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Monty and Woosie on Welsh golf

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10 reasons why you need to take your clubs to Wales. You'll find lots more on the following pages

Location, location, location

Our golfing real estate is gold standard. Take your pick from a portfolio of luscious links, mature parkland, championship challenges or a quick nine holes. Great variety is part of what we call 'golf as it should be'. **Find out what golfers think on pages 4–5.**

If you're not playing in Wales, you're missing links

A classic links experience is the Holy Grail for any serious golfer. With Wales's 141,597 yards of great links stretching across 870 miles of rugged coastline, you'll be on a true golfing crusade. **See pages 6–9 for some superb courses – links, parkland and a mix of both.**

No need to wait for the 19th hole

Golf can be thirsty work. When playing spectacular Nefyn & District stop off at the historic Tŷ Coch Inn between the 15th and 16th holes for some well-deserved liquid refreshment. Don't get carried away, though. Your score may suffer if you drink and drive. **On pages 10–13 Bryn Terfel reveals that Nefyn is one of his favourites, and compares opera with golf.**

Size matters

Small country, big personality. We make it easy to combine a golfing break with some off-course activities. Buzzing nightlife, inspiring wildlife, pulse-pounding adventure sports and a myriad of attractions are all on the agenda. **Keeping the family happy when Dad's playing golf: the secret's out on pages 14–19.**

Natural selection

Bernard Darwin, godfather of sports writers and grandson of naturalist Charles, was a big fan of Welsh golf. Aberdovey was the place his 'soul loved best of all the courses in the world'. Lots of things have changed since Darwin's day, but the quality of our golf isn't one of them. **We've selected 18 iconic holes from courses throughout Wales on pages 20–23.**

We have a soft spot for this Scotsman

Legendary golfer and course designer James Braid left his mark on Wales. The North Wales James Braid Trail showcases 10 of his best Welsh works. **For Braid's Welsh connections see pages 24–25.**

At the end of the day...

The warm welcome in our clubhouses turns a good day out into a great one. We're an accommodating bunch and never pass up the chance to make new friends. A little Welsh *hwyl* goes a long way. **Golf plus a pint in Pembrokeshire: see pages 26–29 for more on this lip-smacking combination.**

Follow in the footsteps of Monty's men

The nail-biting conclusion to The 2010 Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor in Newport has gone down in history. Play the Twenty Ten Course and find out if you could have sunk the putt that won it for Europe. Just think: it's like driving the Monaco circuit or playing at Wimbledon.

For more on Monty see pages 30–31.

Special Offa

Offa's Dyke was built in the 8th century to keep the English and Welsh apart. Play hilltop Llanymynech and you'll be venturing back and forth across this ancient defence. Don't worry, we're friends these days so you'll have no trouble getting your ball back.

Why is Llanymynech one of Ian Woosnam's favourites? See pages 32–33.

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back to the future

Wales has golf in its DNA. We've been playing the game here for a long time and we aren't going to be stopping any time soon



Clockwise from top:

- The hilltop greens of Llanymynech
- Tenby Golf Club founded in 1888
- Celtic Manor Resort enthralled a worldwide audience during The 2010 Ryder Cup
- Conwy's coastal course, home to the 2012 Wales Senior Open
- The imposing and challenging dunes at Borth & Ynyslas





1888

TENBY GOLF CLUB

is founded, making it the oldest in Wales. But please don't mention this to Borth

& Ynyslas members. Not everyone agrees with the official history, some claiming that Borth & Ynyslas was set up in 1885. Pontnewydd at Cwmbran says it's even older, tracing its birth back to 1875. So it's clubs at dawn, then. But whoever you believe, our long love of golf is a matter of record.



1895

CLUBS AT ABERDOVEY,

Borth & Ynyslas, Caernarvonshire, Glamorganshire,

Merionethshire, Porthcawl, Swansea Bay and Tenby come together to form the Welsh Golfing Union – the third oldest in the world after Ireland and Canada. The momentous event is marked by the first Welsh Amateur Tournament, staged at Aberdovey in the same year.

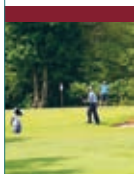


1898

INCONSISTENT

golfers the world over have a lot to thank us for. The Stableford scoring system,

which allows games to remain competitive despite the occasional bad hole, is used for the first time at Glamorganshire Golf Club in Penarth.



1904

RADYR GOLF CLUB IN

Cardiff stages the first Welsh National PGA Championship just three years after the

formation of the Professional Golfers' Association. Arthur Day lifts the trophy at the inaugural event, which will go on to be won by Welsh heroes like Bill Smalldon and Ian Woosnam.



1931

OUR RYDER CUP

connections begin here (admittedly they're not particularly auspicious).

Newport's Bert Hodson becomes the first Welshman to play in the competition, but he only lasts one game, losing to America's Densmore Shute. We're glad to report that things improved a bit later on, with Wales producing Ryder Cup greats like Dai Rees, Brian Huggett, Phil Price and Ian Woosnam. And, as the host country in 2010, a great Ryder Cup.



1934

MONARCHS HAVE BEEN

casting an eye over Harlech since medieval times when King Edward I built the

clifftop castle that now looms over the golf course. The royal connection continues: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, becomes Captain of Royal St David's Golf Club in 1934, a continuation of a relationship between club and Crown following the Royal Patronage granted by King Edward VII in 1908.



1943

A RATHER SPECIAL

date in Wales's golfing history. Terry Matthews is born at the Lydia Beynon

Maternity Hospital in Newport. It was the start of a long relationship with the place. Some years and a knighthood later, this hugely successful electronics entrepreneur returned and redeveloped the hospital as The Celtic Manor Resort. Oh, and he also happened to be instrumental in bringing the Ryder Cup to Wales in 2010.



1957

ABERDARE'S DAI REES

captures the winning Great Britain and Ireland Ryder Cup team at Lindruck Golf Club.

One of Wales's greatest ever golfers, Rees captained the Ryder Cup team five times and won 39 international titles.



1991

IAN WOOSNAM

becomes the first Welshman to clinch a Major, winning The Masters in Augusta. The

skills that saw 'Woosie' pick up nearly 50 professional wins and captain a Ryder Cup-winning team in 2006 were honed on the hilltop greens of Llanymynech Golf Club.



2010

NOTHING TO REPORT,

really. Apart, that is, from a nail-biting Ryder Cup at The Celtic Manor Resort

that enthralled a worldwide audience of countless millions when the European team secured victory by a single point on an unprecedented fourth day.



2012

THE WALES SENIOR

Open returns to Conwy and the Senior Tour calendar, with England's Bernard Lane

emerging victorious. The competition heads south to Royal Porthcawl in 2013.



2014

ROYAL PORTHCAWL PLAYS HOST

to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of big competitions, this is undoubtedly the biggest. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

golf as it should be

We think we know what a memorable golfing experience is all about. Start off with a huge choice of great courses in breathtaking locations. Add an unstuffy attitude, value for money and golf played in the true spirit of the game, whether you're on championship links or a cosy nine-holer. Then finish with a warm Welsh welcome on the greens and in the clubhouse. That's our take on 'golf as it should be'. But don't just listen to what we have to say. Here's what the players – the people who *really* matter – think



John Inverdale

1 'I used to dream of one day playing **Royal Porthcawl** as the sun was setting, and walking off the 18th having just holed a 20 footer to find Gareth Edwards having lined up the beers in the bar. It nearly happened. I three putted from eight feet. But the rest was as good as I ever imagined.'



Steve Rider

2 'I often think that the setting is an essential ingredient in ranking a links course ... put **Royal St David's, Harlech** at number one. If your golf game could remotely match the surroundings you would walk away ecstatically happy. This small golfing corner of Britain was a revelation to me. It wasn't just the great golf and exquisite settings; I found the whole experience to be sociable, welcoming and hassle free.'



Cees Rothengatter, Groeningen, The Netherlands

3 'I recently played at **Dolgellau**, which was great. We're just not used to playing that kind of course in Holland. What I look for when I travel to play golf is great scenery and good hotels. Some nice weather is good too, but it's not that important. Having played in Scotland and Ireland, I can say that Wales compares very favourably.'



Helen Orton, Birmingham

4 'We've been to **Nefyn** for three consecutive years. With the views and the fact that you're so close to the sea, it is a fantastic course. Coming from the Midlands we play parkland courses, so it's nice to have a complete contrast. On top of that everybody is really friendly, both the staff and the members. They even recognise us now.'



Stephen Boland, Knutsford, Cheshire

5 'If I'm going to play as a visitor, I'll look for somewhere the green fees are reasonable, where it's not too crowded and where you feel welcome. Most importantly I'm looking for a good course which is well looked after and which offers a good challenge. I always feel very welcome at **Bull Bay** on Anglesey. It's one of the reasons we keep going back year after year.'



Paul van de Waal-Smith, Liverpool

6 '**Llanymynech** is a special course because it's just different. It's picturesque and the holes are not just straight up and down. You need to play around. It's so friendly in the clubhouse and we've been back there three or four times in the past few years. I've also played at **Llangollen**. We travel from Liverpool because the courses are so good.'



Peter Crinella, California

7 'While not necessarily as famous as some I've played in Scotland and England, the courses in Wales are just as spectacular. They provide a great challenge, especially if you are not accustomed to links golf. I look for friendly and accommodating staff and members, and a course that is not overcrowded and has an organic character with at least a few unique (and therefore unforgettable) holes. Can there be a more exciting tee shot than the 13th at **Nefyn**? Or a more challenging hole than the 12th at **Aberdovey**? Are there a better nine holes than the inward nine at **Porthmadog**? Or a better 18 holes than **Royal Porthcawl**? I think not.'



Jimmy Kinsella, St Helens

8 'If you play places like **Pwllheli**, elsewhere in the country it's far more expensive and the courses often aren't as good. People here are really friendly and welcoming. There was a big smile on the pro's face when we met him. That says a lot. At some courses everything is over the top, far too pompous. It's much more relaxed here.'



Terry O'Shea, Cardiff

9 'At **Priskilly Forest** (in Pembrokeshire) the welcome from both staff and other players was fantastic. At the first tee, a chap came along and asked if he could join us. He knew the course really well and was able to show us around and give us some tips on how best to play it.'

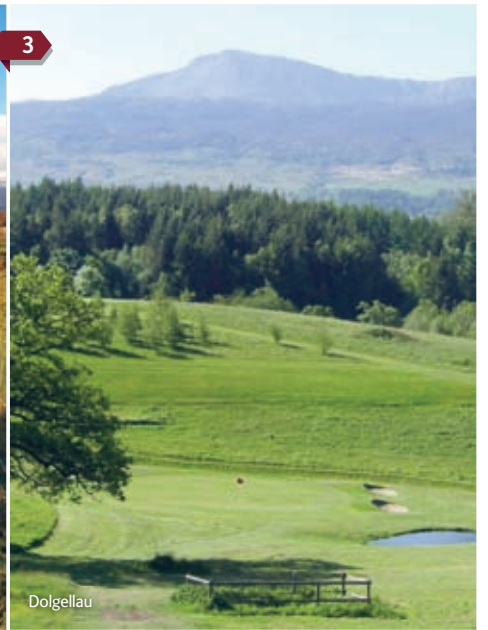
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Royal Porthcawl



Royal St. David's, Harlech



Dolgellau



Nefyn & District



Bull Bay, Anglesey



Llanymynech



Porthmadog



Pwllheli



Priskilly Forest, Pembrokeshire

as **you** like it

You know what it's like nowadays. You go onto Amazon to buy a book and they tempt you with all kinds of alternative choices. 'If you like this,' they say, 'you'll also like...' It's the same with golf, especially here in Wales where there's certain to be a course to match your tastes – and then some more. Here are a few suggestions to get you started

LINKS



DUNES, DREAMY DRIVES AND DARWINIAN CUNNING

Aberdovey

We're justifiably proud of our links golf – and Aberdovey is one of the many reasons why. Sandwiched between the shifting dunes of the Dyfi Estuary and the Snowdonia National Park's towering peaks, its layout is shaped as much by nature as its human designers, which include greats like Herbert Fowler and James Braid. A word of warning



though: players seeking manicured greens and predictable conditions are destined to be disappointed. A game at wild and windswept Aberdovey is an elemental experience, a combination of rugged terrain and mercurial weather throwing up fresh challenges with every round.

One player who appreciated Aberdovey's rough-hewn charm was Bernard Darwin, the godfather of sports writers and grandson of naturalist Charles. As a child the future golf correspondent for *The Times* and *Country Life* witnessed the club's birth, when nine flowerpots were sunk into the ground to serve as makeshift holes. He went on to

become one of the club's most committed members, describing Aberdovey as the place his 'soul loved best of all the courses in the world'.

Today, it remains easy to see why Darwin was so enamoured. Highlights of a round are numerous. The third hole requires a blind shot over rolling dunes, leaving you in suspense until you follow your ball towards the green. Elsewhere, the par-four 16th demands a precise drive between dense rough to the right and train tracks to the left in order to reach the small elevated green.

aberdoveygolf.co.uk

Like the sound of that? Try these:

Ashburnham

A long-standing favourite. Weaving through the dunes on the shores of Carmarthen Bay, a round on Ashburnham's speedy greens sees players following in the footsteps of giants. Dai Rees, Bernard Gallagher and Sam Torrance all won tournaments here before going on to become Ryder Cup captains.

ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk

Prestatyn

The most northerly course on mainland Wales, Prestatyn is a challenging prospect regardless of the conditions. But when the prevailing south-westerly wind picks up, it becomes a test for any golfer. Things are kept fair by smooth, well-maintained greens, but you'll need to master the low punch shot to guarantee a successful round.

prestatyngolfclub.co.uk

Royal Porthcawl

Quite possibly our most famous links course. Venue for the 2014 Senior Open Championship, Royal Porthcawl is the epitome of a classic coastal links. With holes facing all points of the compass, the wind blowing in off the Bristol Channel plays a significant but unpredictable role in every shot.

royalporthcawl.com

See page 84 for location details for each club.



Aberdovey



Ashburnham



Royal Porthcawl



Prestatyn



Rolls of Monmouth



Nefyn & District



Cradoc, Brecon

PARKLAND

A CHOICE OF ROLLS ROYCE COURSES

Cradoc, Brecon

Wales isn't just about links, a fact ably demonstrated by the stunning parkland course at Cradoc. The course's mature tree-lined fairways belie its comparative youth. Laid out by designer CK Cotton in 1967, Cradoc offers classy golf in breathtaking surroundings. The course has become something of a pin up: golf photographers can't get enough of the views across to the highest peaks of the Brecon Beacons National Park. You'll love them too.

The golf more than lives up to the setting. Variety is key here, with holes ranging from precision par-threes to par-fives that will see you digging out your biggest clubs. The course's mountainous location is reflected in its layout, with some sharply pitched fairways and sloping greens adding an extra layer of challenge. Hazards abound; at just 125 yards the third would be simple if not for the pond between tee and green promising a watery end for any balls struck with insufficient power. Later, a tricky shot over trees lets you cut the corner at the dogleg 16th, prompting some tough decisions about risk and reward. The 19th hole is also worth a mention. Here, you'll find a warm welcome, cold drinks and the perfect setting to soak up those stunning views without the distraction of worrying about your swing.

cradoc.co.uk

Like the sound of that? Try these:

Gower Golf Club

You'd never know to look at it, but Gower is a relative newcomer to the Welsh golf scene, only converting from dairy farm to golf course in 1995. Laid out by designer Donald Steel (the man behind courses at St Andrews and Turnberry) Gower's rolling parkland can be deceptively tricky. Strategically placed bunkers and water hazards tempt you into risky shots, so be sure to take care before you swing.

gowergolf.com

The Rolls of Monmouth

Long before it became a golf course, the very first Rolls Royce engine was built here. Today The Rolls of Monmouth reflects the heritage

of its location, offering supremely refined golf in appropriately grand surroundings. Lush, tree-lined fairways and greens encircle historic Hendre House, the course's striking centre point.

therollsgolfclub.co.uk

Vale of Llangollen

Llangollen is well known for its annual International Eisteddfod, but its golf also attracts audiences from far and wide to one of North Wales's top inland courses. Laid out along the banks of the River Dee, Vale of Llangollen has a reputation as a challenging course and is a regular venue for professional and amateur events. Some reckon that the ninth is one of the best holes in British golf.

vlgc.co.uk



Porthmadog



Cardigan



Pyle & Kenfig

of these imposing mounds of sand, it's easy to see why the hole is dubbed 'Himalayas'.
porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk

Like the sound of that? Try these:

Cardigan

An arresting blend of links, heath and clifftop, Cardigan is one of Wales's golfing gems. When veteran US golf writer Furman Bisher played here, he compared the views over the Teifi Estuary with those of Pebble Beach. Stiff sea breezes and thick course-side gorse complicate matters, so try not to get too caught up in the scenery.
cardigangolf.co.uk

Nefyn & District

Though the ocean is visible from every hole on Nefyn's Old Course, the final eight take the sea views to another level. Set on a narrow strip of land projecting into the Irish Sea, with sheer cliffs to each side, it's the closest you'll come to playing on the deck of an aircraft carrier. Simply breathtaking.
nefyn-golf-club.co.uk

Pyle & Kenfig

Laid out in twin loops of nine holes, the course affectionately known as 'P&K' is another game of two halves. Make your score on the front nine because the course's latter half sees players venturing into the dunes and ever closer to the sea. It gets pretty rugged, but persistence will be rewarded by the final three, which stake a claim to being among the finest closing holes in golf.
pandkgolfclub.co.uk

contend with more than just the course's inbuilt hazards. Livestock roamed across the fairways, with players expected to pay compensation if any were killed or injured by a wayward ball. Things aren't quite so wild nowadays, but Porthmadog still packs plenty of big challenges into its 6,322-yard length.

Set back from the sea, the first half of the course gives the best opportunity to build a decent score. Water comes into play at five holes and the long par-four fourth demands confident work with the driver. But it's on the back nine that things get really tough. Snaking through gargantuan dunes, the marker posts are essential if players aren't to lose their bearings. Signature hole is the par-four 14th, which requires a blind drive between two huge dunes. Teeing off in front

LINKS PLUS



IT'S A GAME OF TWO HALVES, BRIAN

Porthmadog

Some days you can't decide: links or heathland, dunes or grass? You don't have to agonise at Porthmadog, an intriguing, bipolar course that's an excellent example of the hybrid experiences on offer in Wales, combining as it does nine holes of ruggedly pure links plus a further nine of rolling heathland. To paraphrase *Match of the Day*, it's definitely a course of two halves.

Founded 1905, its initial nine holes were laid out by legendary course designer James Braid. In the early days, golfers had to



the big man sings

Opera star **Bryn Terfel** spills the beans on his 'guilty pleasure' to *Wales Golf* Editor Huw Thomas

When did you first become interested in golf? What were your early experiences of playing?

When I first went to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, a man there named Adrian Taylor was a golfer and we stole a couple of weekends away. We began first of all going to the driving range because they wouldn't allow you on to the course unless you had a handicap certificate. That's how my guilty pleasure within the golfing fraternity started.

Once I started in the profession, I discovered that at any given opera house there was bound to be someone who played golf. I found out very quickly who they were and the game became an important release for me. It really was nothing more than letting my hair down and allowing those notes and words to escape for three or four hours.

Are there any parallels between how you approach golf and your work on stage?

In my singing, I am governed by rules and regulations. I think how I perform, how I breathe and how I stand. All that goes through the window in my golf. I always think 'why did I hit that bad shot?' and it's always because the preparation isn't there. I can never get myself to think of it, so it's something I'm working on. In my singing, I am regulated by the skills I've learned over the past two decades, but where golf is

concerned it's very different. As long as I can pull off the one great shot on the 18th, it's always enough to bring me back to play again.

Where in Wales do you particularly like playing? Where have you had some of your best experiences?

My initial introduction to golf in Wales was at the courses near my home, like Caernarfon and Criccieth. Criccieth is a very small and beautiful little course set in the middle of agricultural land. Sheep and cows sometime venture onto the greens, but the panoramic view over Tremadog Bay from the top of the course is simply wonderful. When I'm at home in North Wales, I play each Tuesday with a group called the Tuesday Boys. We donate money at every game with all of it being passed on to charities at the end of the year. The wonderful thing about that is we get to go to different courses in North Wales, places like Porthmadog, Pwllheli, Caernarfon, Abergele, Nefyn, Abersoch and of course Royal St David's in Harlech. These are undoubtedly some of the great golf courses

What do you enjoy about playing golf in Wales?

