# Thornhill Circular

## Date: 9th February 1985

## Distance/Ascent: 14.6 miles, 2630 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Route Description:

* Started at Thornhill, Cardiff (ST 173 832).
* Up Heol Hir to Graig Llanishen and junction with Rhymney Valley Ridgeway (ST 169 849).
* Westwards on Rhymney Valley Ridgeway to A469, south down road for a short distance.
* West on bridle path to Cefncarnau-fawr.
* South-westwards through fields and scrub woods beside Nant Cwmnofydd to join minor road at (ST 145 831).
* Road south for short way then field path west past Ty Isaf to minor road at (ST 135 827).
* Driveway up to Castell Coch then path north-east uphill into forestry then forestry track west then north to join old railway at (ST 129 836).
* Old railway north to (ST 122 849). Zig-zag path up ridge to summit of Craig yr Allt.
* East along ridge to track then road at (ST 142 852).
* Road south to Black Cock Inn at (ST 144 848).
* Road north-east then paths to summit of Caerphilly common.
* Path south then south-east to A469 which was crossed at (ST 156 853).
* Path east-north-east across common, through forestry to track junction at (ST 167 859).
* Path south-east across minor road to path junction at (ST 174 855).
* Path south-west to meet Rhymney Valley Ridgeway path at (ST 169 850).
* Ridgeway path east past quarries to (ST 176 852).
* Zig-zag path south downhill via Nant Fawr to Cefn Onn station.
* Paths through Cefn Onn park to Capel Gwilym road at (ST 178 836).
* Field path south-west to Ashdale Court.

## Weather: Very cold all day – lightly overcast with very cold wind on tops –poorish views – snow on ground over whole route.

## Participants: Nick and Julia Kaye, Andrew Clabon, Don Henley, Mike Evans.