

## Corris MTB Meet 09

Maybe it was the integral pub which attracted a turnout of twenty six members to Corris in mid Wales for Kev's annual MTB meet. The area is famous for its Machynlleth trails and routes in the Dyfi forest areas. Following some very wet weather during the preceding few days we were lucky as Saturday turned out to be nice and dry. A couple of parties enjoyed the Mach 1 and Mach 2 trails whilst others took on the adventurous circuit of Cader Idris the day proving to be an excellent one although the ground wet and in places very greasy. The local lady hired in to cook the evening meal did a fine job and left us all well contented for a good nights sleep. Things didn't exactly go bump in the night but breakfast conversation on Sunday morning was full of mutterings about strange movements in the night and sleep disturbed by a certain Victorian lady. All was revealed when the lady of the house explained that night visions were not unusual and the ghost was that of a past resident who was well known for her mischievous goings on. Sunday was a day of drizzle but not to be put off a large party set out for the ClimachX route. "It's a 15km round trip, with 9km of built single track with compressions and whoops, rock slab drop offs and some beautiful flowing turns. The last descent is the longest in Wales and features rocky jumps; watch out for the 'eye of the needle'; a huge jump with a narrow landing between two trees on the other side. The finale is a sequence of eight huge berms following quickly after each other. Hit them high enough and fast enough and they ride really well, but don't look down!" just about says it all. The majority of the group managed it in fine style with a few of us taking the easy option on the final leg. Many thanks to Kev for organising an excellent weekend at a new and different venue 'that's another fine weekend you got us into'

Dave Sudell

