

DEVAMOG SNOWDON SCENIC DRIVE AND VISIT TO THE WELSH SLATE MUSEM, SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER.

A BREATHTAKING SCENIC TOUR INCORPORATING SWEEPING "A" ROADS ENCIRCLING MOUNT SNOWDON VIA THE LLANBERIS PASS, A GENTLE 10 MILES HISTORIC DRIVE PAST OPEN HILLSIDES WITH REMNANTS OF QUARRIES / OLD WORKINGS / 200 - 150 YEARS OLD QUARRYMAN'S AND MINER'S MODERISED HOMES THEN UP THE OGWEN VALLEY, A5 AND SWEEPING OPEN PICTURESQUE DRIVING ROADS.

MIDWAY ATTRACTION IS THE [FREE!!!] WELSH SLATE MUSEM WITH 3-4 OLD COTTAGES EACH FURNISHED AND "MODERNISED" OVER 150+ YEARS. THE SLATE MUSEM -SEE PIC- HAS OLD EXHIBITS, ORIGINAL LOOPED FILMS SHOWING HOW EXTREMELY DANGEROUS THE WORKING CONDITIONS WERE ENDING IN AN INSIDE DEMONSTRATION FROM A RETIRED MINER SHOWING SLATE SPLITTING, SIZING ETC WITH HIS FLOWING DOCUMENTARY ON PEACEWORK PAYMENTS AND GENERAL WORKING CONDITIONS OVER THE SLATE MINING YEARS. HISTORY, CAFE , TOILETS, STEAM LAKESIDE RAILWAY, CAMARADERIE, MORGANS AND CHEERY BANTER. WHAT MORE DO YOU REQUIRE? OH YES, "WEATHER" . I'LL DO MY BEST.

NOTE: THE ONLY PETROL STATION WHICH WE PASS IS AT BETWS Y COED AND IS POSSIBLY THE DEAREST PETROL STATION IN WALES!!! FILL UP ON LEAVING HOME OR SMILE WHEN PAYING. IF YOU CAN AFFORD A MORGAN.....

***BRING A PICNIC AND CHAIRS. THERE IS A CAFE - SEE PHOTO - BUT WE'VE NOT TESTED IT YET.



RV: COUNTRY COOKS CAFE [PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS 3 COOKS CAFE] **ON A5 WEST**, ON THE RIGHT, MIDWAY BETWEEN CORWEN AND BETWS Y COED.

MEET 10.00 TO DEPART 10.45. BREAKFASTS, TEAS, COFFEES ETC BEING SERVED WITH A DECENT CAR PARK. THEY WILL BE EXPECTING US. [They open at 09.00 if you wish to arrive earlier for a proper breakfast. Pancakes are their speciality and Jo and I sampled on route to Mogfest .2024. Recommended!!]

DEPART 3 COOKS 10.45 TURNING RIGHT ONTO THE A 5.

STAY ON THE A5 **THROUGH** BETWS Y COED AND ALONG PASSING THE UGLY HOUSE ON YOUR RIGHT.

AS WE APPROACH CAPEL CURIG, YOU'LL SEE MOEL SIABOD ON YOUR LEFT. WORTH A GENTLE WALK AROUND THE LOWER SLOPES ON ANOTHER DAY. GREAT VIEWS AND A LAKE.



TURN LEFT OFF THE A5 ONTO THE A4086 [signposted Caernarfon / Porthmadog] This is one of my favourite drives / rides from here right up until we pass this corner on the A5 on the return leg. Beautiful no matter what the season may be.



CONTINUE ON THIS ROAD NOTING THE SNOWDON HORSE SHOE AHEAD OF YOU, SLIGHTLY ON YOUR RIGHT RIGHT. I'M AIMING TO CLEAR THE CLOUDS FOR THE DRIVE.



TURN RIGHT TOWARDS CAERNARFON ON THE A4086 PASSING PEN Y PASS AND THEN DESCEND DOWN THE STUNNING LLANBERIS PASS. [EQUALLY ENJOYABLE TRAVELLING UPWARDS TOO].

BEWARE NANTPERIS 20 MPH ZONE OFTEN HAS A POLICE SPEED CAMERA VAN!!!!!!



