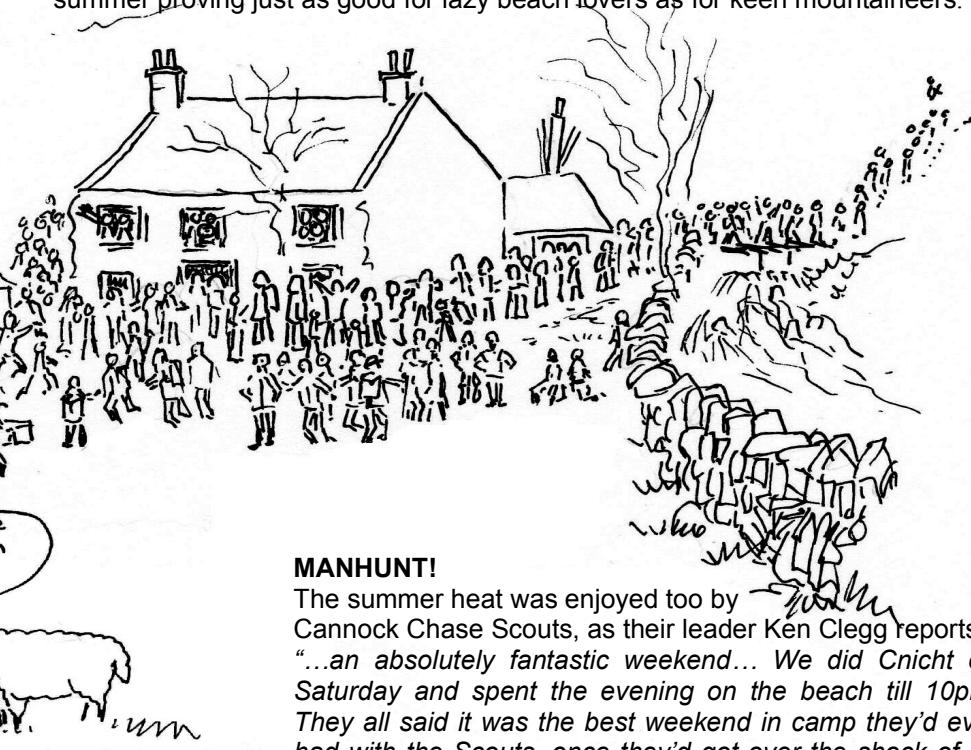


NANTMOR NEWS

The newsletter of the Nantmor Mountain Centre.
Group accommodation in the heart of Snowdonia

Since the Spring a good number of groups have stayed at the Centre, the long, hot summer proving just as good for lazy beach lovers as for keen mountaineers.



A WELCOME..

Most of our visitors are regulars who've been coming for years (real oldies, some of them) but this year we welcome several new members, amongst these Matt Blue of Bicton College, who dropped in during the summer and was suitably impressed .. **"Wow...what a place!"**. His students will be based at the Centre for two weeks this winter as part of their Instructor Training Course.

27 YEARS ON..

Walkwood Middle School made the most of the June weather for their trip, led by Bob James. This is the school's 27th year of "Wales Weeks" at Nantmor, with two visits each summer, sometimes three ..could be a record? Stuart Taylor describes the start of their week:

"... On Sunday we had the formidable task of climbing the highest mountain – Snowdon! There it was in all its glory, it looked impossible. We set off but our confidence began to drop as we thought of the climb we had to undertake and the effort it needed...of course we made it to the top!"

Stuart doesn't tell us any more, but presumably he made it back down with the group, who went on to climb three other mountains, baked on the beach and swam in the sea during their scorching week at Gelli Iago.

It's worth considering just how many young people from so many different schools have stayed at Gelli Iago over the past 43 years of the Association, and had their first taste of the mountains. The pioneers would now be in their fifties!

MANHUNT!

The summer heat was enjoyed too by Cannock Chase Scouts, as their leader Ken Clegg reports: *"...an absolutely fantastic weekend... We did Cnicht on Saturday and spent the evening on the beach till 10pm. They all said it was the best weekend in camp they'd ever had with the Scouts, once they'd got over the shock of no TV or mobile phone reception. Some were proud to have been up a mountain.."*

"So that was a real mountain?"

"Yes, a real mountain!"

"Wow!" ...others, impressed that the Centre exists..

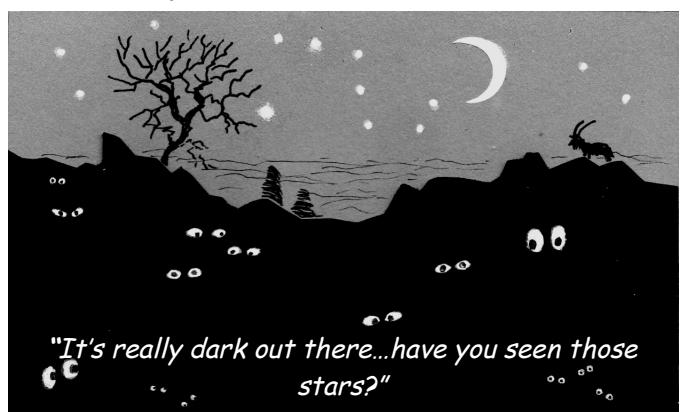
"So who owns it?"

