

Friday 15th May 2015

- 9.00am **Festival Launch** at the Dodington Lodge Hotel by Tom Hayek, Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Programme Manager. All welcome. **M&M**
- 9.30am **Ring and Ramble** Minibus to Calverhall Church with 45 minutes to ring there and at Ightfield and then Whitchurch, walking between the towers. Finishing at the top of the tower at Whitchurch. Ringers and non-ringers welcome. Leader Malcolm Monie [6miles 7h] ●❖
- 9.30am **Marbury** taking bus 72 at 9.52am [English passes valid] and walk back to Whitchurch via Ossmere & Blakemere, followed by optional lunch at the Anchor Inn. Led by Jenny & John Wilson of Whitchurch U3A. Meet at the Bus Station [see map] [5miles 3h] **M&M**
- 10.00am **Rail Ramble** 10.45am train to Wrenbury [Buy tickets at machine on Whitchurch station. Bring your railcard if you have one]. Walk back. Leader Liz Evans [8 miles 5h] ❖ **M&M**
- 2.00pm **Hawkstone Hall & Monument** guided tour of the Hall and gardens, tea & scones, walk to the Hill monument. Minibus transport included. Leader Baz Fewster [2.5miles 3.5h] ●‡
- 7.30pm **Flicks in the Sticks "Downhill"** at the Talbot Theatre, Whitchurch Leisure Centre Cert15 £4.50 adults, £4 concessions and £3.50 students +
- 8.00pm **Folk Session** at the Old Town Hall Vaults with local band Jigsmith. Bring instruments and voices or just come along.

Saturday 16th May 2015

- 9.30am **Hawkstone Historic Park and Follies** led by Senior Park Warden Baz Fewster. Take torches & binoculars. [5 miles 6h] ●❖‡
- 9.30am **From Mere to Moss** by bus 146 at 9.45am to Hanmer Mere [Welsh & Shropshire passes valid] walking to Bettisfield Moss. Return by minibus [included in price]. [8 miles 7h] ❖ **M&M**
- 10.00am -12 noon **Geocaching in Jubilee Park** Try your hand at this intriguing pastime. GPS units provided on the day [returnable £10 deposit]. Leader Liz Evans. Meet at the bandstand. [30mins]
- 1.00pm **Fenns & Whixall Moss History Trail** guided walk using the free ViewRanger app. Some ipads available on the day but preloading of the app and walk onto your own phone or ipad would be best. Full instructions will be sent to people who book and on the Whitchurch Walkers website. [3 miles 2h] ● **M&M**
- 2.30pm **Historical** walk around the town centre led by Philip Walker 2miles [2h]
- 7.30pm **Ceilidh** at the Brownlow Centre, Claypit Street. Dancing to local band Jigsmith. Hot food included. Licensed bar with real ale kindly supplied by **Joules Brewery & The Old Town Hall Vaults**. Draw with some really excellent prizes [See back of booking form]. Doors open 7.00pm.

Sunday 17th May 2015

- 9.15am **Roundthorn Bridge by canal boat** and walk back to Whitchurch using Shropshire Way including visit to restored control tower on Prees Heath. Leader Peter Dunhill [8 miles 7h] ●❖ **M&M**
- 9.30am **Wych Valley Botanical** walk Leader Gerald Moss. Minibus to and from walk included. [9 miles [7h] ● ❖
- 10.00am **The Belton Bracer** A largely level walk with a mixture of gates and stiles passing the home of Belton Cheese. Leader Neil Moore [3.7 miles 2h]
- 2.00pm **Nature Trail** for accompanied children exploring Greenfields Nature Reserve with Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Meet at Whitchurch Waterway Country Park car park by the roundabout in Chemistry and register at nearby Chemistry Farm. [see map] 1 mile [2h]
- 2.30pm **Historical** walk around the town centre led by Philip Walker [2miles 2h]
- 4.30 – 5.30pm **Final Get-together** at the Dodington Lodge Hotel with complimentary light refreshments for all festival participants. There will be various displays and a draw. Some Sunday walks finish at the final get-together but all walkers are welcome. See booking form for details. **M&M**

- Transport included in price
- ‡ Admission included in price
- + Full details on website and registration, pay at venue
- ❖ Packed lunch & drink required
- M&M** Meres & Mosses theme
- Timings are approximate but include travel where appropriate.*

Booking and Payment methods

Cheque
Internet / BACS transfer
One-off direct debit

Cheque

Cheque payable to Whitchurch Walkers and **posted or delivered** with the **booking form** to: Whitchurch Walking Festival, Civic Centre, High Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1AX to arrive by Wednesday 13th May 2015.

