

## Talybont-on-Usk, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008

En masse, the club travelled to Talybont, near Brecon for the annual dinner weekend. Our base of operations was The White Hart Inn, always a popular choice.



On Saturday, there was a choice of three different activities: the old, weak and frail went on a walking tour of The Black Mountains, starting from Crickhowell. The young, keen and foolish went stomping around the Brecon Beacon ridges while the misguided and mad went mountain biking. The weather was kind, being clear and sunny, although it was a tad windy on the hills. Everybody had a good day, but it was just a warm up for the main event – that evening's dinner.

By 7 pm, everyone had showered, preened and dressed and had assembled in the bar. And what a fine sight it made. The ladies looked wonderful and even the gentlemen didn't scrub up too badly. The staff at The White Hart did an excellent job to ensure that dinner went to plan and that we didn't run out of beer.

DaveB entertained us with a full review of the previous years activities and Ali presented the 'Golden Nut' awards. The lucky recipients were Liz, Mark, DaveB and ChrisH. We stumbled out of the pub at midnight and continued the celebrations upstairs in the bunkhouse...which when on for quite a while.



Sunday started late and quite frankly, even the young, keen and foolish felt unable to commit to any activities involving physical exercise; the only exception being Mark, Meg and Lucy who headed out for some mountain biking.

The annual dinner weekend goes from strength to strength, this year's event was attended by 35 people, which in reality, was more than the venue, The White Hart Inn in Talybont, could deal with. The attached bunkhouse holds 20

and various local B&B's were required to accommodate the remainder. A bigger venue will be required for 2009.

Attendees (35): Rob, AmandaL, Jens, Simon, Liz, Gina, DaveB, Lucy, Ali, Tracy, Jonathan, Ian, Phil, Mark, Meg, Chris, Carol, Chloe, Dan, Eleanor, Helen, Emily, Toby, Jaime, Darren, Caroline, Ted, Abigael, DaveD, Elena, ChrisW, AmandaW, Ines, Lionel & Brian.