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## EVENTS DIARY

### March – September 2010

Our events programme is designed to offer greater understanding and enjoyment of Snowdonia. From mountain walks to captivating talks, we have something to offer everyone. Please read the details and notes carefully and remember to register your interest with the Society office, as capacity is limited on most events. We look forward to seeing you at an event this summer!

31 March	<b>SCREENING OF AGE OF STUPID</b> , 7 pm at the Galeri in Caernarfon. <i>Age of Stupid</i> became one of the most talked-about films of 2009. A man living alone in the devastated future world of 2055 looks at old footage from 2008 and asks: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance? A must-see film, FREE for members and just £2 for non-members to include a raffle ticket. Prizes to include books and vouchers for local venues.
7 April	<b>THE GEOLOGY AND SCENERY OF CWM IDWAL</b> . Paul Gannon, author of <i>Rock Trails Snowdonia</i> , will guide us through the stunning volcanic and glacial scenery of Cwm Idwal. See some of the most dramatic scenery in Snowdonia and learn how it came about. Bring a packed lunch, drinks and suitable outdoor clothing. Meet at 10 am at Ogwen Warden Centre, SH 649603.
24 April	<b>SPRING INTO ACTION – GUIDED FUND-RAISING WALK</b> led by Margaret Thomas with the North Wales Wildlife Trust. Get out into the woods this spring with a 5-mile walk through Gwydyr Forest and Cors Bodgynydd nature reserve. The walk crosses varied terrain with some steep sections and boggy ground. Meet at 10.30 am in Tŷ Hyll car park. £2 for all participants, plus any sponsorship money you can muster! See the website or contact the Society for a sponsorship form and further details. Booking essential.
9 May	<b>MYSTIC MEGALITHS AND MANGANESE MINES</b> , led by Max Grant. An easy-paced mountain walk along the northern Rhinogydd will take you past manganese mines and megalithic monuments. Taking in the impressive cairn Bryn Cader Faner, we hope to include ascents of Moel Ysgyarnogod and Foel Penolau in a walk of 5 to 6 hours. Meet at 10 am at the lay-by off the A496 north of Harlech near to the B4573 junction, SH 607350.
15-16 May	<b>Tŷ HYLL PLANT SALE</b> – with a focus on plants to benefit wildlife. Other activities include a fabric bag-making workshop, second-hand book sale and spinning demonstration. Book and plant donations welcome! See our website for details or contact Sarah on 01690 720 287.
24 May	<b>WILDLIFE CRUISE FROM PWLLHELI ALONG THE LLŶN PENINSULA</b> . This sunset cruise leaves Pwllheli at 6.15 pm and visits the seal and seabird colonies of the St Tudwal's islands and the spectacular cliffs and bird life of Hell's Mouth (where we have a good chance of seeing dolphins). We will linger under the cliffs in Hell's Mouth with a superb view of the sunset over Bardsey Island - a perfect place for a picnic supper. Returns to Pwllheli at dusk. Booking essential – numbers are limited. £27.50 for members and their guests only.
6 June	<b>ARCTIC ALPINES ON SNOWDON</b> led by Rob Collister. Explore Cwm Glas high on the flanks of Crib Goch and Crib y Ddysgyl in a hunt for plants left behind after the ice age. The terrain could be steep and exposed and we will be away from paths. Bring a packed lunch, wet weather gear and warm clothing. Wear footwear suitable for a high mountain excursion. No dogs. Meet 9.45 am at Nant Peris car park. Booking essential, please contact Sarah on 01690 720 287.
10 June	<b>Tŷ HYLL WILDLIFE GARDEN OPEN DAY AND COFFEE MORNING</b> – 11 am to 4 pm. Come to Tŷ Hyll and see the fantastic work volunteers do in the garden and woodlands and chat to staff and volunteers about Society issues. Details on website or call 01690 720 287.
