

Tan Yr Wyddfa: 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November

We almost had it all! There was rock climbing at Tremadog and Gogarth, big boots on wet rock, walking, mountain biking, running, and even slate mining. No snow or ice climbing. 24 people attended: 9 full members, 6 provisionals, and 9 guests – some of whom might be persuaded to cough up & join up! I estimate the average age as 36.

On Saturday it rained first thing, and in central Snowdonia it remained dull and damp all day. The best weather was to be found at Gogarth. Two parties did 'Dream' in dry and pleasant weather, with even a little sunshine – although the rock itself was a bit 'moist' in places. It might have been the enthusiasm of the (much) older and (a little) wiser and Webman, or maybe the calm and confidence of the President and his (very) trusting second that helped this little foursome to drive to Holyhead in very unpromising conditions, when others turned back. However, it paid off with a brilliant day's climbing. Other parties headed for Tremadog, and climbed the ever-popular Christmas Curry by the Micah finish, in apparently damp and dismal conditions. One team put on their big boots for a cold and dripping ascent of the 'Outside Edge' route at Cwm Silyn. Several people walked in high places while other descended the mines or mountain biked at Coed Yr Brenin.

On Sunday the weather pattern was repeated. One bold team did 'Gogarth', and after a late start, managed to finish with just enough daylight to escape the crag. Two lads climbed Oberon at Tremadog. The top crack was 'just what you want' – cold wet & greasy. Another group spent the day climbing or watching climbing in the slate quarries. Most people went walking. The really fit went running or rode their bikes again.

Saturday night saw the hut full of bodies and the kitchen full of bubbling pots of curry, and rice, with nan breads, samosas, cheese, biscuits and lots and lots of wine and beer. Reminded me of new year – but without the sprogs! A very convivial evening was had by all – a fitting centre point of a good weekend. I would like to thank everyone who attended and got out on the hill. Special thanks go to the cooks: Kev, Joan, Graham Cooper, and in particular Nick Evans whose samosas delighted everyone. Lets do it again next year.

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