In Wales, you get the camaraderie and the social element of the game. When I'm singing in Cardiff, I get invitations to Royal Porthcawl, Machynys and to the wonderful Celtic Manor. Unfortunately, in the throes of a very difficult

Twenty Ten Course, Celtic Manor Resort



Royal St David's



Nefyn & District



Abersoch



Criccieth



international career my opportunities to play are few and far between. A game can take the whole day, so there just aren't that many moments I can steal on the golf course.

But I have found time for some memorable rounds here. Once, at Royal Porthcawl, Phillip Price and I took on Gareth Edwards and Jonathan Davies. Of course, I had the pro on my side so I didn't have to do too much, but still I wanted to perform well on home soil. As I stood there with Phillip Price I was struck by the unique set of circumstances in which I found myself. This guy had just beaten Phil Mickelson in the Ryder Cup at the Belfry and he was still as competitive in a fun match against Gareth Edwards and Jiffy, two of the most competitive people in Wales. We were tremendously victorious – Gareth and Jonathan didn't have a sniff – but at the end of the round we had a good laugh and talked about the game and some of our favourite courses in Wales. We're very passionate people in our professions but we're also very passionate about our country and the golf in our country.

What are your perfect ingredients for a good round of golf?

For me it's all about the pure enjoyment of the situation you're in. I appreciate the game's etiquette and that's an essential element, but the social aspect is very important too. Many a deal is made on a golf course and in my profession it's a great opportunity to get to know your colleagues. The game gets rid of the barriers between me and the people I work with. If we've had a good round of golf it translates onto the operatic stage and helps to increase the chemistry.

I collect these rounds in my mind. I once read that you should never remember the bad putts, only the good ones. You'll still hit some bad ones, but at least you're staying positive.

What are your memories of The 2010 Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor?

Unfortunately I was in America at the time and had to settle for watching it on US TV. The weather seemed to be the one thing they were talking about constantly. It was wet in Wales, but the weather was atrocious throughout the British Isles. It would have been the same if it had been played at Gleneagles, Hoylake or anywhere else. It all worked out in the end because

that extra day went down in the history of golf. It's something that won't ever be forgotten. Tiger Woods came back in the Ryder Cup during that final round and I just wish I could have been there.

A year before the Ryder Cup I was fortunate enough to play at Celtic Manor with Corey Pavin, Chris Evans and Colin Montgomerie. It gave me a real insight into the pressure involved in that game. The challenges I have on stage are very different to what I experienced that day. I went to the driving range and hit some balls and, as I was walking to the first tee, I suddenly pulled a muscle that I'd never pulled before in my life. Of course, I hid the fact that I was slightly injured and, thank goodness, my shot went down the middle. Pain aside, the next 18 holes playing with two icons of the game was magnificent.

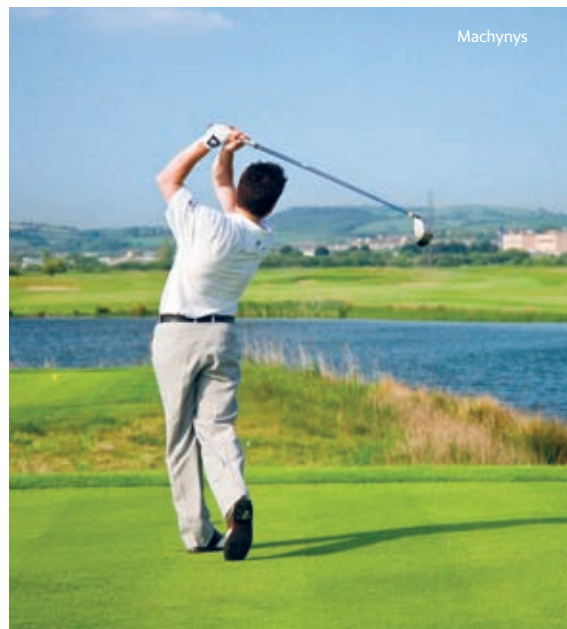
What's it like playing with professionals like that? Is it intimidating when you're with such skilled players?

It just shows that we're all human. If they missed a putt, it really annoyed them. With Colin there's that slight edge where you wonder what's going to happen next. He was a true gentleman that day, a total professional and very passionate about that particular course. He copes with the pressure so well. To have 50 cameras stuck under your nose after every shot is quite an experience. I cannot imagine how that must have felt during the actual Ryder Cup.

Where in Wales is your all-time favourite place to play?

Royal St David's at Harlech has to be very high amongst all the golf clubs I've played, not just in Wales but across the world. It's a really good test of golf and having the castle in sight on every single shot really adds drama. It's something of a golfing cliché to say that each hole is different, but it's absolutely true at Royal St David's. You get to the back nine and it doesn't get any easier.

Whenever I play around the world I always have a map or trip planned for anybody I meet who wants to come to Wales. I tell them where to stay, where to play their golf and the things they can do off the course. I've enticed many an American over. The country has a lot to offer on a golfing front, but there are also the castles, the walks and the mountains. It's a great place to play golf and to visit.



Machynys



Caernarfon



Royal Porthcawl



Conwy Castle



Great Orme



Snowdonia



Llandudno



Conwy Castle

happy families



Is there such a thing when golf-mad Dad, sane, long-suffering Mum and excitable kids go away together? Could good times really be had by all? We sent **Jeremy Ellwood**, Associate Editor of *Golf Monthly* magazine, to find out

Where can you play five different seaside courses without denting the petrol gauge, take a cablecar up a hill and a Victorian tram back down, and be within easy striking distance of a myriad of family attractions? The tram's the giveaway... it is, of course, Llandudno, which had previously eluded the holidaying Ellwoods.

As a UK-based golf journalist of some 13 years standing, I was no stranger to the wider golfing delights of North Wales. I'd written about the spectacular clifftop layout at Nefyn & District on the Llŷn Peninsula more times than I care to remember, dreaming of one day living close enough to savour its uniquely dramatic setting a little more often. And over the years I'd played, and enjoyed immensely, other courses along the northern strip, among them Abersoch, also on Llŷn; the excellent links at Prestatyn, mainland Wales's most northerly club; and the gorge-lined beauty of Bull Bay across the Menai Strait on Anglesey, the country's most northerly golfing outpost of all.

But Llandudno would be a first. Ellwood holiday Utopia would be golf and family in perfect harmony, with our Llandudno challenge to keep golfers (me) and non-golfers (wife Stella, 11-year-old Oliver and four-year-old Isabelle) equally happy. We arrived on London Olympics 'Super Saturday' to witness from our Imperial Hotel window a bustling promenade revelling in Team GB's success. But would all seem so rosy the next day as I headed to North Wales Golf Club, and the family to the acclaimed Greenwood Forest Park? After breakfast, during which Isabelle embarked on the three-day 'sausage-and-ketchup' diet which so amused the waiters, it was time to find out... but first, a quick family visit to Conwy Castle just down the road where there are towers and turrets galore for inquisitive young explorers.

My hosts at North Wales Golf Club were Imperial Hotel manager, Geoff Lofthouse, and son Nick, a rather good golfer. The course was much greener and softer than usual for the time of year, and although links courses are typically striving for firmer, faster conditions, I have to say it looked an absolute picture when the sun broke through. The greens were in superb condition, and the setting took some beating, with the Great Orme headland's rocky outcrops above Llandudno glinting in the sunlight as we turned back along the beach for a glorious stretch of holes from the ninth.

North Wales Golf Club is perhaps best known for the duo of criss-cross par-threes on 16 and 17, intriguingly named O.L. and then L.O. I'm not sure about the origins of these names, though I can imagine many a player with a good scorecard in his hand





Jeremy with Geoff and Nick Lofthouse

‘It looked an absolute picture when the sun broke through!’

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uttering something similar to O.L. standing on the 16th tee, where you can't see much more than the very top of the flag. They may be pretty short holes, but most golfers would still pay good money to par both with any sort of breeze blowing. I somehow managed to do just that, almost going one better with a narrow birdie miss on 17, but thought it would be churlish to offer them up for sale in the bar afterwards as we reflected on our game over a much needed cuppa.

Out on the course we'd gratefully watched ominous clouds drift past and ignore us, but the family weren't so lucky. 'Everyone soaked right through, but kids won't come in!' my wife's text read – a glowing tribute to Greenwood's fun factor. Later, we strolled along the prom beyond Wales's longest pier up to the cablecar station to take the aerial route to the Great Orme's summit. I spent the journey looking for tell-tale signs of a long-lost golf course; Stella, who doesn't do heights, stared intently at her feet throughout! Inevitably, we returned by tram, with the kids excitedly racing for the best seats at the halfway station where you have to change.

Next day, while the family explored Llandudno, it was an early morning visit to the highly regarded links at Conwy for me with Geoff and Roger Lewis, regional co-ordinator for Golf North Wales. Conwy is a links of some considerable repute, its excellent layout complemented by the views, whether out to sea or inland to the majestic bulk of Snowdonia. Again, the course looked a real vision in the morning sun, with its verdant fairways and that stirring mountain backdrop, nowhere more prominent than on the testing par-three 13th with its two-tier green. In the right light, the mountains seem so close that you feel you could almost reach out and touch them.

There's often a little room to manoeuvre on the early holes at Conwy, with the pretty but well-protected par-three second and risk-reward third along the estuary (well worth the risk downwind in my humble opinion!) setting a good early benchmark. Later on there are some excellent holes that will really test your mettle in any sort of breeze. As for 'room to manoeuvre', well, that goes out of the window down the final stretch where the gorse really closes in on you, placing an ever-growing premium on accuracy as you fight to keep your hard-won score intact all the way to the clubhouse.

Shortly after I played Conwy, the finest players on the European Senior Tour descended on the course for the annual Wales Senior Open. Though they doubtlessly scored considerably better than me, I would find it hard to believe they could have enjoyed it quite as much. I'd wanted to play Conwy for many years, ever since first seeing photos of the links in its full glory, and can safely say that on finally getting to tee it up here, it delivered in full.



Llandudno Pier



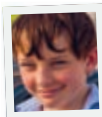
Jeremy at O.L., North Wales Golf Club



Jeremy at Conwy Golf Club



WHAT OLIVER DID WHEN DAD PLAYED GOLF



'We headed to Greenwood Forest Park, where there was masses to do. I went straight to the archery area to practise what I'd imagined at Conwy Castle, and we then went on the donkeys, the jungle boats, the crocodile maze and the moon karts. Best of all was the "Great Green Run" where Izzie and I enjoyed hurtling down a steep slope on a sledge.'

WHAT ISABELLE LIKED MOST



'Our big hotel room. Mummy said it was bigger than our house. I enjoyed swimming in the hotel's pool, and the sausages were scrummy too! We got very wet on the sledges, but I didn't want to stop as it made them very fast. I was a bit scared at first at Ropes and Ladders, but really liked the wobbly bridge and the tunnel. The best bit was the wire thing you zoom down at the end.'

Next stop was *en famille* at the Ropes and Ladders high-ropes adventure centre in Llanberis, our pick of the town's many attractions, which include the Snowdon Mountain Railway. Selflessly, we let the kids lap up all the high-wire fun while we stayed on terra firma in a supporting role. After a few nervy moments, Oliver soon found his feet, and by the end he was hurtling fearlessly down the lengthy zip wire and dangling from a crazy oversized swing.

After a quick dip in the hotel pool followed by dinner (sausages of course for Isabelle) it was time for one final treat – tickets for *Grease* at Llandudno's excellent theatre. It was great fun, although a worn-out Isabelle did finally nod off during a rousing rendition of *Greased Lightning*. As we left next morning we were all belting out, 'Summer lovin', had me a blast', for Llandudno had indeed been a blast.

But we had much unfinished business – for me, three more courses in Maesdu, which plays right alongside North Wales, and like the latter, hosted the prestigious PGA Championship back in the 1950s; Rhos-on-Sea just beyond the Little Orme, a long-established club with glorious views where you can play and stay at very reasonable rates; and Penmaenmawr, a gem of a nine-holer a couple of miles west, right at the foot of those mountains you see from Conwy. For the kids, there was so much else, I wouldn't know where to start. But I wasn't allowed to go to sleep that night until I'd promised we'd go back soon.

THE ELLWOODS STAYED AT:

- The Imperial Hotel, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1AP +44 (0) 1492 877466 theimperial.co.uk

JEREMY PLAYED AT:

- Conwy Golf Club, Beacons Way, Morfa, Conwy LL32 8ER 01492 593325 conwygolfclub.com
- North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club, 72 Bryniau Road, West Shore, Llandudno LL30 2DZ 01492 876878 northwalesgolfclub.co.uk

THEY VISITED:

- conwy-castle.co.uk
- greatormetramway.org.uk
- greenwoodforestpark.co.uk
- ropesandladders.co.uk



Cablecars, Llandudno



GreenWood Forest Park



Llandudno

'Summer lovin', had me a blast.'



honey, I brought the kids

LC Centre, Swansea



Oakwood, Pembrokeshire



On the previous pages Jeremy Ellwood and family told us what they got up to in North Wales. Now it's your turn to pack the car with kids and clubs for a golf-cum-family break that everyone will enjoy. There's so much variety in this small country of ours, both on and off course. You'll find details of all our courses beginning on page 36, but here are a few ideas to get you going.

Bayside and bunkered



A few golfing celebs: The Celtic Manor Resort (Newport), Royal Porthcawl, The Vale Resort (Vale of Glamorgan).

More star quality: Pyle & Kenfig, The Rolls of Monmouth, Southerndown.

And for families? Go bayside in Cardiff and Swansea. Wales's capital is awash with attractions – fun and fascinating museums, hands-on science experiences and time-bending Doctor Who, plus a fantasy castle seemingly teleported into the city centre. Swansea folk love the sea. The aquatic adventures (including indoor surfing) on tap at The LC leisure centre make it one of the most popular attractions in Wales. And new kid on the block is the 360 Beach and Watersports Centre, in pole position on the prom. The Valleys are close by. They're famously warm and welcoming, and wear their heritage with pride at places like Big Pit National Coal Museum and Rhondda Heritage Park. You can also do all kinds of outdoorsy things, including mountain biking and gorge walking.

Gardens and greens



A few golfing celebs: Ashburnham (Burry Port), Machynys Peninsula Golf & Country Club (Llanelli), Tenby.

More star quality: Carmarthen, Newport, Parc Garnant (Ammanford). **And for families?** Carmarthenshire, the green-fingered 'Garden of Wales', is home to the amazing National Botanic Garden, which extends a big welcome to families. There's golden sand as well as green, green grass – lots of it along Carmarthen Bay and at activity-packed Pembrey Country Park. Pembrokeshire is also very green – in more ways than one. Its eco-credentials are impeccable. Porpoises and dolphins swim in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park's clear, clean waters, seabirds nest along its protected shorelines – and the children just love the gorgeous beaches, not to mention attractions like Oakwood Theme Park and Heatherton World of Activities.

Trains and tees



A few golfing celebs: Aberdovey, Borth & Ynyslas, Royal St David's (Harlech).

More star quality: Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Dolgellau. **And for families?** Steam-power, courtesy of the Great Little Trains of Wales, suits the scenery, especially when you're chuffing up a beautiful valley on the Vale of Rheidol or Talyllyn railways. There are dramatic underground attractions too, like Ponterwyd's Silver Mountain Experience and King Arthur's Labyrinth at Corris. Down in the woods, the pioneering, eye-opening Centre for Alternative Technology is full of ingenious energy-saving devices. Pedal-power is a pretty green way to go too – and easy on those little legs in the Coed y Brenin Forest's gentle family mountain biking trails. And everyone also enjoys the beaches, coves and headlands of Ceredigion's Heritage Coast.

Birds and birdies



A few golfing celebs:

Llandrindod Wells,
Llanymynech, Welshpool.

More star quality:

Cradoc (Brecon), Builth Wells, Summerhill (Hay-on-Wye).

And for families? Golfers might find them a bit of a distraction but kids love to see red kites, the rare bird of prey. Gigrin Farm near Rhayader is a feeding centre (the birds turn up, bang on time, at 3pm in the summer, so don't be late). For a bird's-eye view of the hills take to the saddle – easily done, for there's a particularly good choice of riding centres in Wales's rural heartlands. The narrow-gauge Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway is another scenic rural ride. And don't miss country fairs and agricultural shows, where farming mixes with family fun.



Castles and clubs



A few golfing celebs:

Holyhead, Nefyn & District,
Porthmadog

More star quality:

Bull Bay (Anglesey), Maesdu (Llandudno), Pwllheli
And for families? It's one of the best ways to get kids fired up about history and heritage. Take them to the battlements of Caernarfon, Conwy or Beaumaris castles. This trio of medieval fortresses, all UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are high in atmosphere and drama, especially when medieval re-enactments take place within their walls. Snowdonia is teeming with places to visit – slate mines and adventure centres, country parks and farm parks, little railways and big mountains. You'll also want to hop across the Menai Strait to Anglesey for its outstandingly beautiful beaches.

For further information and contact details for these attractions, see page 83. Regional guides for all courses start on page 36.

Gaols and holes



A few golfing celebs:

Prestatyn, Vale of Llangollen,
Wrexham.

More star quality:

Abergele,
Mold, Northop Country Park (near Flint).

And for families? Kids love shiver-down-the-spine Ruthin Gaol, now a heritage centre but still chillingly authentic. The 'upstairs, downstairs' living history at the National Trust's Erddig mansion, Wrexham, is a little more genteel. Down in the Vale of Llangollen, cruise the 'canal in the sky' across the dizzy Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bikes, ponies and feet are the way to go when exploring the lovely Clywdian Range, an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' crossed by 8th-century Offa's Dyke. For sand between your toes and a taste of candyfloss go beside the seaside at Prestatyn, Rhyl and Colwyn Bay.



Langland Bay



Pennard



Bangor St Deiniol



drive time



Classic holes come with the golfing territory in Wales.

Here we feature some *crème de la crème* favourite holes – 18 in total – personally chosen by the professionals from each club with tips on how best to play them



‘It’s a card wrecker.’

Marriott St Pierre, Old Course (near Chepstow)

Paul Collins: It’s essentially a 237-yard carry over water to the green. For most people it’s a driver. There’s out of bounds on the left, so it’s best to hit it slightly down the right. It’s a tough hole and very few people manage to hit the green.

marriott.co.uk



‘Death or glory on the Gower Peninsula.’

Langland Bay

Mark Evans: There’s trouble everywhere. If you over club you’re in the thick gorse and grass at the back. Pull it left and you’re down the bank covered with gorse and heather, to the right and you’re over the cliff and into the sea. Aim for the right half of the green and allow it to drift in from the bank.

langlandbaygolfclub.com



‘A hole that people always remember.’

The Rolls of Monmouth

Simon Aston: It’s a par-three with a bunker guarding the right side and water to the front and right. If you overshoot the hole, putting down the slope is pretty tricky. Club selection is really important. You have to carry the water but not go past the hole. Standing at the tee there’s a great view of the mansion in the background.

therollsgolfclub.co.uk



‘A club champion seven putted from about 10ft.’

Pennard (Gower)

Mike Bennett: It’s a par-five into the prevailing wind with a spectacular view across Oxwich and Three Cliffs Bay. If you hit two really good shots, you can get on in two. But reaching the green is only half the job.

pennardgolfclub.com



‘It’s hit and miss.’

Bangor St Deiniol

Glyn Hughes: If you’re a long hitter with a decent lie for your second shot you can go over the top aiming for the mobile phone mast above and behind the green. Alternatively you can play it safe, hit it up to the next marker and leave yourself about 150 yards to the green.

bangorstdeiniolgolfclub.co.uk



‘One of the hardest holes on the course.’

Aberdovey

Andy Humphreys: There’s an elevated green with slopes to the left and right with the sea on the right-hand side, so the wind normally comes across the course. The best approach is a punch shot into the green with a seven or eight iron and trying to keep the ball down. As soon as it gets above the dunes it’s going to hook to the left.

aberdoveygolf.co.uk



‘You’ve got safe and you’ve got dead.’

Llandrindod Wells

Phil Davies: If the conditions are good, you can go straight for the green. If you pull the shot off you’re going to make the hole in three or four. But there is thick gorse and bracken on the right and to the left is out of bounds.

lwg.co.uk



‘In recent years there have been 12s and 13s.’

Borth & Ynyslas

John Lewis: It’s early in the round and you’ve got out of bounds virtually all the way up the right-hand side and water hazards all the way up the left. Practise before you start, for it’s the third full shot of the day. The majority of people slice into the out of bounds.

borthgolf.co.uk



‘Needs a delicate shot to an island green.’