Internet / BACS transfer

Complete the booking form on the website and pay to Whitchurch Walkers **account number 09541926, sort code: 55-81-16**. Please identify yourself in the **payment reference**.

One-off direct debit

Complete the **online** booking form on the Whitchurch Walkers website and choose the **one-off direct debit option** to make payment using GoCardless.com. [Link on form]

Online bookings can also be paid for using the cheque option [see above].

Bookings remain provisional until payment has been received. Cancellations can be accepted up to 7 days before the start of the Festival and a refund given [less a £1 administrative charge].

This festival is supported by the **Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme** which is delivering projects to conserve and raise awareness of the internationally important Meres and Mosses landscape.



Minibus transport by



Ceilidh beer by The Old Town Hall Vaults &



Draw prizes by

The Cock & Greyhound, Horse & Jockey, Butterfingers, Sharon Mullock [Pilátés], Lorna's House, Hawkstone Historic Park & Follies

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WHITCHURCH SHROPSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL



AT THE HEART OF THE MERES & MOSSES

Whitchurch Shropshire Walking Festival 2015

This, our third festival, has been organised by the Walkers are Welcome in Whitchurch Steering Group which includes representatives of Whitchurch Walkers, Shropshire Council and Whitchurch Chamber of Trade.

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For more detailed information and any updates go to the [website whitchurchwalkers.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk)

Also on facebook and twitter



Town Centre locations



Notes

- > **Pre-booking is advised** as there are limited places on most walks. However, subject to places remaining, it will be possible to join walks on the day up to 10 mins before the start.
- > **Registration is required before all walks**, whether pre-booked or not. This will take place at the start from 30 until 10 mins before the start time.
- > Walkers who have **pre-booked places** must register at least 10 minutes before the start or places may be reallocated if there are walkers wishing to join the walk on the day.
- > **Most walks** start from and finish at the the **Dodington Lodge Hotel, SY13 1EN**
- > **No dogs on History Walks** please. Well-behaved dogs are permitted on other walks but must be kept on a lead.
- > **All walkers** participating in this Festival do so at their own risk.
- > A **packed lunch and drink** will be required on **full day walks**.
- > Walkers will be given a **festival wristband** at registration which can be used to gain access to **festival offers** from **local traders**.

Throughout the festival ...
Self-guided walk to Dearnford Lake approx 3 miles round trip, maps available at registration. There is a café at the lake. +
Black Bear Beer Festival featuring Welsh beers from 12 noon Friday
Festival offers from local traders - see website +

Booking form:
 Please enter name codes [A-C etc] beside the chosen activities. **Children** under 16 years free [except Hawkstone Hall £10 Ceilidh £4, Hawkstone Park £3, Canal boat £5] but **must be accompanied by an adult and included in numbers**.
 Additional names D,E,F etc can be added along the margin if required.

Name Code	Name[s]	U16 ✓
A		
B		
C		
Address		
Phone		
Emergency contact no.	[Not your own mobile!]	
Email		

Time	Activity	Cost	Name Codes	Total £
Fri 15th	9.30am Ring and Ramble - Tick here if ringer []	£5		
	10.00am Wrenbury Rail Ramble [pay fare on day]	£3		
	9.30am Marbury [U3A] by bus [pay fare on day]	£2		
	12.30pm Pub lunch [Pay on the day]			
	2.00pm Hawkstone Hall and Monument inc teas etc	£10 inc child		
Sat 16th	9.30am Hawkstone Park & Follies [includes entry]	£5/£3 child		
	9.30am Mere & Moss [pay bus fare on day]	£3		
	10am – 12noon Geocaching	£2		
	1.00pm Fenns & Whixall Moss History	£2		
	2.30pm Historical Walk	£2		
	7.30pm Ceilidh	£8/£4child		
Sun 17th	9.15am *Canal boat walk	£7/£5 child		
	9.30am *Botany walk - Wych valley	£3		
	10.00am Belton Bracer	£2		
	2.00pm Nature Trail	£2 adults		
	2.30pm *Historical Walk	£2		
4.30pm- 5.30pm	Final get-together at the Dodington Lodge	Free [see*]		
* These 3 walks include the final get-together and refreshments. You only need to enter codes for the get-together if not on these walks.				Total Cost