

Easter 1987

Easter Trip to Wales

Easter Meet Review

Nine members and one guest participated in the years Easter meet and after battling through the bank holiday traffic met at the campsite at Maentwrog.
No meet leaders? No rope? (Don't mention the rope)

Friday

We left the campsite & drove to Sygun Mine (lucky to arrive in one piece as the secretary drove). Since our last visit, Sygun (pronounced S-gun) has been opened to visitors and surface and underground workings are on show. Our enthusiasm for exploration of higher workings didn't meet with official approval, however, and we made a hasty retreat.

Saturday

Another active day (particularly for Alistair who graciously carried the meet leader's gear and lunch).

Two parties set off to explore different areas. Anton and Andrew visited Glenaber Terrace and Manod where access is now possible, though previously banned by the M.O.D.

The second group sought gold and found mines (no gold, just pianos) at Cwm Prysor, Prince Edward, and Gwynfennid (where royal wedding rings originate).

At Prince Edward Mine a jackroll was still in position and numerous stopes and shafts were explored, as well as surface workings, whilst at Gefail-Y-Miners, a surface water wheel still turned.

Saturday

The energetic half of the party, myself, A Lings, C Jones, S.M Godfrey, spent Sunday in what can only be described as poor weather, visiting the Britannia Mine on Snowdon, above the shores of Glaslyn at almost 2,500ft.

The levels are all open and mainly wet, with some unstable false floors to traverse. A commendation must go to Alistair again here, the sight of him in a small rift wearing nothing but a smile, just to get himself very wet and cold attempting to penetrate the waters of number 4 level was an example to the astonished onlookers, and something I will undoubtedly be proud to tell my grandchildren about.

The remaining group visited the extensive workings at Cwmorthin Slate Quarry descending the main incline and emerging at daylight below.

Monday

Again the group was split, and those who had visited Cwmorthin the day before returned, this time reaching a level 5 floors below the low adit.

Robin Westerman led a heroic, exploratory foray into the uncharted geological wilderness of the Coed-y-Brenin forest based around the two sites of the Cwmheisian Mint.

PERCY PIT PROP says

If you let someone carry your dinner, you might have to let them eat it, too.

Present

Anton

Alistair

Self

Andrew Sibald

Peter + Mgt

Robin W

Dave Blundell

Chris H Jones

M Godfrey