

# *Over The Hill*

(Newsletter for SHOT) May 99

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Welcome to the new look SHOT newsletter with your news and views.

### **Thank you Lynne.**

It wouldn't be right to send out this newsletter without thanking Lynne. We have all appreciated the work which she has done for us in the last few years of organising the Newsletter and address sheet and now that I've temporarily taken over the everyday tasks of running the club I can appreciate the hard work that she has put in. On behalf of everyone in the club we all wish you every success in Japan and look forward to reading all about your time there in future editions of the newsletter.

## **Your Newsletter**

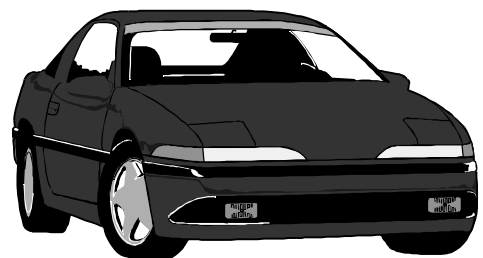
Remember, this is your Newsletter so please send me your articles about recent trips or details of forthcoming ones as well as anything else you want to share with everyone.

Also, don't forget the Website at <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/how/in/ter/shot/shot.htm> Contact Mark H if you have any pictures or articles you would like to add to the site.

## **FOR SALE**

**Mazda MX5.** Reason for sale: Chick magnetism degraded. Available in Black or Blue. Contact Darren or Mashy.

**Mitsubishi Shogun.** Reason for sale: No off road driving in Southampton. Contact Darren.



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Participation in the Club's activities shall only be open to individuals who recognise that hiking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

## **Recent Event Reviews**

### **The Howgills**

Both new faces and old ones could be found in the White Lion Pub during the March trip to Kirby Stephen in the Howgills. There was also no fighting for beds in the spacious Youth Hostel which had been converted from a former Methodist church.

Several walks took place on the Saturday with the usual extremes of a Gus 25 mile trek to my daisy picking stroll along the river. There were also two pub walks, one to the tan hill where a pint was well and truly earned and another where more time was spent exercising the right arms than the long legs.

The highlights of the weekend were the local Blue and Yellow Macaws perched in a tree by the river and Chris Musson's attempt to stay upright!

On Sunday those of us not having to drive back to the far reaches of Britain headed to Sedburgh in search of a castle and ended up finding a lot of schools instead. Luckily there was a tea shop serving all day breakfasts and how Chris Musson managed to eat it surprised us all.

### **Dartmoor**

To celebrate the Big Three Zero, Chris T organised a trip to Widdecombe in the Moor over the Easter weekend. Luckily the dismal Dartmoor drizzle could not put a dampener on the weekend's walking but the calories burnt off during the day were soon put back on with an evenings drinking. With the beach so near by it was not long before we hit the coast with a steamy ride on Thomas the Tank Engine, cricket in the sand and good old fish and chips high on the priorities.. As usual with Bank Holiday trips there were the inevitable casualties. A friendly game of football left Mashy nursing bruised shins and there were sore heads from the low beams in the hostel as well as the copious amounts of alcohol lined up in the kitchen. The hostel owner, John Earle, gave us a fascinating slide show one evening on his varied career as a television presenter, film cameraman, mountaineer and Nepal trek leader. It was an inspiring talk which is likely to have a few SHOT members heading for bigger and bolder hills in the future.

### **1999 – 2000 Subs**

Yes it will soon be that time of year again when I shall be hassling you all for your subs money. I notice that some committed members have already paid but for those of you who have not yet thought beyond the next SHOT trip please put aside some money for next time you see me or pop a cheque in the post. The cost is £3 (or £5 for a couple at the same address). The SHOT year runs from September to August so please make sure you pay me over the summer.

Where does the money go?

Well firstly it pays for the production and distribution of the quarterly Newsletter – printing, envelopes and stamps. Then it is used to place deposits on accommodation for future SHOT trips and to subsidise some of those trips. It also pays for the tea, coffee and sugar which is provided on trips. Then there are extras such as a cricket set and hostel guides.

