

POSTSCRIPT

The Club was very pleased to be able to assist in the recent purchase of the Gelli Iago and Hafod y Porth estates, 4,000 acres in the heart of Snowdonia, by the National Trust. Personal contributions from members amounted to £430 and the Club contributed a further £750, giving a total of £1,180. Thanks to the top-up from the Chris Brasher £ for £ scheme the total value of the Club's contribution was £2,360. Over half a million people from all over the world, including many expatriate Welsh men and women, gave donations large and small.

As we enter our thirty-third year a number of the older members are, unsurprisingly, showing the greyness of middle age. The great thing is, though, that younger members continue to join the Club. The nightmare for those of us who have been there from the start was that we would all grow old gracefully with no-one to follow on. Thankfully, this is not the case. The magazines continue to keep Country Members and Life Members living outside the area in touch with Club happenings.

Already there are plans for trips to mark the Club's 35th Anniversary in 2002. The Kanchenjunga trek is one of the options being discussed. It would be nice to get everyone on that but no doubt other ideas will come out of the woodwork.

It is early morning and the daffodils which Johnnie Hall planted all those years ago are beginning to show. Above, Carrion Crows mob a passing Buzzard while a Great Spotted Woodpecker swings through the trees. It is spring in the natural oakwoods of the Llugwy Valley. Two thousand feet above, Moel Siabod guards the entrance to Snowdonia while inside the Chapel, climbers and walkers begin to stir and consider the day ahead.....

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