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## The Friends of Dame Laura Knight Society, Malvern & Colwall Branch

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	In the footsteps of Dame Laura Knight		MWF 76
	 6.00pm – 9.00pm	 4 miles MODERATE	
	 Lay by on A449, Ledbury Rd near turn to Welland WR14 4JN	GRID: SO 767405	
	<p>Dame Laura Knight (1877-1970) was probably the most famous female impressionist painter of her day. She loved the views from the Malvern Hills and for over 30 years visited the Malvern area to paint scenes. We will trace some of her footsteps to compare the views she painted with those of today and to pass near where she had a studio. Some steady climbs in the British Camp area on good paths.</p>		
	Led By: Mike Averill and Michael Johnson		

Part of the Malvern 2019 Walking Festival -  
In the footsteps of Dame Laura Knight - <https://malvernwalking.uk> ; walk MWF76

**31st May 2019:** A walk led by Mike Averill and Michael Johnson. Open to all, not just our members

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The walk was fully booked and fun was had by all.



(click photo to enlarge)

Report from Michael Johnson, our Archivist and joint Walk leader:

It all went very well; even the weather behaved, providing a stunning sunset to match DLK's own Harvest painting.

I led the first half, essentially to get the group onto the ridge via Tinkers Hill, Hangman's Hill and Broad Downs with stops along the way to present information and tales about the immediate area and the Hills in general. This created some quite lively discussions with many on the walk chipping in with their own knowledge and experiences.

At "Clutter's Cave" I handed over to Mike Averill who continued leading the walk, stopping at points to compare DLK's paintings with the real views, along with readings from various sources to provide a broader perspective. We finished at 'Barry Jackson's house' and memorial plaque, where copies of our alternative town walk and society membership forms were distributed upon request.

A great evening, well enjoyed with excellent feedback.

*Thanks goes to Mike Averill and Michael Johnson for organising this walk.*