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THE CEREMONIES

10:00 Service at the parish church of St Mary and St Nicholas

10:45 Mayor casts a pebble into the sea at Beaumaris pier.

1:15 Crossing the roof at Cefn Farm.

2:30 Lady Mayoress crowns the ‘Queen’ at Gorslwyd, Llanddona.

3:00 Service at Llaniestyn Church. The Mayor will be accompanied by two pupils from David Hughes School wearing mortar boards topped by a turf.

6.00 Return to Beaumaris

All times approximate

GUIDANCE TO WALKERS

Please remember that the walk is about 10 miles long and at times the route is rough and steep. The whole event lasts about nine hours. You must be reasonably fit and healthy and dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots or stout walking shoes should be worn.

The marshals (wearing yellow hi-visibility jackets) are there to help you and keep you safe. Please follow their instructions especially at road crossings. The walk leader will be wearing an orange hi-visibility jacket.

A lunch stop will be taken at Cefn Farm. Drinks are provided. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

1. Walkers participate at their own risk
2. No unaccompanied children. All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
3. No dogs except guide dogs.
4. Please observe any instructions from the walk marshals. Do not get ahead of the walk leader.
5. The walk passes over private properties. Please respect the privacy and property of the landowners who have kindly given permission for the walk:
   • Take home your rubbish or leave in the bins provided
   • Take care not to damage hedges and fences
   • Take care not to disturb any livestock
   • Keep to the route to avoid damaging any crops
6. Take care at road crossings. Obey any instructions from the marshals. Marshals are there to warn and protect you, not to stop the traffic.
7. When walking along roads keep to the left and walk no more than two abreast, use a pavement if available.
8. Part of the route is along the beach. Follow the marshals’ instructions. Keep out of the sea.
9. Some walkers go under Pont y Brenin at Llangoed. This is entirely voluntary and is at your own risk.
10. The Town Council reserves the right to exclude from the walk anyone who is behaving badly, putting their own safety at risk or endangering the enjoyment and safety of the event.

In case of emergency contact the walk leader or any walk marshall.

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