The Vale Lake Course, (Vale of Glamorgan)

Matthew Coombs: There are water hazards along the left and on the right there’s a bunker about 220 yards out. You’ll find the odd person who hits a driver over the water, but it is a very small green so it’s difficult to stop on it. You only have to carry it about 250 yards but you have to be accurate.

vale-hotel.com



‘It’s hit or bust.’

Southerndown

John Peters: The key to playing the hole is all about finding the fairway from the tee shot. You’re generally playing into a prevailing wind so keep the ball nice and low. You’ll be hitting your driver because it’s a long hole. If you take a little less, you’re making the hole just as difficult. The shorter you hit it off the tee, the more difficult the second shot becomes.

southerndowngolfclub.com

Royal St David's, Harlech



North Wales (Llandudno)



Aberdovey



Marriott St Pierre, Chepstow



Morlais Castle, Merthyr Tydfil





'A tough hole when the wind is blowing.'

Morlais Castle (Merthyr Tydfil)

Huw Jarrett: It's a nice par-three with some beautiful views over Merthyr Tydfil. It's a simple hole, just hit it into the middle of the green. Off the white tees you'll want to use a six or five iron depending on what the wind is doing. For the average golfer you could be up to a four or three iron.
morlaiscastlegolf.co.uk



'Short of the green the ball rolls back and anything long is dead.'

Tenby

Rhys Harry: Confident golfers under normal wind conditions hit a driver over the fairway bunkers, leaving a short pitch into a tricky sloping green. Your drive needs to leave you down the left-hand side to open up the green and leave a fairly short pitch.
tenbygolf.co.uk



'It's a proper dogleg you attack at your peril.'

Ashburnham (Burry Port)

Martin Stimson: You've got five bunkers down the left and the green is protected by a small mound. Basically, the further right you go, the harder the second shot. A better golfer should hit a draw off the tee with a driver or three wood to have an easier second shot. Just keep right, whatever you do.
ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk



'A daunting tee shot with dunes each side.'

Royal St David's (Harlech)

Gareth Lewis: You're hitting slightly across the fairway as it doglegs to the right. You can only see the top of the flag on your second shot and you're hitting almost down an alley of dunes, with not a lot of margin for error. It's a tough tee shot and a tough second shot. For many it'll be a tough third shot too.
royalstdavids.co.uk



BIG HITTERS

Pro golfers can manage on average over 360 yards, amateurs a mere 200. But in 1974 Mike Austin smashed the world record in Las Vegas with a long shot of 515 yards, an achievement that still stands today. Oh, and he was 64 at the time. What would he have made of two of the longest holes in Wales, the monster 690-yard 'Forest' at Dewstow Golf Club, Caerwent, or the 607-yard second hole at the Vale Resort's Wales National Course, near Cowbridge?



'The longest hole on the course.'

Pwllheli

Stuart Pilkington: If you use your driver your shot lands at the narrowest point of a slightly bottlenecking fairway with the river on the left and gorse on the right. If you don't use your driver you end up having to hit over the river and you've got quite a challenge to get to the green in two.
pwllheligolfclub.co.uk



'One of the best second holes in British golf.'

Royal Porthcawl

Peter Evans: The green is right next to the sea which makes it extremely open and exposed. The trick is a good tee shot as far to the right-hand side of the fairway as possible to open the green up. If you can get through with a five then you've done really well.
royalporthcawl.com



'Inseparable back-to-back par-threes.'

North Wales (Llandudno)

Roy Williams: You have to be pretty accurate to hit the 16th green. There's a big valley in front of it so you have to make the carry. It always plays into the prevailing wind so you can use up to a three or four iron. The 17th is shorter, but you're hitting over a ravine to a sloped green so if you're short you'll end up in the bottom of it.
northwalesgolfclub.co.uk



'Know your right from your left.'

Welshpool

Dave Rowlands: Tee off with a three wood or utility wood, keeping right and avoiding the out of bounds on the left, and short of the water hazard for the long ball. Keep left on your second shot as everything falls to the right, drop the ball short of the green as a steep slope runs into it.
welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk



great scot!

He may well have been Scottish, but legendary course designer **James Braid** did some of his best work in Wales

If you've spent any time with a golf club in your hands, you've probably heard of James Braid. As part of the 'Great Triumvirate' with Harry Vardon and John Henry Taylor, he won five Open Championships between 1901 and 1910, before retiring from professional golf and reinventing himself as a course designer.

Though he's best known for his work at clubs like Carnoustie, Troon and Gleneagles in his native Scotland, many Welsh courses have also been touched by Braid's genius and golfing vision, from Holyhead's heathland in the north to the links of Tenby in the south.

What are the characteristic, tell-tale signs that Braid has been at work? He was a firm believer in choice, always ensuring that there were at least two ways to play his holes. Do you take a gamble on the tricky route in search of a lower score, or play it safe to avoid a higher one? A great example can be seen on the 11th at Pwllheli, where players must pick between a long drive to the narrow fairway or a shorter shot that brings bunkers into play. Braid understood that the interplay between risk and reward was central to an enjoyable game of golf, even if making the wrong decision could prove frustrating.



Another Braid signature is a varied range of par-threes that differ in direction and length, allowing meteorology – in the form of capricious wind – to come into play, posing a different challenge at each hole. He also liked to guard his greens with bunkers and slopes, forcing players to think carefully about their approach. You can see this at Maesdu, Llandudno, where the par-three 12th's undulating green is well protected by yawning pot bunkers.

Despite his illustrious golfing career, Braid was never much of a traveller. He suffered from terrible motion sickness and would use topographic maps to plan out courses before visiting them. As a result, his courses highlight the lay of the land, making inspired use of cartographic features. Standing amid the imposing dunes at Porthmadog, you can't help but feel this approach works particularly well in Wales.

He certainly had his own style, but the varied nature of the terrain in Wales means that Braid's take on 'golf as it should be' comes in all shapes and sizes.

HIT THE JAMES BRAID TRAIL

It's reckoned that James Braid had a hand in laying out 20 courses in Wales. The North Wales James Braid Trail (jamesbraidtrail.co.uk) brings together 10 of these and is the ideal way to experience just what made his designs so special. Each club on the trail has a signature hole that typifies the Braid style. You'll also get a scorecard to record your progress after playing each club. Matching Braid's achievements is a tough ask in anyone's book, but you'll at least have proof that you walked in his footsteps.

Aberdovey – aberdoveygolf.co.uk
Championship coastal links.

Holyhead – holyheadgolfclub.co.uk
Braid's most northerly Welsh course.

Maesdu, Llandudno – maesdugolfclub.co.uk
Links and parkland in a single package.

Nefyn & District – nefyn-golf-club.co.uk
One-of-a-kind clifftop golf.

Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay – +44 (0)1492 515581
The best of Braid in nine holes.

Porthmadog – porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk
Dune-studded links and rolling heathland.

Pwllheli – pwllheligolfclub.co.uk
Challenging golf on the northern shores of Cardigan Bay.

Rhyl – rhylgolfclub.co.uk
Windswept links just yards from the sea.

St Deiniol, Bangor – st-deiniol.co.uk
Mountainous fairways in sight of Snowdonia.

Wrexham – wrexhamgolfclub.co.uk
18 holes of pure variety.



St Deiniol, Bangor



Maesdu, Llandudno



Monmouthshire, Abergavenny

BRAID THROUGHOUT WALES

Braid didn't just work in the north. Once you've exhausted all his courses up there, take a trip around Wales and complete the set.

Brecon – brecongolfclub.co.uk
Parkland pleasure in the Brecon Beacons.

Dinas Powis – dpgc.co.uk
A hilly hidden gem.

Langland Bay – langlandbaygolfclub.com
Rugged golf and breathtaking ocean views.

Llandrindod Wells – lwgc.co.uk
Immaculate 'upland links'.

Maesteg – maesteg-golf.co.uk
Memorable holes in scenic parkland.

Monmouthshire – monmouthshiregolfclub.co.uk
Tree-lined parkland on the banks of the River Usk.

Neath – neathgolfclub.co.uk
Naturally inspired heathland.

Pennard, Gower – pennardgolfclub.com
High-altitude links on the Gower Peninsula.

Tenby – tenbygolf.co.uk
The birthplace of Welsh golf.

Welshpool – welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk
18 holes on the 'roof of the world'.

See page 84 for location details for each club.



Welshpool

a little birdie told me...



Nowadays, golf isn't the preserve of crusty colonels. It's the people's game – especially here in unstuffy Wales – played by everyone, young and old. **Ben Thompson**, **Andrew Bailey** and **Ian Williams** are serious golfing enthusiasts with a serious Twitter addiction. We asked them to put the two together on a Welsh golfing weekend – their first such visit to Wales – and live-tweet the experience of playing two of Pembrokeshire's most beautiful courses, Trefloyne and Tenby



Name: Ben Thompson

Age: 36

Golf experience: Taking his boss up on an offer of

free lessons 10 years ago. Ben has been a keen golfer ever since. Two young kids mean he doesn't get to play as much these days, but when he does it tends to be somewhere spectacular: Turnberry, Kiawah Island in South Carolina, California's Half Moon Bay. Business trips have their perks.

Favourite course: The Boulders, Arizona



Name: Andrew Bailey

Age: 36

Golf experience:

Picking up the game as a teenager. Andrew played off 14 in his early 20s thanks to multiple rounds each week, natural ability – and an extremely forgiving wife. A former member at Saltford Golf Club near Bath, he's now back in the golfing groove and rapidly bringing his handicap down to past glories.

Favourite course: Isle of Purbeck, Dorset



Name: Ian Williams

Age: 35

Golf experience:

Something of a late starter when it comes to golf, Ian has embraced the game with all the enthusiasm of a man finally facing up to the fact he'll never play professional football. Shift-work means he has plenty of golf-friendly time on his hands; it also means cheaper green fees, which is nice. Now a golf addict.

Favourite course: Bransford, Worcestershire



Tenby

DAY 1



Ben Gethin Thompson

@Bengethin

Not sure how we got sign-off from our better halves, but clubs are packed, tee-times booked & we're on our way from Bristol to Tenby. Thx @VisitWales!



Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams @Bengethin @Birdscanbebig and I en-route to Wales. Golf, Tenby and inane ramblings to look forward to. But first: coffee!



Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams
Croeso i Gymru!



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
After a two-and-a-half-hour drive, we're here! Fourcroft bang on the seafront is a nice hotel. Now to sample the local ales...

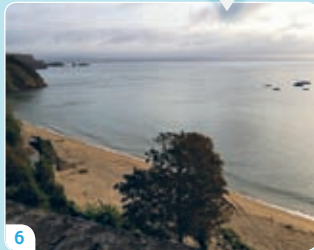
Ben Gethin Thompson

@Bengethin

Contrary to what my father-in-law said ('too many tourists'), Tenby is great. Beautiful beach, quaint harbour, no tourist tat – perfect!



DAY 2



Ben Gethin Thompson

@Bengethin

Can't beat being woken by the sound of surf on sand. Check out the hotel view! Anyone for golf? @Realianwilliams @Birdscanbebig



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig

Great brekkie, good work #FourcroftHotel. Not a fan of black pudding but @Bengethin and @RealIanWilliams are shovelling it down. #delicious



Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams

Arrived at @Trefloyne for first golf of w/kend. Course looks amazing: mix of long par 5s and trickier par 4s, inc. a quarry! Off we go!



Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams

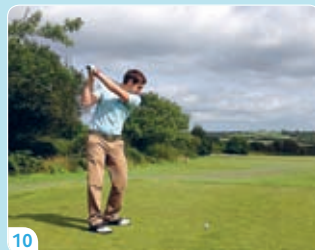
The prospect of cameras on the tee-box for the first hole is drawing quite a crowd. Brilliant! #feellikeacelebrity



Ben Gethin Thompson

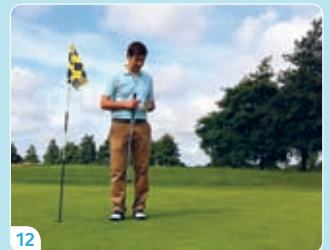
@Bengethin

Trees for @RealIanWilliams. Perhaps that final glass of wine last night was unnecessary #golf #Trefloyne



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig

My favourite thing about golf: being barracked by (friendly) locals on the first tee. Only one way to silence the doubters! #hitandhope



Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams

@Birdscanbebig keeps shaking his head when noting down my scores. Think he's judging me. #dontjudgemeimbetterthanthis





DAY 3



Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
Links course today & weather's taken turn for the worse. Could be tough. Glad we decided against that nightclub. #earlynight #goodcall



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
Never been to Tenby before but will definitely be coming back. Great golf, great town, great first impression. Can't wait to try out #TenbyGolfClub today!



Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
Yesterday's sunshine lulled us into a false sense of security. What do you mean it rains sometimes in Wales? #whoknew



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
Quote @RealIanWilliams: 'I haven't hit a straight one all day!' Try the @ClevelandGolfHalo hybrid club, it's working for @Bengethin. Shot!

Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams
At last, a birdie attempt. Missed, naturally. Glad I spent all that time on the putting green earlier...

Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
'Suffice to say I won't be submitting today's card for a handicap.' Never mind @RealIanWilliams there's always tomorrow!

Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
...Just remember to test the depth before diving in, @RealIanWilliams! Nice bump :)



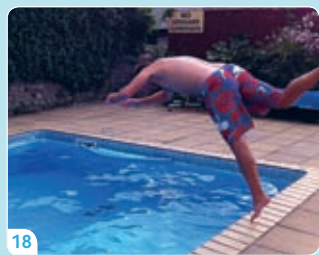
Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
Now to sample Tenby's nightlife and fine dining. #TheBayTree restaurant looks like it does a lovely surf & turf...



Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
Remember: even though you're drinking it from a fancy continental-style glass, it's still #StellaArtois. Tomorrow's round might suffer!



Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
Loving this course! Think @Birdscanbebig is as well – look at that swing.



Ben Gethin Thompson
@Bengethin
Really enjoyed the golf. Now downtime back at the @Fourcroft Hotel; time for a post-round relax by the pool...



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
All safely round the quarry. No need to get the abseiling gear out...



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Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams
A break in the clouds! Time for a quick photo, then hit the links before it starts chucking it down! #playtheconditions



31



Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
Nice hit @Bengethin! Five yards to the left and that would've been perfect. As it is you'll struggle to find it :)



34



Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin
Cracking round from @Birdscanbebig, 5 pars in a row. Much improved on yesterday @RealIanWilliams. Me? Good back 9, let's forget the front :)



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Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams
Swear I just saw a Tellytubby disappear into that sand trap. #tenbygolf



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Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin
'The course map says this way. So why did your drive go that way?' If I could answer that I'd be a very rich man, sir.



32

Andrew Bailey @Birdscanbebig
The sun's come out. This can only improve things. Shame the round's nearly over :)



29

Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams
Much better putting from everyone today, rain slowing the greens down. Toughest bit is finding the greens in the first place. #accuracyiskey



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Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin @RealIanWilliams hitting it nicely. Last thing he needs is his phone going off at the top of his backswing. @Birdscanbebig looks guilty.



33

Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin
The course at Tenby is stunning – but pretty unforgiving! Next stop: the pro shop for a load more balls. @RealIanWilliams @Birdscanbebig



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Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin @RealIanWilliams @Birdscanbebig There's more rough around here than that trip to the scrumpy farm we did last year :-)



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Ian Williams @RealIanWilliams @Bengethin @Birdscanbebig Well played chaps!



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Ben Gethin Thompson @Bengethin
W/end of great courses & company. 1st Welsh golf experience a huge success, definitely be back for more. Just need to convince the wives #buyflowers&chocsonwayhome





colin's celtic gold

He's had some success during his time, but **Colin Montgomerie** rates his captaincy of the winning European team in the 2010 Ryder Cup, played at The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, as his career highlight. Here, he recounts his feelings in an extract from his recent autobiography

The proudest moment of my career. That is what being captain of the European Ryder Cup team meant to me. Were I to win the Open, or any one of the majors – something which is perhaps becoming a bit improbable at this stage of my career – I'd be thrilled. So would my family. But it wouldn't come close to how I felt when I was presented with the Ryder Cup in 2010 at Celtic Manor. It wouldn't come close. The Ryder Cup will always have pride of place in my trophy cabinet regardless of what impressive piece of silverware might be sitting next to it...

The denouement of the 2010 match was virtually unwatchable as everything came down to the final single, the one between Graeme (McDowell) and Hunter Mahan. The American, who needed a half-point if the US were to hang on to the trophy, had clawed his way back from three down after 11 to be only one to the bad with

three to play...(but) the American's par putt failed to find the hole. Europe had won the Ryder Cup, with the result a nail-biting $14\frac{1}{2}$ points to $13\frac{1}{2}$. Half of Europe converged on the green and a roar carried through the Usk Valley.

After all the hugs and tears in the immediate aftermath of our victory, I went on some kind of mental walkabout... I was in one hell of a state, an out and out wreck.

The emotions of the previous four days had well and truly caught up with me. Once back in the Twenty Ten Clubhouse, I found myself a quiet corner in the locker room. And, at a time when I should have been going over and over the captain's closing-ceremony speech (my friends had kindly advised that it would be heard by an audience of some 160 million), my thoughts were all over the place...

‘We expected a great match, we expected great support, with the world watching Wales delivered.’

MONTY ON HIS BEST HOLES IN GOLF How could I talk about my favourite 18 holes of golf and not include Celtic Manor? The 500-yard 16th has to be the hole for me, the one where Graeme McDowell secured the point we needed to win the Ryder Cup. Yet it also happens to be the best hole on the course. You have to split two bunkers with your drive before tackling a downhill second to the green. But what am I going on about...? If you want to know how to play it properly, I suggest you turn to your 2010 Ryder Cup DVD, if you have one, and watch how that brave Ulsterman made his birdie.

AND FROM THE FANS’ PERSPECTIVE ‘... they seek the Holy Grail, when extraordinary achievement unfolds before their eyes and when pride and pleasure coalesce in a memory to endure down the years. In short, they yearn for another Ryder Cup. The mud and the din and the glory of that day in South Wales represented the ultimate spectator experience. It was the pinnacle of my gleeful journey.’

From *Among the Fans* by Patrick Collins, published by Wisden Sports Writing.

MONTY – AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

is the story of a golfing legend, ranked Europe’s number-one golfer for an unparalleled seven years in a row. It is a book about one of the greatest golfing characters in the world, a prodigious talent and complex personality who tries to achieve the necessary personal and professional balance. And it is about the hero of the Ryder Cup – five times a winner, culminating in victory as team captain and the unforgettable scenes at Celtic Manor in October 2010.

Published by Orion Books in hardback at £20 and as an eBook at £10.99.



The 18th at Celtic Manor’s Twenty Ten Course



The 16th at Celtic Manor’s Twenty Ten Course, a Monty favourite

launch pad: Ilanymynech



It's high enough. **Ian Woosnam** began his career at one of the loftiest courses in Wales. Like Colin Montgomerie, who we feature on the previous pages, a highlight was his captaincy of the 2006 European Ryder Cup team. Woosie still has a soft spot for where it all took off – and for 'golf as it should be'



I remember one US journalist asking me to explain where exactly in Scotland Wales could be found. I'm glad to report that things have changed a lot since then. It's not just the Ryder Cup effect. Wales has some of the finest golf courses on the planet, and the world is waking up to them.

Llanymynech is still a favourite, even though three of its holes are in England! As a youngster I worked on the family farm, and only when I'd finished my tasks was I allowed to play golf. Those years of farm work gave me strength and may be responsible for my reputation as a long hitter.

The view from the 12th tee at Llanymynech is one of the most magnificent you'll see anywhere. Other scenic – and golfing – favourites include the links at Royal St David's, where you play in the shadow of Harlech Castle, and Royal Porthcawl overlooking Swansea Bay.

I can personally recommend many more courses: Prestatyn, Maesdu, North Wales and Conwy along the North Wales coast, Nefyn & District on the Llŷn Peninsula, and Ashburnham down south. In the south-east is the Marriott St Pierre where I won two tournaments and of course there is The Celtic Manor Resort, venue for the unforgettable 2010 Ryder Cup.

But there is more to golf than playing. Just as when I first ventured to Llanymynech as a boy, the warmth of the welcome is important too. People who think golf is a snobbish game should visit a Welsh clubhouse. Uplifted noses are not encouraged. We specialise more in laughter and banter. The clubhouses haven't changed throughout the years and I hope they never will.

It's all part of what we call 'golf as it should be' – challenging, unspoiled courses set in superb scenery, reasonable costs and that big Welsh welcome.

