

SPRING BULLETIN



Early Spring sunshine in the valley

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Nantmor may have looked under the weather since last Autumn with storm after storm arriving, yet everyone has made the best or even an adventure of their experiences.

October's Member Meet met with Storm Amy, one late arrival driven by rising floodwaters to wisely bivi in his car, and Meet leader Chris Woods declaring "Never in my fifty-two years of going to Nantmor have I seen the 'lane' so flooded!" ([more photos](#)) Only matched by early January's seven-inch overnight snowfall, catching a small but select group unawares with an enforced five-day stay (ice-sledging included), food drops from well-seasoned



The 'lane' by the quarry.
Photo: Chris Woods

neighbours and an eventual dramatic but welcome 'rescue' off the frozen lane. But Spring has at last arrived albeit with fresh snow on the tops, bringing birdsong to the woodlands, Spring flowers and very welcome sunshine. We hope for more 'normal' weather patterns this year!



An unusual trio have been roughing the winter in the valley's fields, chomping their way through rushes and trampling bracken, seemingly oblivious to the weather. Three fearsome looking yet reassuringly docile Welsh Highland cattle, have been set to graze by the National Trust's recently established tenant farmer as part of a programme to encourage an eventual return of greener pastures with their native wildflowers. A similar plan will be in effect when the ewes move to the hillslopes above Gelli Iago for summer grazing - good news for hillwalkers in preventing the slopes from reverting to scrub woodland.



Having just installed new heating, multifuel stove, and an upgraded water supply, there was surely only the cooker left to fail? And it did. Leaving us just ten days to replace it and the done-for griddle with not one but two new cookers, giving no less than three ovens, nine gas rings and even a grill, and all just in time for Solihull Scout leaders' winter walking weekend. The group found their sought-after snow on [The Glyders](#), later testing the new cookers, while three weeks later Dragon Explorer Scouts from Cheshire, after a day's navigation training retreated underground on Sunday for an epic caving adventure at Conwy Falls' 'Go Below'. A great way of escaping the rain!

DIARY DATES: Do join us online for the AGM on Wednesday 18th March, 7.30pm. Your chance to see everyone involved, have your say, and bring fresh ideas. We're a small organisation and we need you!

Work weekend 17th - 19th April. Help needed please!

May Meet long weekend 29th April - 4th May. Nantmor at its best - Springtime in the valley and hills.

August Meet 10th - 29th August - book early and pick your dates, bring family and friends. Contact Meet leaders.

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