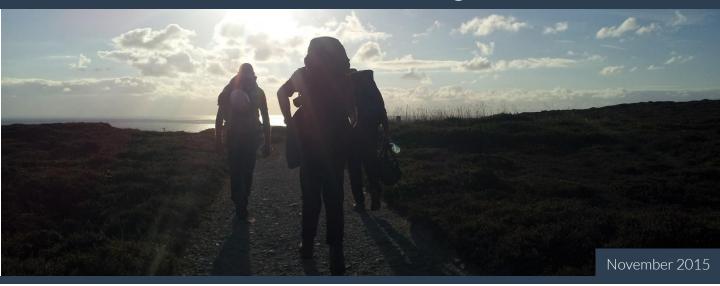
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Hello all

As the days get shorter and the nights draw in, remember that the club will be running plenty of events both indoors and out. The upcoming coach meets are a great chance to get out into the mountains for some winter walking, there are currently two socials and one slideshow in November with even more coming up in December, and the last Thursday of every month is the WBMC climbing night at Portway. Something for everyone!

My thanks to this month's contributors: Pete Poultney, Sue Goddard, Graeme Stanford, Nigel Tarr, Chris Dean, John Edwards, Mel Evans, and Richard Cooksey.

If you have anything that you'd like to be featured in next month's newsletter – whether you're selling gear, looking for a climbing or walking partner, you've seen an event that members might be interested in, anything at all – send it to me at joe.priest@live.co.uk (or through our website if it's an article) before 15th November.

Thanks, Joe

The WBMC meeting place



The Wheatsheaf 379 High Street, West Bromwich, B70 9QW Join us every Thursday night from 9.00pm in The Wheatsheaf for a chat and a drink.



2015 Cotswold Discount Code: **AF-WBMC-M8**



www.wbmc.org

Noticeboard

Welcome to new club member

The club would like to welcome its newest member Neil Parsons. Neil has been around the club for some time and has been on various meets and trips. He was also one of the successful finishers of this years Oggie 8 challenge, well done Neil!

Indoor meets

There have been a couple of changes to the schedule of upcoming evening 'indoor' meets:

5th November: Poland – Oliver Stephenson 10th Dec: Mountain photography–Van Greaves

7th January 2016: TBN 4th February 2016: Iceland

Sue Goddard, Jo Cheung, Dee Sedheva

Scottish week winter skills day

On the club Scottish week Chris Dean has kindly offered to run an impromptu 'winter skills' day. This is limited to six people and two of those places are already spoken for so that leaves 4 lucky people. First come first served. Schedule, itinerary, date etc all to be determined at a later date. Please contact Chris directly to book.

"Forth for the Furth" 2017

John Edwards: I've still no accurate details for when the Tom Crean Festival in Annascaul, Eire is taking place in 2016 but it now looks as though I won't be attending it until 2017 as it now seems that "Canada is Calling" in June & July for me and Carol next year! Sorry about the slightly premature (by around 18 months!) announcement but there's no harm in planning ahead.

Crop Circles at the hut!

Mysterious crop circles have appeared outside the hut! We aren't sure what they may mean, although they seem to know our club name. Any information would be greatly appreciated, please report any extraterrestrial sightings to the committee.





Hut donations



Members - £4.00 Guests - £7.00 (Max. two guests per member) 16 & under - £1.50

Stamped addressed envelopes are provided in the hut for payment.

To book

Phone or email Alison Whitehead: 07530644874 hut-secretary@wbmc.org

Please contact Alison before going to the hut.

WBMC members can purchase a hut key from Alison at a donation of £4.50

Coming up

Friday 13th & Friday 27th November Social Nights

Jonathan Howells has organised a social night for Nov 27th, please see him for details. In addition to this, Nigel is organising another curry night in West Bromwich on Nov 13th.

Wedesday 25th November – 8:00pm BMC Midlands Area AGM

Come along and hopefully get John Edwards & David Jones elected onto the BMC Midlands Region committee then, after free food, hear BMC ambassador Calum Muskett, the 21-year-old rock climber and alpinist based in North Wales, who made the 6th ascent (in 27 years) of Cloggy's mythical Indian Face (E9 6c) in 2013.