Never played golf in Wales? NBC TV sports commentator **Mark Roling** explains just why it's worth the trip all the way across the Atlantic

a star spangled angle



‘Regardless of who you are or where you’ve come from, you will be welcomed with open arms.’
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Like many avid American golfers my first visit to Wales was a real eye-opener. In fact, I was so astonished with the quality and variety of the golf this small country has to offer that I immediately began to favourably compare Wales’s links adventures to some of its more famous neighbours in the UK.

For a start, the courses are user-friendly. They are challenging but not brutally demanding; believe me, you will play some of your best golf here. Even at the most revered clubs, visitors are almost always warmly welcomed both on the course and in the clubhouse. Then there’s the issue of cost. Playing golf in Wales is surprisingly affordable. Maybe it’s because many of the venues don’t have the big-name reputations of some other UK courses, but the value for money is a very welcome feature.

Wales may be small in size but it comes up big on my list of must-visit British golf destinations. The country is divided geographically into distinct regions, each with its own spectacular topography and wide-ranging style of courses. Having said that, you’ll find one of my favourite things about Welsh golf everywhere, from north to south. The people here are some of the warmest and friendliest I have ever met. Regardless of who you are or where you’ve come from, you will be welcomed with open arms.

With towering peaks and rugged coastline, North Wales is blessed with dramatic and stunning scenery. Alongside this natural beauty comes a choice of amazing links layouts. Royal St David’s is probably the best known and playing there in the shadow of mighty, medieval Harlech Castle, a World Heritage Site, is a humbling experience. Nefyn & District Golf Club, famously set on a narrow peninsula jutting into the Irish Sea, is one of the most striking I have encountered in all my travels, reminding me somewhat of Pebble Beach. Travelling around this part of Wales I came upon

hidden jewels too, such as Porthmadog where the back nine that played out towards the sea simply took my breath away.

While Mid Wales is well known for its fine parkland courses, it was here that I discovered the historic links of Aberdovey, the biggest surprise of my trip. Bernard Darwin, who frequented the area on summer holidays, got it right well over 100 years ago when he said, ‘about this one course in the world, I am a hopeless and shameful sentimentalist and I glory in my shame’. His sentiments live on: Aberdovey is a terrific golf course that you won’t want to miss.

The south, home to Wales’s capital, Cardiff and the majority of the nation’s population, is where the widest range of golf options can be found. Best known to an international audience is Celtic Manor Resort at Newport, host of the thrilling 2010 Ryder Cup, which boasts two more championship parkland courses alongside the world-class Twenty Ten, the first course in history built specifically for the Ryder Cup.

Go further west and you come to Tenby, the oldest club in Wales with a compact links layout just minutes from the centre of this pretty Georgian seaside resort. On the way to Tenby you simply must play Pennard on the Gower Peninsula near Swansea, an intriguing course with a classic coastal layout some 200ft above sea level that attracts the poetic description of ‘the links in the sky’.

South Wales also has the best course in all the land, Royal Porthcawl. Big and bold, this is championship links golf at its best. Some day Royal Porthcawl should host an Open Championship. The Senior Open Championship will be played here in 2014, a step in the right direction.

Golf in Wales has a special place in my heart and I know there are still many more experiences yet to be discovered. I’d encourage anyone to make the trip and get their own taste of ‘golf as it should be’.



'one of the most striking I've encountered'

Nefyn & District



'the oldest club'

Tenby



'a humbling experience'

Royal St David's, Harlech



'the biggest surprise'

Aberdovey



'simply took my breath away'

Porthmadog

south wales



Cardiff Bay

SOUTH WALES IN THREE WORDS

COSMOPOLITAN, FRIENDLY, SURPRISING

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Par-71. Par-70. Par-69. Three pars to aim for when you play **The Celtic Manor Resort's** trio of parkland courses: the Twenty Ten (we guess you know what this one is famous for), Roman Road and Montgomerie. Two neighbouring venues also offer Rolls Royce golf – quite literally in the case of **The Rolls at Monmouth**, home of motoring pioneer Charles Stuart Rolls, and **Marriott St Pierre**, Chepstow which, like Celtic Manor, is no stranger to major competitions. Further afield, **Monmouthshire Golf Club** at Abergavenny is a mature parkland course that 'can be as tough as it is beautiful'.

It's difficult to single out any of the 17 clubs in the Cardiff area – you'll just have to stay and play them all. Further north, the South Wales

Valleys are full of splendid venues, many in spectacular hilltop locations. Moorland **Morlais Castle** at Merthyr Tydfil looks out across the Brecon Beacons, while West Monmouthshire at **Brynmawr** says it has the highest tee in Great Britain (which must be true, because the *Guinness Book of Records* agrees). Other Valleys favourites include **Bryn Meadows** near Ystrad Mynach, complete with a luxury hotel and spa. **The Vale Resort**, in the pastoral Vale of Glamorgan is another parkland venue where golf comes with all kinds of luxury extras. And there's yet more superb parkland golf at nearby **Cottrell Park Golf Resort's** two courses. Wales is renowned for its links golf, and here you will find three of the finest – **Southerndown**, **Pyle & Kenfig** and the daddy of them all, **Royal Porthcawl**.

WHY GO? Why not? South Wales is easy to get to – just a couple of hours down the motorway from London – and comes with a mighty golfing pedigree. Its 60-plus courses include world-class venues and friendly local clubs waiting to be discovered. There's variety in the scenery too. At Wales's gateway is the wooded Wye Valley, an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Newport (home of a certain Ryder Cup victory) and Cardiff, our cosmopolitan capital, come next – they share between them nearly 30 clubs, so you'll be spoilt for choice on and as well as off the course. Inland, the South Wales Valleys are rich in natural beauty and heritage – and there's more of the same along the untouched Glamorgan Heritage Coast.



GIVE ME FIVE GOOD REASONS TO GO OFF-COURSE

- 1 Go down to the woods in the lovely Wye Valley, then visit the soaring, majestic ruin of Tintern Abbey.
- 2 See what's happening on the bay at Cardiff – quite a lot, actually, from arty productions at the Wales Millennium Centre to cappuccino-sipping on the waterfront.
- 3 Glimpse into the past at Big Pit National Coal Museum, Blaenavon (left) – quite literally when you descend 300ft by pit cage on an underground conducted tour.
- 4 Walk a stretch of the spectacular, cliff-backed Glamorgan Heritage Coast.
- 5 See what the Romans got up to at Caerleon. *Isca*, one of their major towns, has a well-preserved amphitheatre and fascinating fortress baths.

South Wales golf packages are available from the following:

Cardiff Golfbreaks

cardiffgolfbreaks.co.uk
T: 0800 0832983
T: +44 (0)1656 722331

Greens of Southern Wales

greensofsouthernwales.com
T: 0870 6006088
T: +44 (0)1656 722331

Monmouthshire Golfbreaks

monmouthshiregolfbreaks.co.uk
T: 0800 0832983
T: +44 (0)1656 722331

South Wales Championship Links Golf Breaks

southwaleslinksgolf.com
T: +44 (0)1637 879991

South Wales Golf Breaks

southwalesgolfbreaks.com
T: +44 (0)1822 618148

Valleys Golf Breaks

valleysgolfbreaks.co.uk
T: +44 (0)1685 813433

Packages including South Wales are available from the following pan-Wales tour operators:

Golfbreaks.com

golfbreaks.com
T: 0800 279 7988

The Wales Golf Holiday Company

walesgolfholidays.com
T: 0800 0832983
(+44 1656 722331 from overseas)

Wales Golf Vacations

walesgolfvacations.com
T: 0845 2220340
(+44 1656 784843 from overseas)

Welsh Rarebits Golf Vacations

rarebits.co.uk
T: +44 (0)1570 470785

South Wales green fees guide

£	£1-£25
££	£26-£50
£££	£51-£75
££££	£76-£100
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Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2012), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

South Wales courses

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Monmouthshire



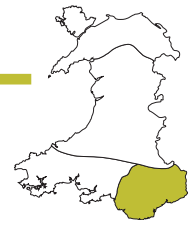
Southerndown, Glamorgan Heritage Coast



Celtic Manor Resort



Roman Amphitheatre, Caerleon



south wales

cosmopolitan, friendly, surprising

Aberdare Golf Club		FOUNDED 1921	1
Abernant, Aberdare CF44 0RY T: Sec. Rhys Lloyd James +44 (0)1685 871188 T: Pro. Rhys Lloyd James +44 (0)1685 878735 E: aberdaregolfclub@hotmail.co.uk W: aberdaregolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,875	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Alice Springs Golf Club		FOUNDED 1989	2
Kemeys Commander, Usk, Monmouthshire NP15 1PP T: Sec. James Morgan +44 (0)1873 880708 T: Pro. +44 (0)1873 880914 E: golf@alicespringsgolfclub.co.uk W: alicespringsgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18/18	Length(s): 5,967/5,321	Par(s): 70/69	SSS: 69/67
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Bargoed Golf Club		FOUNDED 1910	3
Heolddu, Bargoed CF81 9GF T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 830143 T: Pro. Craig Easton +44 (0)1443 836179 E: bargoed.golfclub@gmail.com W: bargoedgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18			
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Blackwood Golf Club		FOUNDED 1914	4
Cwmgelli, Blackwood NP12 1BR T: Sec. John Bills +44 (0)1495 222121 E: blackwoodgolf@btconnect.com			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,332 (18)	Par(s): 66 (18)	SSS: 66 (18)
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Bridgend Golf Complex		FOUNDED 1992	5
Golden Mile Drive, Bridgend CF35 5AS T: Sec. +44 (0)1656 647926 W: bridgendgolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 1,748	Par(s): 29	SSS: 29
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Brynhill Golf Club		FOUNDED 1920	6
Port Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 8PN T: Sec. Louise Edwards+44 (0)1446 720277 T: Pro. Duncan Prior +44 (0)1446 720277 E: louise@brynhillgolfclub.co.uk W: brynhillgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,371	Par(s): 72	SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel & Spa		FOUNDED 1973	7
Maescywmmr, Nr Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly CF82 7SN T: Sec. Steve Mayo +44 (0)1495 225590 E: reception@brynmeadows.co.uk W: brynmeadows.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,021	Par(s): 71	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Caerleon Golf Course		FOUNDED 1974	8
The Broadway, Caerleon, Newport NP18 1AY T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 420342 W: caerleongolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,800	Par(s): 68	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Caerphilly Golf Club		FOUNDED 1905	9
Pencapel, Mountain Road, Caerphilly CF83 1HJ T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2086 3441 T: Pro. +44 (0)29 2086 9104 E: secretary@caerphillygolfclub.com W: caerphillygolfclub.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,728	Par(s): 71	SSS: 70
Course type: Mountain		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £

Cardiff Golf Club		FOUNDED 1922	10
Sherborne Avenue, Cyncoed, Cardiff CF23 6SJ T: CEO. Russell Thomas +44 (0)29 2075 3320 T: Pro. Adam Constable +44 (0)29 2075 4772 E: admin@cardiffgolfclub.co.uk W: cardiffgolfclub.co.uk			



Cardiff Golf Club is a mature parkland course, founded in 1922. Very little of the outside world is visible from within our tree-lined course, in fact it would be easy to imagine that you are in the heart of the Welsh countryside rather than two miles from the centre of Cardiff. Each hole has its own individual character with subtle slopes, large mature trees and a meandering stream on eight of the holes providing a stiff but enjoyable challenge.

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,150	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££



The Rolls of Monmouth



Southerndown

Castell Coch Golf Club		FOUNDED 1988	11
Tongwynlais, Cardiff CF15 7JQ T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2081 3370			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 1,158	Par(s): 27	
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

The Celtic Manor Resort		FOUNDED 1995	12
Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport NP18 1HQ T: Golf Reservations +44 (0)1633 410263 T: Golf Academy +44 (0)1633 410312 E: bookings@celtic-manor.com W: celtic-manor.com			
Holes: 18/18/18	Length(s): 7,493/6,515/6,294	Par(s): 71/70/69	SSS: 77/72/71
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££-£££££	Weekday fee: £-£££££	

Coed-y-Mwstwr Golf Club		FOUNDED 1995	13
Bryn Road, Coychurch, Bridgend CF35 6AF T: Sec. Gareth Summerton +44 (0)1656 864934 T: Pro. Paul Thomas +44 (0)1656 862121 E: secretary@coed-y-mwstwr.co.uk W: coed-y-mwstwr.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,817	Par(s): 69	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £	

Cottrell Park Golf Resort		FOUNDED 1996	14
St Nicholas, Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6SJ T: Sec. Gareth Morgan +44 (0)29 2089 0263 T: Pro. Simon Cox & Wesley Vaughan +44 (0)1446 781781 E: sales@cottrellpark.com W: cottrellpark.com			
Holes: 18/18	Length(s): 6,568/6,229	Par(s): 72/71	SSS: 71/70
Course type: Parkland/American Theme	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££	

Creigiau Golf Club		FOUNDED 1921	15
Llantwit Road, Creigiau, Cardiff CF15 9NN T: Sec. Gareth Morgan +44 (0)29 2089 0263 T: Pro. Iain Luntz +44 (0)29 2089 0263 E: creigiaugolfclub@btconnect.com W: creigiaugolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,063	Par(s): 71	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

Dewstow Golf Club		FOUNDED 1988	16
Caerwent, Monmouthshire NP26 5AH T: Sec. +44 (0)1291 430444 E: info@dewstow.co.uk W: dewstow.co.uk			
Holes: 18/18	Length(s): 6,110/6,226	Par(s): 71/69	SSS: 70/69
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

Dinas Powis Golf Club		FOUNDED 1914	17
Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4AJ T: Sec. Sally Phelps +44 (0)29 2051 2727 T: Pro. Gareth Bennett +44 (0)29 2051 3682 E: dinaspowisgolfclub@yahoo.co.uk W: dpgc.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,595	Par(s): 18	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

The Glamorganshire Golf Club		FOUNDED 1890	18
Lavernock Road, Penarth, Nr Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 SUP T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2070 1185 T: Pro. +44 (0)29 2070 1185 E: manager@glamorganshiregolfclub.co.uk W: glamorganshiregolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,184	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £££	Weekday fee: ££	

Green Meadow Golf & Country Club		FOUNDED 1979	19
Treherbert Road, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran NP44 2BZ T: MD Peter Richardson +44 (0)1633 869321 T: Pro. Leon Clerke +44 (0)1633 862626 E: info@greenmeadowgolf.com W: greenmeadowgolf.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,078	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Grove Golf Club		FOUNDED 1996	20
South Cornelly, Nr Porthcawl CF33 4RP T: Sec. Michael Thomas +44 (0)1656 788771 T: Pro. Leon Warne +44 (0)1656 788300 E: enquiries@grovegolf.com W: grovegolf.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,128	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £	

Llanishen Golf Club		FOUNDED 1905	21
Heol Hir, Cardiff CF14 9UD T: Sec. Colin Duffield +44 (0)29 2075 5078 T: Pro. Adrian Jones +44 (0)29 2075 5076 E: manager@llanishengolfclub.com W: llanishengc.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,301	Par(s): 68	SSS: 67/65
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££	

Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club		FOUNDED 1927	22
Lanley Road, Talbot Green, Pontyclun CF72 8HZ T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 224601 T: Pro. +44 (0)1443 228169 E: info@llantrisantgolfclub.com W: llantrisantgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,328	Par(s): 68	SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

Llanwern Golf Club		FOUNDED 1928	23
Llanwern Village, Newport NP18 2DW T: Sec. Peter Probert +44 (0)1633 412029 T: Pro. Steve Price +44 (0)1633 413233 E: info@llanwerngolfclub.co.uk W: llanwerngolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,200	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

Llanrafaon Golf Course		FOUNDED 1981	24
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Holes: 9			
Course type: Parkland			



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Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,889	Par(s): 70 SSS: 69
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club	FOUNDED 1962	26
St Pierre Park, Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP16 6YA T: Sec. Arnie Pidgeon +44 (0)1291 635205 T: Pro. Craig Dun +44 (0)1291 635205 E: lisa.hale@marriotthotels.com W: marriottstpierre.co.uk		
Holes: 18/18	Length(s): 7,028/5,730	Par(s): 72/68 SSS: 74/68
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-£££	Weekday fee: £-£££

Merthyr Tydfil Golf Club	FOUNDED 1909	27
Cloth Hall Lane, Cefn Coed-y-Cymmer, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2NT T: Sec. Keith Anderson +44 (0)1685 373131 E: secretary@mtgc.co.uk W: mtgc.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,631	Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Monmouth Golf Club	FOUNDED 1896	28
Leasbrook Lane, Monmouth NP25 3SN T: Sec. Peter Tully +44 (0)1600 712212 T: Pro. Richard Ballard E: sec@monmouthgolfclub.co.uk W: monmouthgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,582	Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Monmouthshire Golf Club	FOUNDED 1892	29
Llanfoist, Abergavenny Monmouthshire NP7 9HE T: Sec. Clare Sobik +44 (0)1873 852606 T: Pro. Brian Edwards +44 (0)1873 852606 E: monmouthshiregc@btconnect.com W: monmouthshiregolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,978	Par(s): 70 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Morlais Castle Golf Club	FOUNDED 1900	30
Pant, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2UY T: Sec. Mr CM Jones +44 (0)1685 722822 T: Pro. Huw Jarrett +44 (0)1685 388700 E: morlaiscastlegolfclub@surfwise.co.uk W: morlaiscastlegolf.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,550	Par(s): 71 SSS: 72
Course type: Moorland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Mountain Ash Golf Club	FOUNDED 1908	31
The Avenue, Cefnpennar, Mountain Ash CF45 4DT T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 479459 E: sec@mountainashgc.co.uk W: mountainashgc.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,553	Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Newport Golf Club	FOUNDED 1903	32
Great Oak, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9FX T: Sec. Brian Rigby +44 (0)1633 892643 T: Pro. Paul Mayo +44 (0)1633 893271 E: secretary@newportgolfclub.org.uk W: newportgolfclub.org.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,500	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Oakdale Golf Course	FOUNDED 1990	33
Llwynon Lane, Oakdale, Blackwood NP12 0NF T: Sec. Mr M Lewis +44 (0)1495 220044 T: Pro. Matthew Griffiths +44 (0)1495 220440 E: mboakdalegolf@aol.com		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 1,516	Par(s): 28
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course	FOUNDED 2008	34
Parc Bryn Bach, Merthyr Road, Tredegar NP22 3AY T: Sec. +44 (0)1495 711816 E: parcbrynbach@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk W: blaenau-gwent.gov.uk		
Holes: 9	Course type: Mountain	

Parc Golf Club	FOUNDED 1988	35
Church Lane, Coedkernew, Newport NP10 8TU T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 680933 E: parc.golf@btconnect.com W: parcgolf.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,228	Par(s): 69
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Peterstone Lakes Golf Club	FOUNDED 1990	36
Peterstone, Wentloog, Cardiff CF3 2TN T: Sec. Nicola Erasmus +44 (0)1633 680009 T: Pro. Paul Glynn +44 (0)1633 680075 E: peterstone_lakes@yahoo.com W: peterstonelakes.com		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,600	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Pontnewydd Golf Club	FOUNDED 1875	37
West Pontnewydd, Cwmbran NP44 1AB T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 482170 T: Pro. +44 (0)1633 482170 E: secretary@pontnewyddgolf.co.uk W: pontnewyddgolf.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Course type: Moorland	

Pontypool Golf Club	FOUNDED 1903	38
Lasgarn Lane, Trevethin, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 8TR T: Sec. Les Dodd +44 (0)1495 763655 T: Pro. S Birch +44 (0)1495 755544 E: pontypoolgolf@btconnect.com W: pontypoolgolf.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,963	Par(s): 69 SSS: 69
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £

Pontypridd Golf Club	FOUNDED 1905	39
Ty Gwyn Road, The Common, Pontypridd CF37 4DJ T: Sec. Rebekah Craven +44 (0)1443 409904 T: Pro. John Wills +44 (0)1443 409904 E: rebekah.craven@pontypriddgolfclub.co.uk W: pontypriddgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,951	Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club	FOUNDED 1922	40
Waun-y-Mer, Kenfig, Bridgend CF33 4PU T: Sec. Simon Hopkin +44 (0)1656 783093 T: Pro. Dylan Williams +44 (0)1656 772446 E: secretary@pandkgolfclub.co.uk W: pandkgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,860	Par(s): 71 SSS: 73
Course type: Links	Weekend fee: ££-£££	Weekday fee: £-£££