ON ENTERING LLANBERIS "CONURBATION", AT THE ISLAND BEAR RIGHT THEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER PASSING THE SNOWDON RAILWAY STATION ON YOUR LEFT, TURN RIGHT. SIGN POSTED WELSH SLATE MUSEUM. [BOTTOM HALF OF SIGN].

AFTER ABOUT 600 METRES, BEAR LEFT AT THE SIGNS FOR WELSH SLATE MUSEUM PASSING IT ON YOUR LEFT. PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING BUT FREE TOILETS. CAFE , STEAM LAKE RAILWAY AND FREE ENTRY TO THE MUSEUM.





TO CONTINUE THE SCENIC DRIVE AND LATTERLY RETURN HOME: **EXIT THE SIDE ROAD TURNING RIGHT ON TO THE MAIN ROAD A4086 AWAY FROM THE LLANBERIS PASS.** FOLLOW THIS ROAD FOR A FEW MILES UNTIL YOU REACH AN ISLAND.

TURN RIGHT A4244 BANGOR.



MAP POINT 1. , AFTER EXACTLY 1.5 MILES **AT THE TOP OF THE HILL, SEE PIC,** TURN RIGHT TO DEINIOLEN, [**NOT** THE DEINIOLEN TURNING 0.6 OF A MILE BACK.]

CARRY ON FOR EXACTLY 1 MILE THEN AT THE END OF THE HIGH ST, AFTER THE LAST HOUSE ON YOUR LEFT, BEFORE “ ROAD NARROWS” **MAP POINT 2.** TURN LEFT “**MYNYDD LLANDYGAI**”. SEE PIC OVERLEAF.



SEE PREVIOUS PIC, **MAP POINT 3** AFTER 0.6 MILES AT THE "T" JUNCTION, **TURN RIGHT AWAY**
FROM BANGOR. GO SLOW AS

0.1 MILES **MAP POINT 4** **TURN LEFT AT THE CHEVRON SIGN** [NO OTHER DIRECTION MARKERS!!!]



AFTER 4 MILES PULL OVER INTO THE LAY BY BRIEFLY FOR THE VIEW. PANORAMIC OPEN
MOUNTAINS, MINE WORKINGS, HISTORY, MAINLY TO YOUR RIGHT BUT THE SEA AHEAD.
THEN DRIVE CONTINUING AHEAD THROUGH MYNEDD LLANDEGAI.

TURN RIGHT [SEE PIC BELOW] AT NO SIGNAGE RIGHT TURN BUT HOUSE NAMED “1 PANT YR AFON” IS ON YOUR LEFT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE TURN. SEE PIC NEXT PAGE MORE INFO.





GO SLOW!!!! SEE NEXT PAGE INFO AND PHOTO!!!!!!

AFTER ONLY 100 METRES **MAP POINT 6** TURN LEFT “**BETHESDA 2 1/4MILES**”



THEN DRIVE ALL DOWNHILL WITH HISTORIC MINING AND WELSH LONG HOUSES ALL AROUND YOU TO A “T” JUNCTION, ,

TURN RIGHT. MAP POINT 7

FOLLOW THIS ROAD ALL THE WAY WITH MORE HISTORY, MINING WORKS AND OLD LONG COTTAGES AND UPDATED MINERS’ COTTAGES.

AS THE ROAD LEVELS, **MAP POINT 8**, A SHARP LEFT RIGHT “SHIMMY” OVER A LOWISH BRIDGE, THEN 100 METRES ON IS THE A5. **MAP POINT 9, TURN RIGHT ONTO THE A5 BETWS Y COED** THEN ON TOWARDS LLANGOLLEN AND CHESTER AREA.

