



## DARREN AND CEINWEN'S GREAT BRITISH RESERVOIR CHALLENGE!

*12 Reservoirs in 12 Counties  
in 12 Months!*

**What?** The challenge is to walk around 12 reservoirs, located in 12 different counties in 12 months.

**Why?** As our part in the Talent Scheme to raise money for St. Martin's, Desford Access for All Phase 2.

*Why walking?* We both enjoy walking and feel it is one of the gifts that God has given us, and we are reasonably talented at it.

*Why Reservoirs?* Because these are made by humans, but in many cases are very beautiful sites and have created good habitats for a variety of species. They show how nature and man can come together as God intends.

*Why 12?* Because it fits nicely into a year, it is also a significant Biblical number.

**Who?** Darren and Ceinwen Tilley are going to attempt this and raise money through sponsorship, but if anyone else would like to join us for a walk around some of them, we would welcome the company, and if you too want to get sponsored then all the better!

**When and Where?** The schedule we have drawn up is as follows, the year starts with some relatively short walks working up to the 2 longest distances in the summer to make the most of daylight hours, before easing off again towards the end of the year.

### OUR CHOSEN RESERVOIRS

#### DRAYCOTE WATER WARWICKSHIRE

**JANUARY**  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

5 Miles



Built in the 1960's, and holds 23 million cubic metres of water. It is the largest expanse of water in Warwickshire.

It is renowned for bird watching, and is home to a herd of 200 Alpacas!

**PITSFORD WATER**  
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**



**FEBRUARY**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

7 Miles

Built in 1956. Its surface area is 2.85 square miles. It is the third largest in the UK and is operated by Anglian Water. It was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1970.

**DERWENT AND**  
**HOWDEN RESERVOIRS**  
**DERBYSHIRE**

**MARCH**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

13 Miles

Howden Reservoir was built in 1912 and Derwent in 1916. The Valley was used as a practice environment for the Lancaster bombers of the 617 Dam Busters Squadron in 1943.



**WINSCAR RESERVOIR**  
**SOUTH YORKSHIRE**



**APRIL**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

5 Miles

Winscar Reservoir is one of Yorkshire Water's larger reservoirs situated near Dunford Bridge. The site is nearby to Holmfirth, home of the BBC comedy Last of the Summer Wine.

**KING GEORGE V**  
**RESERVOIR**  
**GREATER LONDON**

**MAY**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

5 Miles



Part of the Lee Valley Country Park and the reservoir chain that supplies London with drinking water, King George Reservoir covers 420 acres making it the largest in London.

**RUTLAND WATER**  
**RUTLAND**



**JUNE**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

26 Miles

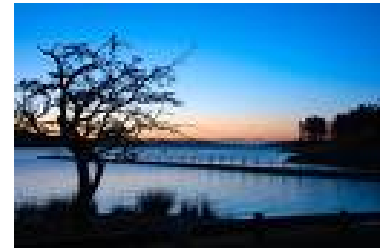
Known as Empingham Reservoir until its official opening in 1976, Rutland Water is set in 3,100 acres of countryside, has a 25-mile circular track for walking and is the largest reservoir in the UK by surface area.

**KIELDER WATER**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND**

**JULY**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

27 Miles

Kielder Water holds 200 billion litres, making it the largest reservoir in the UK by capacity. Located in Kielder Forest, the reservoir has a 27.5-mile shoreline and attracts over a quarter of a million visitors a year.



**GLADHOUSE RESERVOIR**  
**MID LoTHIAN**

**AUGUST**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

5 Miles



The 460-acre reservoir in the Moorfoot Hills is one of a group of reservoirs which supply Edinburgh with water. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is a roosting site for Anser (Pink-footed Goose).



**CABAN COCH RESERVOIR**  
**POWYS**

**SEPTEMBER**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

12 Miles

Located in the Elan Valley in Powys, Caban Coch with Garreg Ddu has a 35,530 megalitre capacity. Built over a hundred years ago, the water is delivered to Birmingham by gravity feed along an aqueduct.

**GRAFHAM WATER**  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**OCTOBER**  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

10 Miles

With a circumference of about 10 miles, the lake was created by filling a valley full of water which is retained by an earth and concrete dam built in 1965 and water is extracted by adjacent treatment plant.



**BLITHFIELD RESERVOIR**  
**STAFFORDSHIRE**

**NOVEMBER**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

9 Miles

Opened by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother in 1953, the reservoir is a haven for wildlife, particularly birds, this was recognised in 1988 when the reservoir was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

**THORNTON**  
**RESERVOIR**  
**LEICESTERSHIRE**

**DECEMBER**  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

3 Miles.



Our local reservoir! Built in 1854 when it had its own treatment works which were situated to the south of the current dam, the water is now treated at Cropston Reservoir to which it runs via Rothley Brook.

Please sponsor us to help raise money through the Talents Scheme for St Martin's Church, Desford ACCESS FOR ALL PHASE 2.

**How can you sponsor us?**

- You can fill in a **sponsor form**, available from ourselves or in St. Martin's Church. If you are a UK taxpayer (income tax or capital gains tax), please provide us with your full postal address (including postcode).
- You can **email** details of how much you would like to sponsor us, either a fixed amount or per reservoir, along with your name and contact details, if you are a UK taxpayer, please provide us with your full postal address (including post code). Send your email to [darren\\_ceinwen@btinternet.com](mailto:darren_ceinwen@btinternet.com)
- You can sponsor us via **text message**, either a fixed amount or per reservoir, provide us with your name and contact details, if you are a UK taxpayer, please provide us with your full postal address (including post code). Send your text message to 01455 846546.

**You can follow our challenge on Facebook:**

Join the group "Darren and Ceinwen's Great British Reservoir Challenge"  
You will be able to read information about the Reservoirs, how we got on, view photographs and watch videos.

Alternatively, **look out for regular updates in Parish News!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

*Darren & Ceinwen Tilley.*