More information about the AGM is available at http://community.thebmc.co.uk/Event.aspx?id=3504



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28th February – 6th March 2016 European Winter Week – Zakopane, Poland

Zakopane is the ski capital of Poland and also an excellent base to climb in the Tatras mountains. Standing at 2503m, Rysy is the highest mountain in Poland and ideally climbed from Zakopane.

With cheap ski passes, equipment hire and instruction, this is an ideal area to learn to ski. However with a chair lift taking you up to nearly 2000m, there are still plenty of slopes to keep the more experienced skiers happy for a few days. There

is also 50km of cross country pistes to enjoy and skimountaineering is also an option.

Accommodation, food and beer are also very reasonable so this maybe a good chance to have a cheap week away.

For more details call Andy Brown on 07870 145026 or catch him at the Wheatsheaf.

2016 St Kilda

Ian Merther is hoping to organise a trip to St Kilda in 2016. This is no ordinary day excursion, it is a week long trip of a lifetime, and does not come cheap, so I am putting out feelers to see if there would be any interest from club members.

Here's a link to give you an idea of what it's about. Have a look, and if you are interested, contact Ian. http://clearwaterpaddling.com/trips/Tall-Ship-to-St.-Kilda

Return to Ennerdale

29th September 2015

Pillar Rock, situated between the valleys of Ennerdale Leaving the hostel a to the North and Wasdale to the South is often said to half hours before we

be the home of rock climbing in the Lake District. Immortalised by Wordsworth in 'The Brothers':

You see yon precipice – it almost looks Like some vast building made of many crags. And in the midst is one particular rock That rises like a column from the vale, Whence by our Shepherds it is call'd, the Pillar.

Pillar Rock has more recently been singled out by Ken Wilson in his book "Classic Rock" and by John and Anne Nuttall in "Mountains of England and Wales". Depending on taste each work has its devotees.

With high pressure dominating Ken and I decided to make the long drive north to climb on this iconic Rock. It would be our second visit. An earlier newsletter details the first visit but suffice to say, on that occasion we failed to find it! Leaving at 7pm on Tuesday 29th September we booked in to Ennerdale YHA and enjoyed a welcome cuppa followed by a good kip. Next morning we were not disappointed, high pressure was still in charge, it was an absolutely glorious start to the day – not a breath of wind with a clear blue sky – perfect.

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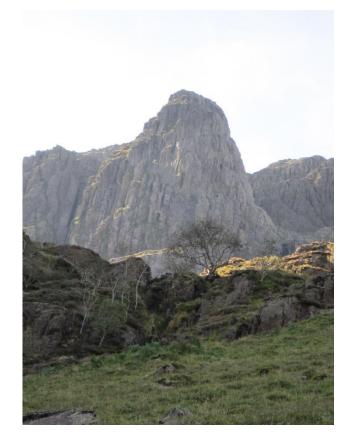


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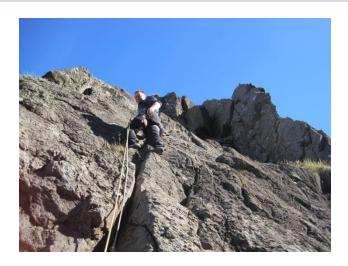
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Leaving the hostel at 9.30am it was a good two and half hours before we were positioned to look directly at the West Face of High Man and pick out our intended routes, 'Rib and Slab' and 'New West Climb'. Both are 90m in length and both are described in Classic Rock.

With a sly look at the watch a quick plan was discussed. Climb the harder route first, abseil down, collect our sacs, climb the second route, abseil into the Jordan Gap and walk out. Sounded no problem but with nine pitches in total, even at a rate of 30 minutes per pitch, plus abseils the question was, were we in for another epic? Still, the sky remained a brilliant blue, almost Alpine, but no, this was even better, this was the British landscape just showing the first stages of autumn, this was perfect and no time to be worrying about getting down for a YHA meal.



Return to Ennerdale continued...



"The rock was rough and warm as we climbed from shade into bright sun and the four pitches raced by."

