

## WEEKEND AT DEINIOLEN

At the end of November we decided to take up the offer of a discount at the Old School Lodge, Deiniolen and set off for a weekend of fun with 14 Cubs, 11 Scouts and 7 Leaders. We arrived late Friday night and after allocating the rooms, had a hot dog supper and then settled into the games room for our DVD Ice Age 3, how appropriate! The next morning we woke to a good covering of snow, the kids were delighted and so excited at the prospect of a snow ball fight they certainly hadn't anticipated. After the usual feast at breakfast, normally at least two courses, cereal, juice, bacon, egg, sausage etc the list goes on, we set off for our visit to the Anglesey Sea Zoo. We spent several hours seeing all the creatures on display and then after lunch several more playing endless games of crazy golf - provided free of charge - as the course was a little water logged after all that snow! We decided, as we had some day light hours still to use up, to drive to the other side of Anglesey and went and had a look at the spectacular lighthouse at South Stacks, with a quiet walk up a nearby hill. We drove back to Deiniolen as the light was fading and several people commented as we drove over the bridge that the Snowdonia Mountains looked very like the Alps as they were still very much laden with the snow of the night before, fantastic scenery.

Back at the Old School Lodge we had our evening meal, Andy, the Scout Leader, organised a competition of 'killer pool' and after another DVD - Bedtime Stories - we all headed off for a well deserved night's rest.

On Sunday morning, we all got up - some of the Scouts and even the Leaders had to be woken - clearly too cosy in their beds!! Breakfast was served, beds stripped, bags packed, rooms cleaned, trailers loaded and we set off down to Llanberis for a visit to the National Slate Museum. As is our practice, whenever possible, we like to 'invest' in unusual places, so had a ceremony for two Cubs in the yard of the Slate Museum in the pouring rain. After a picnic lunch on the minibuses as the rain was still pouring down, we departed back up to the Old School Lodge and collected the trailers and headed back to the Wirral.

We had a fantastic holiday at what we believe to be a great facility, our thanks to Dave Reid for coming to open up for us as Stan the usual Warden was away that weekend. The icing on the cake - several e-mails from Parents thanking the Leader team for a great holiday enjoyed by their Cubs and Scouts and one in particular who was especially pleased and delighted that we had introduced her son to 'cleaning products'

Below are a few photos taken during the weekend.









