

# ARICONIUM CHALLENGE

## USEFUL INFORMATION 2012

### WHY?

For the enjoyment of a 15 or 20 mile circular walk in the glorious rolling Herefordshire countryside and visiting all six churches of the Benefice of Ariconium en route.

### WHEN?

Saturday 16 June 2012  
Start between: 0800-0900

### WHERE?

Start: Lea Village Hall (Grid Ref: 657217, Postcode: HR9 7JY)

### HOW MUCH?

Advance Registration	£6	
On the day Registration	£8	(registration will commence at 0730, cash or cheques only)
Children under 16	£3	(must be accompanied by an adult)
Youth Groups under 18	£3	(per person, including adult leaders)

The proceeds from the registration fees of this event will be shared equally between the following community charities:

#### ***St John the Baptist Church, The Lea***

The church enjoys a strong regular congregation and has at least one service a week. At present, the PCC is embarking on a programme of development to provide more facilities; these include the installation of a small kitchenette and toilet.

#### ***Lea Village Hall***

Lea Village Hall was opened in 1995. It provides the community with a meeting place for a variety of groups and other events. It is currently in need of significant refurbishment to improve its services and attract more users. High on the priority list is the replacement of the kitchen.

### **ADVANCE REGISTRATION - [www.ariconium.org/challenge](http://www.ariconium.org/challenge)**

Please use the website to register and pay online using paypal (you don't need a paypal account to do this) or print the registration form and post a cheque to the address below. Please make cheques payable to 'Lea PCC'.

Ariconium Challenge  
Alice Basey  
Mile Post House  
2 Frome Valley Way  
Ross-on-Wye  
Herefordshire  
HR9 5HU

### **SPONSORSHIP**

In addition to the registration fee, walkers may be sponsored for their preferred charity. To assist with this, a generic sponsorship form for the event may be downloaded from the website. Don't forget gift aid!

## THE ROUTE

The route is to be walked in a clockwise direction. Whilst the path leads directly from the Village Hall to Lea Churchyard, officially Lea Church is the "finishing line" for the event. The table below gives grid references and the distance to the churches en route:

CHURCH	GRID REF.	DIST FROM START (miles)
Hope Mansel	SO625196	4.0
Weston under Penyard	SO631232	6.0
Upton Bishop	SO650272	9.6
Linton	SO660253	11.0
Aston Ingham	SO683235	12.6
Lea	SO657217	15.0 or 20.0

The routes will be marked with a combination of orange cordon tape and orange arrow signs. At registration, all walkers will be issued with a printed map with the route(s) indicated as well as information necessary for the walk.

## THE CHURCHES

All the churches will be open during the day, most have information boards or leaflets if you wish to learn more about them.

## FOOTPATHS & ROADS

99% of the route is public footpaths and minor roads. Please follow the footpaths carefully unless otherwise indicated by the course markers. As with all footpaths they vary in quality, some stiles are wobbly so please be sure of your footing when negotiating these. Always adhere to both the countryside and highway codes. One very short section (500yds) is up a private driveway to connect back into the footpath network; permission has been kindly granted for this.

## DOGS & STILES

Dogs are very welcome but must be kept under strict control especially near livestock. Please note that many of the stiles on the route are not dog friendly, so be prepared to lift your dog over awkward stiles and fences.

## CAR PARKING

Parking is available at Lea Village Hall.

## TOILETS

Lea Village Hall has toilets. There are toilets at Weston School and one at Upton Bishop Church en-route.

## CAMPING

Camping will be available on the field at the village hall for both Friday and Saturday nights. The village hall will be open to provide toilets and the use of a kitchen. Sorry no shower facilities.

Cost: £10 per tent for the whole weekend.

## ACCOMMODATION

There is one B&B in Lea however there are many other B&B's, pubs and hotels in the locality for accommodation.

Lea House B&B      01989 750652      [www.leahouse.co.uk](http://www.leahouse.co.uk)

## LOCAL AMENITIES

Lea has a very good village shop (near traffic lights) and a petrol station.

## PUBS

*The Crown* in Lea is a traditional pub and serves food most evenings.

Special Offers: (we hope to update this with more closer to the event)

*The Penny Farthing*, Aston Crews (SO673233) is offering walkers 10% off food for the weekend.

**SUPPORTED BY:**

This event has received tremendous support from individuals of the following organisations, the organisers are grateful for their help and commitment.

***Excalibur Long Distance Walking Group - Hereford***

Excalibur was formed in 1998 by a small group of ex Servicemen, as a way of keeping in touch and keeping fit at the same time. In the past twelve months members have taken part in the RAF 50 mile two day walk, The Nijmegen 100 mile walk in Holland and a ten day walk to Everest base camp, as well as many more moderate walks in range of Hereford. Two or three walks are listed every month and members are free to attend as they please with no obligation. Excalibur is affiliated to the Long Distance Walking Association, The British Walking Federation, and the RAF Walking and Road Marching Association. Excalibur is not exclusive to ex Service personnel and every registered walker of the Ariconium Challenge will be given six months free membership. Paid up members also enjoy 20% discount on purchases from Cotswold Outdoor Ltd.

***Cotswold Outdoor Ltd***

Cotswold Outdoor Ltd is a national retailer of outdoor equipment. The company originated near Cirencester in 1974. Since then the company has supported an amazing number of events, groups and individuals and has strong links with many youth organisation. All registered walkers of the Ariconium Challenge will receive a discount voucher.

**CONTACT DETAILS / INFORMATION**

If you have any further question please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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