Climbing from shaded scree about 25m down from West Jordan Gully we were soon on the sustained and exposed 'Rib and Slab. The rock was rough and warm as we climbed from shade into bright sun and the four pitches raced by. It was brilliant climbing, so far



removed from the polished climbs I'd recently been doing in the Wye Valley that it felt almost a different sport. Since our two climbs shared some stances as we abseiled a couple of belays were left in place (cams and all!) for the second route. This not only speeded up our second climb but, with cams now costing £50+, it also meant we were committed to going back up!

When you're having fun time seems to fly and so it proved. We climbed quickly, ate and drank on the move, left belays in place, etc., but, as we prepared to use the considerable tat left by 'Baggers' descending into the Jordan Gap, the western sky was beginning to turn a vivid shade of red. Visions of our YHA meal were becoming distinctly blurred.

After a short detour to view the infamous Walker's Gully, must have been some walkers, an immediate about turn saw us back on track and we crossed the river at exactly 7pm. Thirty minutes later we were enjoying a meal, well done YHA, with a bottle of YHA Red to celebrate Ken completing the Classic Rock Routes, Wales and England, no mean feat. It had been the perfect day.



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Stranded at the Hut

A shameless rip-off of Desert Island Discs

Following on from last month's snowing in of Ken Priest, it is my turn to seek refuge with my eight carefully selected tomes. I have limited my choice to those currently sitting on my bookshelf, otherwise this could have taken some months.

My first selection is a paperback copy of *Soldiers on Everest* by Jon Fleming and Ronald Faux. This book tells of the joint Army Mountaineering Club with the Nepalese Army attempt on Everest in 1976. This is a cracking tale, easy reading and full of detail. One of the party was Brummie Stokes, and in 1977 he had the honour of speaking at a Rowley Regis College assembly, with certain students hanging on his every word. From this event probably stems my interest in mountaineering. The copy sitting on my shelf is inscribed "Happy 18th birthday Pete"

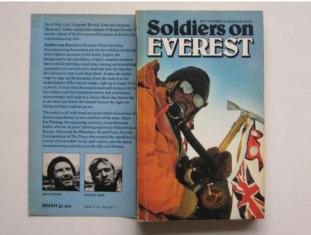


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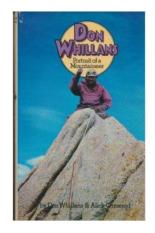
At this time reading any mountaineering book seemed good experience, and once at work I avidly devoured all I could lay my hands on. I enjoyed delving back into history, and reliving climbing adventures of the 1960s in the company of Chris Bonnington, Don Whillans, Joe Brown and Hamish McInnes. My second choice is *Portrait of a Mountaineer* - Don Whillans. With the snow reaching white out condition, this book would keep me engrossed for a few hours. It details how Don Whillans got into climbing. I was thrilled by their enthusiasm, amused by their escapades and left with a longing to visit those big mountains.

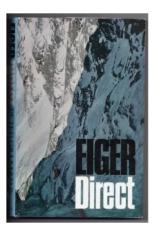
Third choice – *Eiger Direct* by Peter Gillman and Dougal Haston. This relates the epic of the first ascent of the North Face by the Direct route, now called the Harlin Route. This was a winter ascent, and tragically was achieved after the death of John Harlin. My first

Words by Sue Goddard Pictures mostly from Amazon.co.uk



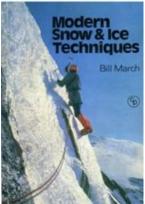
trip to the Alps to climb was in June 1980, where our obvious destination was Grindelwald. I never contemplated the Eiger, but Ken, Pete and I did Monch, which lies immediately next to the Eiger. Another link for me, relating to this book is that my first ski instructor in Bareges – Jean-Dominique was in the French Army Winter climb of the Harlin Route. He spent 20 days on the route. He was an excellent mountain guide, and a good friend too, sadly no longer with us.





Number four - Gwen Moffat's *Space below my feet*. Gwen Moffat became in 1953 the first female mountain guide in the UK. She climbed in Wales, Scotland and the Lake District, and like so many others ended up in the Alps. The book covers the late 1940s and 1950s, and offers another perspective on the early climbing scene, from a rather individualistic female. Whilst rock climbing has never been a huge part of my life, I enjoy reading about climbing, and particularly in Snowdonia, an area I feel I know so well.





