



THE 2014 FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Walkers using the train meet at Llanelli Station. All other walks meet at the Selwyn Samuel Centre/Leisure Centre Car Park, Park Crescent, Llanelli.



Friday 23 May - 20:00hrs

Get together and briefing at The Conservative Club, Cowell Street, Llanelli, where a bar will be available. (If you miss this, any relevant information will be available at the start of your first walk.) **N.B. See "A few points to bear in mind" overleaf.**

Saturday 24 May

Walk 1 Bus 08.45 hrs

LLANGRANOG TO NEW QUAY

Enjoy the wild beauty of the Ceredigion coastline in the company of porpoise, seals and dolphins as you walk to the picturesque town of New Quay, the inspiration for Dylan Thomas' play 'Under Milk Wood'. Lovely coastal views complement the walk.

Leader: Rob Davies **01554 753596** 8 miles, fairly strenuous

Walk 2 Bus 08.45 hrs

THE DYLAN THOMAS NEW QUAY TRAIL

The trail takes us through narrow winding streets, past blue-plaques houses and hostleries frequented by Dylan Thomas. We also enjoy leafy lanes, wooded coastal paths and beach - a landscape much loved by Dylan - with glorious views of Cardigan Bay, part of the Ceredigion Marine Heritage Coast and home of bottle nosed dolphins.

Leader: Daphne Davies **07548 018859** 5 miles, fairly easy

Walk 3 Bus 09.00 hrs

GNOLL PARK / PELENNY / PONTRHYDYFEN

From scenic Gnoll Country Park we climb onto the high ground near Castell-Fforch-Nant, with extensive views of the Vale of Neath and beyond, continuing on to Tonmawr, Pelena Mountain Centre, finally reaching Richard Burton's Pontrhydyfen and the Colliers tavern at Efailfach.

Leader: John Davies **01792 864525** 9 miles, fairly strenuous

Sunday 25 May

Walk 6 Bus 08.45 hrs

BRECON BEACONS TRAVERSE

This tough mountain crossing frames the Beacons' twin peaks on the skyline above the Neuadd reservoirs as we move along the Taf Fechan escarpment. An equally demanding descent follows with views over the glacial landscape of Cwm Llwh, Brecon and the whole of Mid Wales.

Leader: John Maudsley **01792 298354** 9 miles, fairly strenuous

Walk 7 Bus 08.45 hrs

BRECON BEACONS MOUNTAIN CENTRE

A leisurely walk, leaving the Beacons Mountain Centre to walk around Mynydd Illtyd Nature Reserve. We then continue on to Sarn Helen and Graig Cerrig Gleisiad National Nature Reserve to enjoy fine views of the surrounding countryside.

Leader: Rita Parry **01639 795814** 6 miles, moderate

Walk 8 Bus 09.00 hrs

TENBY

We have an exhilarating stroll along Tenby South Beach and across the golf course to Penally before making our way back to Tenby along leafy paths and through woodland. In town we wind our way through streets to the Coach and Horses, following in the footsteps of Dylan Thomas.

Leader: Heather Stretch **07815 010417** 6 miles, moderate

Monday 26 May

Walk 11 Bus 08.45 hrs

MYDDFAI VILLAGE, MYDDFAI MOUNTAIN & USK RESERVOIR

From the village of Myddfai, a place of great learning in the healing arts during the Middle Ages, we climb onto Myddfai Mountain for spectacular views of the Towy Valley and Carmarthen Fans before continuing to Usk Reservoir and Pont ar Wysg.

Leader: Huw Francis **01554 751777** 9 miles, fairly strenuous

Walk 12 Bus 08.45 hrs

MYDDFAI VILLAGE AND LLWYNYWORMWOOD TO LLAN-DOVERY

We visit Myddfai Community Centre, discovering local legends, and visit the church where the headstones of the last two physicians of Myddfai can be seen, before continuing through Llwynywormwood Estate (Prince Charles's retreat). We conclude with a pleasant rural walk into the ancient drovers town of Llandovery.

Leader: Pat Pope **01792 881057** 6 miles, moderate

Walk 13 Bus 09.00 hrs

DYLAN THOMAS' LAUGHARNE

Laugharne Castle dominates the start of the walk which takes us along Railsgate Pill to Coygen Quarry. Returning to St. Mary's Church to view the grave of Dylan Thomas, we continue through woodland beside the Taf estuary to the famous Boat House.

Leader: Jim Buttimore **01554 832771** 8 miles, moderate

Walk 4

Bus 09.00 hrs

PONTRHYDYFEN

Starting on the Vale of Neath Walk, we contour Foel Mountain to take in great views. Passing through Cwmavon we see the relics of its industrial past before following the River Afon to the Richard Burton Trail with an aqueduct crossing, having, en route, the opportunity to hear Richard Burton narrating Dylan Thomas.

Leader: Peter Roche **01639 761912**

6 miles, moderate

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By train

CARMARTHEN TOWN

Meet at Llanelli Station 09.00 hrs

Estimated time of return at Llanelli 17.30 hrs

Explore one of the oldest towns in Wales with its Roman Amphitheatre and historical connections with King Arthur, Owain Glyndwr and General Picton. Then enjoy the surrounding countryside with open fields, hills overlooking the town and a final walk back along the River Towy to the Boar's Head, a haunt of Dylan Thomas.

Leader: Geoff Thomas **01554 833157**

8 miles, moderate

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Bus 09.00 hrs

TENBY TO LYDSTEP

After refreshments at the Coach and Horses, frequented by Dylan Thomas, we pass the home of Augustus John, instrumental in bringing Dylan and Caitlin together, before continuing onto South Beach and the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path to Gultar Point with views towards Caldey Island. We have a short descent to Lydstep Haven before a brief climb to Lydstep village.

Leader: Hazel Blewett **01554 755331**

3 - 4 miles, easy

Walk 10

Bus 10.00 hrs

"FERNHILL" LLANGAIN

A varied walk, undemanding yet rewarding, in which every wood and farm seems to have its story – not least Dylan's Fernhill. We move from the Towy glinting through the trees, to wider rural vistas and a seascape framed by steeply rounded hills.

Leader: Greison Thomas **01792 534289**

8 miles, moderate

Festival Party!!

19.30 hrs at the Catholic Hall,
Waunlanyrafon, Llanelli.

This year the party will include home-made cawl and a Twmpath.

£10 per adult, £5 per child



Walk 14

Bus 09.00 hrs

DYLAN THOMAS' LAUGHARNE (Family Ramble)

Come and discover the place that captivated and inspired the poet and playwright, as we take a walk through and around this historic town on the beautiful Carmarthenshire coast, including Dylan Thomas' famous birthday walk. Could a party be involved?

Leader: Alwyn Williams **01554 773597**

5 miles, easy

Walk 15

Bus 09.45 hrs

DYLAN THOMAS' SWANSEA – PAST AND PRESENT

With the help of the bus we will enjoy 2 areas of Swansea frequented by Dylan Thomas. A stroll around town includes visits to the Dylan Thomas Centre and Swansea Museums while appreciating the contrast of Swansea Marina. Then on to Cwmdonkin Drive, Dylan's birthplace, and the tranquillity of Cwmdonkin Park.

Leader: David Clementson **01792 884777**

3 - 4 miles, easy

Welsh Tea from 16.00 to 18.00 hrs -

The traditional Welsh tea and social gathering is in the Catholic Hall, Waunlanyrafon, Llanelli (backing onto the Leisure Centre).
£4 per person.