Radyr Golf Club	FOUNDED 1902	41
Drysgol Road, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8BS T: Sec. Gareth Jones +44 (0)29 2084 2408 T: Pro. Simon Swales +44 (0)29 2084 2476 E: office@radyrgolf.co.uk W: radyrgolf.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,046	Par(s): 69 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

RAF St Athan Golf Club	FOUNDED 1902	42
Golf Club Lane, St Athan, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4LJ T: Sec. +44 (0)1446 751043 E: rafstathan@golfclub.fsbusiness.co.uk W: rafstathangc.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 6,554	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Raglan Parc Golf Club	FOUNDED 1975	43
Parc Lodge, Station Road, Raglan, Monmouthshire NP15 2ER T: Sec. +44 (0)1291 690077 E: info@raglanparc.co.uk W: raglanparc.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,615	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Rhondda Golf Club	FOUNDED 1910	44
Golf House, Penrhys, Ferndale CF43 3PW T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 441384 E: manager@rhonddagolf.co.uk W: rhonddagolf.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Course type: Mountain	

Ridgeway Golf Club	FOUNDED 1997	45
Caerphilly Mountain, Caerphilly CF83 1LY T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2088 2255 W: ridgewaygolfclub.com		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 4,707 (18)	Par(s): 68 SSS: 64
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club	FOUNDED 1982	46
The Hendre, Monmouth NP25 5HG T: Sec. +44 (0)1600 715353 E: enquiries@therollsgolfclub.co.uk W: therollsgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,733	Par(s): 72 SSS: 73
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Royal Porthcawl Golf Club	FOUNDED 1891	47
Rest Bay, Porthcawl CF36 3UW T: Sec. Michael Newland +44 (0)1656 782251 T: Pro. Peter Evans +44 (0)1656 773702 E: office@royalporthcawl.com W: royalporthcawl.com		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 7,089	Par(s): 72 SSS: 76
Course type: Links	Weekend fee: £££££	Weekday fee: £££££

Southerndown Golf Club	FOUNDED 1905	48
Ogmore by Sea, Bridgend CF32 0QP T: Sec. Alan Hughes +44 (0)1656 881110 T: Pro. John Peters +44 (0)1656 881112 E: admin@southerndowngolfclub.com W: southerndowngolfclub.com		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,428	Par(s): 70 SSS: 72
Course type: Heathland/Links	Weekend fee: ££££	Weekday fee: £££

St Andrews Major Golf Club	FOUNDED 1991	49
Coldbrook Road East, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 1BL T: Sec. Andrew Edmunds +44 (0)1446 722227 T: Pro. John Hastings +44 (0)1446 722227 E: info@standrewsmajorgolfclub.com W: standrewsmajorgolfclub.com		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,425	Par(s): 69 SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

St Mary's Hotel, Golf & Country Club	FOUNDED 1990	50
Pencoed, Vale of Glamorgan CF35 5EA T: Sec. +44 (0)1656 868900 E: reception@stmaryshotel.com W: stmaryshotel.com		
Holes: 18/12/9	Length(s): 5,335/2,838/2,416	Par(s): 68/44/35
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

St Mellons Golf Club	FOUNDED 1937	51
St Mellons, Cardiff CF3 2XS T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 680408 T: Pro. +44 (0)1633 680101 E: stmellons@golf2003.fsnet.co.uk W: stmellonsgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,275	Par(s): 70 SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Tredegar Park Golf Club	FOUNDED 1921	52
Parc-y-Brain Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9TG T: Sec. Stuart Salway +44 (0)1633 894433 T: Pro. Mark Phillips +44 (0)1633 894433 E: secretary@tredegarparkgolfclub.co.uk W: tredegarparkgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,564	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Club	FOUNDED 1921	53
The Clubhouse, Cwmtysswg, Rhymney, Tredegar NP22 5HA T: Sec. Will Price +44 (0)1685 840743 E: tandrgc@gmail.com W: tandrgc.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,316	Par(s): 67 SSS: 67
Course type: Mountain	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Vale Resort	FOUNDED 1990	54
Hensol Park, Hensol, Vale of Glamorgan CF72 8JY T: Pro. Clive Coombs +44 (0)1443 665899 E: sales@vale-hotel.com W: vale-hotel.com		
Holes: 18/18	Length(s): 7,433/6,436	Par(s): 73/72 SSS: 74/72
Course type: Parkland		



Senior Open Championship comes to Royal Porthcawl in 2014

In July 2014, Royal Porthcawl plays host to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of top competitions in their time, this is undoubtedly the biggest. Previous winners include players like Bob Charles, Bernhard Langer, Gary Player and Tom Watson. By the time 2014 rolls around, names such as Colin Montgomerie, Miguel Angel Jiménez and Davis Love III will be eligible for the competition, so we can expect a stellar turnout in Wales from players and fans alike. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

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Holes: 9	Length(s): 4,926 (18)	Par(s): 66
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Wenvoe Castle Golf Club	FOUNDED 1936	56
Wenvoe, Nr Cardiff CF5 6BE T: Sec. Nicola Sims +44 (0)29 2059 4371 T: Pro. Jason Harris +44 (0)29 2059 3649 E: wenvoecastle@btconnect.com W: wenvoecastlegolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,514	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Wernddu Golf Club	FOUNDED 1993	57
Old Ross Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 8NG T: Sec. Steve Cole +44 (0)1873 268604 T: Pro. Tina Tetley +44 (0)1873 856223 E: info@wernddu-golf-club.co.uk W: wernddu-golf-club.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,613	Par(s): 69 SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

West Monmouthshire Golf Club	FOUNDED 1906	58
Golf Road, Nantyglo, Brynmawr NP23 4QT T: Sec. +44 (0)1495 310233 E: care@westmongolfclub.co.uk W: westmongolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,118	Par(s): 71 SSS: 69
Course type: Heathland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Whitchurch (Cardiff) Golf Club	FOUNDED 1914	59
Pantmawr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 7TD T: Sec. G J Perrott +44 (0)29 2062 0985 T: Pro. R Davies +44 (0)29 2061 4660 E: secretary@whitchurchcardiffgolfclub.com W: whitchurchcardiffgolfclub.com		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,278	Par(s): 71 SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £££	Weekday fee: ££

Whitehall Golf Club	FOUNDED 1922	60
The Pavilion, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6ST T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 740245 E: m.wilde001@tiscali.co.uk W: whitehallgolfclub1922.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,666 (18)	Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Hilltop	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Woodlake Park Golf & Country Club	FOUNDED 1993	61
Glascoed, Pontypool NP4 0TE T: Sec. MJ Wood +44 (0)1291 673933 T: Pro. Kyle Smith +44 (0)7720 658828 E: golf@woodlake.co.uk W: woodlake.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,400	Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £



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Royal Porthcawl



WEST WALES IN THREE WORDS

POETIC, CELTIC, SCENIC

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

It's in the lap of the gods when you play the short 16th 'Death or Glory' hole at **Langland Bay** on the Gower Peninsula. Gower boasts some of Wales's finest courses, including Pennard, the legendary 'links in the sky' overlooking Three Cliffs Bay, where you'll need to look out for the ruined castle when teeing off from the seventh. Swansea, Wales's fresh-faced 'Waterfront City', is also well blessed with clubs – **Clyne's** downland course, for example, has more of those intoxicating sea views that famous son Dylan Thomas described in his poems and short stories.

Go westward for more golfing gold. Jack Nicklaus had a hand in designing the modern links championship course at **Machynys**

Peninsula Golf and Country Club, a relative newcomer that has been wowing golfers since its opening in 2005. In contrast, **Ashburnham** is a classic links rich in golfing heritage (Bernard Gallagher and Sam Torrance won memorable career 'firsts' here on a course founded in 1894). There's more heritage at **Tenby**, where links golf was played before the club was officially founded in 1888, making it the 'oldest affiliated course in Wales'. Neighbouring **Trefloyne** is a mere youngster, less than 20 years old. **Newport**, another course with a long history, has moved with the times, recently expanding from nine to 18 holes and offering luxury accommodation. It shares some of the best sea views on the planet with nine-hole **St David's City**.

WHY GO? You can choose from 36 courses, scattered across the region from Swansea to the westernmost tip of Wales. You'll also like the surroundings. Pembrokeshire is home to the UK's only true coastal-based National Park – all 200 miles of it, a stunning shoreline of bays and beaches, headlands and coves, rich in wildlife every step of the way. There's more coastal splendour along the Gower Peninsula, an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' and sandy Carmarthen Bay. Carmarthenshire's greens and greenery also attract, not just in the golfing sense – it's not called the 'garden of Wales' for nothing.

**GIVE ME FIVE GOOD REASONS TO GO OFF-COURSE**

- 1 After checking out the greens at Carmarthen Golf Club visit the National Botanic Garden of Wales – it's vast and visionary, with a UFO-like Great Glasshouse designed by Sir Norman Foster.
- 2 Delve into Dylan Thomas's life at Swansea (and call into Swansea Market for some traditional treats). Then visit the sleepy seatown of Laugharne and Dylan's beloved Boathouse.
- 3 Take a boat trip from Tenby to Caldey Island (left). Buy perfume. Give to partner.
- 4 Visit tiny St David's then walk its magical peninsula following one of the finest stretches of the 870-mile Wales Coast Path.
- 5 Go Gower – in fact, go all the way to the Gower Peninsula's mind-blowing 'land's end' and the 'miles of yellow coldness' of Rhossili beach, as recommended by Dylan Thomas.

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West Wales green fees guide

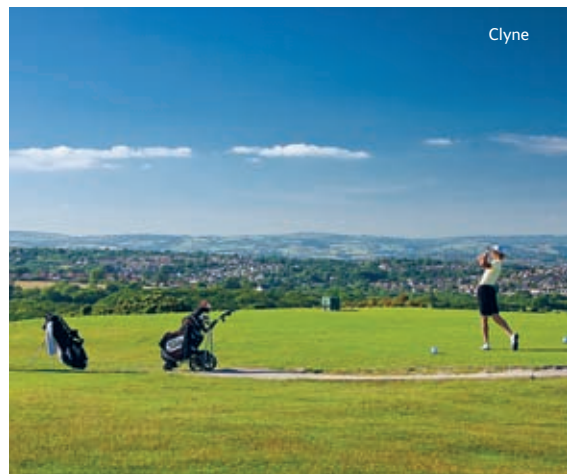
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Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2012), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

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Clyne



Three Cliffs Bay, Gower



Langland Bay



National Botanic Gardens

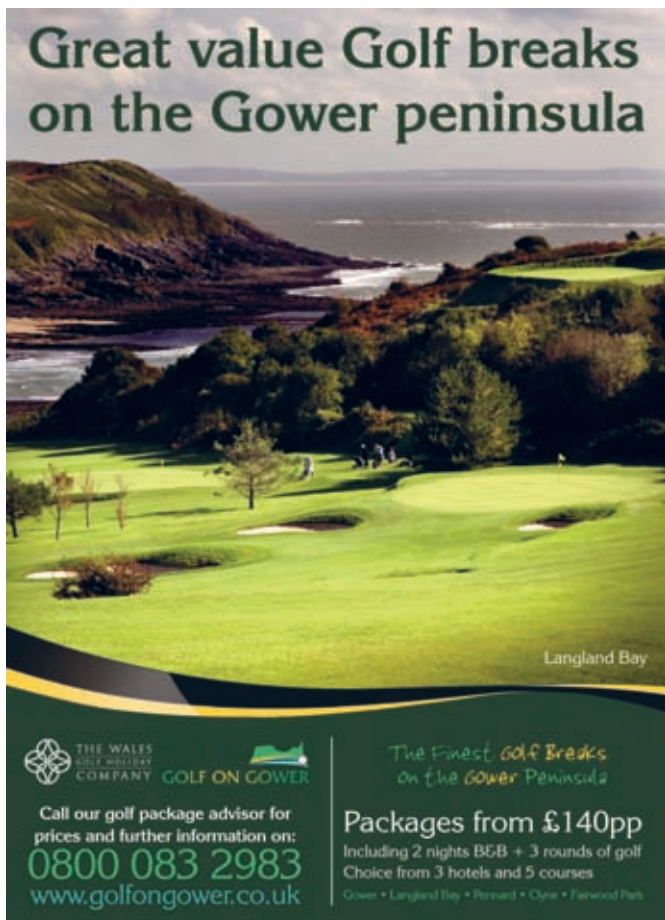


west wales

poetic, celtic, scenic

Allt-y-Graban Golf Club FOUNDED 1993 62 Allt-y-Graban Road, Pontlliw, Swansea SA4 9DT T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 885757	Fairwood Park Golf Club FOUNDED 1969 71 Blackhills Lane, Gower, Swansea SA2 7JN T: Sec. Erol Golbas +44 (0)1792 297849 T: Pro. Mark Evans +44 (0)1792 299194 E: info@fairwoodpark.com W: fairwoodpark.com
Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,700 Par(s): 73 SSS: 73 Course type: Woodland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: ££
Ashburnham Golf Club FOUNDED 1894 63 Cliffe Terrace, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire SA16 0HN T: Sec. Huw Morgan +44 (0)1554 832269 T: Pro. Martin Stimson +44 (0)1554 832269 E: admin@ashgolf.co.uk W: ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk	Garnant Golf Club FOUNDED 1997 72 Dinefwr Road, Garnant, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire SA18 1NP T: Dir. of Golf/Pro. Neil Owen +44 (0)1269 823365 E: info@garnantgolfclub.co.uk W: garnantgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,945 Par(s): 72 SSS: 74 Course type: Links Weekend fee: ££-£££ Weekday fee: ££	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,179 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: £
Carmarthen Golf Club FOUNDED 1907 64 Blaen y Coed Road, Carmarthen SA33 6EH T: Sec. +44 (0)1267 281588 T: Pro. Darren Griffiths +44 (0)1267 281493 E: info@carmarthengolfclub.co.uk W: carmarthengolfclub.co.uk	Glyn Abbey Golf Club FOUNDED 1992 73 Trimsaran, Carmarthenshire SA17 4LB T: Sec. Martin Lane +44 (0)1554 810278 T: Pro. Mike Davies +44 (0)1554 810278 E: info@glynabbey.co.uk W: glynabbey.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,242 Par(s): 71 SSS: 71 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £-££ Weekday fee: £-££	Holes: 18/9 Length(s): 6,202/ 657 Par(s): 70/ 27 SSS: 70 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: £
Celtic Haven Golf Club FOUNDED 1907 65 Celtic Haven, Lydstep, Tenby, Pembrokeshire SA70 7SG T: Sec. +44 (0)1834 870000 E: welcome@celtichaven.com W: celtichaven.co.uk	Glynhir Golf Club FOUNDED 1910 74 Glynhir Road, Llandybie, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire SA18 2TF T: Sec. Robert Edwards +44 (0)1269 851365 T: Pro. Richard Herbert +44 (0)1269 851010 E: info@glynhirgolfclub.co.uk W: glynhirgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,033 Par(s): 69 SSS: 70 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £
Clyne Golf Club FOUNDED 1921 66 118-120 Owls Lodge Lane, Mayals, Swansea SA3 5DP T: Sec. John Hollis +44 (0)1792 401989 T: Pro. Jonathan Clewett +44 (0)1792 402094 E: manager@clynegolfclub.co.uk W: clynegolfclub.com	Glynneath Golf Club FOUNDED 1931 75 Penygraig, Pontneddfechan, Glynneath SA11 5UH T: Sec. Adrian Hall +44 (0)1639 720452 T: Pro. Shane McMenamin +44 (0)1639 720452 E: enquiries@glynneathgolfclub.co.uk W: glynneathgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,943 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70 Course type: Moorland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: £-££	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,090 Par(s): 71 SSS: 70 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £
Corus Golf Course FOUNDED 1968 67 The Course, Groes, Port Talbot SA12 8UW T: Sec. +44 (0)1639 872283	Gower Golf Club FOUNDED 1995 76 Cefn Goleu, Three Crosses, Swansea SA4 3HS T: +44 (0)1792 872480 T: Pro. Lee Lewis/Alex Tissick +44 (0)1792 879905 E: info@gowergolf.co.uk W: gowergolf.co.uk
Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,441 Par(s): 71 SSS: 72 Course type: Rolling parkland Weekend fee: £-££ Weekday fee: £
Dawn Till Dusk Golf Club FOUNDED 1993 68 Furze Hill Farm, Rosemarket, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire SA73 1JY T: Sec. +44 (0)1437 890281	Gowerton Golf Range FOUNDED 1990 77 Victoria Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3AB T: Sec. Wayne Battye +44 (0)1792 875188 T: Pro. Mike Hobbs +44 (0)1792 875188 E: info@gowertongolfrange.co.uk W: gowertongolfrange.co.uk
Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland	Holes: 9 Length(s): 969 Par(s): 9 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £
Derlys Court Golf Club FOUNDED 1993 69 Llysonnen Road, Bancyfelin, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA33 5DT T: Sec. Rhian Walters +44 (0)1267 211575 T: Pro. Robert Ryder +44 (0)7771 902604 E: derlys@hotmail.com W: derlyscourtgolfclub.com	Haverfordwest Golf Club FOUNDED 1904 78 Arnolds Down, Narberth Road, Haverfordwest SA61 2XQ T: Sec. Mal Davies +44 (0)1437 764523 T: Pro. Alex Pile +44 (0)1437 768409 E: haverfordwestgc@btconnect.com W: haverfordwestgolfclub.net
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,847 Par(s): 70 SSS: 68 Course type: Parkland	Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,002 Par(s): 70 SSS: 69 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £
Earlswood Golf Club FOUNDED 1993 70 Jersey Marine, Neath SA10 6JP T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 812198	Lakeside Golf Club FOUNDED 1992 79 Water Street, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2PA T: Sec. +44 (0)1639 899959
Holes: 18 Course type: Heathland	Holes: 18 Length(s): 4,580 Par(s): 63 SSS: 63 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

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Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,026 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70

Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £-££ Weekday fee: £-££

Llandovery College Golf Course FOUNDED 1985 **81**

Llandovery College, Queensway, Llandovery, Carmarthenshire SA20 0EE
T: Sec. +44 (0)1550 723000
E: mail@llandoverycollege.com
W: llandoverycollege.com

Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland

Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa FOUNDED 2005 **82**

Nicklaus Avenue, Machynys, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 2DG
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E: golf.pro@machynys.com W: machynys.com

Holes: 18 Length(s): 7,121 Par(s): 72 SSS: 76

Course type: Modern Links Weekend fee: £-££ Weekday fee: £-££

Mayfield Golf Centre FOUNDED 1944 **83**

Mayfield, Freystrop, Haverfordwest SA62 4ET
T: Sec. +44 (0)1437 764300

Holes: 9 Course type: Parkland

Milford Haven Golf Club FOUNDED 1913 **84**

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T: Sec. Steve Brown +44 (0)1646 697822 T: Pro. Matthew Heame +44 (0)1646 697822 ext 2
E: milfordgolfclub@aol.com W: mhgc.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,112 Par(s): 71 SSS: 70

Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

Morrleston Golf Club FOUNDED 1910 **85**

160 Clasemont Road, Morrleston, Swansea SA6 6AJ
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E: morrstongolf@btconnect.com W: morrstongolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,708 Par(s): 68 SSS: 68

Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: £

Neath Golf Club FOUNDED 1934 **86**

Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton, Neath SA10 8AH
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Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,619 Par(s): 72 SSS: 73

Course type: Heathland Weekend fee: £-££ Weekday fee: £-££

Newport Links Golf Club & Resort FOUNDED 1925 **87**

Golf Course Road, Newport, Pembrokeshire SA42 0NR
T: Sec. +44 (0)1239 820244
E: newportgc@lineone.net W: newportlinks.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,053

Course type: Links Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: £

Palleg & Swansea Valley Golf Club FOUNDED 1930 **88**

Palleg Road, Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea SA9 2QQ
T: Sec./Pro. Graham Coombe +44 (0)1639 842193
E: gc.gcgs@btconnect.com W: palleg-golf.com

Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,902 Par(s): 72 SSS: 70

Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

Pennard Golf Club FOUNDED 1896 **89**

2 Southgate Road, Southgate, Swansea SA3 2BT
T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 233131 T: Pro. +44 (0)1792 233451
E: sec@pennardgolfclub.com W: pennardgolfclub.com

Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,902 Par(s): 72 SSS: 70

Course type: Links Weekend fee: £££ Weekday fee: ££

Pontardawe Golf Club FOUNDED 1924 **90**

Cefn Llan, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4SH
T: Sec. Richard Gove +44 (0)1792 863118
E: enquiries@pontardawegolfclub.co.uk W: pontardawegolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,101 Par(s): 70 SSS: 69

Course type: Parkland/Mountain Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

Priskilly Forest Golf Club & Country House FOUNDED 1992 **91**

Castlemorris, Nr Fishguard, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 5EH
T: Sec. P Evans +44 (0)1348 840276
E: jevans@priskilly-forest.co.uk W: priskilly-forest.co.uk

Holes: 9 Length(s): 5,900 Par(s): 70 SSS: 69

Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

South Pembrokeshire Golf Club FOUNDED 1969 **92**

Military Road, Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire SA72 6SE
T: Sec. Michael Seal +44 (0)1646 621453 Pro. Robert Ryder
E: spgc06@tiscali.co.uk W: southpembsgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,210 Par(s): 70

Course type: Headland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £

St David's City Golf Club FOUNDED 1903 **93**

The Burrows, Whitesands, St Davids, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 6PT
T: Sec. +44 (0)1437 721751
E: info@stdavidscitygolfclub.co.uk W: stdavidscitygolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,582 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70

Course type: Links Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £



Swansea Bay Golf Club FOUNDED 1892 **94**

The Clubhouse, Jersey Marine, Neath, West Glamorgan SA10 6JP
T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 812198
E: swanseabaygolfclub@hotmail.co.uk

Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,459 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72

Course type: Links

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Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,635	Par(s): 72	
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££	

Tenby Golf Club		FOUNDED 1888	96
The Burrows, Tenby, Pembrokeshire SA70 7NP T: Sec. David Hancock +44 (0)1834 842978 T: Pro. Rhys Harry +44 (0)1834 844447 E: info@tenbygolf.co.uk W: tenbygolf.co.uk			
			



Welsh golf couldn't have asked for a better birthplace. Natural golfing terrain, medieval walled town and superb sea views. The course is a pure links classic. The gently rolling James Braid links offer a string of classy holes and fast true greens. It is little wonder Tenby is regularly chosen to host national championships. Visitors are welcome all year round and the excellent drainage ensures the course is hardly ever closed.