"The Club looks after it"

"Why do they do it?"

"Just so people like you can come and enjoy the mountains"stunned silence.

They enjoyed the manhunt in the dark ..by 11pm it was darker than they had ever seen!



Everything was great! Even the queues for the toilet were tolerated, how could they complain after such a brilliant weekend?"

The new bathroom plans are closer still, by the way, just waiting for the landlord's decision on issues of lease.

A SCARY DESCENT...

Finstall Scouts, Bromsgrove, were as lucky with the weather in September. **“...probably the best Scout outing I’ve been on...a nice cold walk to the top of Snowdon and a quite scary descent with a sheer drop on each side.” Robert**

“...the views from the top were incredible...” George

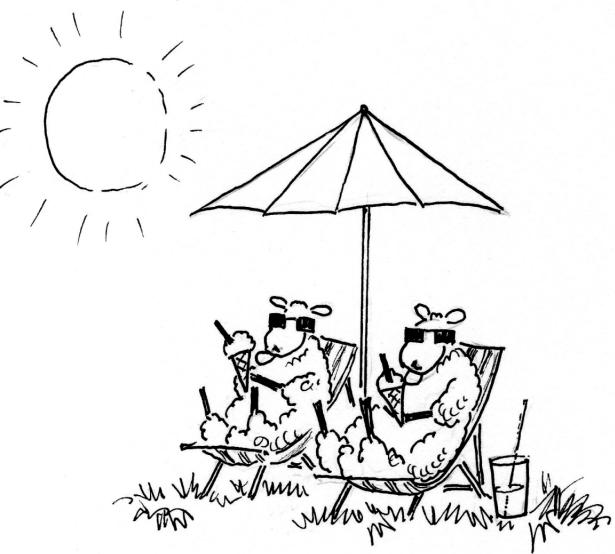
“...the first night was a bit scary as it was my first night away with the Scouts ...a long, hard way up Snowdon but it was all worth it for that view from the top!” Elliot

“...I liked the climbing best!” Matthew

The other Matthew thought “ **..The sandwiches were boring ham and cheese ...but the upper floor had good showers...**”

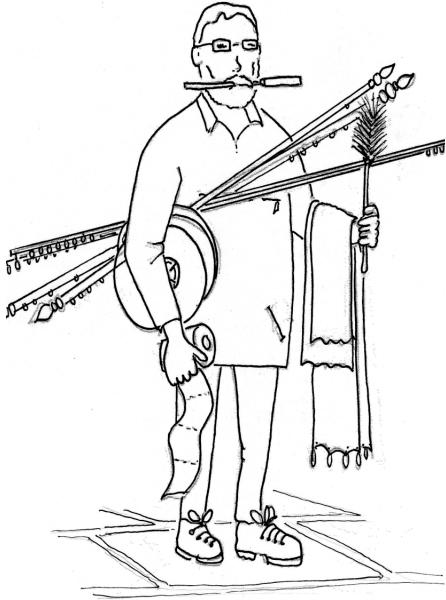
But Chris, it seems, was becoming a connoisseur of local cuisine..

“We stopped at the chip shop in Llangollen on the way there.... On Saturday we climbed Snowdon.....the views from the top were excellent but the café was closed.....we stopped in Beddgelert for an ice cream – they were so good we went back there again on Sunday before returning home.”



FROM THE WARDEN...

“June’s working weekend was a great success, thanks to the hard working team who turned up. The most spectacular event was the total refurbishment of the downstairs loo, complete with washbasin and tiled floor! (It has since been rumoured this once little-used hideaway is now so sought after that measures are being taken to limit its use) The dining room and bedrooms were redecorated, classroom repaired and wood-treated, bedroom curtains specially made and hung (they fit!), and even lampshades put up (..whatever next?)



Clean blankets, pillow slips and mattress covers completed the facelift, and by the time we’d finished the place looked fantastic! As for the water supply, the battle against the elements continues. After heavy rain one can only marvel at the sheer force of water descending Cwm Gelli Iago, and attacking our system. But it’s all part of the challenge...

A REMINDER...



Don’t forget the pre-Christmas club meet, 8th-10th December. All are welcome, there’ll be Xmas pud and brandy sauce (lots), and mincepies too. A good December day out, then back to the toe-toasting fireside...

Thank you to all those who have contributed to Nantmor News, please send reports, photos, comments, etc for the next issue to: jane137@gmail.com

The Nantmor Mountain Centre is a small and friendly organisation. It has charitable status and since 1963 has been active in providing simple but memorable farmhouse accommodation for groups in its tumbling riverside location between Nantgwynant and Nantmor village in the Snowdonia National Park. Our members include Schools, Colleges, Scouts and Rambler’s groups. We welcome interest from new users of this most unusual and rare facility. If you would like to have a chat with one of us and discuss how it might suit you or your group then please contact:



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