

## **Friends of Cannock Chase Programmed Walks & Events 2024-25**

If you need any directions to any of the events or more information, please contact Trevor on 01785 665440 or [trevor-warburton@sky.com](mailto:trevor-warburton@sky.com)

All walks are graded by the number of \* one being easy, up to \*\*\* being more challenging. Please wear suitable footwear.

### **2024**

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**Great War Rifle Ranges**, discover the eight outdoor rifle ranges of World War 1. Meet at Penkridge Bank car park (opposite Tackeroo Campsite) at **2:30pm**. Distance is approximately 3-4 miles and quite strenuous with some uphill sections. Walk Leader Trevor \*\*\*

#### **May 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**South Street**, walk part of the ancient track across Cannock Chase and the interesting features along its way. Meet at Penkridge Bank car park (opposite Tackeroo Campsite) at **10:30am**, 3-4 miles and quite strenuous with some uphill sections. Walk leader Trevor \*\*\*

#### **June 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday**

**Litter pick** Meet at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre, WS12 4PW at **10am**, finish by 12 noon, litter picks etc. provided. \*

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

**Canal Walk**, meet at Canalside Farm Shop ST18 0RQ at **10:30am** for a gentle stroll along the beautiful Staffordshire & Worcestershire and Trent & Mersey Canal major junction and have a bite to eat afterwards. Walk Leader June approximately 1-2 miles \*

#### **June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

**Nightjar watch**, meet at Whitehouse car park (opposite the junction of Penkridge Bank Road and Marquis Drive) at **9:30pm** and catch a glimpse of the marvellous migratory bird in the twilight. The pathways are uneven and can be awkward as the light fades (best to bring a torch). Walk Leader Dave 2-3 miles \*\*\*

#### **July 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

Meet at and have a guided tour of the **Commonwealth & German Military Cemeteries** of Cannock Chase at **10:30am**. A small donation will be required for this event due to having an official guide. (signposted from nearby major roads, close to junction of Broadhurst Green and Camp Road) \*\*

#### **July 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday**

**Fancy a quiz night?** Meet at Ashmole Social Club, Meerash Lane, Hammerwich, WS7 0LF at **7:30pm**. The profits from the quiz will be kindly donated to the Friends of Cannock Chase. We need to know the numbers attending so that we can inform the premises, so please let us know if you plan on coming along.

**\*\*\* If you wish to come along to the Friends Christmas meal on December 7<sup>th</sup>, we need to book a place in advance. \*\*\***

### **August 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

A walk around the countryside of Armitage, meet at the Ash Tree Public House car park, **10:30am** (Armitage Road, Rugeley, WS15 1PL) then drive to another car park for a country walk, there will be at least two stiles to negotiate and approximately 5 miles. \*\*\* Walk Leader Dave

### **August 31<sup>st</sup>, Saturday**

Litter Pick, details as June 1<sup>st</sup>, meet at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre **10am**.

### **September 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday**

A visit to Colwich Church, Main Road, Colwich, ST17 0XD and a short walk. Meet at the Church at **10:30am**. Leader William 1 mile \*

### **October 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

Meet at Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 1TD at **10:30am** for a walk around Hednesford Hills. Walk Leader Trevor 1-2 miles \*

### **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday**

**Doxey Marshes**, meet at **10am** at the car park at the end of Wootton Drive, off Eccleshall Road, Stafford, ST16 1PU. There is a brown sign at the turning showing Doxey Marshes Nature Reserve This will be a joint walk with St Stephens walkers of Cannock. Flat walk, bring binoculars if you have them. We hope to see winter migrating birds. Walk Leader Mick 3 miles \*

### **December 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

The Friends of Cannock Chase **Christmas Meal**, Meet at The Olive Grove, Hill Street Hednesford at **12 noon**. Booking is essential and a deposit will be required.

## **2025**

### **January 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

A social afternoon with slide show at **2pm**, Hatherton Parish Rooms, Catsbridge Lane, off Four Crosses Lane, Cannock, WS11 1TF.

### **February 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**

Meet at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre, WS12 4PW at **10:30am** for a walk to the Enterprise Park. Walk Leader June, 2 miles \*\*

### **March 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

The "Lost" Walled Garden of Beaudesert. Meet at Castle Ring car park **2pm** (WS15 4RN opposite Park Gate Inn). This is a strenuous walk of 4 miles, uneven tracks and steep climb. Walk Leader Mary \*\*\*

### **March 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

The Friends of Cannock Chase Annual General Meeting, **2pm** at the John O'Leary Centre, Marquis Drive Visitor Centre, WS12 4PW.