

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 38th 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.