



## NATIONAL COUNTRY LINK AUTUMN WEEKEND

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – MONDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Country Link are going to the Land of Song and Oggies

Derbyshire Country Link would like to invite you to The Hand Hotel, Bridge Street, Llangollen. LL20 8PL for the Weekend which will include the Members Meeting.

The Hotel was built in 1642 and in the 18<sup>th</sup> century was an important Coaching Inn on the main London to Holyhead stage coach route. Today it combines authentic old-world charm with a great deal of modern luxury. The Hotel is centrally located in the town, overlooking the River Dee and has a car park with access off the A5. The nearest Railway station is at Ruabon, a bus service (T3/T3C Wrexham to Barmouth) calls at the station, and at Llangollen. See [traws.cymru](http://traws.cymru) for times of service (English National Concessionary Travel Passes are not valid for use in Wales).

**The hotel has no lift, ground floor bedrooms, or disabled rooms. Help with moving cases etc will be available where needed.** Booking in to the hotel will be after 3.00 pm.

The cost of the Weekend is **£290.00** for a double, twin, or single room; this covers dinner, bed, and breakfast on all three days and entertainment on all nights. **Not included in the price is the cost of entrance fees to the venues, and midday meals on Saturday and Sunday.**

Friday evening will be a hot buffet supper followed by dancing until 11.30 pm.

Saturday evening will be hot buffet supper followed by light entertainment.

Sunday evening will be a formal three course Gala Dinner (black tie/lounge suits) followed by dancing until 11.30 pm. The weekend charities are The Canal and River Trust and FCN (The Farming Community Network).

Saturday Trips:

- Farm Walks. Rhug Estate, Corwen, LL21 0EH. The estate covers 12,500 acres, 6,700 acres in hand. It is the biggest organic farm in Denbighshire. Light refreshments will be available in the restaurant, card payment only [www.rhugwildbeauty.com](http://www.rhugwildbeauty.com)

Followed by a visit to Ffrith Farm, Treuddyn a traditional Hill Farm of 200 acres selling through their farm shop. [www.swansfarmshop.com](http://www.swansfarmshop.com)

- Walk to Pontcysyllite Aqueduct (9.5miles) with a return either on the Llangollen Canal or via Castell Dinas Bran; lunch will be available at Trevor.

- Trip to the Pontcysylite Aqueduct by boat; the two hour trip includes an informative commentary, one way crossing of the Aqueduct and bus transfer back to town. [www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk](http://www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk)

#### Sunday Trips:

- Walk to Valle Crucis Abbey (6 miles) via the Llangollen Canal and Feeder, with a visit to a Car Museum [www.llangollenmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.llangollenmotormuseum.co.uk) Refreshments can be obtained at the Chain Bridge Hotel.
- Local History Tour of Llangollen with a guide.
- Visit to Chirk Castle (NT); building was started in 1285 by Roger Mortimer as one of the border castles to maintain the conquests of Edward I.

In addition to the organised trips, the Llangollen Railway [www.llangollen-railway.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-railway.co.uk) will be running steam trains during the weekend and there are canal boat trips from the quay.

The Members Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm.

**The small print** - requests for refunds to be made in writing before or during the Weekend to the organising committee whose decision is final.

Photographs will be taken during the Weekend for use on the National Country Link web site.

#### **Important Information**

Extra nights are available on Thursday and Monday at a cost of Singles £70.00, Double /Twin £100.00, bed and breakfast. Please fill in the relevant part of the booking form.

No coaches are being used on this Weekend. If you are prepared to be a driver for the trips please indicate this on the booking form.

The organising committee have decided not to run a Fancy Dress competition at this event.

A number of rooms in the hotel are family rooms (double bed and two singles) please indicate on the booking form if you are willing to share as a three rather than a twin.

**Were you at the Autumn Weekend at Irvine in November 2023?** There was a surplus raised at that event, and the National Committee has decided that those members who attended will be given a reduction of £28/person against the cost of this Weekend. Again, please indicate on the booking form.

**Remember** to fill in your menu choice for the Sunday night Gala Dinner.

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