

End of April 2009 Bulletin.

Note from myself, Madam Chairman.

Hi everyone,

On the first weekend in April there was a camping weekend in Langdale – Dave Cole and his van in situ, with three others camping. Saturday was very windy but they did Pike o Blisko, Crinkle Crag, Bow Fell and back to camp site getting ‘moderately lost’. Sunday they did Stickle Tarn, Sergeant How, High Raise and Stake Pass for Ray to have a look at Jack’s Rake – I think looking at Jack’s Rake was all they did, but maybe next time....

Another party of four including Geoff and Chris Russell were on the Berwyns – Cader Berwyn and over to Moel Sych – Huxley’s mountain.

Easter weekend saw Margaret’s daughter Adele doing a canoe challenge – the longest non-stop canoe race in the world – 125 miles, from Devizes to Westminster. Her time was a very respectable 22hrs 22 mins, coming first in the Ladies group, and 38<sup>th</sup> out of about 170 starters. Well done Adele.

Whilst Adele was slogging her guts out on the river there was a group, including Geoff, camping out at the foot of Moel Siabod, and Carol and John et al were down at the Hut. The Hut was booked out to a university group, but as everybody is aware, seven bunks are reserved for club members. Apparently the group that hired it were a nice bunch, even to the extent that they were very generous with a keg of beer. John (Carol-and-John John) was really touched by how friendly they were and it was great that each group were enhancing the enjoyment of the weekend at the Hut. He got a little dramatic at club on Tuesday night, with hand on heart, saying ‘got me right there’.

Dave Gray has been active out in Scotland:

- With Mike Dagley and Tara up in Sutherland which included doing a base-pack at Loch na Gainimh, then ascending Canisp by its north-west ridge, some of them doing the full east-west traverse of Suilven.
- With Hazel and Al – four new Corbetts in Perthshire.
- On his own – five new Corbetts in the North West Highlands via mini base-packs.

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As this 'goes to print' two of our intrepid members, Roger and Mike Mac are amongst a group up on Skye and have e-mailed me a report of their progress to date. Although staying in a hotel (and there is nothing wrong with that!) they have ascended a few hills with unpronounceable names including Sgurr na Bhainich (861m) and Bruach na Frithe (958m) describing that day as a 'gritty' day out – must check with them next Tuesday their definition of 'gritty'.

They have managed to catch up with the Beamers although there have been numerous sightings of them this year – they were recently on the Wirral for a couple of weeks, getting to the Club AGM and the Club dinner as well as catching up with friends.

In their progress report 'e-mail' Roger and Mike say they got a ferry to the Island of Raasay and ascended Dun Caan (443m), then: 'Roger managed to find the hotel and applied to join the fire brigade to the annoyance of a certain local.....'. It sounds like there's a story to tell there, and hopefully Roger will be able to enlarge on that comment next Tuesday – well, he is a natural public speaker/storyteller as all those who go to the Club Dinner will be aware – as well as to fill us all in on the rest of their week's achievements.

I hope you all have a good Bank Holiday weekend, and hope to see you soon.

Regards.  
Christine.