

SPECIAL EVENTS and FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December 2011 to March 2012

HEREFORDSHIRE AREA

“IT’S A BREEZE” - This programme of shorter easy walks is being discontinued for the winter, but will probably start again in April.

Arthur and Richard B. 01432 264374 or 01432 267414

HEREFORDSHIRE HIKERS

Building on the success the Ramblers has created since the 1930s, Herefordshire Hikers is targeted at existing and potential new members in their 20s and 30s.

More details can be found on the Herefordshire Hikers Facebook page or on our website www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk. Or text 07843 090834 or e-mail markmcevilly@gmail.com

HEREFORDSHIRE AREA WINTER WALKING FESTIVAL

This is our annual event for the holiday period - a chance to meet up for some fresh air and exercise. We also hope to attract new walkers and to promote the RA offer on new membership.

All four Groups have worked together to offer a varied programme of walks for the festival - starting on Christmas Eve and ending in the New Year (Jan 2nd).

They will be advertised in Herefordshire Life and in local shop, pubs, etc so please welcome any new people that come along and refer them to the lovely programme of walks and social events that we have on offer all year round.

Mary Howcroft 01432 357766

HEREFORD GROUP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT WORMSLEY GOLF CLUB on SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER.

Christmas lunch this year is in the picturesque setting of Wormsley Golf Club.

Please ring 01432 351493 or 357766 immediately to book. We will send you a booking form and menu. Then return the form as soon as possible indicating your menu choice, etc and sending your cheque for the full amount made out to the “Hereford Group of the Ramblers Association”. 10.00 am - short walk as listed in this walks programme. Meal – 1pm to eat at 1.30pm.

HEREFORD GROUP - TEA SHOP WALKS

The aim of the teashop walks is to put some “pennies” back into the local shops and communities in places where we have enjoyed their free parking as well as their countryside. ***It is a given that if you join in on a Tea Shop Walk you must be prepared to buy cake and tea at the end.*** Lynne always tells the café owner the numbers to expect on our return from walking, so please do not embarrass her by not joining in. **Thursday 12th January is a special High Tea – please book in by Sunday 8th - @£11 per person.** Lynne Jones-Rogers

HEREFORD GROUP - HOLME LACY HOUSE WALKS

Leisurely walks around the vicinity of the Holme Lacy House Hotel and Holme Lacy village for ALL – Ramblers members and guests of the Hotel. The hotel has a tea/coffee shop which we can make use of after the walks if required. Dates: Walks start on Thursdays as listed in the programme at 10:30am from outside the main door to reception of the Hotel. Walks will take approx 2.5 hours and are easy. Start: Holme Lacy House Hotel. Map ref: Explorer 189/555350. Please park in far car park behind the Pavilion building.

Arthur Lee 01432 264374 and Richard Bollard 01432 267414

HEREFORD GROUP – MONTHLY “MEET UP FOR A CUPPA”

You are all invited to come along on the 2nd Monday in each month from 10am for a “Cuppa at Cookies” - meet up with friends old and new, look at photos, plan new walks or outings, whatever..... Further dates for our monthly get-togethers are December 12th, January 9th, February 13th and March 12th. The Venue is “Cookies” which is upstairs in the small precinct behind Boots in Hereford. All members past and present and newcomers from all groups are very welcome to come along. Ring 01432 351493 for further details

HEREFORD GROUP – MONTHLY “SUPPER & SKITTLES” at the “VOLLY” You are all invited to come to the VOLUNTEER PUB, in Harold Street, Hereford, on the 4th Tuesday in each month at 7pm. Order your food from the Specials Menu as you arrive (*except December 27th when we will meet up just for a festive chat – no food or skittles*). ***We need to know numbers so please phone 01432 351493 to say you are coming*** The dates are December 27 (chat only), January 24, February 28 and March 27 (all supper and skittles.) Members from all groups are welcome.

HEREFORD GROUP - ADVANCED NAVIGATION 1 DAY COURSE ON MARCH 10TH

Know your way around a map and compass but not sure if you could get off a hill safely if the hill fog came down? Want to be able to navigate accurately away from paths, and on featureless terrain? Then this is the course for you.

During the day course you will revise some basic navigation techniques and cover the more advanced skills of route finding, including:

Devising a navigation strategy.

- Pacing and timing over varying terrain.
- Walking on a compass bearing to locate a feature.
- Using navigation techniques including aiming off, tick features, catching features and attack points.
- Interpret contour features, large and small, on the map and on the ground.
- Relocation strategies.
- Route planning, with regard for safety and terrain.
- Access rights and responsibilities.

Start 10.00: Finish around 17.00

The course will be held south of Llangynidr, in the Brecon Beacons National Park and led by Russ Mills. Very limited numbers – if interested please ring Mary 01432 357766