



TR Register Shropshire Group

Drive It Day

Breakfast Meet, Run and Picnic



Our 2025 Drive It Day will start with a Breakfast Meet at the Montford Bridge Café off the A5 at Mountford Bridge. The Picnic Area can be easily accessed by both North and South bound traffic. It is situated just North of the A458 roundabout.

The café is receiving good reviews for its breakfasts. So do be there in time to enjoy one - from 09:30 on. We shall depart at 11:15 and drive to Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, Nr Newtown.

Gregynog Hall

Gregynog Hall's gardens are Grade 1 listed for their historic significance and design. There are 750 acres to explore, with marked paths and woodland walks. Spectacular specimen trees and a golden yew hedge frame the sweeping sunken lawn in front of the Hall. Many of the original 18th-century design elements are still visible today.

There has been a hall on this land since the 12th century and while the house you see today is about 150 years old, older elements of the house have been incorporated.

In the 19th century the house belonged to the Hanbury-Tracys. In the 1840s Henry Hanbury-Tracy pulled the old house down and rebuilt it in its present form, later adding the fake concrete 'half-timbering'. He was a pioneer in the use of concrete as a building material. (He built the concrete cottages, farmhouses and the school in Tregynon.) The carved parlour known as the Blayney Room, dated 1636, was retained when the house was rebuilt.

The Hall was bought by Gwendoline and Margaret Davies, the wealthy granddaughters of David Davies of Llandinam, one of Wales's richest self-made men of the 19th century. The Davies sisters lived at Gregynog from 1924, and turned it into an important centre for music, the arts and fine printing. Gwen Davies died in 1951. Her sister Margaret died in 1963, having bequeathed Gregynog to the University of Wales. Courses, conferences and concerts have been held here since 1964.

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The house is not open to the public although tours can be arranged. Unfortunately, the house is booked out on the day of our visit, but we should be able to display our cars in front of the house for photographs.

The Courtyard Cafe is open from 10AM to 3PM offering coffee and cakes as well as soups, sandwiches and other treats. However, you may take your own picnic if you wish.

Itinerary

From 09:15	Arrive at Montford Bridge Café, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, SY4 1EB (situated just North of the A458 roundabout) for Breakfast.
11:15	Depart Montford Bridge for a scenic route to Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, Nr Newtown, SY16 3PL.
12:30	Arrive at Gregynog Hall. Entrance £3 per car. Stay as long as you like. Return routes to Welshpool and Shrewsbury will be provided.

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