

Week-end in Wales.

Friday 5th March dawned dull but dry. Apart from a stop for coffee and breakfast at Cross



Gates, our first photographic stop was the Elan Valley Visitor Centre. We were welcomed with a passing snow storm which restricted the view but added an extra dimension to the landscape. After a photo break we headed up the valley stopping at each dam for more photographs. With water pouring over all the dams the views were spectacular.

More stops were made as we carried on over the mountain road, finally re-joining the main road to Devil's Bridge where we stopped for lunch.

With the snow still falling we went on to our base for the week-end, the Marine Hotel at Aberystwyth where we all gathered to see the murmuration of starlings before they settled under the pier for the night.

Some of us braving the cold wind (now no longer snowing), others of us (the softies) staying warm in the bay window of the hotel to await our evening meal.

Saturday morning in glorious sunshine we set off on a circular tour, heading down the coast to Aberaeron and New Quay. Here we split up, some following the circular route inland to Lampeter and Tregaron, others going back up the coast to Aberystwyth and a ride up the Funicular railway. Once again we all watched the murmuration, a sight well worth seeing. Over our evening meal we swapped the days adventures and images.



The schedule for Sunday morning was the Funicular railway (unfortunately the Camera Obscura was closed) and the Art Centre at the University. Some of us took a nostalgic ride up the coast to Borth and Inyslas. We met up for lunch at the Bwlch Nant yr Arian Red Kite centre to see the kites being fed at two o'clock. The kites were fed on a promontory in the lake and we had the choice of going down to the lakeside or looking down on the scene from above at kite flying level.



An uneventful journey home ended a super week-end. All thanks to Phil Williamson for the organisation, sorting out such a good selection of interesting and photographic places to visit.