11-12 June	<b>WELSH NATIONAL PARK SOCIETIES WEEKEND</b> in Pembrokeshire. An opportunity for members of all three Welsh Societies to meet up and explore other Welsh National Parks. See our website or contact us on 01690 720 287 for details.
13 June	<b>DRY STONE WALLING COMPETITION</b> – Our annual competition celebrating the value of this traditional craft will be held at Hafod y Llan farm at the foot of Snowdon. It will be part of Open Farm Sunday, organised by the National Trust, so even if you don't want to compete please come as a spectator and enjoy the other activities on the day. You don't have to be a master stone-waller – we have categories for amateur, semi-professional and professional. Contact Sarah on 01690 720 287 or go to our website for details and an entry form.
23 June	<b>EVENING MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE</b> with Rob Collister. 2-3 hour ride in the area between Rowen & Llanfairfechan, strenuous (some long hills) but not too technical. Followed by a meal in the Groes Inn. Meet at 5.30 pm at the lay-by below Parc Mawr wood, Henryd (SH 761745).
6 July	<b>LAUNCH OF WELSH NATIONAL PARKS MANIFESTO</b> at the National Assembly in Cardiff – It would be great to have your support at this lunchtime reception. Full details will be posted on our website soon, or call 01690 720 287.
15 July	<b>MOUNTAIN NAVIGATION WORKSHOP</b> with Christian Lenehan. An introduction to basic navigation skills for the mountains (map reading, compass skills, pacing, etc.). Participants must have a basic level of fitness and appropriate clothing and walking boots. Bring a compass and OL 18 map. Meet at 6 pm at the NT car park by the Roman Amphitheatre east of Trawsfynydd power station, SH 707389. The workshop is free but we will collect donations for the local mountain rescue team.
3 Aug	<b>BATS AND MOTHS AT Tŷ HYLL</b> with Julian Thompson and Kate Williamson. Kate will check our bat boxes for activity and show us some of the Tŷ Hyll bats, while Julian will help us conduct a moth count in the grounds of Tŷ Hyll. We will also learn about the trapping methods and the moths found in our woodlands. From 8 pm 'til late. Wear warm clothing and bring a torch! Children welcome.
21 Aug	<b>SNOWDONIA'S FERAL GOATS</b> by Debbie Wareham. Debbie will take us on a guided walk around the lower slopes of Tryfan where we hope to see foraging groups of goats - she will talk to us about the biology, ecology, social relationships, origins and conservation of these fascinating animals. Meet at the car park at Gwern Gof Uchaf, SH 674605 at 10 am and bring boots, waterproofs and a packed lunch. Binoculars would be useful. The walk will take approximately 4 hours.
7 Sept	<b>NOT JUST A PRETTY PLACE: SURVIVING IN SNOWDONIA</b> – a lecture by Huw Jenkins at 7.30 pm in the auditorium at Plas Tan y Bwlch. Huw will present a collection of stories from his book of the same title, linked by the theme of survival. His subjects include not only plants and wildlife, but also rural crafts and communities. The lecture is a celebration of - and a plea for - sustainability. Free for members, £4 for non-members, to include a raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets available at £2 each. Prizes include annual subscriptions to <i>Natur Cymru</i> .
18 Sept	<b>MIKE COUSINS MEMORIAL UNDERGROUND TRIP</b> – This year we will be exploring Rhiw Bach slate mine. Meet by the bus stop outside the quarry at 11am. SH 752472. Wear old clothes/waterproofs and Wellingtons and bring your own head torch and a packed lunch. The trip will take 4-5 hours and involves walking up steep inclines. Booking essential as numbers limited. £3 donation per person, for the Snowdonia Society and the Great Orme Exploration Society.