Tawe Vale Golf Club		FOUNDED 1965	95
Clydach, Swansea SA6 5QR T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 842929			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,015	Par(s): 70	SSS: 69
Course type: Flat Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,528	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Links	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££	

Local authority run facilities

Carmarthenshire

Garnant Golf Course

18-hole pay as you play course
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Glyn Abbey Golf Club

9-hole pay as you play course
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Pembrey Country Park

Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1554 833913

Neath Port Talbot

Gnoll Golf Course

9-hole pay as you play course
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Swansea

Ashley Road

10-hole pitch and putt course
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Par-3/Novice courses

Corus Golf Course

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Glyn Abbey Golf Club (9-hole)

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Gowerton Golf Range

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Tycroes Golf Range

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MID WALES IN THREE WORDS

GREEN, GREEN, GREEN

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

All we can say is that **Royal St David's** is a par-69 and that you might be put off by having a UNESCO World Heritage Site looking over your shoulder. Harlech Castle looms over this links course, an undisputed classic along with **Aberdovey** and **Borth & Ynyslas** just down the coast. Aberdovey's world-class links get rave reviews by everyone from great golf writer Bernard Darwin to great golfer Ian Woosnam. Talking of Woosie, he cut his golfing teeth at mountainous **Llanymynech**, where we're big-hearted enough to admit that three of its 18 holes are played in England. **Welshpool** is another highland gem, an exciting course

that's hard on the legs – but well worth it (Darwin said it was 'so unexpected, so unlike anything else, perched on the roof of the world').

There are more stunning vistas at **Aberystwyth**, **Cardigan**, **Llandrindod Wells**, **Cradoc** (near Brecon)... at most clubs, really, for they sit in green, gorgeous surroundings. We've mentioned links golf but here's a variation on the theme. **Llandrindod's** hilltop course has a links influence, while **Cardigan's** is a links/parkland mix. But for the 110 per cent green, green grass of Mid Wales go to **Cradoc** a sweeping parkland course with gob-smacking, golf-stopping views of the Brecon Beacons.

WHY GO? Because of its 28 golf clubs, some of the friendliest and finest in Wales. Take your pick. And take time out to explore the most peaceful, unhurried region in Wales, where everything – apart from the scenery – is on a human, rural scale. The southern part of the Snowdonia National Park reaches all the way down to Machynlleth (in fact, 500 of its 840 square miles are within Mid Wales). The rolling uplands along the Wales/England border are rounder and even greener than Snowdonia, while the Cambrian Mountains fill the spaces between east and west, a 'wild Wales' untamed even by hardy golf clubs. There's more untouched scenic splendour along Cardigan Bay and Ceredigion's Heritage Coast, home to porpoises and bottlenose dolphins.

GIVE ME FIVE GOOD REASONS TO GO OFF-COURSE

- 1 Walk up to the legendary 'Chair of Idris', Cader Idris, the brooding mountain above Dolgellau. Don't take a nap when you get to the top – you might awake 'a poet or a madman – or not at all'.
- 2 Explore Offa's Dyke from Knighton. Sections of this astounding 8th-century earthwork still survive in the hills above.
- 3 Visit our own 'Lake District', the Elan Valley lakes, plus more scenic reservoirs at Clywedog, Nant-y-Moch and Lake Vyrnwy.
- 4 Chill out in Aberaeron, the handsome little Georgian-style seaport that has become a fashionable 'must stay and eat there' place to go.
- 5 Take in a festival or country fair – we're cheating here, for you'll end up with a lot more than five reasons. Sleepy Mid Wales will tire you out during the Royal Welsh Show and festivals at Brecon (left), Dolgellau, Hay-on-Wye, Llandrindod Wells, Llanwrtyd Wells, Machynlleth, Presteigne and Welshpool.



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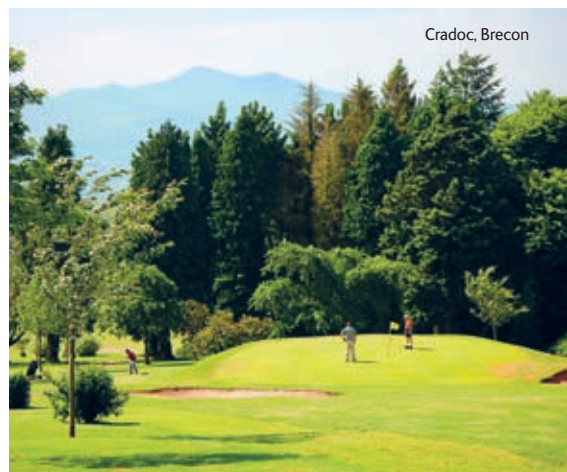
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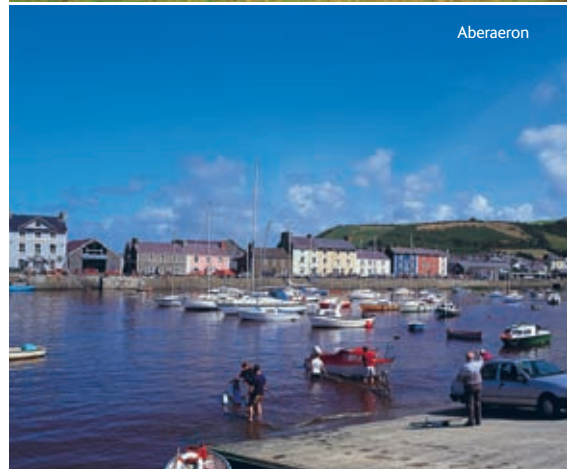
Cradoc, Brecon



Cadair Idris



Cardigan



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green, green, green

Aberdovey Golf Club		FOUNDED 1892	98
Station Road, Aberdovey, Gwynedd LL35 0RT T: Sec. Gareth Pritchard +44 (0)1654 767493 T: Pro. Andy Humphreys +44 (0)1654 767493 E: sec@aberdoveygolf.co.uk W: aberdoveygolf.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,703	Par(s): 71	SSS: 73
Course type: Links	Weekend fee: ££-£££	Weekday fee: ££-£££	

Aberystwyth Golf Club		FOUNDED 1911	99
Brynmor Road, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 2HY T: Sec. Mrs Carole Burnell +44 (0)1970 615104 E: aberystwythgolf@talk21.com W: aberystwythgolfclub.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,119	Par(s): 70	SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££	

Bala Golf Club		FOUNDED 1928	100
Penlan, Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7YD T: Sec. +44 (0)1678 520359 E: balagolf@btconnect.com W: golffbala.co.uk			
Holes: 10	Course type: Hilltop		

Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club		FOUNDED 1885	101
Borth, Ceredigion SY24 5JS T: Sec. +44 (0)1970 871202 T: Pro. John Lewis +44 (0)1970 871557 E: secretary@borthgolf.co.uk W: borthgolf.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Course type: Links		

Brecon Golf Club		FOUNDED 1902	102
Newtown Park, Llanfaes, Brecon, Powys LD3 8PA T: Sec. Pat McCarthy +44 (0)1874 622004 E: info@brecongolfclub.co.uk W: brecongolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 6,068 (18)	Par(s): 70 (18)	SSS: 70 (18)
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Builth Wells Golf Club		FOUNDED 1923	103
Golf Links Road, Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3NF T: Sec./Pro. Simon Edwards +44 (0)1982 553296 E: info@builthwellsgolf.co.uk/simon.edwards1@btconnect.com W: builthwellsgolf.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,410	Par(s): 66	SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £-££	

Cardigan Golf Club		FOUNDED 1895	104
Gwbert, Cardigan, Ceredigion SA43 1PR T: Sec. John Jones +44 (0)1239 621775 T: Pro. Steven Parsons +44 (0)1239 615359 E: cgc@btconnect.com W: cardigangolf.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,455	Par(s): 72	SSS: 73
Course type: Links/Cliff top	Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: ££	

Cilgwyn Golf Club		FOUNDED 1905	105
Llangybi, Lampeter SA48 8NN T: Sec. John M Jones +44 (0)1570 493286 E: enquiries@cilgwyngolf.co.uk W: cilgwyngolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,361	Par(s): 68	SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Cradoc Golf Club		FOUNDED 1967	106
Penoyre Park, Brecon, Powys LD3 9LP T: Sec. Robert Southcott +44 (0)1874 623658 T: Pro. Richard Davies +44 (0)1874 625524 E: secretary@cradoc.co.uk W: cradoc.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,188	Par(s): 71	SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££	

Cwmrhydneuadd Golf Club		FOUNDED 1991	107
Pentregat, Llandysul, Ceredigion SA44 6HD T: Sec. +44 (0)1239 654933 W: cwmrgolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Course type: Parkland		

Dolgellau Golf Club		FOUNDED 1911	108
Pen Cefn Road, Dolgellau, Gwynedd LL40 2ES T: Sec./Pro. Mark White +44 (0)1341 422603 E: info@dolgellaugolfclub.com W: dolgellaugolfclub.com			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 4,696 (18)	Par(s): 66	SSS: 64
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Knighton Golf Club		FOUNDED 1906	109
Frydd Terrace, Knighton, Powys LD7 1DL T: Sec. +44 (0)1547 528046 E: knightongolfclub@btconnect.com W: knightongolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Course type: Moorland		

Lakeside Golf Course		FOUNDED 2008	110
Bryn Llyn Farm, Bryn Llyn Lane, Garthmyl, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6RU T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 640909 W: lakesidegolfcourse.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Course type: Parkland		



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Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,749	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Upland Links		Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Llanymynech Golf Club		FOUNDED 1933	112
Pant, Nr Oswestry, Shropshire SY10 8LB T: Sec. +44 (0)1691 830983 T: Pro. Andy Griffiths/Stuart Penrose +44 (0)1691 830542 E: secretary@llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk W: llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,873	Par(s): 70	SSS: 68
Course type: Hilltop		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Machynlleth Golf Club		FOUNDED 1904	113
Felingerrig, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 8UH T: Sec. John Lewis +44 (0)1654 702000 E: machgolf2@tiscali.co.uk W: machynllethgolfclub.com			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,863	Par(s): 34	SSS: 34
Course type: Heathland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Maesmawr Golf Club		FOUNDED 1992	114
Mid Wales Golf Centre, Moat Lane, Caersws, Powys SY17 5SB T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 688303			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 1,277	Par(s): 27	
Course type: Parkland			

The Old Rectory Country Hotel		FOUNDED 1979	115
Llangattock, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1PH T: Sec. +44 (0)1873 810373 E: oldrectoryhotel@live.com W: rectoryhotel.co.uk			
Holes: 9			
Course type: Meadowland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Oswestry Golf Club		FOUNDED 1903	116
Aston Park, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 4JJ T: Sec. Roger E Stamp +44 (0)1691 610535 T: Pro. Jason Davies +44 (0)1691 610448 E: secretary@oswestrygolfclub.co.uk W: oswestrygolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,891	Par(s): 70	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££-£££	Weekday fee: ££

Penrhos Golf and Country Club		FOUNDED 1992	117
Llanrhystud, Ceredigion SY23 5AY T: Sec. Rowland Rees-Evans +44 (0)1974 202999 T: Pro. Paul Diamond +44 (0)1974 202999 E: info@penrhosgolf.co.uk W: penrhosgolf.co.uk			



Located nine miles south of Aberystwyth, Penrhos is a parkland and meadowland course with lakes and panoramic views of the Welsh countryside and Cardigan Bay. There is an 18-hole championship length course and a 9-hole par-3/4 course and floodlit covered driving range. Accommodation is available on-site in stylish hotel suites and luxury log cabins. The clubhouse provides a spacious bar and lounge area. Meals are available daily in the friendly atmosphere of 19th hole overlooking the 18th green and terrace.

Holes: 18/9	Length(s): 6,660/ 1,784	Par(s): 72/31	SSS: 73/-
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £-££



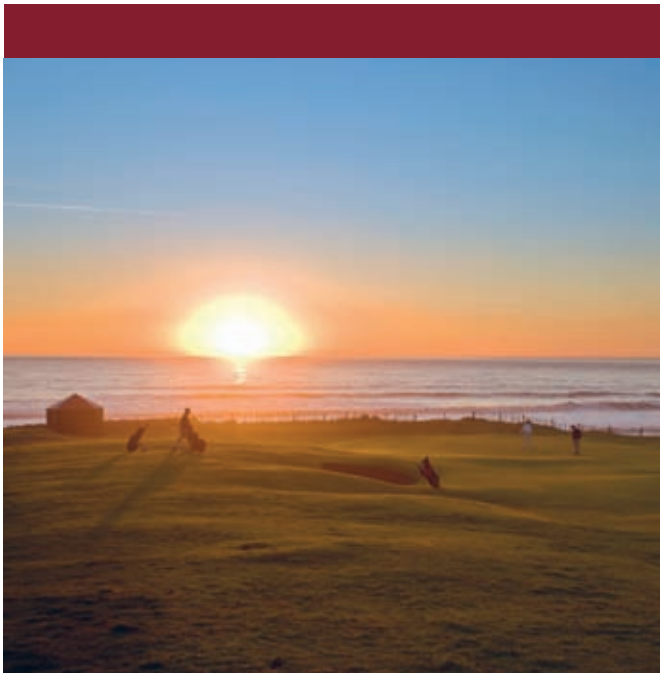
Welshpool



Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club	FOUNDED 1984	118
Rhosgoch (near Hay-on-Wye), Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3JY T: Sec. Christopher Dance +44 (0)1497 851251 E: rhosgochgolf@yahoo.co.uk W: rhosgoch-golf.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,000	SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Royal St David's Golf Club	FOUNDED 1894	119
Harlech, Gwynedd LL46 2UB T: Sec. Trefor Davies +44 (0)1766 780361 T: Pro. Gareth Lewis +44 (0)1766 780857 E: sales@royalstdavids.co.uk W: royalstdavids.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,403	Par(s): 69 SSS: 72
Course type: Links	Weekend fee: ££-£££	Weekday fee: ££-£££

St Giles Golf Club	FOUNDED 1885	120
Pool Road, Newtown, Powys SY16 3AJ T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 625844 E: stgilesgolf@googlemail.com W: stgilesgolf.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 6,012 (18)	SSS: 70 (18)
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £



Senior Open Championship comes to Royal Porthcawl in 2014

In July 2014, Royal Porthcawl plays host to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of top competitions in their time, this is undoubtedly the biggest. Previous winners include players like Bob Charles, Bernhard Langer, Gary Player and Tom Watson. By the time 2014 rolls around, names such as Colin Montgomerie, Miguel Angel Jiménez and Davis Love III will be eligible for the competition, so we can expect a stellar turnout in Wales from players and fans alike. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

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Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,510	Par(s): 66
Course type: Parkland		

Saron Golf Course	FOUNDED 1992	122
Penwern, Saron, Llandysul, Carmarthenshire SA44 5EL T: Sec. C Searle +44 (0)1559 370705		
Holes: 9		
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Summerhill Golf Club	FOUNDED 1994	123
Clifford, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR3 5EW T: Sec. +44 (0)1497 820451 E: enquiries@hayonwyegolf.co.uk W: hayonwyegolf.co.uk		
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,858	Par(s): 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Welsh Border Golf Complex	FOUNDED 1990	124
Bulthy, Middletown, Nr Welshpool, Powys SY21 8ER T: Sec. Keith Farr +44 (0)1743 884247 T: Pro. Peter Seal +44 (0)1743 884247 E: welshbordergolf@btconnect.com W: welshbordergolf.com		
Holes: 9/9		
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Welshpool Golf Club	FOUNDED 1894	125
Y Golfa, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9AQ T: Sec. +44 (0)1938 850249 E: secretary@welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk W: welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk		
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,700	Par(s): 70
Course type: Mountain		

Par-3/Novice courses

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Penrhos Golf & Country Club (9-hole)

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8 bays

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Penrhos Golf & Country Club

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10 bays





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WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Who knows, when it's windy and you're playing the notorious, charismatic, magnetic Nefyn & District? Bring your sea legs, for this amazing cliff-edged course is 'like playing off the deck of an aircraft carrier', a unique experience that perhaps explains why it has such a large and devoted fan club. Other must-plays in these parts include **Bull Bay** on Anglesey (Wales's northernmost course and one of eight on the island), **Maesdu** and **North Wales** (both at Llandudno), **Conwy**, **Porthmadog** (a quirky mix of heathland and pure links) and the lovely **Vale of Llangollen**.

But best of all, we recommend that you take yourself off and discover some of our many golfing gems for yourself. If you're a fan of James Braid (and who isn't?) you can follow in the footsteps of this legendary course designer on the James Braid Trail (see pages 24/25 for more details). Want to play the second-longest hole in Britain, a whacking, whopping 664 yards? Then go to **Chirk Golf Club**. **Rhuddlan's** beautiful parkland course isn't quite as venerable as its 13th-century castle, but it's in fine health for an 80-year-old. For something a little more recent there's **Northop Country Park**, another stunning parkland venue founded in 1993.

WHY GO? For around 49 golf clubs in all kinds of fabulous locations, for all kinds of players. And did we mention the mountains? There are lots of them – 15 peaks over 3,000ft in Snowdonia alone, while along the border the grassy hills of the Clwydian Range are protected as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. AONBs also cocoon the pristine shores of the Isle of Anglesey and Llŷn Peninsula, keeping them as nature intended. It's the Great Outdoors, all on your doorstep. So if you want more fresh air after your game of golf there's an A to Z of activities to get stuck into (abseiling to zip-wire riding, since you ask).



GIVE ME FIVE GOOD REASONS TO GO OFF-COURSE

- 1 Climb to the top of Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales. If you want to save your energy for the golf, go by narrow-gauge railway.
- 2 See Llandudno from different perspectives – from the end of its delightful Victorian pier (all proper resorts should have one) or the cablecar or tramway that carry you to the top of the Great Orme headland.
- 3 Take a picture of the par-58 (we're talking letters here) Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. We know it sounds corny but it has to be done. And since you're on Anglesey you'll want to make the most of the island's beautiful beaches.
- 4 Go pony trekking and riding from the verdant Vale of Clwyd up, up and away into the airy Clwydian Range (left).
- 5 Travel to the 'land's end' of the Llŷn Peninsula and be blown away by the views across to Bardsey Island. And possibly the wind too, so hold on to your hat.

