

End of October 2009 Bulletin

Note from myself, Madam Chairman.

Hi everyone,

At the beginning of the month Paul Jensen arranged a Saturday walk – a circular walk along some of the North West Coastal Path and on to Tal y Fan. Seven people did this ten-mile walk experiencing gusting winds and getting wet through, but still an enjoyable day.

The Harris family was active at the beginning of the month (not just the beginning!) with mid-week walks on the Nantlle Ridge (nice weather) and the Rivals (mist at 200ft!).

The second weekend in October was the Wasdale meet in the Lake District. This is an annual camping weekend, for many people the last camping trip before winter. Six people were on this trip, and the Saturday walk took in Scarfell Pike (and other peaks), with 4,000' ascent over the day.

That same weekend Chester Canoe Club were at the Chapel. Chris Harris led an eight-mile walk on the Saturday – Beddgelert, Moel Hebog, Moel yr Ogof, Moel Lefn. On Sunday Graham took a cycle ride up to Llyn Elsi. Janet, being the least experienced off-roader, did not want to do the full route so her and Chris went up to Llyn Elsi on the forest tracks. Graham did a deviation through some rough stuff, then a circuit of Llyn Elsi where some of the group went down to Betws and returned via the Marin trail.

15th October was Mike Mac's day walk from Barley taking in Pendle Hill – his e-mail advertising it talked of 'wintry conditions, cold wind and sleet showers' when he had previously done it, but nevertheless nine people were not put off! - and did the eight-mile walk, with a visit to the Bay Horse Pub.

Graham has also mentioned a cycle ride they have done around Liverpool. It seemed like a trip not for the faint-hearted, but sounded really interesting including lots of local landmarks.

The weekend before the bonfire do saw seven members at the Chapel. They did a Grade 3 scramble on Cryn Las – 'like climbing on jelly'. They also did Clogwyn y Person arête, another Grade 3 scramble described by Carol as a 'slippy, death-defying feat' especially as it was 'blowing a hooley'. They apparently went the wrong way on the descent – Carol says she was taken the wrong way by John. Anyway, both got their trousers ripped on the descent and were thankful to get back to the car – then describing the day as 'fully enjoyable in a sadistic way'. A small climbing party were also in the Moelwyns.

Mike and Bryan Gilbert have been 'down south' experiencing warm but cloudy weather, doing some of the Cornwall Coastal Path including Lands End and St. Ives.

As the bonfire weekend approached many members took the opportunity to do a walk on the Friday including Lin, Paul and Sue Taylor who did a good linear walk (2,400' ascent and 7 miles). Cars were placed at Willies Barn and Capel. They went up the Waterboard road on to the ridge then on to Pen yr Helgi Du, along to Pen Llithrig y Wrach. There was a steep descent down to near the shores of Cowlyd and then they rejoined the A5 with a short walk into Capel.

There were a few parties out walking on the Saturday, with a large party of eleven doing Gallt yr Ogof and Nameless Peak from the Chapel. They ascended from Capel Curig, and then came back down Cwm Tryfan and along the old road back to Capel, and then the Chapel.

The bonfire do on the Saturday night was a good night. Unfortunately Hux was not feeling too good and so was unable to attend but thanks to him for the overall organization of it and for the instructions for how to build that perfect bonfire. Thanks to Margaret and Graham for the excellent feast, and to Paul Jensen for the firework display. Thanks to all who helped in any way, including collecting wood and building the bonfire.

Sunday was rather wet, but Reg and Dave did Lady Bagot's Drive, a woodland walk on the Denbigh moors to 'shelter from the storm'.

Overall, another active month for the Club.

Regards.

Christine.