The Society would like to thank the Sports Council for Wales for supporting our walking programme.

#### DETAILS OF PRACTICAL CONSERVATION WORK DAYS ARE GIVEN OVERLEAF

- Although the Society will make every effort to adhere to the programme detailed above, please register your interest before each event with the Society in case of any unavoidable changes or cancellations.
- All participants take part at their own risk and the event leader has the right to refuse to take anyone that he/she feels is not suitable/adequately equipped. Full details on safety and insurance are available at the start of each walk or from the Society.
- **Events are often free to members. If not, prices are stated in the programme above.** Non-members are asked to make a contribution of £5 to cover administrative costs for free events.

**DON'T FORGET THE SOCIETY AGM ON 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 – MAKE A DIARY NOTE NOW!**

# PRACTICAL CONSERVATION WORKDAYS

April – October 2010

The Society organises a regular programme of practical conservation workdays to help maintain the natural beauty of Snowdonia and conserve its landscape and wildlife. This is your opportunity to play an active role in the management of the National Park and offers the chance to get your hands dirty! We also offer opportunities for volunteers to get involved with other areas of the Society's work.



## **CONSERVATION SNOWDONIA PROJECT - Something for everyone!**

The **Conservation Snowdonia Project** is getting bigger and better. Building on our successful volunteering work over the past years, our funders have recognised the value of our activities by awarding us further funding; quite an achievement in the current financial climate and *a big pat on the back to all of you* who have helped and contributed to our conservation activities – **thank you everyone!**

Over the coming months, **Conservation Volunteering** will tackle many of the issues impacting on our natural environment. We will respond to eyesores as they arise, with litter picks and repairs to footpath damage, and continue with our long-standing initiatives, such as removing rhododendron from the Bryn Gwynant Youth Hostel and litter from Harlech Beach on our Annual Clean Up. We will be strengthening our links with the Snowdonia National Park Wardens and other environmental agencies around the National Park, so expect to see lots of partnership working over the coming months. This will help to make your volunteering activities more sustainable in the long term, so please come and support us and together let's show all those we work with that the Snowdonia Society is serious about protecting our fragile natural surroundings - and that *we are not scared of getting our hands dirty!!*

Nevertheless, if dirty is not your thing, how about helping with our successful *Rags2Riches initiative*, which is expanding into a **Community Engagement** strand. We will build on our recycled fabric bag making workdays in order to promote more sustainable living options and provide encouragement to community groups who want to minimise their impact on their environment by adopting lifestyles and choices that are more in harmony with living in a National Park. To maximise the success of this, we need your help – both with identifying interested communities and with practical help during the many workshops we will be holding and the fairs where we will organise demonstrations.

This is already shaping up to be a busy season and we need as many volunteers as possible, so if you have not volunteered in the past or have reduced your activities over recent years please do come and see what we have on offer. **There really is something for everyone** and if you have ideas for other events, **please contact Bea Kelsall, your Project Officer, on 01690 720287 or volunteer@snowdonia-society.org.uk**. Additional monthly workdays are published on our website [www.snowdonia-society.org.uk](http://www.snowdonia-society.org.uk) or can be posted out to you if you are not on line.

## **Regular 'First Tuesday' volunteer workdays:**

Tuesday 6th April  
Tuesday 4th May  
Tuesday 1st June  
Tuesday 6th July  
Tuesday 3rd August  
Tuesday 7th September  
Tuesday 5th October



## **Wildlife Gardening and Woodland Conservation Monday Meets**

Our regular gardeners meet most Mondays from 10am at The Ugly House, home of the Snowdonia Society. They are ensuring that the 5 acres of woodland and the beautiful terraced gardens are welcoming to wildlife and visitors alike. They always need more help, so do come along and get involved. They are a very sociable group!

### **NOTES**

- In order to be kept fully informed please contact Tŷ Hyll and register your interest on our volunteer database. You will then receive up to date information on all activities you have expressed an interest in.
- Please contact the Conservation Snowdonia Project Officer if you would like to participate in any of the above workdays for full details of location and any special instructions etc.
- All participants take part at their own risk and the event leader has the right to refuse to take anyone they feel is not suitable/adequately equipped for the activity. Full details on safety and insurance are available at the start of the event or from Tŷ Hyll.
- Volunteering is open to both Society members and non-members alike.
- Please contact Tŷ Hyll with any ideas for future events or offers of help!
- For the latest information please visit [www.snowdonia-society.org.uk](http://www.snowdonia-society.org.uk)

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