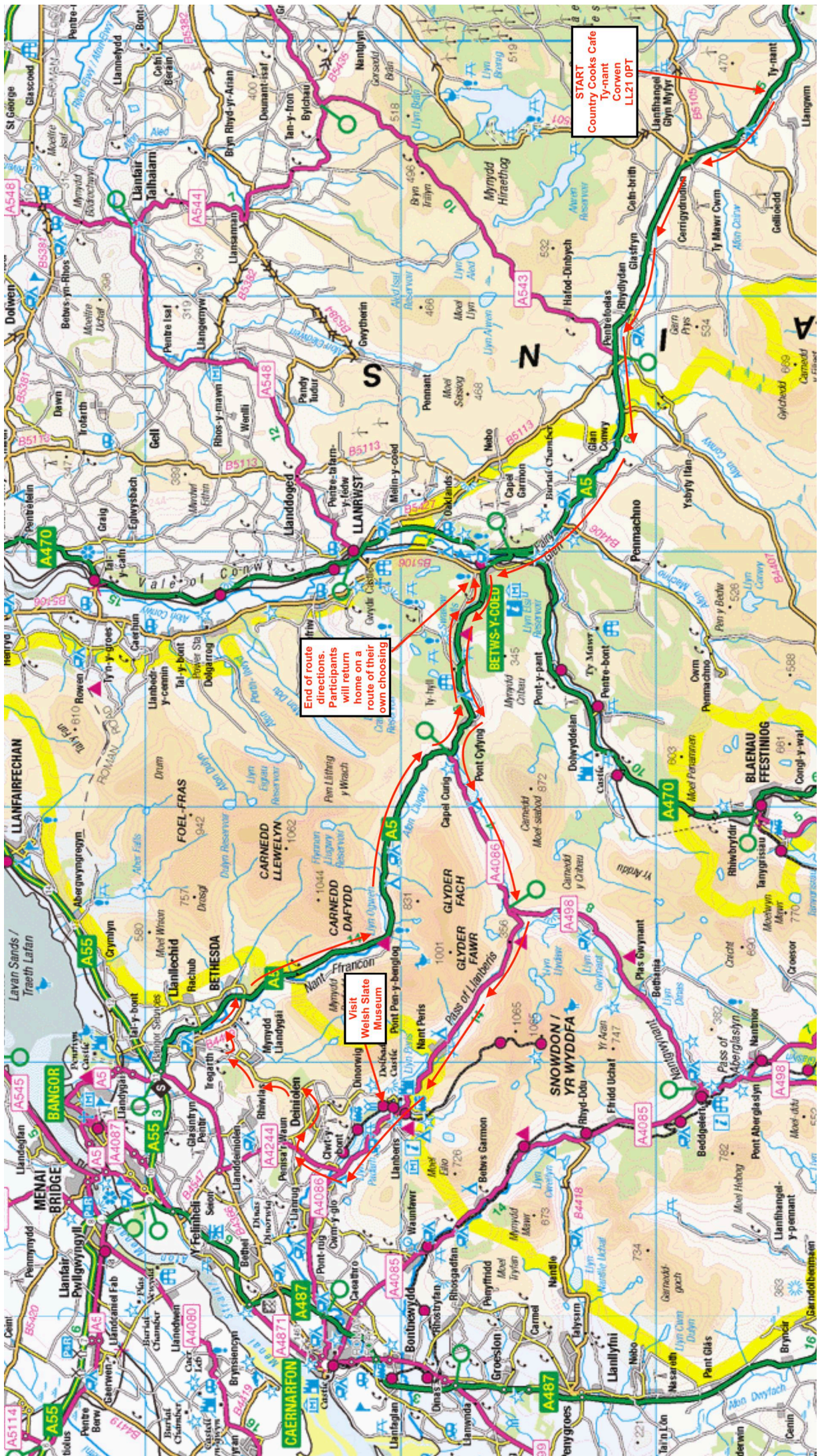


THROUGH BETHESDA, 20MPH, AND WHEN EXITING CATCHING A GLIMPSE OF ZIP WORLD WIRES ON THE RIGHT. YOU MAY SEE BODIES IN RED JUMP SUITS “FLYING”.

UP THE SCENIC OGWEN VALLEY. AT THE TOP OF THE CLIMB, IF YOU NEED THE [FREE] LOO AND MAYBE A COFFEE AND TASTY CAKE, TURN RIGHT INTO THE OGWEN VALLEY CAR PARK. FREE PARKING FOR 20 MINUTES IMMEDIATELY ON YOUR LEFT BUT WATCH YOUR EXHAUST TAIL. PAY AND DISPLAY TO THE RIGHT.

