# **RAIL RAMBLES January - June 2017**

All train times are correct when the programme is assembled, but please check for short notice changes due to engineering works, etc., before setting off. Also, where bus travel times are given, it is advisable to check times during the week before the walk.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January

- **1 NEW Codsall to Albrighton** via Brewood, Hawkshutts and Boscobel (15 miles) Depart Shrewsbury 07:47, return Albrighton 16:38 Leaders Mick Guest & Mike Downward
- **2 NEW Madeley to Wellington** via Silkin Way, Ironbridge Way, Lightmoor, Horsehay and Lawley (7 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:33 to Telford Central for **Bus** to Madeley (fare extra), return Wellington 16:07 Leaders Pam Hill & Steve Paynter

## Saturday 14th January

- **1 Ludlow Circular** via Overton and Mary Knoll House (12 miles) Depart Shrewsbury 08:50, return Ludlow 16:22 Leaders Doug Hill & Ian Hill
- **2 NEW Snailbeach to Stiperstones** via Shepherds Rock, Hollies Farm and Perkins Beach Dingle (7 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury **Bus** Station to Snailbeach no. 552 (fare extra) 10:05, return **Bus** (fare extra) Stiperstones 16:53 Leaders Pam Swales & Mick Hemming

# Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**NEW Wrexham to Ruabon** via Erddig Country Park and Wat's Dyke Way (7.5 miles easy) Depart Shrewsbury 10:22, return Ruabon 16:45 Leaders Alan Hill & Pete Lightwood

# Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

- **1 Knighton Circular** via Offa's Dyke Path, Knucklas, Bailey Hill and Little Cwm Gilla (11 miles energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Knighton 16:21 Leaders Anne Williams & Chris Jenkins
- **2 NEW Welshpool Circular** around Powys Castle (5 miles easy), followed by Christmas Meal at the Royal Oak Hotel Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Welshpool 16:56 Leaders Bob & Liz Owen

#### Saturday 28th January

- 1 Chirk Circular via Caeaugwynion, Offa's Dyke Path, Pen-y-Graig, Croes yr Esgob and Llangollen Canal (14 miles energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22, return Chirk 16:48 Leaders Dennis Jones & Mark Phillips
- **2 Shifnal Circular** via Evelith Mill and Ryton (9 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 08:47 to Shifnal, return Shifnal 16:46 Leaders Clare Gathercole & Bob Perry

#### Saturday 4th February

- **1 NEW Abermule to Newtown** via Bettws Cedewain, Tregynon and Gregynog (12.5 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury **Bus** Station (fare extra) 09:30, return Newtown 16:42 Leaders Mike Downward & Audrey Menhinick
- **2 Machynlleth Circular** via Roman Steps, Glanmeryn and Rhiwlwyfen (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Machynlleth 16:08 Leaders Peter Jones & Jean Bell

#### Saturday 11th February

- **1 Ruabon Circular** via Wynnstay Park, Erbistock, Overton Bridge, Crabtree Green and Wats Dyke (11 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22, return Ruabon 16:42 Leaders Brian Jones & Jenny Jones
- **2 NEW Penmaenmawr to Llanfairfechan** via Cefn Coch stone circles and Wales Coast Path (8 miles moderate / energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 09:25 to Penmaenmawr, return Llanfairfechan 16:09 or 18:16 Leaders Alan Hill & Steve Paynter

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**NEW Broome to Craven Arms** via Hopesay Common and Onny Trail (7 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 10:09, return Craven Arms 16:25 Leaders Les Lumsdon & Mike Ledlie

# Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

- 1 Llangollen Circular via Clwydian Way, Ponderosa, Llantisilio Mountain and Horseshoe Falls (16 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22 to Ruabon for **Bus** to Llangollen (fare extra), return Ruabon 17:57 Leaders Phil & Cheryl Johnston
- **2 Chirk Circular** via Pont Faen and Bronygarth (7 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:25 to Chirk, return Chirk 16:00 Leaders Mick Hemming & Trevor Allison

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

1 NEW Oswestry Circular via Oswald's Trail (12 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury Bus Station (fare extra) 08:42, return Oswestry 16:12 Leaders Judith Griffiths & Liz Cruickshanks
 2 Llandrindod Circular via Brynhir, Carregwiber Bank and Dan-y-Craig (7 miles moderate)
 Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Llandrindod 15:42 Leaders Clare Gathercole & Pam Swales

# Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- **1 Llangynllo to Knighton** via Wernygeufron Hill, Mellin-y-Grogue, Stoney Pound and Offa's Dyke Path (13.5 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Knighton 16:21 Leaders Iain Chippendale & Alan Davies
- **2 NEW Cefn y Bedd to Caergwrle** via Brymbo and Alyn Water Country Park (9 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:25 change at Wrexham for Cefn y Bedd, return Caergwrle 16:14 Leaders Pat Neal & Doug Hill

# Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- **1 Corwen to Llangollen** via Liberty Hall, Moel Fferna and North Berwyn Way (13.5 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22 to Ruabon for **Bus** to Corwen (fare extra) 09:23, return **Bus** (fare extra) Llangollen 16:00, Ruabon 16:49 Leaders Doug Hill & Ian Hill
- **2 Knighton Circular** via Upper Woodhouse Farm, Offa's Dyke Path, Llan-wen Hill and Caleck's Pool (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Knighton 16:21 Leaders Trevor Allison & Neville Homent

# Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Ludlow Circular** via Mary Knoll House, High Vinnalls and Climbing Jack Common (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:43, return Ludlow 16:22 Leaders Marion Law & Pam Swales

# Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March

- **1 Dolau Circular** via Old Hall, Radnor Forest and Water-Break-its-Neck (14 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Dolau 15:55 Leaders Phil & Cheryl Johnston
- **2 Queenswood Country Park to Leominster** via Marches Way, Upper Hill and Ivingtonbury (10 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:40 to Leominster for **Bus** (fare extra) to Dinmore Hill 11:00, return Leominster 17:13 Leaders Graham Baker & Doug Hill

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

- **1 Shifnal Circular** via Grindle, Badger Dingle, Snowdon and Ryton (12 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:47, return Shifnal 16:46 Leaders Chris Jenkins & Alan Davies
- **2 NEW Aberystwyth Circular** via Tanybwlch beach, Pont Tanycastell, Bryneithyn Hall, Tynfron and Morfa Bychan (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Aberystwyth 15:30 or 17:30 Leaders Peter Jones & Pete Lightwood

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

- **1 Ruabon to Llangollen** via Penycae, Ruabon Mountain, World's End, Ponderosa, Horseshoe Falls (16 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22, return **Bus** (fare extra) Llangollen 17:20, Ruabon 17:51 Leaders Mick Guest and Mark Phillips
- **2 NEW Newtown Circular** via Llanllwchaiarn, Lower Gwestydd, Fachwen Pool and Severn Way (10 miles energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Newtown 16:42 Leaders Audrey Menhinick & Barbara Phillips

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- 1 Stockport to Woodley via Goyt Valley, Chadkirk, Compstall, Etherow Country Park, Werneth Country Park and Werneth Low (13 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 08:52 to Stockport, return **Bus** (fare extra) 15:52, Stockport 16:40 Leaders Iain Chippendale & Dennis Jones
- 2 Bishops Castle Circular via Woodbatch, Bishops Moat and Bankstead (7 miles moderate)
  Depart Shrewsbury Bus Station (fare extra) 10:05, return Bus (fare extra) Bishops Castle 15:40
  Leaders Jim Redshaw & John Newnham

# Wednesday 12th April

**NEW Llynclys to Llanymynech** via Llanymynech Rocks and Heritage area (7.5 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:24 to Gobowen (**book single ticket**) then two **Buses** to Llynclys (fares extra), return **Bus** (fare extra) Llanymynech to Shrewsbury 16:26 Leaders Les Lumsdon & Mike Ledlie

# Saturday 15th April

- **1 Hopton Heath to Knighton** via Hopton Titterhill, Hagley, Caer Caradoc and Coed y Detton (13 miles moderately strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00 (book to Knighton), return Knighton 16:22 Leaders Anne Williams & Sue Jones
- **2 NEW Birmingham Circular** (heritage walk) via Birmingham & Fazeley Canal and Digbeth (7 miles easy) Depart Shrewsbury 09:33 to New Street Station, return Birmingham 16:25 Leaders Alan Hill & Neville Homent

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- **1 Aberdyfi to Machynlleth** via Tarrenhendre (15 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 07:29, return Machynlleth 18:07 Leaders Andrew Pike & Chris Jenkins
- **2 NEW Shrewsbury Circular** via Shropshire Way, Haughmond Hill and Haughmond Abbey (9 miles moderate) Meet at Shrewsbury Station entrance 09:45, return Shrewsbury approx. 16:00 Leaders Trevor Allison & Darren Hall

# Saturday 29th April

- **1 Abergavenny Circular** via Blorenge and Goose & Cuckoo (15 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 08:50, return Abergavenny 16:34 or 17:32 Leaders Phil & Cheryl Johnston
- **2 Craven Arms Circular** via Callow, Bache and Whettleton (10 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:43, return Craven Arms 17:10 Leaders Peter Jones & Pete Lightwood

# Walking Weekend in Llandudno

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Variety of walks in Conwy Valley, Snowdonia National Park & Anglesey CURRENTLY FULL, but contact Marion Law (<a href="mailto:marionlaw@tiscali.co.uk">marionlaw@tiscali.co.uk</a>) in case of cancellations

