

# **DAITH AR Y FYORDD CYMEU, MAWRTH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**WALES ROAD TRIP, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

***For those who have been before, you will probably know the route better than I do, however for those who haven't been before, you are in for a treat!***

We will be meeting at the "Hassop Station Café" (DE45 1NW) at 9am on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 (*I would suggest just a quick drink here, as we will be stopping around 11am for a snack*)

9.30am prompt, we leave and make our way over towards Buxton, through Congleton, and on to the M6 for a very short drive of about 6 miles, where we turn off and head towards Bridgemere Garden World (CW57QB) this is the biggest and best garden centre in the country, therefore due to its size and shopping potential, we will allocate two hours here for a snack and a bit of retail therapy. From here we drive on B roads all the way to Llangollen, ending up at the "Ponderosa café" at the top of the Horse Shoe Pass for lunch (LL20 8DR)

After a quick bite (if required) and the customary photo shoot, it's back down the pass and straight to the White Waters Hotel in Llangollen (post code LL20 8AD) The plan is to check in around 2.30pm have a wash and brush up, then walk down the path that runs alongside the River Dee into Llangollen (about ¾ mile). We tend to have one or two drinks at the "Corn Mill" and if the weather is kind (or at least not raining) we can sit on the decking which is sited over the edge of the River Dee itself (it's spectacular, but very chilly, so please wrap up warm) then it's back to the hotel for Dinner and yet a few more drinks and social banter. As we have used this hotel before, they are charging us £149.85 per couple and £120 per single, for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, you can upgrade if required, but frankly, the standard rooms are adequate for one night. Please take a look at their web site.

[www.whitewatershotel.co.uk](http://www.whitewatershotel.co.uk)

The following morning, after a short trip down the A5 and the A483, we drive onto roads which most serious motorists only dream about. I won't go into great detail at this point, but if you are in any doubt, just ask anyone who's been before, and then watch their face!

In short, we turn right off the A483 (at the White lion pub.SY10 8LJ) and on to the A495, we follow this road until we get to the A490, where we turn right heading towards Llanfyllin, passing the Llanfyllin Workhouse on route ( SY22 5LD) then it's a left turn onto the B4393 to Abertridwr, here we take a right turn at the so called petrol station (SY100LT) where the roads turns into the B4396 towards Penybontfawr, then it's a left on B4391 towards Bala. Here we can take a short comfort break if required. From Bala the road take us on the A4212 and eventually back onto the infamous A4391 which, God willing, leads us safely to Ffestiniog. We then pass through Bleaenau Ffestiniog ending up at Bety-y-Coed where we can take a longer break. There is plenty of parking here for only £2 for two hours (20p mind you to spend a penny!). After lunch, it's up the A5 and onto the A55 heading towards

Llandudno, we then drive over the Great Orme, they charge £2 per car, but at least there's a small café at the top with fantastic views. Then down the other side to a large shingle beach, where we can all re live our childhood, yes its MX5 Kite flying competition, where the highest kite and the most outlandish kite, just might win a small prize. From here it's a short drive back to the A55 and then homeward bound. Some of us also take the opportunity to stay over on the Sunday night, so if this is something that appeals to you, please let me know

The reason I'm sending you this information seven months in advance, is due to the fact that the Rolls Royce, Lotus and MG owners clubs also use the White Waters Hotel, and therefore its first come first served.

### **YOUR NEXT STEP**

If you would like to join us, I will need a small deposit of just £25 per room before or at the next MX5 meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, please also ensure that I have your full names and email address, in order for me to confirm your deposits have been used to secure your room.

Please contact me on:

Email [trevor.1.walker@btinternet.com](mailto:trevor.1.walker@btinternet.com)

Or Cash, collected at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **WHAT YOU WILL NEED**

- 1. Warm clothes for the Saturday afternoon in Llangollen*
- 2. Camera for the budding photographers*
- 3. Full tank of fuel for the start of each day (there's a decent petrol station in Llangollen)*
- 4. Sense of humour and money for drink or two*

Best regards

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