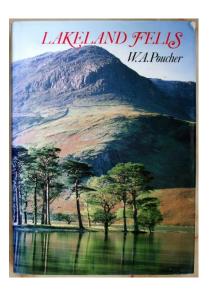
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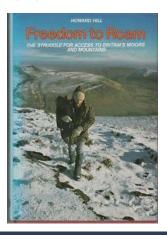
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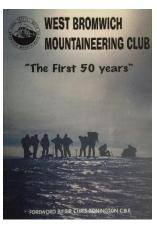
Number five – assuming that I will need to make my escape from this mountain hut in wintery conditions I feel it will be wise to ensure I am competent in winter skills. A small paperback, *Modern Snow and Ice Techniques*, published in 1976 by Cicerone Press will be my guide. It covers crampon technique, ice-axe use, step-cutting and kicking. It's been a long time since I originally learnt these skills at a week- long course in Grindelwald on a glacier. This book won't take long to read, but could save my life.

Number six – after all this reading my eyes will enjoy feasting on the beautiful colour photographs found in *Lakeland Fells* – WA Poucher (1985). Reminders of happy days spent walking in the Lakes.



Number seven is *Freedom to Roam* by Howard Hill which covers the struggle for access to the mountains and moors of the UK in the late nineteenth and twentieth century. It is something we take for granted, but this book reminds me that people fought to win us the right to walk, and the setting up National Parks.





Number eight – by now I might be feeling lonely so will need reminding of my mates. Only one book will do this: *West Bromwich Mountaineering Club – The First 50 years*. I feel no further comment is necessary.

As to my perfect mountain day, I will go back in time to 12 October 2007. This is my son's 21st birthday and he chose to spend it in the company of his parents and Debbie and Steve Redding, also choosing to ascend the Taillon, in the French Pyrenees. This is a 3,000 metre mountain, gained by ascending from the Col de Tentes through the Breche de Roland, across a small glacier, a scree slope leading to an exposed ridge, thence a gradual ascent to the summit. On this day it was dusted with some fresh snow, and a little ice. The perfect blue sky and sunshine made it a day to remember. I'd love to repeat it.

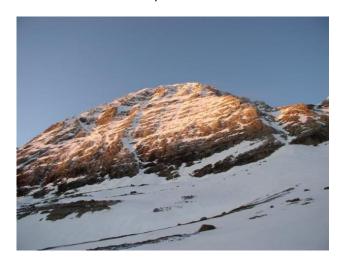


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Now, the book I'd save – it would have to be the Club book as I believe this is now out of print.

The challenge of selecting eight books is not as easy as it seems, as once picked up I found it difficult to put the books down without reading them. It was fun though.

Could you face being stranded at the hut? Which books would you take? Send your answers on the back of a postcard via email to joe.priest@live.co.uk

Climbing weekend

16th - 18th October

'Twas just after 8:00am on Friday morning when I arrived at Mel Evans' abode in the posh end of Kingswinford, and after loading the van we made our way to Snowdonia. Ironically the weekend was organised by Ken Priest who couldn't make it because of man flu (as you know ladies is the worst kind!)

On route we stopped off at Pinnacle cafe at Capel for a cuppa and beans on toast where Mel suggested "Bochlwyd Buttress" just up from Ogwen cafe. Neither of us had climbed here before so another tick in the guide could be gained.



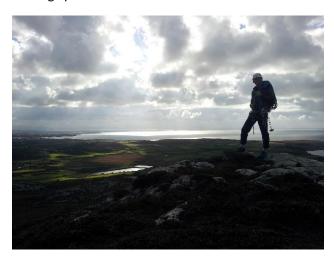
Although the day was dry an easterly wind blowing down the valley made us both wrap up. We decided to warm up on a Diff by the name of "Arete and Slab" and finishing on "Two pitch Route". Although enjoying the climbs we were now both feeling the cold and rewarded ourselves with a hot pie at the cafe at Ogwen (which now have heated toilets and information centre, ideal if you need to get changed when raining or winter conditions). After settling into the hut the peace was disturbed by the sound of my strimmer (I know I need to get out more!)