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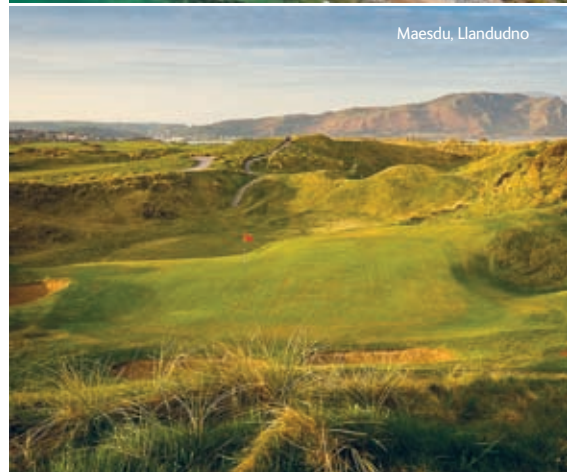
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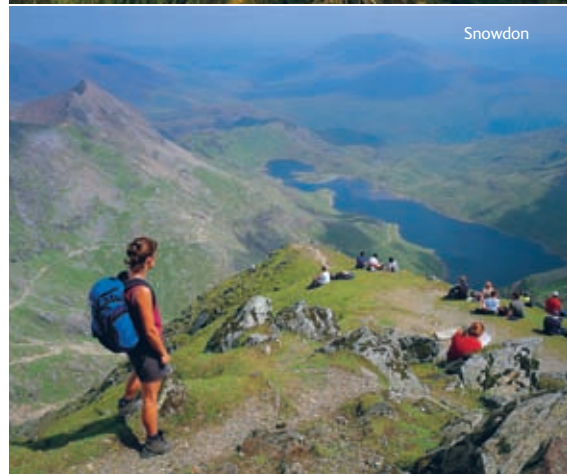
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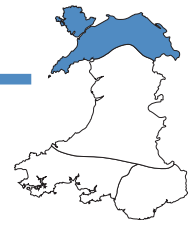


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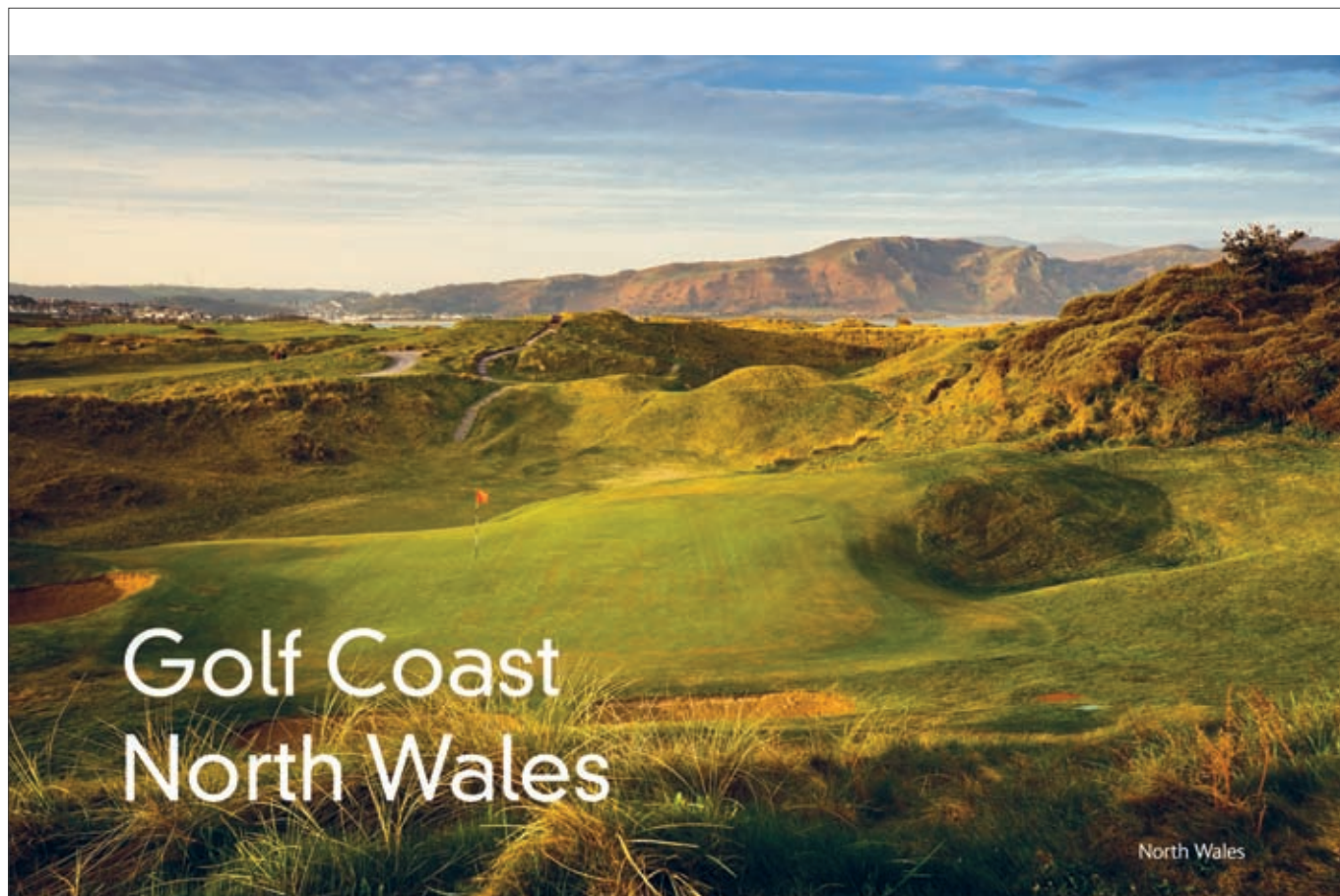




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Bull Bay Golf Club FOUNDED 1913 131 Bull Bay Road, Amlwch, Anglesey LL68 9RY T: Sec. John Burns +44 (0)1407 830960 T: Pro. John Burns +44 (0)1407 831188 E: info@bullbaygc.co.uk W: bullbaygc.co.uk Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,276 Par(s): 70 SSS: 72 Course type: Coastal heathland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: ££	Flint Golf Club FOUNDED 1965 140 Cornist Lane, Flint, Flintshire CH6 5HJ T: Sec. Anthony Middleton +44 (0)1352 732327 E: secretary@flintgolfclub.co.uk W: flintgolfclub.co.uk Holes: 9 Length(s): 6,962 Par(s): 69 SSS: 69 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: £ Weekday fee: £
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Caerwys Golf Club FOUNDED 1989 133 Pen-y-Cefn Road, Mold, Flintshire CH7 5AQ T: Sec. +44 (0)1352 721222 Holes: 9 Length(s): 2,826 Par(s): 60 Course type: Parkland	Henllys Golf Club FOUNDED 1996 142 Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey LL58 8HU T: Dir. of Golf Peter Maton +44 (0)1248 811717 T: Pro. David Gadsby +44 (0)1248 811717 E: hg@hpb.co.uk W: henllysgolfclub.co.uk Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,821 Par(s): 71 SSS: 69 Course type: Parkland Weekend fee: ££ Weekday fee: ££
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Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,091	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Links		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Kinsale Golf Club		FOUNDED 1996	145
Llanerchymor, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 9DX T: Sec. +44 (0)1745 561080			
Holes: 9		Course type: Parkland	

Llanfairfechan Golf Club		FOUNDED 1972	146
Llanerch Road, Llanfairfechan, Gwynedd LL33 0EB T: Sec. +44 (0)1248 680144			
Holes: 9		Course type: Parkland	

Llangefni Golf Course		FOUNDED 1983	147
Clai Road, Llangefni, Gwynedd LL77 8YQ T: Sec. +44 (0)1248 722193 W: anglesey.gov.uk			
Holes: 9		Course type: Woodland	

Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club		FOUNDED 1915	148
Hospital Road, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 1HU T: Sec. +44 (0)1492 876450 T: Pro. Simon Boulden +44 (0)1492 876450 E: enquiries@maesdugolfclub.co.uk W: maesdugolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,576	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Mold Golf Club		FOUNDED 1909	149
Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold CH7 5EH T: Sec. Chris Mills +44 (0)1352 741513 T: Pro. Craig Tudor +44 (0)1352 740318 E: info@moldgolfclub.co.uk W: moldgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,524	Par(s): 67	SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££

Moss Valley Golf Club		FOUNDED 1988	150
Moss Road, Moss, Wrexham LL11 6HA T: Sec. +44 (0)1978 720518 E: info@mossvalleygolf.co.uk W: mossvalleygolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,249 (18)	Par(s): 68 (18)	
Course type: Parkland			

Nefyn & District Golf Club		FOUNDED 1907	151
Lôn Golff, Morfa Nefyn, Pwllheli LL53 6DA T: Sec. Simon Dennis +44 (0)1758 720966 T: Pro. John Froom +44 (0)1758 720966 Ext. 2 E: secretary@nefyn-golf-club.co.uk W: nefyn-golf-club.co.uk			
Holes: 26	Length(s): 6,267/6,520	Par(s): 70/71	SSS: 71/72
Course type: Links/Cliff-top		Weekend fee: £££	Weekday fee: ££-£££

North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club		FOUNDED 1940	152
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Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,254	Par(s): 71	SSS: 71
Course type: Links		Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Northop Country Park		FOUNDED 1993	153
Northop, Flintshire CH7 6WA T: Sec. +44 (0)1352 840440 T: Pro. Matthew Pritchard +44 (0)1352 840440 E: info@northoppark.co.uk W: northoppark.co.uk			
Holes: 18			
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	

Old Colwyn Golf Club		FOUNDED 1907	154
Woodlands Avenue, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay LL29 9NL T: Sec. +44 (0)1492 515581			
Holes: 9		Course type: Meadowland	

Old Padeswood Golf Club		FOUNDED 1977	155
Station Lane, Padeswood, Nr Mold, Flintshire CH7 4JD T: Sec. Robert Jones +44 (0)1244 550414 T: Pro. Tony Davies +44 (0)1244 547401 E: sec@oldpadeswoodgolfclub.co.uk W: oldpadeswoodgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,696	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £-££

Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club		FOUNDED 1933	156
The Caia, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire CH7 4JD T: Sec. Mrs SA Davies +44 (0)1244 550537 T: Pro. David Ashton +44 (0)1244 543636 E: admin@padeswoodgolf.plus.com W: padeswoodgolfclub.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,051	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £-££

Penmaenmawr Golf Club		FOUNDED 1910	157
The Pavilion, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, Conwy LL34 6RD T: Sec. Mrs A Greenwood +44 (0)1492 623330 E: clubhouse@pengolf.co.uk W: pengolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,372 (18)	Par(s): 67 (18)	SSS: 66 (18)
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Pennant Park Golf Club		FOUNDED 1998	158
Whitford, Nr Holywell, Flintshire CH8 9AE T: Sec. +44 (0)1745 563000 T: Pro. +44 (0)1745 563000 E: enquiries@pennant-park.co.uk W: pennant-park.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,059	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £-££



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Holes: 9	Length(s): 1,214	Par(s): 27	
Course type: Parkland			

Plassey Golf Club		FOUNDED 1992	160
The Plassey, Eyton, Wrexham LL13 0SP T: Sec. Mr D Bradshaw +44 (0)1978 780020 T: Pro. +44 (0)7891 211393 E: enquiries@plasseygolfclub.com W: plasseygolfclub.com			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 4,961	Par(s): 66	SSS: 64
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Porthmadog Golf Club		FOUNDED 1905	161
Morfa Bychan, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL48 9UU T: Sec. Gwilym Jones +44 (0)1766 514124 T: Pro. Peter Bright +44 (0)1766 513828 E: secretary@porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk W: porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,322	Par(s): 71	SSS: 72
Course type: Links		Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Prestatyn Golf Club		FOUNDED 1905	162
Marine Road East, Prestatyn, Denbighshire LL18 7HS T: Sec. +44 (0)1745 854320 T: Pro. +44 (0)1745 854320 E: enquiries@prestatyngolfclub.co.uk W: prestatyngolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,808	Par(s): 72	SSS: 73
Course type: Links		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £

Clwb Golf Pwllheli		FOUNDED 1900	163
Golf Road, Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL53 5PS T: Sec. Dennis Moore +44 (0)1758 701644 T: Pro. Stuart Pilkington +44 (0)1758 701644 Opt 2 E: admin@pwllheligolfclub.co.uk W: clwbgolffpwllheli.com			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,108	Par(s): 69	SSS: 70
Course type: Links/Parkland		Weekend fee: £-££	Weekday fee: £-££

Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club and Hotel		FOUNDED 1899	164
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Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,965	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £

Rhuddlan Golf Club		FOUNDED 1930	165
Meliden Road, Rhuddlan, Denbighshire LL18 6LB T: Sec. John Wood +44 (0)1745 590217 T: Pro. Andrew Carr +44 (0)1745 590898 E: secretary@rhuddlangolfclub.co.uk W: rhuddlangolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,291	Par(s): 72	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland		Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £

Rhyl Golf Club		FOUNDED 1890	166
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Holes: 9	Length(s): 6,295 (18)	Par(s): 71 (18)	SSS: 71 (18)
Course type: Links		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club		FOUNDED 1920	167
Pwllglas, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 2PE T: Sec. Neil Roberts +44 (0)1824 702296 E: secretary@ruthinpwllglasgc.co.uk W: ruthinpwllglasgc.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,354 (18)	Par(s): 66 (18)	SSS: 66 (18)
Course type: Parkland/Upland		Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £

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Silver Birch Golf Club		FOUNDED 1995	168
Minafon Farm, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele LL22 8BZ T: Sec. Menna Jones +44 (0)1492 680690 E: menna@silverbirchgolfclub.co.uk W: silverbirchgolfclub.co.uk			
Holes: 9/9	Length(s): 1,650/1,600	Par(s): 29/30	
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

St Deiniol Golf Club		FOUNDED 1906	169
Pen y Bryn, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1PX T: Sec. Bob Thomas MBE +44 (0)1248 353098 E: secretary@st-deiniol.co.uk W: st-deiniol.co.uk			
Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,652	Par(s): 68	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: £	

St Melyd Golf Club		FOUNDED 1922	170
The Paddock, Meliden Road, Prestatyn, Denbighshire LL19 8NB T: Sec. Janette Williams +44 (0)1745 854405 E: office@stmelydgolf.co.uk W: stmelydgolf.co.uk			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,839 (18)	Par(s): 68 (18)	SSS: 68 (18)
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: £	Weekday fee: £	

Storws Wen Golf Club		FOUNDED 1996	171
Brynteg, Anglesey LL78 8JY T: Sec. +44 (0)1248 852673 W: storwswen.com			
Holes: 9	Course type: Parkland		

Tyddan Mawr Golf Course		FOUNDED 1994	172
Crawia Road, Llanrug, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 4BS T: Sec. +44 (0)1286 674919			
Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,055	Par(s): 54	
Course type: Parkland			

Vale of Llangollen Golf Club		FOUNDED 1908	173
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Wrexham Golf Club		FOUNDED 1906	174
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Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,246	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Weekend fee: ££	Weekday fee: ££	



St Deiniol



Senior Open Championship comes to Royal Porthcawl in 2014

In July 2014, Royal Porthcawl plays host to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of top competitions in their time, this is undoubtedly the biggest. Previous winners include players like Bob Charles, Bernhard Langer, Gary Player and Tom Watson. By the time 2014 rolls around, names such as Colin Montgomerie, Miguel Angel Jiménez and Davis Love III will be eligible for the competition, so we can expect a stellar turnout in Wales from players and fans alike. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

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Senior Open Championship comes to Royal Porthcawl in 2014

In July 2014, Royal Porthcawl plays host to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of top competitions in their time, this is undoubtedly the biggest. Previous winners include players like Bob Charles, Bernhard Langer, Gary Player and Tom Watson. By the time 2014 rolls around, names such as Colin Montgomerie, Miguel Angel Jiménez and Davis Love III will be eligible for the competition, so we can expect a stellar turnout in Wales from players and fans alike. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

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making the grade

A guide to quality assurance. All the accommodation featured in this publication has been independently assessed so you can make your choice in confidence, knowing that each place to stay has been given a rating according to the quality and facilities on offer

These ratings mean that you can be sure of standards and choose the accommodation that's just right for you.

Visit Wales/AA are the only checking agents in Wales, checking out over 5,000 places.

STARS are your guide to quality. The Star Quality Grading Schemes apply to all types of accommodation: serviced – hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast,

farm accommodation, hostel/hostel type accommodation, self-catering cottages and apartments and caravan holiday home and touring/camping parks.

All accommodation grades are based on a set of common quality standards agreed by Visit Wales, Visit England, Visit Scotland and the AA. The star ratings reflect the facilities and overall quality of the experience.

Here are the quality ratings:

- ★
Simple, practical, no frills
- ★★
Well presented and well run
- ★★★
Good level of quality and comfort
- ★★★★
Excellent standard throughout
- ★★★★★
Exceptional, with a degree of luxury



What do our star ratings mean?

Accommodation operators are graded between one and five stars (with 5 stars being the highest) based on the overall quality of the experience and the facilities available.

Accommodation differs in style and therefore different rating schemes apply to different types and styles of business. To help you make your choice, each star rated business will also be given a designator to describe the style of accommodation you can expect.

Does a lower star rating equal less quality?

Many lower star rated accommodations may still offer high quality but do not meet all of the facility and service expectations for the higher star ratings. Is it particularly important not to compare Guest Accommodation ratings against Hotel ratings as different criteria are used when assessing.

The advice is to always check with an establishment before booking to check that the accommodation offers the services and facilities that meet your needs – they will only be too pleased to help.



Also look out for that extra-special property that has been awarded Visit Wales' Gold Award, given for exceptional standards of hospitality, comfort and food

in serviced accommodation.

Occasionally, it has not been possible to visit the accommodation prior to publication. In these instances, the property is marked as 'Awaiting Grading'.

Some accommodation operators have chosen not to be star rated, but they have been checked out to ensure that they provide an acceptable level of services and facilities appropriate to their type of business. They are identified as either 'Verified' or 'Listed'.

A Warm Welsh Welcome



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Accommodating visitors with disabilities

All Visit Wales graded properties have an Access Statement. This statement tells visitors in a clear, accurate and honest way how the property can meet their particular needs.

Three symbols have been introduced to help visitors with physical impairments find the Access Statements of most relevance to them.

Accommodation providers have selected the one symbol which best describes the improvements that they have made to their properties.

Look out for these symbols:



Access improved for mobility impaired people



Access improved for visually impaired people



Access improved for hearing impaired people

Key to accommodation symbols



9 Number of bedrooms



9 Number en-suite



9 Private parking/garage facilities at establishment (number of spaces)



Discounts for guests at local course



TV in each unit



Cable/Satellite TV



Tea/coffee making facilities in bedrooms



Liquor licence (serviced accommodation)



Totally non-smoking establishment



Café or restaurant



Leisure facilities



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Please note:

All gradings and awards were correct at the time of going to press. Occasionally, it may not have been possible to undertake a grading.

This situation is clearly identified by 'Awaiting Grading' appearing within the advertisement/entry.

Grading assessments are on-going and improvements made by establishments may have resulted in a revision since publication. Please check when booking.

Further information on gradings and awards is available from Visit Wales, Welsh Assembly Government, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3UR

T: 0845 010 8020 E: quality.tourism@wales.gsi.gov.uk W: wales.gov.uk/tourism

Any problems?

In the unfortunate event that you do encounter problems with your chosen accommodation, please refer to wales.gov.uk/tourism for further guidance.

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Ideally placed for amateur and professional golfers this hotel, part of Welsh Rarebits, is beautifully appointed, hugely experienced with small golfing groups. Three championship courses within five minutes, Royal Porthcawl, Southerndown and Pyle & Kenfig golf clubs. The Ryder Cup course at the Celtic Manor 25 minutes. Leicesters Restaurant, at the hotel, offers fine food and wines with private dining if required. Personally run by the owners Stephen Bond, Lord of the Manor of Laleston and his wife, Norma.



Nearest Course: Royal Porthcawl – 5 miles

Greyhound Inn/Hotel

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Nearest Course: Raglan Parc/Alice Springs & Woodlake – 5½ miles

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The Hardwick is situated in the Usk valley, considered to be one of the most picturesque views in south east Wales. Apart from our local course, Monmouthshire which we overlook, we are conveniently placed within a twenty minute drive of the Ryder Cup course at The Celtic Manor, the St Pierre Championship course, Chepstow and Rolls of Monmouth. The Hardwick is run by Chef Patron Stephen Terry, winner of The Great British Menu and voted Restaurateur of the Year 2012. Dishes are freshly prepared using the best local ingredients and our bedrooms offer you peace, comfort and style.



