

GroundhopUK

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The Welsh Spring Hop **15 – 17 April 2016**

Shw'mae!!

It's Welsh Spring Hop time, and one of our most popular events features a new League over an action-packed weekend. This year we say hello to the Carmarthenshire League, and we look forward to sampling the hospitality of the clubs in a League that sits at the same level as the Ceredigion League, and directly below the Welsh League.

We start on Friday with our usual "optional extra" – as the game is already scheduled, we are planning to visit the Welsh league club closest to where I used to, **Garden Village**, as they host Ton Pentre at Stafford Common (7.30pm). Like last year, there will be a Special Hop deal that will include admission, programme, and food. Saturday morning starts just North of Carmarthen in the village of **Abergwili** as they host Llansteffan (11am) before we head to **Llandeilo** (2pm) as they entertain Llangennech. From here we head to **Johnstown** and our final game of the day as they take on Drefach (5pm). On the Sunday, we have two more games: Llandovery kick us off at home to Port Tywyn (11.30am), before we finish the weekend at Carmarthen Stars v Ponthenri (3pm). Then it's back to Cardiff for a drop-off in plenty of time for trains. As always, we add the proviso that all games are subject to final confirmation.

Transport

As with all the previous Hops, there will be a coach running. Like last year, our coach will pick up on the Friday, not from Cardiff Central, but from outside the **Urban Tap House** on Westgate Street. The pub is one of the best real ale pubs in Wales, and a popular meeting point for the coach. From here we'll leave for the Friday game but this time – as a bonus for those who like their Real Ale - there is also a stop to sample two pubs in the "Good Beer Guide" in my hometown of Bridgend! After the Friday game, we head to our overnight base in Carmarthen. On the way back, we are aiming for the 18.50 train from Cardiff. For those driving to meet the coach, we can arrange secure parking for the weekend. For those not wanting to attend a Friday game, please meet us at Carmarthen.

With a new League to enjoy you will be pleased to see that I am keeping the price as fair as possible, and that means no increase on last season's price. Remember that includes **all three days, and** transport to and from Cardiff Central. Great value! Please note that making the last train/coach is always subject to factors outside our control (such as traffic, late finishes etc.) and although we believe there should be no problems, nothing is ever 100% guaranteed and bookings are made with this in mind. Bookings will not be accepted for coach transport without a match ticket.

Accommodation

We're back at our very popular hotel in Carmarthen again this year, and this will be our base not only for this season, but probably for the next five Spring Hops too! For our hop base, we have struck a deal with our hotel and can offer singles at £49pppn, and twins at £39pppn. All include full cooked breakfast on both days. For the beer connoisseurs, Carmarthen does have some

very good pubs, several of which are in the GBG, and one of which, the Stag and Pheasant, is literally over the road from the hotel.

Programmes and badges

As usual, all clubs will be made aware of the number of programmes that will be needed on the day. The number will be based on the bookings we receive, so reserve your copies by booking tickets! Packs will be made up in advance for the weekend, and remember that programmes are **included** in the price of the ticket. Badge packs can also be ordered in advance, and can be collected with your advance programme pack. We make things easy!

Trading

We hope to see several traders at the hop. Hopefully, all the unofficial trading that is part and parcel of a hop will be in evidence and is not only welcome, but encouraged! Just remember that if you want to trade, please have a full weekend ticket.

Match Tickets

Tickets are available in advance for the day, and these of course guarantee you a programme at each game. Admission is available on the day at the full matchday price.

Booking and Payment

By Cheque or Postal Order: please make cheques or POs payable to “**GroundhopUK**”.

By Direct Bank Transfer: please use these details and the reference “Welsh Spring Hop”

The account number: **10990913**

The Sort Code: **16 - 24 - 21**

The name: **GroundhopUK Ltd**

By PayPal: simply use the email groundhopuk@gmail.com and pay through this account.

Please note there is an additional cost payable if you are using PayPal:

£6 per full weekend or

£1 if you are buying a “ticket only”

If you are using PayPal or Bank transfer, simply complete the booking form electronically and email it back to me in the **same** Word format, I'll then print the form here.

Look forward to seeing you in April!

Chris Berezai

GroundhopUK and the Carmarthenshire League

2016 Welsh Spring Hop Booking Form

Who is booking for the event?

Me: Mobile:

Address (inc Postcode):.....

..... E-mail:.....

Also booking: E-Mail:.....

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Full weekend Number..... @ £139 / £159 £.....
3 days coach including transport from and back to Cardiff – two nights accommodation (price shows as twin / single) – admission and programmes to all five games.

Match tickets Advance tickets Number..... @ £19 £.....

Coach Travel All weekend Number @ £42 £.....
Saturday & Sunday only Number @ £34 £.....
Per day (if available) Number @ £18 per day £.....

Accommodation (Please check availability with Chris before booking)

Fri / Sat in a twin / double (B&B) Number..... @ £39pppn £.....
Fri / Sat in a single (B&B) Number..... @ £49pppn £.....

Programme packs only @£11 £.....
(For programme collectors not attending the Hop. Includes P&P, despatched w/c 18 April 2016)

Pre-booked set of five badges @£16 £.....
*(For collection with the advance programme packs; if to be posted **without** a programme pack please add further £2 P&P)*

I'm paying by : Cheque / PO / Bank Transfer / PayPal TOTAL: £.....

Return this form to: Chris Berezai, 45 Walton Street, Long Eaton, Derbyshire NG10 1PB .
E-mail enquiries to groundhopuk@yahoo.com Telephone 0775 – 1604755 (no calls after 10pm)

LAST DATE FOR BOOKINGS - 8 April 2016