



Bluebells, bibles and Bishop Morgan

What's the attraction?

A walk beside the river Lledr to bluebell woods and on to Tŷ Mawr. This typical Welsh cottage, owned by the National Trust, was once the home of Bishop Morgan who translated the Bible into Welsh. It's open Thurs-Sun noon-5pm (plus bank holidays) until October 31. Details at

01690 760213 or nationaltrust.org.uk.

You may see kingfishers and dippers by the river and buzzards near Tŷ Mawr, or there's bluebells in profusion, and patches of wild garlic.

Where is it?

The walk starts at Pont-y-Pant station on the Llandudno Junction to Blaenau Ffestiniog line.

How do you get there?

On the train to Pont-y-Pant station, Grid Ref: 754536. It is also easy to find just off the A470 Llannwr to Blaenau road.

How long?

Length 5 or 6 miles if you go up to Bishop Morgan's house, but can be shortened. Allow 4 to 5 hours.

Difficulty rating?

Moderate, but it may be wet and a little slippery in places so you need boots. A walking stick is useful.

Let's go...

From the station turn left towards the Plas Uedr Hotel, walk up the drive and follow the road behind the hotel, towards the outdoor pursuits centre. Near the centre's car park, a cobbled path goes straight on. Take this and again cross the drive. The path goes through an iron gate and straight on towards the river. After you have gone through two gates you will find that the path moves close to the railway, and further from the river.

- Go on until you can turn right under the railway, then turn left and follow a broad path up to a forest road. Continue until you see a broad green path going off to the right.
- Make a note of this spot because you will need to recognise it on your return journey. Follow this path



Ty Mawr, birthplace of Bishop William Morgan
Picture: Hadyn Iball

Wandering in the Lledr valley

round the hillside until it comes out on the road to Tŷ Mawr, near a white house and old chapel. At this point, you can keep on the road to Tŷ Mawr – there's very little traffic, and once up the steep hill, you'll find this an enjoyable stroll – then return to this spot to continue the walk.

- If you want to shorten the walk, you can keep straight on instead of turning right. However, the best bluebells are seen by turning right and following the path as it goes round the hill, over another bridge, and up the hill to an old road. Though it doesn't look much like a road now, coal was delivered up it until the 1950s when new forestry roads were built.
- Turn left and go downhill, over a stile. When you reach the forest road, go straight over and down to the council road. Turn left and continue along the road until you

reach a sharp bend.

- Here a no through road route goes right, the council road turns sharply left, and a pleasant path goes straight on. Take this path and follow it round to meet the forest road you started out on. Turn right here and walk back to the broad green path you followed on your outward journey. Retrace your steps up the valley, under the railway and back to your starting point.
- Clwydian Ramblers have a guided bluebell evening walk on May 13 around Gwysaney. Details from Carl Jones 01352 700 236. More walks at ramblersnorthwales.co.uk

WHERE TO GO ...

Tomorrow

- **Pentrefoelas Walking Festival** Geocaching 11am-1pm, wildlife walk at 2.30pm. Must book
- **Details 01758 760 652**
- **Bedwen Llyfrau** Ar Canolfan Glasdir, Llanrwst. Literary events from 10am
- **Details 07779 102224 bedwenlyfrau.co.uk**
- **Details 01492 584091 rspb.org.uk**
- **Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza** Vintage vehicles and fairground rides. Parade, noon, Queens Hotel, Clonmel Street, Victorian dress competition 11.5pm
- **Details victorian-extravaganza.co.uk**
- **Llantyllin Workhouse** May Day celebration, 2pm. Free. Morris dancing and May queen
- **Details llantyllinworkhouse.org**
- **Llandudno Transport Festival** Bodafon Fields,

- 9am-5pm. Adult £5. Conwy Road Run 6pm
- **Details 01492 545053 llantransfest.co.uk**
- **Harlech Castle Wrestling**, 6.30pm, £10.
- **Details 01766 780667 theatrharlech.com**
- **Erdidig** Near Wrexham. National Trust Association spring fair, 11am-4pm. Adult £9.35
- **Details 01978 355314 nationaltrust.org.uk**
- **Welsh Highland Railway** Porthmadog. Celebrate WHR's 150 years, 10am-4pm. Adult £8
- **Details 01766 513402 whr.co.uk**

Sunday

- **Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza** Parade, noon, Queens Hotel, Victorian dress comp 2pm
- **Llandudno Transport Festival** Great Orme run 6pm, miniature steam engines 6pm to pier
- **Pentrhyn Castle** Bangor. Noon-5pm. Victorian household herbs 2pm-4pm. Adult £9
- **Details 01248 353 084, nationaltrust.org.uk**
- **Plas Newydd** Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Anglesey.
- **Active Wild** Child event, 11am-4pm. Adult £8.25, junior £4.25. Extra charge for some activities.
- **Details 01248 714795 nationaltrust.org.uk**
- **Deeside College** Northop. Dog show in aid of Animal Cancer Trust. Opens 10am
- **Details dogpawscymru.co.uk**
- **Erdidig** Near Wrexham. Craft fair, 11am-4pm. See above for details
- **Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza** Victorian dress competition 11.5pm. Vehicle parade noon
- **Llandudno Transport Festival** See above for details
- **Colwyn Bay Prom Day** Funfair rides, stalls and entertainment along two miles of seafont. Free
- **Details 01492 575948 promday.org.uk**
- **Nefyn Agricultural Show** Animals, crafts and vehicles. Opens 8am. Adults £6, junior £3
- **Details 01758 750692, sitoenefyn.com**
- **Wepre Park** Circular walk 1pm-3pm. Free. Meet

- at Wepre Visitor Centre. Must book
- **Details 01244 814 931 flintshire.gov.uk**
- **Bodelwyddan Community Playing Fields** Pedwar Pawen Dog Club show, 11am. Proceeds to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd cancer unit.
- **Llyn Brening Sailing Club** Family fun day. Visitor Centre, Cerrigydrudion, 10am-4pm. Parking £1
- **Details 01745 550506 dwrcymru.com**

Tuesday

- **Informal nature walk** From car park by Penrhyn Bay medical centre, 1.45pm.
- **Details 01248 351541 northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**

Thursday

- **Talacre Dunes** Help coastal ranger search for natterjack toads. Free. 9pm-11pm. Book at Wepre Visitor Centre
- **Details 01244 814931 flintshire.gov.uk**

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There's history of both towns and countryside, colour photos, maps and walks, many recommended by readers of previous guides. Guide editor Peter Long said: "We do not award merit marks but concentrate on the more interesting, unusual or unique features of each place, with the aim of making the reader's stay more enjoyable."

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- Answers on a postcard please with your name, address and day-time phone number by May 7 to: Sarah Batley, Hidden Places competition, Daily Post, Vale Road, Llandudno Junction, Conwy, LL31 9ZD.