## Forthcoming Events

### **Tom's Birthday (End May)**

Tom is arranging a trip to mid Wales to celebrate his Birthday over the Spring Bank Holiday. He has booked a camping barn in Llangammarch Wells, near Builth Wells, which has 20 Beds and camping facilities. The cost will be about £7-8 per night. Contact Tom if you are interested.

### **Mashy's Birthday (2-4 July)**

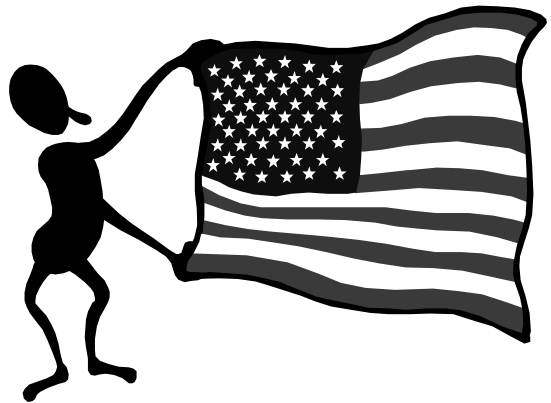
Another big three zero to celebrate this year, Mashy is organising a weekend in Wales and be prepared for a few surprises. Our accommodation will be in the bunkhouse of the Berwyn Arms, Glyndyfrdwy (try saying that after a few pints!) and the cost of the weekend includes breakfast.

### **Pete's cycling/walking/pub weekend (10-12 Sept)**

Accommodation will be in "The Confluence Centre", Northcote, Kilnsey, near Kettlewell in the Yorkshire Dales. There are up to 18 beds available. Contact Pete if you are interested

### **Dorset (1-3 October)**

This will be the second official SHOT trip of the year and it will take us south again. Litton Cheney Youth hostel is in Dorset, not far from Lulworth Cove for those of you who remember the famous Swanage Trip of 1990. There are 24 beds available. Book with Gus.



### **Christmas Dinner – New York (19-28 November)**

Christmas Dinner in Paris last year seems to be a tough act to follow but when someone suggested a shopping trip to New York several 'die hard' SHOT members jumped at the chance. Now the weekend has turned into a week, including a few days in Iceland on the way. The trip also coincides with Thanksgiving so there will be plenty of turkey available. Currently a dozen people are booked up but there may be a few places left for anyone with the cash and the time. Get in touch with Chris T or Mark H if you are interested

### **New Year Trip – Braemar (27 Dec-2 Jan)**

The Millenium Trip will be in Scotland, surprise – surprise, and the usual suspects will be there. It would appear that all the beds are now taken but if you still wish to go there are alternative accommodation arrangements in the garden! Contact Dave Steed if you are interested.

### **Ski France 2000 (4-12 February)**

For those of you who fancy a bit of sun, snow and apres ski next year, Chris McCarthy is organising a ski trip to the French Alps. For a cost of around £585 you could be snowploughing down one of the largest ski areas in the world. Accommodation will be in a catered Chalet with transport on the snow train. This cost will also include equipment hire, lessons and lift pass. If you are interested then get in touch with Chris to ensure a place.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

Mid Wales

£7-8 per night

Contact Tom

July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wales

£10 Deposit

Contact Mike

September 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Yorkshire Dales

Contact Pete

October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dorset

£10 Deposit

Contact Gus

November 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>

New York

£245.30

Contact Chris T or Mark H

New Year

Braemar

£21 Deposit

Pay Dave Steed by

February 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Ski France 2000

£585 approx

Contact Chris Mc

## Gossip

Lynne will be off to Japan in July to teach English for a year. Good Luck Lynne. We look forward to hearing about your time there in future newsletters

As one member leaves for Japan another arrives back. After three years away Darren is now back and is now based in Southampton where he has a research post at the University.

We have had news from Kay who is presently out in Kosovo working in the Refugee camps there.

Mark, Karen and Thomas are settling into their new southern surroundings. Mark is enjoying his new job despite the distraction of his office overlooking the runway!

Caroline is proposing a trip to Arran in May 2000 and would like to gauge the level of interest so please contact her if you would like to go.

## The Last Word

It is good to collect things, but it is better to go on walks.

*Anatole France (1844-1924) French Novelist*

