

THE GWYDYR NO.42(MAY/JUNE 2014)

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GWYDYR MOUNTAIN CLUB



A Mountain called 'Nun'

Welcome to the latest newsletter which I'm afraid is a wee bit shorter than normal but hey ho here goes.....

Thanks to Dave Gray for providing me with the following details of what the club membership has been up to over the past couple of months:-

1. Gail and Doug have had a good trip to Skye - what they did included Am Bastair, and a walk from Sligachan to Coruisk and Camasunary.
2. Adrian has taken his family for days out on the Long Mynd and Stiperstones
3. Mike Mc and John Crosby had a very successful holiday in Glencoe - they got lots done and Mike said he'd drop you an email with more detail.
4. Bryan and Mike Gilbert and I had a week up in Blairgowrie - highlights were 4 munros - Glas Tulaichean, and the Glas Maol, Cairn of Claise and Carn an Tuirc group. We got out every day and did other lower hills and coastal walking, basically we had very good weather.
5. From last Tuesday 3/6/14), things done were Knoydart (of which more via Chris H) plus Paul and Lin Jensen took their new campervan for its inaugural trip to Scotland; they used it as a base for a number of hill and coastal walks and cycling trips around L Lomond and the W coast.

6. Adrian's been up to Glen Lyon in Scotland, doing a further 4 Munros in the Carn Mairg group plus Schiehallion, his tally is now 40.

7. Mike and Bryan Gilbert and Helen Brady have done another 60 miles of the SW coastal path in Cornwall - the N section is now complete taking 9 days; they've only another 25 to do to do the southern section...

8. All walking news is from Kev's Coniston trip which went really well. Most of us did the round of the Furness Fells inc. the Old Man in good conditions on the Saturday. On the Friday and Sunday various mid level walks happened including Styhead Tarn, Scout Scar and around Tarn Hows area.

9. 1/7/14 - Doug's navigation sessions at the hut were a great success and were much appreciated by those who took part, we all learned something! As part of the hut weekend on June 28/9 we did a number of walks including ascents of the Glyders, Tryfan, Creigian Gleision and Cnicht. The weather on the Sunday was superb! Geoff had a good trip to Chamonix and will send in fuller details.

10. 8/7/14 - My own Arans circuit last Saturday had the exact opposite weather to the postponed attempt in February. We had a splendid sunny and breezy day with magnificent views on a circuit of Llanuwchllyn, Aran Benllyn, Creiglyn Dyfi and Cwm LLwyd. We had 8 in the party. In the middle of last week Lin, Paul, and Maurice and June had a midweek stay at the Chapel and did some big bike rides being a circuit of Anglesey and the trail s from Port Dinorwic. Jim Metcalfe was out en famille on the Carneddau last Saturday.

And finally on the adjourned Welsh 3000's weekend Dave sent me the following :-

We had a great time at the Chapel, and amongst other things done were ascents of Moel Siabod, Y Garn and Foel Goch, swimming in the river and a scramble on Llech ddu spur of Carnedd Dafydd.

Anna Roberts was involved in a charity National 3 Peaks in aid of Lymphoma Research. She did Ben Nevis but had an injury on that, and continued the rest of the event in a support role.

The results for this year's 3000's is as shown in the table below. A huge well done to all involved☺

Welsh 3000s Final Results Table

NAME	TIME TO COMPLETE
Geoff Brierley	9hrs 37 mins
Neil Metcalfe	10hrs 26 mins
John Simpson	11hrs 17 mins
Chris Harris	14hrs
Doug Florence	16hrs (approximate time as I dont have a finish time for Foel Fras)

Andy Chapman has been out climbing quite a bit of late and we had a great evening recently at Helsby where we managed quite a few of the old classics including a particularly perplexing hard severe which has to be massively under-graded..... Andy provided me with the following details;

Friday last week David Gail and myself Moelwyns climbing Slack, Orange Outang & 1st pitch of Pinky, David enjoyed getting my gear out eventually, really good thread runners on Orange Outang.

Sunday I went out to Cwm Silyn with Tony Lamberton and was chased away by farmer (quite a story). We went to Tremadog for a coffee to relax, then we climbed Shear Khan right hand, Trio, Rio and Oakover – A great day in the end.

Just been to the Lakes to see Steve and we did Gimmer String plus a quick route near Ulverston and a new 3 star VS on Pavey Ark.

All in all I done quite a bit of climbing in last few weeks, and some work in the Roaches and long cycling to keep myself fit for the big trips but sadly Cho Oyu is cancelled this year but I'm really looking forward to Nun ☺ (See picture on front page !)

FORTHCOMING MEETS:

AUGUST 2014

- 01-02 - Rhoscolyn BBQ (Kev McEvoy)
- 08-09 - **Hut** weekend
- 15-16 - Saturday walk Hope to Edale (Mark Barley)
- 22-25 - LATE SUMMER BH
- 29-30 - Langdale Hut Meet (David Lane-Joynt)

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 05-06 - Rhinogs Camping Weekend (Dave Gray)
- 12-13 - **Hut** Weekend: Cycling Meet (Chris Harris)
- 19-20
- 26-27 - CLM Self Catering Meet VTBA (Lin Jensen & Sue Taylor)

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END.....

Christine Smyth, as Chairlady, introduced the concept of a monthly newsletter and when she stepped down I took it on as part of my 'duties' as club chairman. I've tried to carry it on as best I can however I do find myself struggling for time and so I feel it best to pass the responsibility of a newsletter back to the Chairman / Committee and I do hope that they continue to send something out on a regular basis. It may be that people prefer Facebook now but as a resource a regular newsletter is important and Geoff will hopefully find the past few years worth of newsletters useful as he writes the latest Gwydyr history following on from John Huxley's wonderful book.