

Dates for your Diary:

- £20 Subs for 2007 Now Due—Please send to Club Treasurer!
- Dovedale Winter Walk—7 January 2007
- Euro Ice Climbing Meet—January / February 2007
- Cadair Idris Hut—26/27/28 January 2007
- AGM & Club Dinner—17 March 2007

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First of all, let's begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year and all the very best for 2007. The meet's programme is virtually finished and will be posted very shortly, with event's such as Lundy, this year's Wild Camping meet and the Club Dinner all in stock, there's plenty to look forward too!

A New Years Eve "Indiana Jones" style expedition through Llanberis Quarries!

Saturday night prior to NYE and we're sat in the Vaynol, no surprise there! I hazard a guess that you are even less surprised to hear that the rain has been blowing horizontally up the pass for the best part of the last week!

Despite Mark suggesting that plan's are never best hatched in the pub, following much persuasion he agrees to guide us through the Indiana Jones trail of the Llanberis Slate Quarries.

Sunday morning, weather much the same, if not worse. T'yn Lon hallway floor looks like a gear

jumble sale as we dig out harnesses and descenders for our group of budding victims, nine of us in all, myself, Hanya, Mark & Sue, Liz, Paul & Matt Collis, David and Bill Beddard—it's amazing how many people you can cram in the back of a transit!

Having nearly lost my van door to the gale force wind that's now hammering rain water directly in through the face hole of my jacket,

we battle head on with driving wind and rain to Dali's Hole. Finally reaching shelter in the tunnel through to California, like drowned rat's we're all excitedly rummaging around pulling harnesses and head torches on! From here we scramble the scree slopes of California to reach a grassy traverse, with the rain turning the rarely trodden slate to a ungraspable slimy mess, a short pitched climb with a couple of safety ropes seems the safest option to gain the shelf level above Seamstress Slab area.

A short walk through the cutting and the group take shelter against the Quarry wall as Mark and I rig abseils down two shelves of "Heaven Walls". Two old iron ladders bolted to the

hundred feet down in the bottom of this vast pit.



Mark Hellewell



quarry wall's, and a climb down an old winching chain put's us several

A dark tunnel, several inches deep in water leads us on into yet another quarry known as "The Lost World", from here we climb two ladders, (one of which is missing several rungs) to reach the Khyber Pass, another ladder climb from here reaches the old winching house. Exposed to the weather yet again as we chase after Bill, scampering up a couple of inclines like an old mountain goat to reach the old workings to complete our trip. The weather finally relaxes as we trek back down the inclines to Dali's Hole. An awesome day!

New Years Eve Celebrations



Following the day out featured on the front page, celebrations for the New Year kicked off back at Tyn Lon with a three course roast dinner expertly prepared by Val Beddard & Fran Murray.

Stacks of fresh Roast Pork & Beef, Yorkies, Sausage, Stuffing and lashings off all veggies imaginable, all proceeded by home made soup and followed by Christmas Pudding or Freshly made Bread & Butter Pudding. There was without any doubt more then enough food to go around, even taking into account my eating capabilities!

The majority spent the rest of the evening in the Vaynol. As you can see from the photo's; a great time was had by all—a rite skin full of beer was had by most, many games of pool shot and numerous hilarious stories from 2006 shared!

Aled produced plates of fodder in the small hours for those still standing, and of course, true to form, Ceunant and Vags were the last occupants to leave the pub at well past 4am!

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Work Meet & Bonfire Party at T'yn Lon

The work meet was yet again very well attended! I counted well over thirty for the Party on Saturday Night, most of which had had some involvement with the work done on T'yn Lon that day.



Major Job's completed included re-pointing of the stonework to the front of the building, treating of all the exterior timber, fitting of carbon monoxide detectors, a complete electrical test on all wiring to sockets, lighting and heating and possibly the most amusing task of the day—the felling of a tree in the garden deemed to be spoiling the view from the garden! All the usual painting, cleaning and



tidying was also done. I spent the afternoon putting new lighting in the balcony area, completing the renovation of this now lovely quiet sitting area.

The Bonfire Party that night was excellent, for the first time in years the weather was fine enough that we could all sit out around the bonfire, eating, drinking and watching the fireworks.