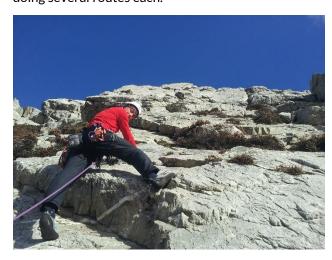
Words and pictures By Pete Poultney



Throughout the night other members started to arrive including Graeme Stanford, Ian Merther, Neil Easter, Guy Harris, Mike Smith and his two sons Ed and Marcus, Dave Covington (Ex Fireman) With Sean (Mate of Daves) Sam Grosvenor and Nick Petrowskey turning up on Sat morn.



After breakfast on a cloudy, dismal but dry day we started the hour drive to Anglesey. As predicted the further west the better the weather and we were rewarded with blue skies with a little cloud. The Crags on Hollyhead Mountain were reached in about 20 mins where teams were split into groups of twos and threes. Neil, Guy and Marcus (poss first climb on rock) Mel with Ed (also on his first climb outdoors), lan with Graeme and Nick, and myself with Mike who was also introduced to real rock for the first time. Most teams doing several routes each.



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Climbing Weekend continued...

We all enjoyed the climbing with the sun cream making an appearance, so lucky! If you'd have been there Ken you would have said it was too warm!

After looking through the guide book Nick and myself found "The Elephants Arse" so decided to have a go, but only getting half way up! It seems you can't penetrate everything!





After about 5 hours climbing and with the Rugby being on TV later we decided to return to hut with the hour's drive ahead of us. On reaching Beddgelert I jumped out and booked a table for 10 in "The Saracens". Andy (Ex Fireman) and Mary Grosvenor joined us later with most watching the second half of the Rugby in the back room.



After breakfast on Sunday morning Mel, Graeme, Neil, Nick and myself headed up to "Upper Tier" in Tremadog. All doing about 3 climbs each. Neil led Graeme up a climb called "Central Staircase" V Diff..with Graeme thinking I could do that, and ended up leading Neil up same climb, so well done mucker!!

We packed up about lunch time and headed home after another enjoyable weekend up "Our hut".

So it's a big well done to Mike, Marcus, Ed and Graeme and all who assisted.

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WBMC Annual Away Dinner

Friday 18th-Sunday 20th March 2016

By Richard Cooksey



Following very positive feedback from this year's event we are returning to Briery Wood with a similar package. To get the prices we have agreed deposits must be paid in November 2015 and so please book ASAP.

Moments from the eastern shores of Lake Windermere and set in seven acres of beautiful secluded gardens and woodland lies Briery Wood Country House Hotel. Briery Wood was built at the end of the 19th century and housed the Earl of Lonsdale's Estates main gardener who developed the stunning grounds that we still enjoy today.



Photo from TripAdvisor

Briery Wood is within easy reach of the popular villages of Ambleside, Bowness and Windermere, so it's a great base for exploring the Lake District. Walking options directly from the hotel include Wansfell, Baystones and Troutbeck. Being close to the A591 also opens up many other walking options and the nearby Brockhole, The Lake District Visitor Centre also offers a wide variety of options for all ages including taking a boat on Windermere giving other options including different walks.

As in previous years the weekend therefore offers the opportunity to climb different peaks that you would not be able to do on coach meets.

We have a similar deal to previous years – Bed and Breakfast on the Friday night; Dinner, Bed and Breakfast on the Saturday night.

- •The price is £125 plus disco contribution (see below) per adult for the weekend in a twin or double room.
- •The hotel has 43 twin or double rooms including some which can also accommodate families. Children in a room with adults would be charged £20 per night Bed and Breakfast and £15 for a half portion of the Saturday meal or £7.50 for a children's meal.
- Dinner only price £30 plus share of the disco cost.
- •The hotel will give 2 single rooms for £125 for the weekend and 3 single rooms for £145 for the weekend. Any further singles would be £195 for the weekend. If people could share where possible that would allow the maximum amount of people to go.

We have to pay for the disco ourselves and this cost would just be divided between everyone who attends the meal.

