

The Fabulous LMC BBQ meet 5-7th September 2025

With a reasonable forecast promised a group of us headed to CY to walk some hills, socialise with good food and refreshments and paint some windows!



Bernard and Josie announced that they are in training as they are off to Hong Kong to visit daughter Claire. While there they are going to Borneo and hoping to climb Mount Kinabalu – 4095m, so they wanted to climb Snowdon on the Saturday. We set off from Rhyd Ddu car park with Holly catching us up part way. It's a good route up Snowdon so we only met the crowds by

the café. Holly did brave the scrum to buy a cup of tea as she had never been in before, we didn't bother joining the summit queues, however. After lunch we descended the South ridge towards Bwlch-Cwm

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through the slate workings to join the Rhyd Ddu path lower down. We waited while Linda went for a comfort break – or so we thought! In fact she had carried on down towards the Watkins path – luckily Josie went to find her and she climbed back up and all was well

We rehydrated at the Cwellyn Arms and went back to

CY for showers and to get the BBQ going. We all pooled our food, the weather was kind and no midges, so we enjoyed sitting outside. Afterwards we went in for apple and local blackberry crumble and custard, all washed down with some beer and wine



Sunday's forecast was for wind and heavy showers, so we drove up to Cwm Ystradllyn. After a leisurely coffee at the lovely farmhouse café (one of Rogers favourite places!) we walked down the old 'streets' through the ruined mine workers cottages and then along the old tramway to the main quarry which is very impressive. We then had to stop at the café again on our return for a cream tea before driving down to the old slate mill that processed the slate from 2 quarries. The

whole enterprise unfortunately never made a profit so was closed down but left an incredible legacy which now has UNESCO status

We drove down the amazing little road to Prenteg complete with grass and cows in the middle and some great hairpin bends

We dined in the Prince Llewellyn as the chef was ill in the Tanronnen Inn (hopefully not food poisoning!) now both managed by the same people anyway. Choice was limited but it was good.



While Eamon was at CY with his family, he did an excellent job of preparing the rear windows for painting which saved us a lot of time. We had managed to get some painting done in between our walks. Josie, Linda, Benard, Ian and myself set to on Monday morning before it rained in the afternoon and also did some painting on the front windows as well. Ian finished off the last two rear window topcoats on Tuesday morning. A good job done as a lot of paint had completely flaked off, they are in a much better state now as we go into autumn



All in all, a very good and productive weekend although we did miss out on last year's Prosecco and opera. When the meets list for 2026 comes out put in in your diaries so you don't miss out again!

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