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- 1 Aberllefenni to Dinas Mawddwy via Waun Oer and Maesglas (12 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 07:29 to Machynlleth for **Bus** (fare extra) 09:30, return **Bus** (fare extra) Dinas Mawddwy 16:35, Machynlleth 18:07 Leaders Iain Chippendale & Dennis Jones
- **2 NEW Hereford Circular** via Wyevale Wood, Breinton and Wye Valley Walk (7 miles easy) Depart Shrewsbury 09:40, return Hereford 16:29 Leaders Graham Baker & Jim Redshaw

#### Saturday 13th May

- **1 Machynlleth to Tywyn** via Moel y Geifr, Tarren Ridge, Briach y Rhiw and Bryn y Castell (14 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 07:29 (book to Tywyn), return Tywyn 17:27 Leaders Liz Cruickshanks & Alan Davies
- **2 NEW Minera to Wrexham** via Clywedog Trail, Erddig Park and Marchweil (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:25 to Wrexham for **Bus** (fare extra) to Minera 10:25, return Wrexham 16:35 Leaders Doug Hill & Bob Owen

# Wednesday 17th May

1 Glyndyfrdwy to Llangollen via Rhewl and Pentrefelin (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:25 to Ruabon for **Bus** to Glyndyfrdwy (fare extra) 11:23, return **Bus** (fare extra) Llangollen 16:57, Ruabon 17:55 Leaders Pam Hill & Steve Paynter

# Saturday 20th May

- 1 Llanbister Road Circular via Lower Crosscynon, Cwmllechwedd Fawr, Stankey Hill and source of river Lugg (12.5 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Llanbister Road 16:01 Leaders Anne Williams & Andrew Pike
- **2 NEW Talyllyn Railway** (*Grahame Cox Memorial*) **Walk** (7 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31 to Tywyn for Talyllyn Railway (fare extra £6.50) to Dolgoch, return Tywyn 17:27 Leaders Bob Perry & Clare Gathercole (**Contact Bob Perry** for advanced booking on 07971 720095 or, by e-mail, to perry767@btinternet.com)

# New train timetables from 21<sup>st</sup> May

# Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

 Colwyn Bay Circular via Bryn Euryn and Calgwyn Mawr (11 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 08:22, return Colwyn Bay 16:31 or 17:42 Leaders Brian Jones & Jenny Jones
 Welshpool Circular via Wern Wood, Glyn, Y Golfa and Llanerch-y-Dol (7.5 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Welshpool 14:55 Leaders Marion Law & Neville Homent

# Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

1 Llanwrtyd Wells Circular via Victoria Wells, Penybont Uchaf, St David's Church, Nant-y-Craf and Cefn Blaercwmherog (14 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Llanwrtyd 20:08 with time for some fine dining in Llanyrtwd Wells Leaders Sue Jones & Mike Downward 2 Llanwrtyd Circular via Victoria Wells, Dinas and Alltwen (6 miles easy) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Llanwrtyd 15:01 Leaders John Newnham & Susan McCormack

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

- **1 Llwyngwril to Barmouth** via Bryn Siward and Pont y Bermo (12 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 07:29, return Barmouth 16:56 Leaders Phil & Cheryl Johnston
- **2 Penhelyg to Tywyn** via Dyffryn Gwyn, Bryn Dinas, Rhyd-yr-Onnen (9 miles energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 09:31, return Tywyn 17:27 Leaders Alan Hill & Steve Paynter

#### Wednesday 14th June

**NEW Chirbury to Montgomery** via Offa's Dyke Path (10 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury **Bus** Station no. 558 to Chirbury (fare extra) 08:45, return **Bus** (fare extra) Montgomery 17:20 Leaders Les Lumsdon & Mike Ledlie

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

- **1 Borth to Aberystwyth** via Borth Devils Bridge Path, return to Aberystwyth on Vale of Rheidol Railway (17 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 07:29, return Aberystwyth 18:33 or 19:30 Leaders Chris Jenkins & Mike Downward
- **2 NEW Church Stretton Circular** via Wilstone Hill and Hope Bowdler Hill (7 miles energetic) Depart Shrewsbury 09:43, return Church Stretton 16:40 Leaders Jim Redshaw & Neville Homent

#### Saturday 24th June

1 Llangynllo to Newtown via Felindre, Kerry Hill and Kerry (15 miles strenuous) Depart Shrewsbury 09:00, return Newtown 16:42 or 18:39 Leaders Anne Williams & Mark Phillips
 2 NEW Shenstone to Lichfield via Streetway and Heart of England Way (8 miles moderate) Depart Shrewsbury 09:33 (book to Lichfield) change at Birmingham New Street for Shenstone,

return Lichfield 16:24 Leaders Bob Perry & Mick Hemming