Here's a link to their brochure: lakedistrictcountryhotels.co.uk/briery-wood-hotel and it has a rating of 4.5 out of 5 on Trip Advisor:

Please call me to ask for details about the cost of extra nights on 07950 087911. A non-refundable deposit is required (£25 per person) by 10th November, payable to West Bromwich Mountaineering Club, the balance is payable individually before leaving the hotel.

tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotel_Review-g186330-d574824

Booking form

Send the following booking form with a deposit cheque t	o: Richard Cooksey, 24 Lydf	ord Road, Blox	wich
Walsall, West Midlands, WS3 3NT.			
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Party leader's name:
Telephone number:
Email address:
Type of room: single / twin / double / family
Any special requests (e.g. vegetarian meals):
Type of room: single / twin / double / family

Guest Names	Adult/Child	£
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Black Mountains Weekend

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th January 2016

By Richard Cooksey



We are returning to the Bunkhouse in the Town Hotel, Talgarth (towerhoteltalgarth.co.uk). Talgarth is a very friendly town offering opportunities for high and low level walks in the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons and the hotel also caters for Mountain Bikes (bikesbunksbeer.co.uk).

The cost is £23 bed in the bunkhouse or £30 per person in a twin or double room, all bed and breakfast per night. The bunkhouse and other rooms are upstairs in the hotel and so ideal for a winter meet with heating and drinks making facilities. The hotel also serves evening meals and real ale and the town also has a working water mill with its own bakery and café (talgarthmill.com).



Photo from visittalgarth.co.uk

There are lots of other things to do in the town (visittalgarth.co.uk/item/talgarth_.html) and other pubs and eating options include real ale pubs and an excellent fish and chip takeaway and restaurant.

The hotel requires a deposit of £10 non-refundable deposit before Christmas which can be made payable to the West Bromwich Mountaineering Club, the balance is payable by you before leaving the hotel. I am happy to talk to anyone about this meet on including discussing other rooms which would suit couples, children and families.



Photo from visittalgarth.co.uk

For more information about the weekend, give Richard a call on 07950 087911, or to book, send the form below (along with a deposit cheque) to:

Richard Cooksey, 24 Lydford Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, West Midlands, WS3 3NT.

Booking form

Party leader's name:
Telephone number:
Email address:
Any special requests (e.g. vegetarian meals):

Room Type	£
Total	
Deposit (£10 per person)	
	Total

Coach Meet - Llanberis

Sunday 8th November

Depart

07:00 - West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8HU) 07:20 - M54 Junction 2 Service Road

(Brief toilet stop at Corwen)

Drop off

Capel Curig (721582) Pen-Y-Pass (647556) Llanberis (583598)

Pick up

Llanberis (583598) Pen-Y-Gwyrd Hotel (660558)

Required maps

Outdoor Leisure No17 - Snowdon



Photo by Gwilym Morrison

Fares

Members £20.00 Guests £22.00 Under 16's and full-time students – £8.00

To book ring Nigel Tarr on 07703 345729

£5.00 pp cancellation charges apply: you must cancel at least 7 days in advance.

Suggested routes

Route 1 (15km - 10 miles)

From Capel Curig head West and follow the ridge to Gallt Yr Ogof (685586) continue over Foel Goch (678582) and past Llyn Caseg-Fraith (670584). After the view that this ridge affords of Tryfan (hopefully!) ascend Glyder Fach (656583) followed by Glyder Fawr. Descend South to Pen-Y-Pass followed by a road walk to the Pen Y Gwryd Hotel.

Route 2 (13km - 8 miles)

The classic "Snowdon Horseshoe" from Pen-Y-Pass and return to Pen-Y-Pass via Crib Goch or Y Lliwedd. *This is a hard day in the time available.*

Route 3 (17km – 11 miles)

From Pen-Y-Pass ascend Snowdon via the Pyg Track. Leave NW and descend via the Snowdon Ranger path as far as Bwlch Cwm Brwynog (9591558) a steep grassy climb then leads to Moel Cynghorion (586564). Descend to Bwlch Maesgwm (573559) then follow

the easy path North to Llanberis coach park on the right hand side just past Electric Mountain visitors' centre

Route 4 (17km - 11 miles)

From Pen-Y-Pass ascend Glyder Fawr and then drop NW to climb Y Garn before continuing along the grassy plateau to Foel Goch Mynydd Perfedd Carnedd y Filiast and Elifir Fawr before dropping down to Llanberis coach park.

