

# ***DWDAM Tour to Wales - 2 to 6 June 2016 (Update 4)***

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Betws-y-Coed is North Wales' most popular inland resort. It is where the River Conwy meets its three tributaries flowing from the west, the Llugwy, the Lledr and the Machno. Much of it was built in Victorian times and it is the principal village of the Snowdonia National Park and is set in the beautiful Gwydyr Forest. It is an ideal, central location for motorcycle tours.

DWDAM 2015 June tour to Wales was a great success and much enjoyed by all those who took part. The proposed itinerary for 2016 will see the tour based in Betws y Coed, Snowdonia National Park, for 5 days / 4 nights. The chosen accommodation is the Royal Oak Hotel. Sensitive to its Victorian heritage, the Royal Oak's traditional design is coupled with a contemporary feel and modern facilities set in a stunning location. It has quality rooms, award winning restaurant and vibrant bars, all delivering outstanding hospitality, making the Royal Oak the perfect choice for the DWDAM 2016 motorcycle tour.

As many of you know, Wales has some truly amazing roads that simply have to be explored and ridden. From the rolling valley to the spectacular and unspoilt remoteness of Central Wales, to the magnificence that is the Snowdonia National Park, Wales is a motorcycle riders dream come true. For 2016, the scenic coast road of North Wales stretching from Conwy to Barmouth will also be ridden in addition to many of the lesser known motorcycle suitable routes in the Snowdonia National Park.

The Royal Oak Hotel has offered a special Bed & Breakfast rate as well as a half board rate for those would prefer (full breakfast & three course dinner) in the Stables Lodge (quality en suite accommodation adjacent to the hotel specifically for use by groups such those on a motorcycle tour). The advised / updated rates are as follows:

#### **Bed & Breakfast Rates:**

2 sharing a double or twin room on a B&B basis - £90 per room a night (£45 ppn).

Single occupancy on a B&B basis - £75 per room per night.

#### **Half Board Rates (full breakfast and a 3 course dinner):**

2 sharing a double or twin room at £130 per room per night (£65 ppn).

Single occupancy at £95 per room per night.

**Note:** Either of the above options are available. The additional cost of going full board is £20 for a 3 course dinner. With any of the above options, Royal Oak guests receive complimentary car (motorcycle) parking and Wi-fi. Breakfast and dinner is taken in the main hotel.

**Note:** *CW Riders Club completed a similar tour to North Wales last September and stayed at the Royal Oak Hotel, Betws y Coed. They were accommodated in the Stables Lodge predominantly on a shared room basis. Members of the CW group I have spoken with on their return spoke highly of all the hospitality arrangements. I have researched both B&B and half board rates in the area and the Royal Oak rates represent value for money by comparison with other establishment. Another added complication is that none of the other B&B establishments in Betws y Coed are able to accommodate large groups.*

To date, 12 members have booked the tour with 10 rooms reserved with deposits paid (1 double, 2 shared twin and 6 singles). More rooms are available should further bookings be forthcoming. This additional accommodation can be held until the end of January 2016 with a deposit required to secure the booking as soon as it is confirmed but no later than 31 January 2016. The remaining balance will be required to be paid one month prior to arrival i.e. 2 March 2016. Individual cancellations can be made up to one week prior to arrival without loss of monies paid (see attached Royal Oak Hotel Terms & Conditions).

There is still time for members interested to join the tour on a **first come, first served basis** but no later than 31 January 2016 as thereafter the tour will considered closed i.e. fully booked. To book a place on the tour and obtain further tour booking information, contact Brian Purnell (see contact details below) along with your accommodation preference (B&B, full board, single or sharing).

Briefly the tour will depart Dorchester Top of Town car park at 9am on Thursday 2 June 2016 and return to Dorset on Monday 6 June via the National Motorcycle Museum, Bickenhill, Birmingham. Further details of the 5 day itinerary to include routes will be published in due course. **Note:** By prior arrangement, those unable to make the 9am departure on 2 June can leave later in the day should they so wish by taking a more direct (motorway) route to Betws y Coed.

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