



Chairperson's column

We have a fantastic Outdoor programme lined up to see you through the winter months with weekends in Arundel, Bath, Hartington to name but a few. Please note the annual Christmas bash will now take place at Sherringham on Friday 5th December. For social, we have a talk about bears in Canada, how to get round the three peaks with a Ukulele and the ever popular Newsquiz. The hut will be closed on 30th September, and the meeting has been moved to the Railway Bell, New Barnet, EN4 8RR.

A big thank you to all members of the committee and group members who have organised walks, weekends and Tuesday events and contributed to another great year at Barnet YHA. Of all contribution to group activities, there is no denying that the committee posts do take the greatest commitment, but can be rewarding. Details of all committee posts and duties are outlined in this month's newsletter. If you are new to the group, please do come forward we need your new ideas and fresh approach. To all the old members who have been around for a few years, gathering dust reminiscing over a far off committee stint lost in the mist of time: you should be doing a stint every four/five years at least; it might just be your turn again. Come on - you know you want to!!!

The date for the next committee meeting is: Monday 8th September. Please raise any issues with the relevant committee member.

NOTICE OF GROUP AGM - Tuesday 14th October, starts 8:30 prompt. Please do your best to attend and vote in your new committee. Cheese and wine provided, come early.

Ann

Editor's column

Thank you this month to Dave for the headline photo of the viewpoint at Blackdown near Hindhead. Thank you for write up's go to Rosemary and Christine.

Keep the content coming. The deadline for next months' newsletter is Tuesday 23rd September. As usual if you have any items of interest that you would like to contribute to Footprint please email me.

Caroline, Editor

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Out and About

Hindhead July 25th – 27th

A select band of 7 went on this weekend. Hindhead is a lovely small hostel nestled in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The huge road works involved in building the tunnel for the A3 under the area did not affect us at all and will be a huge improvement when it is finished. The hostel consists of 2 restored cottages which sleep a total of 12 people. The buildings are old and the ceilings very low with large wood beams (taller members of the group suggested it should be renamed mind-your-head!) The car park is ½ mile away but we managed to drive the cars down to drop off luggage.

After a fairly leisurely start we set off from the hostel for a walk led by Dave. We walked to Gibbet Hill, round Devil's Punchbowl and on to Beacon Hill. There were lots of bilberry bushes with nice ripe fruit so our progress was a bit slow at this point! We climbed to the top of Devil's Jumps for lunch with good views over the area. From here we returned to Hindhead via Frensham Ponds, Tilford common and Thursley. It was a hot day with almost no breeze but we had a lovely walk with very varied scenery.

Since the hostel is a long way from anywhere I offered to do my standard vat of tuna pasta for supper. It is quick and easy to cook and saved a walk to the pub. Fruit pies and half a bottle of red wine added to my enjoyment of the evening. The mosquitoes had a good dinner too!!!



Supper at Hindhead

On Sunday we took our luggage up to the cars and drove to a point near Haselmer. It was another hot day so Dave planned a walk that was mainly in shady woods. We started off on the Sussex border path and walked through wood and heath land so had some more bilberries. Our elevenses stop was at the Temple of the Winds view point where we sat in the shade and admired the view. We had lunch in Fernhurst where we could eat lunch on the common before visiting the pub for a nice cold drink. We made our way back to the cars via Van common and Conger Wood.

If you look at the OS map of this area it looks quite built up and may be not ideal for walking. However, we had 2 lovely walks with very nice varied scenery and some brilliant views. Hindhead is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is well worth visiting. Thanks Dave for organising the weekend and leading the walks.

Rosemary

Krakow – 10th–13th July 2008

Sunday morning and off Mike, Janice and go, no, not to church or car boot sale but one of Krakow's many markets. After a brisk walk we find our prey which at first looks very unappealing and small but lo, at the end of the small passage it opens out, eureka! Janice and I soon lose Mike and loose ourselves searching all the various stalls. We did manage to spend some zloty and after exhausting each and every stall, we headed to the Jewish area where we took refreshments (naturally)! and watched in awe as numerous taxis stopped for a second, usually containing American tourists, great interest was shown in a memorial and a synagogue and off they sped. We felt very pleased with ourselves as we enjoyed Krakow in a more leisurely fashion. Soon we fell upon another market - oh joy, they were shutting up shop but time enough to make a purchase. After lunch we headed back to the main area via the riverside which was heaving with activities and people. Janice was making her way to a tour of the Salt Mines and I was taking in a concert in a church before meeting up with everyone for the evening meal and entertainment.

Thanks Mike for a simply brilliant weekend and everyone else for their company!

Christine