Coach Rule 7 applies: "Do not go above the snowline without ice-axe and crampons." Please stow your ice-axes and crampons in the side compartment of the coach. Don't leave them in the boot where they could damage rucksacks.

Coach Meet - Edale

Sunday 13th December

Depart

07:00 - West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8HU) 07:20 - Penkridge

Drop off & Pick up TBC

Full details will be on this page in next month's newsletter, apologies for the delay!



OS 1:25.000 Outdoor Leisure No18 Snowdonia -Harlech & Bala Areas Routes 1.2 & 3 No. 23 Snowdonia-Cader Idris Area Route 4



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Fares

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Suggested routes

Route 1 (9km - 5.5miles)

From Hope follow a field leading in a NW direction up to the summit of Loose Hill (112853). You're now on the Eastern end of an impressive (if sometimes busy) ridge. Follow the ridge to Hollins Cross (136945) to Mam Tor (128836). Continue along the path up to the road (125834) then head North for a leisurely walk down into Edale

Route 2

As route 1 over Mam Tor but then continue West over Lords Seat (112834) and along the top of Rushop

Edge. A less crowded but often less boggy area follows where minor paths can be taken North over Brown Knoll (084851) and around the western edge of Edale as far as Jacobs Ladder (088862) then down to Edale and the coach.

Route 3 (12km - 7.5miles)

For those with internet access the following 7.5 mile walk can be downloaded starting from Edale: http://walkingbritain.co.uk/walks/walks/walk_a/1159

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Mitch's Meet - Breidden Hills

Sunday 3rd January 2016

Depart

08:50 – Scott Arms (if there is a demand for this) 09:00 - West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8HU)

09:20 - M54 Junction 2 Service Road

Drop off

"The Breidden", Middletown, on the A458 (302125)

"The Admiral Rodney", Criggion (294149)

Pick up

"The Admiral Rodney", Criggion (294149)

Required maps

OS 1:25,000 Outdoor Leisure 240: Oswestry or OS 1:50,000 Landranger 126: Shrewsbury & Surrounding Area

After last year's rather tame Cheshire Hills, it's time for something with a bit more kurtosis! Food will be available in the afternoon and evening at "The Admiral Rodney", Criggion (tel 01938 570313) and the menu has choices to suit all tastes and pockets. A full menu will be printed in next month's newsletter.

The coach will set off back to the Midlands between 6 and 7.00pm. Come and enjoy this great social event made popular by our fondly remembered President, John Mitchell.



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Fares

Members £20.00 Guests £22.00 Under 16's and full-time students – £8.00

To book ring Nigel Tarr on 07703 345729 **N.B.** *Seats sell quickly for this meet!*

£5.00 pp cancellation charges apply: you must cancel at least 7 days in advance.

Suggested routes

From Middletown (10km - 6miles)

Hopefully the led walk unless the weather is foul

Moel y Golfa (404m - a Marilyn) with its fine summit monument (290124) to a Romany leader. Then faint tracks through the woods to the grassy open slopes of Middletown Hill (298128) and further east to the twin tops of Buith y Hill. Finally N and W and E a bit to climb Breidden Hill (365m) (295144) for fine views over the River Severn and a quick circumnavigation of the erection dedicated to George Brydges Rodney,

Admiral of the White! Only 6 miles (10 km) or so but around 1,800 ft of ascent and descent so it should shift the Christmas pud!

From "The Admiral Rodney"

4 miles or 2.5 miles (6.5 or 4 km) depending on route.

Short circular walk up Breidden Hill to see Rodney's Pillar and back to the pub. Or continue to explore the paths in Breidden Forest & New Pieces.

Coach Rule 7 applies: "Do not go above the snowline without ice-axe and crampons." Please stow your ice-axes and crampons in the side compartment of the coach. Don't leave them in the boot where they could damage rucksacks.