make sure that you are carrying your completed Club Safety Form in the top of your rucksack - it could help you in a difficult situation. N.B. Don't forget to keep the form up to date. The form is available on the Club Website www.oadbyhwc.com

The club walk organisers are not qualified guides. You join them at your own risk and of your own free will. You are part of an autonomous group, responsible for your own safety and happy to accept the discretion and actions of any or all the participants on that organised walk or activity in the event of injury to you, the need to have you rescued or otherwise.

Essential Wear - N.B. Jeans and, or trainers/sandals are NOT suitable

Members and guests must be suitably equipped and as a minimum this must include:

- ❖ Suitable walking boots
- ❖ waterproof coat and over-trousers
- ❖ warm clothing
- ❖ an appropriate rucksack.
- ❖ food and drink for the whole day
- ❖ a First Aid Kit is recommended

If you are not properly equipped for hillwalking you may not be able to participate.

Please do not wear dirty boots on the bus even at the start of the day.

Only "Registered Assistance Dogs" are allowed on club walks except on midmonth walks at the discretion of the walk leader.

Sunday Monthly Walks by coach: 2019/2020

Returns at 5pm during GMT and 5.30pm during BST.

2019

2 June Wendover – Chilterns, Bucks

7 July Hayfield – Peak District

4 Aug Knighton - west of M6, Staffs

1 Sept Painswick – Cotswolds

6 Oct Tideswell – Peak District

3 Nov Hope – Peak District

1 Dec Ambergate – Peak District

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5 Jan Monyash – Peak District

2 Feb Bradwell – Peak District

1 Mar Blockley – Cotswolds

5 April Symonds Yat - Wye Valley

10 May Hadfield – Peak District

Members Special Offer

The April walk is your last chance to claim your free ride if you haven't claimed it yet.

Almoner's Report

If you know of any member that is poorly or unable to walk for any reason, please let one of the committee know.

April Walk Report 7th April – Disley

Written by Jenny Fox

Our walk started from The Cat and Fiddle Pub reputed to be the 2nd highest pub in England but now closed and empty and looking rather forlorn.

The weather was quite cold, windy and misty. We headed along the A537 then along, over and up a steep path to Shining Tor.

Normally there would have been good views over to Cheshire, the North Wales Hills and The Irish Sea from there but not this time because of the weather.

Then we took a paved path along to Pym Chair and descended down to walk along footpaths.

We stopped for lunch in a sheltered stop which overlooked green fields with lots of sheep wandering around. The weather improved after lunch and the sun came out.

We had good views around us as we eventually joined The Gritstone Way leading us to our finishing point in Disley.

Many thanks to our leader Adam for planning and leading us in an area most of us had never walked or been to before.