

## Alive and Kicking Weekend Away: Cefn Lea 2003

From 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October, 28 young people, 16 slightly older people and 3 very young people spent a weekend getting to know each other and God a little better at Cefn Lea in Wales.



Accommodation was in 2 large chalets with meals provided by the centre. Andrew and Shona Roberts helped to lead sessions on the weekend's theme of The Prodigal Son which were complemented by the extraordinary range of activities packed into the short time available.

Workshops in drama, dance, art and craft, music and challenge, sports, games, early morning walks, late night bible studies and discussions, worship led by Malachi, a quiz, "hot potato" question and answer session, a film, good food, an inspiring service prepared and led by the young people and much chocolate all contributed to 2 awe-inspiring days spent together as God's family, the church.

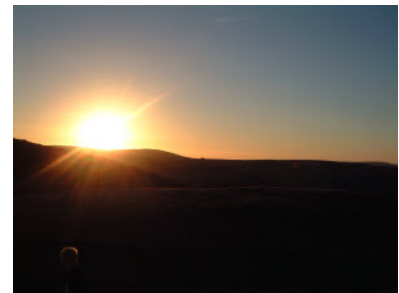
In the words of the young people:



"The weekend was the best. The food was great, the views were great, the accommodation was great and the people were great. I really felt part of a community and it was one of the best feelings I have ever had!!!

Thanks a lot to everyone who contributed and arranged the weekend!"

"Every second of the weekend was great, even when we were woken up at 6.30am to walk up a hill/mountain. You have not lived if you have not seen a sunrise as beautiful as that. Everything about the weekend was incredible, from the most moving songs to the conversations about wind farms generating wind! There was something for everyone and I would recommend it to anybody. I can't wait for the next time we go away!!!!



Ps. thank you to all the leaders who made it possible"

### **The Prodigal Son: The Father's Blues**

I was feelin' so blue  
I was feelin' real used  
Didn't know what to do  
I got so confused  
I just wish that he  
Would come back to me

I was feelin' so bad  
Dissappointed and sad  
But when he came back  
I sure was glad  
We partied all night  
Cos he came back alright

My son came back to me  
My son came back to me  
My son came back to me  
My son came back to me

“Every part of it was brill:

The company  
The food  
The activities  
The walk  
The service  
The story  
The songs

And of course GOD’S PRESENCE!”



And finally,

“It may have rained but the Son certainly shined!”



More details about the Cefn Lea, Alive and Kicking and Malachi are available at [www.echonet.org.uk](http://www.echonet.org.uk).

Alive and Kicking meet together on a Sunday night as part of God’s church in Kinver to grow in relationships with each other and with God. All of high school age are welcome to join us for games, discussion, food and other activities. We would welcome your support in the exciting new directions God is leading the group in, please contact any of the Alive and Kicking team for details.

“Today we shared  
And enjoyed lots of fun  
And now I’m glad  
I decided to come

I thought it would be scary  
But I proved that I was wrong  
I’ve bonded with more people  
And learnt a fab new song



The challenge was a bit tricky  
To make a bridge that’s strong  
‘Cos we only had some newspaper  
So it didn’t last too long

We made some super bracelets  
With Rach and Si and Luce  
They remind me of my value  
And help me tell the truth

We played some games  
And chatted and talked  
Now they’re having fun  
And the mountain’s being walked

So here I sit  
All on my own  
Gazing out of the window  
At the picture that’s being sown

But when I think about it  
I’m not on my own  
God’s here with me  
Watching how I’ve grown”