

COWALFEST 2011

walk wild and free

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NEWSLETTER

August 2011

EVENTS FOR 2011!!!

2011 programme live on our website now!

Geocaching—orienteering— International Year of the Forest walks

AGM Appoints New Chair

Walk leaders, partners and supporters turned out for the AGM of Cowalfest Walking and Arts Festival which took place at Seasons Coffee House on 10th March 2011. During the business of the meeting Jean Maskell was appointed chair of Cowal Festival Walking Association. Jean thanked the outgoing chair Frieda Bos for her work over the last year and the improvements she had made, including developing a new format for the programme.

Cowalfest Mountain Biking News

The first weekend of mountain biking at Cowalfest2011 will have a slightly different structure to previous years. The first Saturday will feature a beginners ride starting at Benmore Gardens at 10.00am. This one is designed to attract a wider range of people and will be a fairly gentle ride lasting a maximum of two hours. Then starting at 1.00pm also from Benmore, there will be an easy ride venturing a little further (and higher!). That means any beginners fancying a bit more riding can have a cuppa then another ride. Sunday will be a hard ride, going up Bheinn Mhor the highest peak in Cowal. It's a long climb, mixing pedalling and a bit of 'hike a bike' but the magnificent views of the Holy Loch, Firth of Clyde and the surrounding area from the top and the brilliant fast flowing descent make it well worth the effort.

Cowalfest Riding News

Our first Cowalfest (Riding) meeting was very well attended, especially considering the short notice. Several others expressed their interest to attend and help. After discussion we collectively decided to visit the Toward area



this year and we have some exciting plans to make it the best year ever. A variety of events are planned in the run up to Cowalfest in October. The Cowalfest (Riding) Facebook page has been launched as a means of communication and for information. There are photographs of previous years' events.

Cowalfest Newsletter

We hope that you enjoy receiving our newsletter and reading about events planned for the next festival. We hope to issue at least three newsletters per year. Your details are registered on our database. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter and want your details removed please email bookings@cowalfest.org with the word "unsubscribe".

Log on to www.cowalfest.org for more information on the festival or to become a member of the Cowal Walking Festival Association.