IF YOU HAVE A STRONGER BLADDER, CONTINUE PAST OGWEN LAKE ON YOUR LEFT, TRYFAN ON YOUR RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE A5 THROUGH WALES’S FINEST [I’M NOT BIASED] THROUGH BETWS Y COED AND ON TO LLANGOLLEN / HOME. **WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED YOUR DAY.**

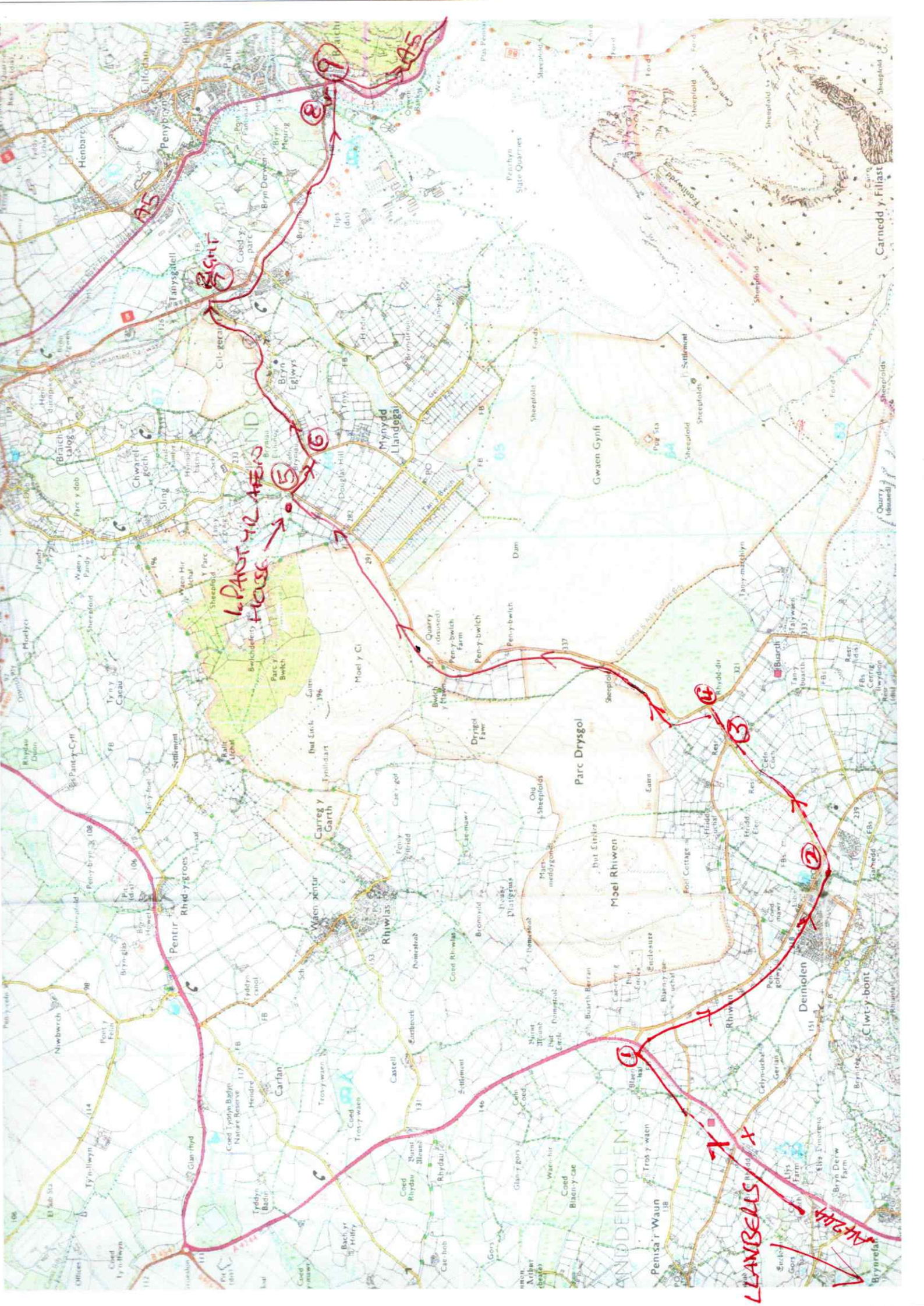
TONY AND JO GIBSON.



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