



Promoting Interest in Mountain Activities

The Gwydyr Monthly Newsletter November 2015

Hello and welcome to the November edition of the monthly newsletter.

What's On This Month

06-07 Hut Weekend Bonfire Party (Kev and Vanda)

19 Moel Siabod-the final Corbett (Mike McEneany)

21 Saturday Walk Etherow & Werneth Low Parks (Mark Barley)

Future Attractions!

December

04-05 Hut Weekend

21-03 Hut: Christmas/New Year Meet

2016

The meets list for 2016 will be available shortly



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Recent Activity

October

3 Saturday Walk Church Stretton Hills (Pete Mann).

Eight members and one dog met in the café at Carding Mill Valley in Church Stretton and, suitably refreshed, began the day's walk. The route took us through the east side of town across the railway and the A49 along a wide track through the Cwms valley to reach Enchmarsh village. We progressed via Hoar Edge to the north east end of the Lawley. We turned south west and traversed the ridge dropping down to Comley. After a short spell on a country lane we ascended steeply to Little Caradoc and then onto Caer Caradoc, the highest point of the day. The weather was mild but misty, fortunately the sun finally broke through as we got to the summit of Caer Caradoc and we were rewarded by some splendid views across the Long Mynd and the rest of Shropshire. From Three Finger Rock we descended to gain the original track and retraced our steps back to the cars.

10 Saturday Walk Macclesfield Forrest Hills (Mark Barley).

Dave Gray sent the following report for this walk. We did an interesting circuit from Lamaload reservoir over to Tegg's Nose and back through Macclesfield Forest on a very pleasant, sunny day. There were eight of us and for several of the group this was new ground which was great. We had good views of the Shining Tor ridge and out west across the Cheshire plain to North Wales. We stopped for a pint at the Leathers Smithy pub and according to Dave Chadwick's GPS we did around 12 miles and 3,000 plus feet of ascent!

14 Moelwyn Mawr (Mike McEneany)

Mike sent this report of the day. A group of fourteen set off on our penultimate Corbett on a warm, sunny day. We made our way a short distance up the road that leads to Stwlan Dam, then ascended a disused quarry tramway, a steep incline which continued through a short tunnel to emerge high above Ffestiniog. The tunnel was sufficiently long enough to add some excitement to the day. This is an area of extensive open cast quarries and tunnels, well worth a visit. We then proceeded to the summit of Moelwyn Mawr, our target for the day, and finally Moelwyn Bach. From here we had a panorama of views taking in Cnicht, Portmadog, Trawsfynydd and the Rhinogs. To complete our circuit we descended to the Stwlan Dam and back to the cars.



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16-17 Hut Weekend annual work weekend (Chris Harris)

Chris has already circulated a detailed account of this weekend. It was very poorly attended with only eight people in total. Given that one of these was a prospective member and one the wife of a member, that means only six full members of the club turned up. For a club with a membership of over one hundred that is very disappointing. The work weekend for 2016 will be included on the meets list giving members plenty notice of this important annual event. Hopefully this should improve the turnout for 2016.

Committee News

The next committee meeting has been provisionally scheduled for 17th November.

Other News

Chairman's Thoughts

As you will have noticed, I seem to have started this particular section of many recent newsletters with complaints about the weather. Therefore it is a refreshing change to begin by celebrating the fact that the good weather has continued, by and large, into this month. The autumn this year has been one of the best seasons with regard to the weather. It has been mild and generally sunny and we have been able to get out and enjoy the glorious autumnal colours. I am fortunate enough to have been out on the hills in North Wales, the Shropshire hills and the Clent and Lickey hills just outside Birmingham. Each of these different areas are blessed with large woodlands and the autumnal landscapes have been truly spectacular. Let's hope it continues for a while longer.

I am afraid that I don't have any recommendations for you this month, I hope that this feature will return in the near future.

Pete