Open: January – December (closed for 1 week in January)

Nearest Course: Monmouthshire – 1½ miles

Gwesty'r Emlyn Hotel

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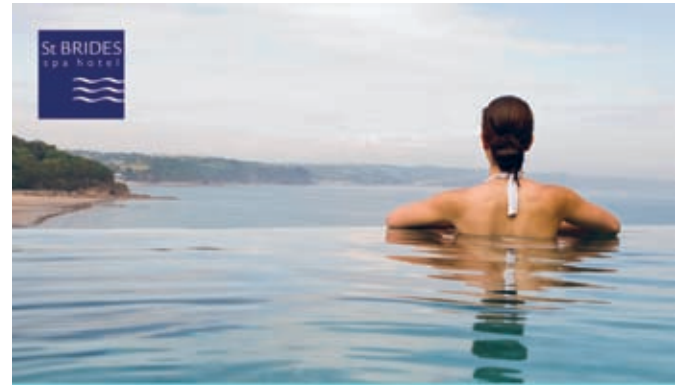


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frequently asked questions

Golf

When is the best time of year to play golf in Wales?

The milder climate found on the coast, combined with soil that drains exceptionally well, means that most of Wales's links courses stay open all year round. Generally, however, the main golfing season here starts at the beginning of April and runs to mid-October.

What clothing should I bring?

Summers in Wales are generally mild and fresh, with average temperatures of around 20°C (68°F). But the weather is unpredictable, so an extra sweater and waterproofs are worth keeping to hand – particularly if you're playing on the coast or on higher ground. Dress codes on Welsh courses are fairly relaxed, although jeans, tee-shirts and trainers are not usually permitted. A few courses don't allow metal spikes. If in doubt, check with the course when you book.

Do I need a handicap certificate?

Not all of our clubs will ask for a handicap certificate or proof of club membership, but if you have them, bring them with you. Again, it's best to check with the club you book regarding their particular policy.

Do I need to book tee times?

Most courses in Wales will find space for casual golfers on most days. However, to avoid disappointment, we'd recommend checking tee time availability as far in advance as possible.

Can I hire equipment and arrange caddies?

You can hire clubs and trolleys at many of our clubs. Buggies are becoming more common at our bigger clubs, but walking is still the rule here. If you need a buggy for medical reasons, make sure you book it well ahead of your visit. You can now find a caddy to accompany you on your round using Wales's official caddy service – caddylocator.com



Do I need medical insurance?

You are strongly advised to take out adequate insurance cover before travelling. Your travel agent will be able to suggest a suitable policy. For more information on healthcare for travelers see visitbritain.com

I have special needs – where can I ask for holiday advice?

Tourism for All is a free specialist information service promoting accessible tourism. It offers free specialist information on travel planning, transport, accommodation and booking. tourismforall.org.uk

What currency do I need?

We use pounds sterling currency (£) in Wales. Foreign currency can easily be exchanged at banks, post offices, bureau de change kiosks and larger hotels. All credit cards that bear the Visa, Mastercard and American Express logo are widely accepted. However, please note that the Euro (€) is not yet widely accepted in the UK.

General

What travel documents do I need?

On arrival in the United Kingdom, visitors must show a valid national passport or other document satisfactorily establishing his/her identity and nationality. Entry clearance and visa requirements for Wales are the same as for the United Kingdom as a whole. Details are available from VisitBritain visitbritain.com or the UK Visas website ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk



Are there guidelines for tipping?

There are no definite rules for tipping. If you feel that you've received good service then you may wish to leave a tip. This is most common in restaurants, where the tip can be up to 10-15% of the bill – but you should always check to see if a service charge has already been included. Tipping in hotels is also at your discretion. It is not normal to tip bar staff, although they may be offered a drink. Taxi drivers are often given a tip, particularly on longer journeys and if they have carried your luggage.

Can I claim a VAT refund?

A Value Added Tax (VAT) of 20% is applied to goods and services. US visitors to Wales can reclaim VAT on goods only by using the foreign exchange tax-free shopping arrangements at participating shops and stores. A tax-free shopping form is obtained and completed at the shop, where you must show your passport. The form must then be presented to Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs when you leave the UK.

What time do shops and banks open?

Generally, shop opening hours are 9:00 to 17:30 Monday-Saturday and usually 10:00 to 16:00 on Sunday (in larger towns and cities). Banks tend to open 9:00 to 17:00 Monday-Saturday.

How much do things cost in Wales?

B&B accommodation:	
£30 - £35 per person, per night	
Average 3 star hotel:	
£40 - £50 per person, per night	
Lunch (snack/sandwich):	£3
3 course dinner (no wine):	£20 - £25
Bottle of wine in a pub:	£12 - £15
Pint of beer in a pub:	£3
Cup of tea or coffee:	£2
Small bottle of water:	£1
Average car parking (1 day):	
City centre	£12
Town	£4
National Parks	£3

When are public holidays in Wales?

2013	2014
1 January	1 January
29 March	18 & 21 April
1 April	5 & 26 May
6 & 27 May	25 August
26 August	25 & 26 Dec
25 & 26 Dec	

When are the school holidays?

The main summer holiday is from mid- July to early September in England and Wales. Schools also have 2-3 weeks' holiday at Christmas and Easter, plus a week in mid-February, end of May and mid-October. Exact dates vary between each education authority.

Can I use my electrical appliances?

Standard voltage in Wales, like the rest of the UK, is 240 AC, 50-60HZ. An adaptor or converter may be necessary to use your appliances in the UK.

How do I call Wales?

If you are telephoning Wales from abroad, please note that the international dialling code for the UK is +44. Having dialled the country code, the area code has to be dialled omitting the '0'. For example, if you want to phone the Cardiff Tourist Information Centre (Tel: 029 2087 3573) from abroad, ring +44 29 2087 3573. In Wales, to obtain the assistance of the fire, police or ambulance service in an emergency, dial 999 from any phone.

Where do I get local information?

One of the simplest and quickest ways of getting local information is by calling in to one of our Tourist Information Centres. The staff are highly trained, have an excellent knowledge of the area and will be delighted to help you with booking your accommodation, finding places to eat, things to do, routes to take, national and local events and obtaining maps, guides and books. Normally, offices are open between 10:00 and 17:00. For a list of Tourist Information Centres see visitwales.co.uk/contact-visit-wales

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getting to wales

Wales is easy to get to. It's a big plus point. We're just a few hours by road and rail from most of the UK's main centres. And if you're visiting us from Ireland, you have the choice of direct ferries to both North and South Wales or direct flights to Cardiff Airport



How far?

Birmingham to Aberystwyth	123 miles	2hrs 44mins
Canterbury to Cardiff	214 miles	3hrs 51mins
Coventry to Barmouth	138 miles	2hrs 56mins
Exeter to Swansea	144 miles	2hrs 35mins
Leeds to Llandudno	126 miles	2hrs 31mins
London to Cardiff	151 miles	2hrs 53mins
London to Tenby	238 miles	4hrs 29mins
Manchester to Caernarfon	105 miles	2hrs 19mins
Nottingham to Swansea	204 miles	3hrs 41mins
Peterborough to Aberystwyth	207 miles	4hrs 22mins
Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Llandudno	221 miles	4hrs 20mins
Reading to Carmarthen	172 miles	3hrs 2mins
York to Welshpool	152 miles	3hrs 2mins
Edinburgh to Cardiff	393 miles	7hrs 3mins
Glasgow to Aberystwyth	331 miles	6hrs 4mins

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By road

National Express provides a nationwide network of express coach services linking major towns and cities in Wales as well as the UK's principal destinations.
nationalexpress.com

Megabus provides low cost intercity travel in the UK, with buses running from a number of major UK cities to Cwmbran, Newport and Cardiff. Prices from £1 plus 50p booking fee (one way).
megabus.com

The M4/M25 motorways connect Wales with London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports. The M4 extends deep into South West Wales – The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park in the far west, for example, is an easy drive of no more than a handful of hours. In the North there's the A55 Expressway, connecting Snowdonia and the North Wales Coast with Manchester Airport and the UK's motorway network. The Mid Wales countryside is easily reached via the M54 from the M5/M6, connecting the Heart of Wales with Birmingham Airport and Central England.

By rail

You can travel to the UK from France via the Channel Tunnel or from France and Belgium by Eurostar.

eurotunnel.com

eurostar.com

In the UK, fast and frequent rail services run between London Paddington and Cardiff, taking only two hours. There is a half-hourly departure to Cardiff Central, with an hourly continuation to Swansea and onward connections to West Wales. Direct trains to North Wales depart from London Euston. There's also a rail service between London Marylebone, Shrewsbury and Wrexham. Hourly services also run from Manchester to the North Wales coast.

For general rail enquiries Tel: 08457 484950 or +44 (0)207 278 5240 from outside the UK.
nationalrail.co.uk
thetrainline.com

**By sea****Ferry crossings from Ireland to ports in Wales**

Irish Ferries

irishferries.com

Dublin Port – Holyhead

Journey time:

3 hrs 15mins (cruise ferry)/

1hr 49mins (fast ferry)

Rosslare – Pembroke

Journey time: 4 hrs

Stena Line

stenaline.ie

Dublin Port – Holyhead

Journey time: 3hrs 15mins

Dun Laoghaire – Holyhead

Journey time: 2hrs

Rosslare – Fishguard

Journey time: 3hrs 30mins

Ferry crossings from mainland Europe to the UK

Brittany Ferries

brittany-ferries.com

Condor Ferries

condorferries.com

DFDS Seaways

dfdseaways.co.uk

LD Lines

ldlines.com

P&O

poferries.com

Sea France

seafrance.com

Stena Line

stenaline.com

By air

Services from all over the world fly into the London airports, so check with your local travel agent. Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool also have a number of international flights, whilst Bristol airport is very conveniently located for a trip to Wales.

Cardiff Airport

Tel: +44 (0)1446 711111

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The airport is situated in Rhoose, 12 miles (20 km) south west of Cardiff. Buses, trains and taxis link the airport to the city centre. Taxis cost approximately £26, a booking office is located outside the arrivals hall. Bus service X91 operates between Cardiff Central station and Cardiff Airport every two hours during the day, seven days a week. The journey takes approximately 35 minutes, with pick up and drop off points situated in front of the terminal building. A rail link connects the airport station to Cardiff Central and Bridgend. Trains run every hour from Monday to Saturday and every two hours on Sundays. A complimentary shuttle bus service is available between the terminal building and the station for passengers with a valid train ticket. Car hire is also available.

A number of airlines offer direct flights to Cardiff from other parts of the UK and Ireland – check out their websites for details:

Aer Lingus

Serving: Dublin

aerlingus.com

Eastern Airways

Serving: Newcastle and Aberdeen

easternairways.com

Flybe

Serving: Belfast (City), Edinburgh, Glasgow and Jersey

flybe.com

KLM

Serving: Dublin

klm.com

Manx2

Serving: Anglesey

manx2.com

Other UK airports

Birmingham International Airport

birminghamairport.co.uk

Bristol International Airport

bristolairport.com

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

liverpoolairport.com

London Gatwick Airport

gatwickairport.com

London Heathrow Airport

heathrowairport.com

London Luton Airport

london-luton.co.uk

London Stansted Airport

stanstedairport.com

Manchester Airport

manchesterairport.com

travel within wales

Rail services run through the regions of Wales – usually on highly scenic routes such as The Cambrian Coast, Conwy Valley and Heart of Wales lines.

For more information:

nationalrail.co.uk

arrivatrainswales.co.uk

scenicwales.co.uk

heart-of-wales.co.uk

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greatlittletrainsofwales.co.uk

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traveline-cymru.info

When you're out and about in the National Parks, use the convenient park and ride bus services designed to cut down on traffic:

The Brecon Beacons National Park (Beacons Bus)

travelbreconbeacons.info/beacons-bus

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park (Celtic Coaster, Coastal Cruiser, Poppit Rocket, Puffin Shuttle and Strumble Shuttle)

pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coastbus

Snowdonia National Park

(Snowdon Sherpa)

snowdoniagreenkey.co.uk

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explorewalespass.co.uk



Train running along the Dovey estuary

For up-to-date and reliable public transport information including route planners use Traveline Cymru. traveline-cymru.info

our other websites

If playing golf has given you an appetite for the outdoors, then Wales comes well equipped for adventure. We have mountains for the mountain bikers, salmon rivers for the anglers and bogs for the bog snorkellers. And as we're surrounded on three sides by sea, we're pretty well off for water, too – including surf for the surfers. None of this depends on good weather, which is just as well because it has been known to rain occasionally in Wales. But that's hardly a big issue when you're hurtling down a mountain with your rear brakes burned out. And don't let the end of summer dampen your enthusiasm. The sea in Wales is warmer in October than in July. Even when it does get chilly, you could always pack away your surfboard and go fishing for grayling on the River Wye instead. Our Visit Wales Active websites will point you in the right direction. So what are you waiting for?



Adventure – visitwales.co.uk/active



Watersports – waleswatersports.co.uk



Walking – walking.visitwales.com



Fishing – fishing.visitwales.com



Mountain Biking – mbwales.com

Please see below for further information on a selection of activities and experiences mentioned on pages 18 & 19 of this magazine.



South East Wales

doctorwhoexperience.com
museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit
rhonddaheritagepark.com
thelcswansea.com
swansea.gov.uk



South West Wales

gardenofwales.org.uk
heatherton.co.uk
oakwoodthepark.co.uk
pcnpa.org.uk
sirgaerfyrddin.gov.uk



Mid West Wales

cat.org.uk
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Mid East Wales

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North West Wales

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- 81 Llandoverly College Golf Course
- 82 Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa
- 83 Mayfield Golf Centre
- 84 Milford Haven Golf Club
- 86 Neath Golf Club
- 87 Newport Links Golf Club & Resort
- 91 Priskilly Forest Golf Club & Country House
- 92 South Pembrokeshire Golf Club
- 93 St David's City Golf Club
- 96 Tenby Golf Club
- 97 Trefloyne Golf Course

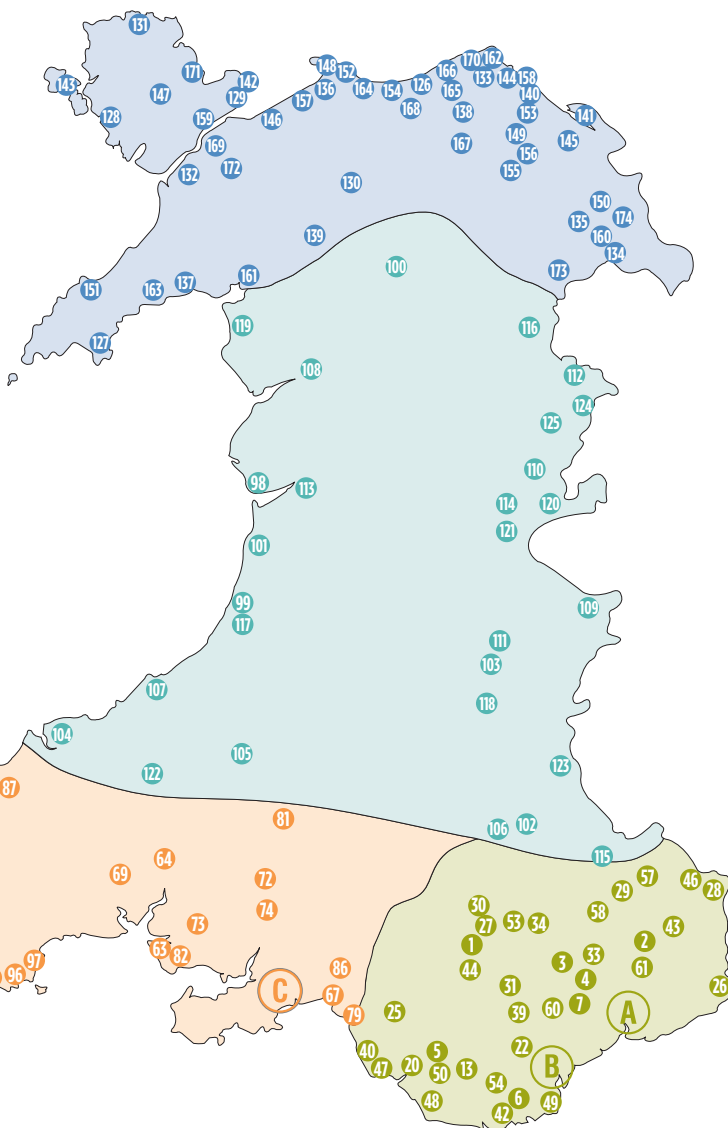
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- 62 Allt-y-Graban Golf Club
- 66 Clyne Golf Club
- 70 Earlswood Golf Course
- 71 Fairwood Park Golf Club
- 75 Glynneath Golf Club
- 76 Gower Golf Club
- 77 Gowerton Golf Range
- 80 Langland Bay Golf Club
- 85 Morriston Golf Club
- 88 Palleg & Swansea Valley Golf Club
- 89 Pennard Golf Club

- 90 Pontardawe Golf Club
- 94 Swansea Bay Golf Club
- 95 Tawe Vale Golf Club

Mid Wales

- 98 Aberdovey Golf Club
- 99 Aberystwyth Golf Club
- 100 Bala Golf Club
- 101 Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club
- 102 Brecon Golf Club
- 103 Builth Wells Golf Club
- 104 Cardigan Golf Club
- 105 Cilgwyn Golf Club
- 106 Cradoc Golf Club
- 107 Cwmrhyduedd Golf Club
- 108 Dolgellau Golf Club
- 109 Knighton Golf Club
- 110 Lakeside Golf Course
- 111 Llandrindod Wells Golf Club
- 112 Llanymynech Golf Club
- 113 Machynlleth Golf Club
- 114 Maesmawr Golf Club
- 115 The Old Rectory Country Hotel
- 116 Oswestry Golf Club
- 117 Penrhos Golf and Country Club
- 118 Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club
- 119 Royal St David's Golf Club
- 120 St Giles Golf Club

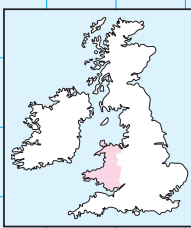


- 121 St Idloes Golf Club
- 122 Saron Golf Course
- 123 Summerhill Golf Club
- 124 Welsh Border Golf Complex
- 125 Welshpool Golf Club

North Wales

- 126 Abergelhe Golf Club
- 127 Abersoch Golf Club
- 128 Anglesey Golf Club
- 129 Baron Hill Golf Club
- 130 Betws-y-Coed Golf Club
- 131 Bull Bay Golf Club
- 132 Caernarfon Golf Club
- 133 Caerwys Golf Club
- 134 Chirk Golf Club
- 135 Clays Golf Club
- 136 Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club
- 137 Criccieth Golf Club
- 138 Denbigh Golf Club
- 139 Ffestiniog Golf Club
- 140 Flint Golf Club
- 141 Hawarden Golf Club
- 142 Henllys Golf Club
- 143 Holyhead Golf Club
- 144 Holywell Golf Club
- 145 Kinsale Golf Club
- 146 Llanfairfechan Golf Club

- 147 Llangefni Golf Course
- 148 Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club
- 149 Mold Golf Club
- 150 Moss Valley Golf Club
- 151 Nefyn & District Golf Club
- 152 North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club
- 153 Northop Country Park
- 154 Old Colwyn Golf Club
- 155 Old Padeswood Golf Club
- 156 Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club
- 157 Penmaenmawr Golf Club
- 158 Pennant Park Golf Club
- 159 Penrhyn Golf Club
- 160 Plassey Golf Club
- 161 Porthmadog Golf Club
- 162 Prestatyn Golf Club
- 163 Pwllheli Golf Club
- 164 Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club and Hotel
- 165 Rhuddlan Golf Club
- 166 Rhyl Golf Club
- 167 Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club
- 168 Silver Birch Golf Club
- 169 St Deiniol Golf Club
- 170 St Melyd Golf Club
- 171 Storws Wen Golf Club
- 172 Tyddan Mawr Golf Course
- 173 Vale of Llangollen Golf Club
- 174 Wrexham Golf Club



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Senior Open comes to Royal Porthcawl in 2014

In July 2014, Royal Porthcawl plays host to the Senior Open Championship, the first Major Championship to take place in Wales. While the historic links of Porthcawl have seen their fair share of top competitions in their time, this is undoubtedly the biggest. Previous winners include players like Bob Charles, Bernhard Langer, Gary Player and Tom Watson. By the time 2014 rolls around, names such as Colin Montgomerie, Miguel Angel Jiménez and Davis Love III will be eligible for the competition, so we can expect a stellar turnout in Wales from players and fans alike. And it doesn't end here. Should you miss it this time round, the Senior Open will return twice more to Welsh shores between 2014 and 2024.

