

## U3A PEMBROKESHIRE NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER June 2022

### **EXPLORING HOLYLAND WOOD, PEMBROKE, IN MAY**



Council works prevented us accessing our original destination of Pembroke Upper Mill Pond in May, but we still enjoyed an interesting walk through neighbouring Holyland Wood nature reserve. A number of interesting wetland plants and flowers were found on the boardwalks and the weather was, again, kind to us. Thanks are due to our member Julian for trying his best to lead us to the Pond, but sadly it was not to be. We shall visit said pond on a future occasion.

### **A SAD LOSS**

I am sorry to inform members who don't know that Rose Taylor, an active member of our Group, passed away peacefully on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Her husband Chris said that Rose "loved the time she spent with your Group". Rose will be sadly missed. Our group was represented at her funeral on 31<sup>st</sup> May by Rosey Mitchell.

### **NEXT OUTDOOR WALK: LLANGLOFFAN NATURE RESERVES, TUESDAY JUNE**

**28<sup>th</sup> 2pm**

This is a change of plan. We had intended to visit the Welsh Wildlife Centre at Cilgerran in June, but sadly their very worthwhile Visitor Centre is closed from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June. We shall therefore go there in July and swap the July venue to June.

So this month we shall be visiting two, very nearby, sites, the two Llangloffan Fen Nature Reserves, less than a mile apart, after which our Group member Jennifer has very kindly invited us back to her house in Castle Morris, about 10 minutes' walk from the second site, for a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of fruit cake.

We visited the eastern reserve in November 2020, so it will be interesting to see it at the height of summer. It is basically a boardwalk through wetland and woods, very easy going. I have myself seen adders basking there and there are many interesting birds. Also Triffids (though I have not seen them move, still less sting!)

We shall start at the western reserve, where there is a pond near the car park with abundant dragon- and damsel- flies – bring binoculars. The rest of the reserve footpath tends to be muddy, though it is flat, so stout footwear is advised. There is a bird hide there. After exploring we shall drive up the road and round the corner to the second, eastern reserve, in a motorcade led by me. There is car parking at both sites. Thence a walk of drive up the hill to enjoy Jennifer's refreshments!

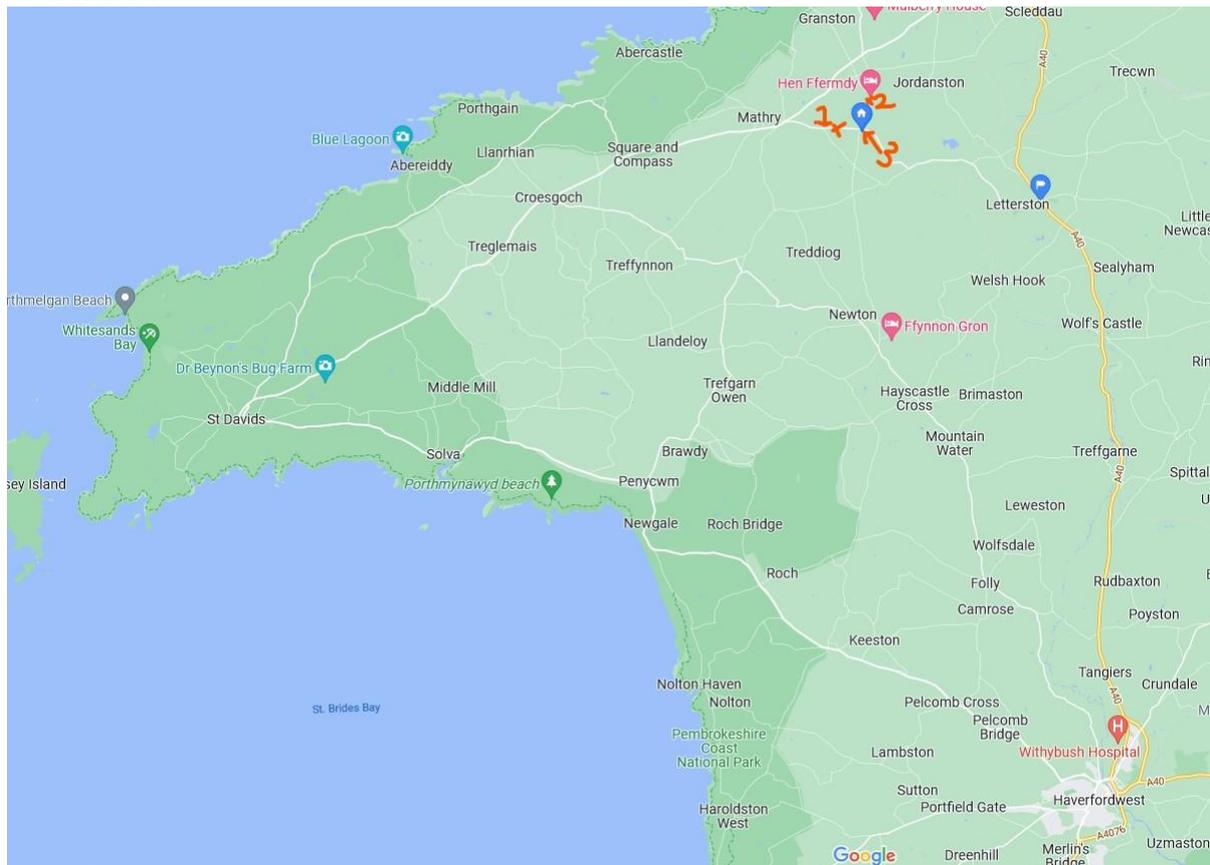
The first, Western reserve is this one:

<https://www.welshwildlife.org/nature-reserves/llangloffan-fen>

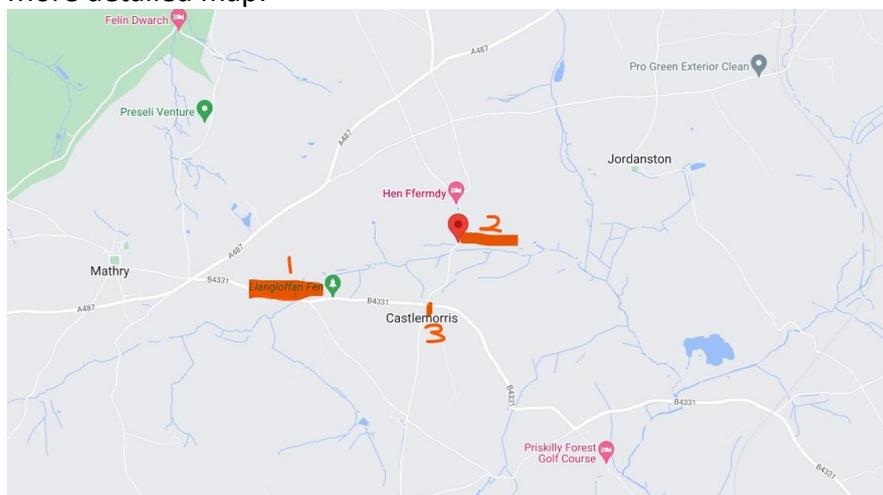
The second, Eastern, reserve is:

<https://www.first-nature.com/waleswildlife/sw-nnr-llangloffan.php>

Maps, where (1) is the first reserve, where we shall meet in the car park at 2pm, (2) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve and (3) is Jennifer's house, where refreshments will be available in the garden afterwards.



More detailed map:



The car park for the first reserve (1) is through a gate on the North side of the B4331. I shall stand there so you can see it from the road.

As usual, I will issue a final go/no go e-mail on the eve of the walk, lest bad weather stop play.

## **LIFTS/CAR SHARING**

Some of our members have told me that they would be very grateful for lifts or sharing a car to our walks. Normally I am happy to offer this myself, but this time I live almost in walking distance of the site so I can't. But anyone who can, let me know with where you are coming from. I will share that info with the members and see if we can help one another.

See you on the 28<sup>th</sup>, I hope!

Steve

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