

Cwm Glas Mawr, Llanberis

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A group of us headed to this superbly situated Climbers' Club hut on the south side of the Llanberis Pass for the weekend. Dave Sargent, Tigger, Mike Irwing and I made the most of it by driving over early on Friday morning; by 11am we had walked from the hut up to Dinas Cromlech and the sun was starting to hit the crag. Mike and Tigger climbed Dives / Better things (HS), meanwhile Dave and I had Cemetery Gates and Cenotaph Corner in mind, but although the crag wasn't busy, both routes had a party on, so we headed over to the right side of the crag to do Ivy Sepulchre, E1, as a 'warm up'. Dave then lead the main pitch of Cemetery Gates, E1, and I tried to complete some unfinished business on Cenotaph Corner, but once again fell on the crux, just as I did when I tried to climb it as my first E1 when I was 19! Next time! We 'cooled off' on Sabre Cut, VS, before heading down to the hut, and met the others as they arrived.

An early start the next morning saw Greg Jennings, Paul Trethewey, Dave and I walking up to Cloggy.



Dave and I climbed Piggot's Climb, which despite being given the modest grade of VS, has a very tough fourth pitch (fortunately it was Dave's lead). We then moved around via a 'challenging' traverse to Shrike, E2, which has been on my hit list for a long time. Steep, varied, stunning positions and bold near the top, it was the route of the weekend for me.

Meanwhile Greg and Paul were enjoying some of the Cloggy's many other delights.



Back in the Pass, Tigger and Mike had a good time tackling Crackstone Rib and Skylon on Carreg Wastad, Nea on Clogwyn y Grochan and Rib & Slab on Craig Ddu. Jon Shields was climbing with CC member, Paul Headland, and ticked off Black Spring, a 6 pitch HVS, that is often not in condition, and Diagonal, HVS, both on Dinas Mot. Some of us finished the day off with a well-deserved curry and pint in Llanberis afterwards.



Sunday morning dawned fine, but after two very full days, a desire for variety and a need to get home in reasonable time, Dave and I decided that we would go and play in the Llanberis slate quarries, where we ticked four routes before heading home. Meanwhile Paul T, Greg, Jon and Paul H climbed in the Pass. Paul and Greg did Ivy Sepulchre, Cemetery Gates and Cenotaph Corner, whereas Jon and Paul climbed Elidor E1 and Crackstone Rib on Carreg Wastad, and Wind, HVS, on the Grochan.

Pete Wragg and Laura Booth were out on big walks each day, enjoying the great weather that prevailed most of the weekend. Mick Biggin also arrived, en route for the Lakes and pottered around the valley on Sunday, and had a run up Snowdon on Monday.

Overall, it was an excellent weekend, and as a club, we managed a great selection of classic routes in dry conditions.