Un-hindered by rain for a change, the firework display was very successful, with Sooty's additions to the firework stash we we'll out performed the Vag's.

Later on in the evening we were joined by thirty or so guests from the Nottingham Climbing Centre, bringing up the numbers of folk stood round in the garden drastically, at the same time bringing down the average age equally as dramatically! With more fireworks and street entertainers, the party was well and truly started!



Annual General Meeting & Club Dinner

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at T'yn Lon in the afternoon of **Saturday 17th March 2007** to which all club members are invited. We will follow this with the traditional **Club Dinner** to be held at the **Royal Victoria Hotel** in Llanberis. The theme this year is **Wild West** so don your **Cowboy hats**, your **Indian Feathers** and ride on down for **7pm!** Following a full **3 Course Dinner**, the hugely popular **"Two Smoking Gun's"** will be bashing out some 'bostin **Rock'n'Roll** while you dance the night away! See the back page for more info!

Meets & Events January — March 2007

Dovedale Winter Walk - Sunday 7 January 2007

In keeping with Tradition, John Cole has organised a Winter Walk around Dovedale in Derbyshire. Meeting at "The George" in Alstonfield at 10am, to leave via Coldeaton Bridge at 10.30am latest! John plans to take us through Milldale, over Shining Tor to the "Royal Oak" in Wetton for a Lunch stop 1-2pm. Hot food is served in the pub or you can eat your pack-up outside. Continuing on in the afternoon past Thors Cave and Gateham, eventually returning to Alstonfield a little after 4pm. There are a couple of toilet stops, and the overall route is approx 10miles / 16km. For those interested, the waypoints are; 130556, 127242, 098556, 105567, 116567, 130556.

Contact; John Cole.

Euro Ice Meet - January / February 2007

James Kennedy will be organising an Ice Climbing Meet in Switzerland at some point during the coming months. Unfortunately I have no confirmed details of this, and so ask that you contact him directly if you are interested in this meet!

Contact; James Kennedy.

Cadair Idris Meet—Bryn Golau Hut - 26/27/28 January 2007

The hut, owned by the Solihul Mountaineering Club is situated on a hillside above Dinas Mawddwy in an area of outstanding natural beauty overlooking the Dovey Valley (Dyffryn Dyfi). This is at the southern end of the national park, an area which remains less crowded than the northern areas. Many may have been to this hut before, but for those that haven't, its not the easiest to find! With this in mind, we will be in the Red Lion Pub in Dinas Mawddwy (A470) from pretty early on Friday night, so meet us here. Please contact me (07891 815612) if your coming so we know how many to wait for, or if you want further info / directions. There's not room for all the info about the hut here, so see the website or give me a call.

We will be in an excellent location for walking / scrambling in the Arrans, the Rhinogs and Cadair Idris. If weather permits, climbing is good at Cwm Cywarch, local to the hut—a large but ill defined group of crags with many excellent routes. Particularly recommended are Will O'the Wisp (VDiff**), Acheron (HVS***), Doom (VS***) and several ** and *** routes at higher grades.

Contact; Steve Ratcliffe.

Annual General Meeting & Dinner - Saturday 17 March 2007

The AGM this year will be held in T'yn Lon on the Saturday Afternoon. Usual agenda will involve the election of the next committee and a chance for members to raise any issues they wish to discuss.

Once the formalities of the meeting are out of the way, it's on with the Party! A 3 course dinner at the Royal Victoria Hotel in Llanberis, followed by a live band playing Rock'n'Roll in our own private bar area downstairs!

The theme this year will be Wild West, Cowboys & Indians—fancy dress is compulsory and at the same time prizes will be given to those with the best outfits, fines will be give to those with no outfit!!!

There is a choice of menu, which can be found on the booking form included with this letter—please return it with relevant payment ASAP!

T'yn Lon Bookings

12/13 January 2007—Budely Mountaineering Club

27/28 January 2007—Southampton Rats

2/3 February 2007—Polaris Mountaineering Club

24/25 February 2007—Avon Outdoor Club



Looking out over Snowdon from the Glyders



Christmas at T'yn Lon



The Indiana Jones Trail—NYE 2006



Prospective Members Hanya & Mark



Bill & Liz in the Jungle's below Heaven Walls