



Over The Hill

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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/howers/inter/shot/shot.htm> Contact Mark H if you have any pictures or articles you would like to add to the site.

Hiking Word Search

Hidden (not very well!) below are 14 words connected with SHOT Hiking trips. The challenge is to find the ones that I don't know about!! Jayne.

K	C	B	I	V	V	I	B	A	G
C	E	S	L	A	M	R	E	H	T
M	I	N	T	T	G	O	E	M	C
F	P	H	D	R	A	A	X	O	A
L	U	O	G	A	C	R	A	N	M
E	E	L	F	C	L	E	E	R	L
E	P	U	B	K	U	M	C	O	B
C	U	N	R	S	N	A	I	E	O
E	V	E	E	T	C	C	B	N	O
X	E	K	T	E	H	R	O	R	T
B	E	C	S	R	A	X	E	O	S
F	B	L	I	S	T	E	R	E	T

Answers

BIVVI BAG	KENDAL MINT
BLISTER	LUNCH
BOOTS	MONROE
CAGOUL	PUB
CAMERA	SCREE
FLEECE	THERMALS
ICE AXE	TRACKSTERS

Thank you Jayne for your contribution to the newsletter. Can anyone else provide interesting puzzles or anecdotes?

Recent Event Reviews

Tom's B'Day

A few ex-Salford hiking Club Members joined us to celebrate Tom's Birthday in Llangammarch Wells and they soon became SHOT members. Here is their version of the weekend's events:

'Having failed our first navigational exercise, to find the pub, we were rescued by Tim who took us to meet up with Tom 'Today I will mostly be wearing Lowe Alpine' Gibbs for his birthday (1 month previous!) jaunt in the Brecon Beacons.

On Saturday we got up later than on any SUHC trip... and they reckon the students are the lazy ones! Six of us set out on a walk up to the ridge along Fan Brycheiniog. Having climbed a staggering 400 metres, Mark 'I didn't come here to walk' Stevenson sat down and refused to move for half an hour. When we finally managed to persuade him to continue, we hiked up for a further half an hour in torrential rain before being scared back into the pub by the thunder and lightning. An enjoyable night was spent losing at cards to Charlotte 'Can you tell me the rules one more time... I'm not a hustler honest!' Jolly!

On Sunday we put our lives in to Penny 'I know where I am' Weal's hands for a short linear walk along the river.. Where was the river???? After walking for several hours through some very nice gardens we arrived at the pub for the second half of the footie to enjoy Chris 'Gillingham are going to win' Turton suffering as Gillingham threw away a 2-goal lead and proceeded to lose on penalties. Returning to playing cards - the awe inspiring Boys V's Girls 'Play Your Cards Right' series - eventually finished with a resounding victory for the girls!!'

All in all a great weekend... many thanks to Tom for arranging it!

Justine + Zoe

Mashy's B'Day

To ring in his thirty years Mike organised a weekend in mid Wales. We were promised a weekend of surprises and that's exactly what we got..

The first surprise was the weather, a rare sunny weekend where brightly coloured shorts blossomed and bloodshot eyes could justifiably be hidden behind dark glasses.

The second surprise was that a group of grown men and women could pretend to be dwarves, giants and wizards with so much conviction. (You had to be there!)

The third surprise (one for the boys) was a stripper who made several fleeting appearances as she dashed to and from a private stag do in one of the pub lounges.

Of course, it was no surprise that 'The Boys' played pool all night long, Gus was too hung-over to walk on the Saturday, the new recruits outshone us all in walking and drinking, and Mashy ended up in the river. It was also no surprise that a good time was had by all.

Postcards from the East

Well, here I am! Not online yet, but I hope to get sorted within a couple of weeks. We were flown out business class (very nice) then had a two day orientation. The hotel is very plush but the lifts couldn't cope with 1300 of us. Sweltering hot weather – over 30°C during the day and humid too. My flat is in a great location – midway between the entrance to Hilcone Castle (a National Treasure) and the station. Unfortunately I have to go to school each morning despite it being the middle of summer holidays. The teachers all seem nice but most of them have pretty limited English. I am told that the kids are a mixed bag - friendly but not academic or just don't want to be there at all and are completely disinterested.

Lynne

Forthcoming Events

Pete's cycling/walking/pub weekend

(10-12 Sept)

Primarily a cycling weekend, it is aimed to be flexible for those of us who don't want to sit in the saddle. Accommodation will be in "The Confluence Centre", Northcote, Kilnsey, near Skipton in the Yorkshire Dales. There are up to 18 beds available.

A £5 deposit is required ASAP to secure a bed and the full amount of £18 is payable on the weekend. 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 West Dorset, five miles east of Bridport and not far from Lulworth Cove for those of you who remember the famous Swanage Trip of 1990. The hostel is situated next to a pub. Surprise, Surprise!

The main attractions on the nearby coastline include the highest sea cliff on the south coast at Golden Cap, the Abbotsbury Swannery, Lawrence of Arabia's Cottage and the famous pebbles of Chesil Beach. Meanwhile the Dorset Downs offer Europe's largest prehistoric earthworks at Maiden Castle (no broken wrists this time please!), England's smallest pub 'the Smith's Arms' at Godmanstone and the famous Cerne Abbas Giant chalk figure.

There are only twelve beds remaining so send £5 to Gustav to secure your place, otherwise it's the floor.

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 thirteen people are booked up with one further place available, so if you have the time and the cash then save us from an unlucky number. The airfare is £245 and then there's accommodation and spending money on top. Get in touch with Chris T or Mark H if you are interested

Alternative Christmas Dinner (27 Nov)

Andy and Mandy have offered to arrange a Christmas dinner in Kendal with accommodation in their house (bring a sleeping bag and carrymat!). The venue will be Wilf's Café in Staveley famed for catering Mountain Marathons. Christmas dinner itself could be traditional fare or Mexican depending on what you want and the cost would be about £12 with wine (or tequila) supplied by yourselves. Let Andy know if you are interested so that he can book the café.

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

The Millennium 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! See attached note for further info.

Ski France 2000 (4-12 February)

For those of you who fancy a bit of sun, snow and apres ski next year, Chris McCarthy has organised 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 is in a catered Chalet with transport on the snow train. This cost also includes equipment hire, lessons and lift pass. Chris has booked this trip now and filled his places, however if anyone else wishes to join them please contact Chris for the details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10th to 12th

Yorkshire Dales

Contact Pete

October 1st to 3rd

Dorset

£10 Deposit

Contact Gus

November 19th to 28th

New York

£245.30

Contact Chris T or Mark H

New Year

Braemar

£21 Deposit

Pay Dave Steed

February 4th to 12th

Ski France 2000

£585 approx

Contact Chris Mc

Gossip

Lynne has now settled in Japan. See page 2 for the latest.

Congratulations to Chris and Rachel who have decided to marry in September. Don't expect an invite to the wedding as they are flying off to tie the knot.

Welcome to Zoe, Justine and Donna who recently joined SHOT. Former members of the University Hiking Club they will now add some young blood to SHOT.

Due to the 'Boys Only' trips which have secretly been taking place there is now to be a 'Girls Only' trip – date and location top secret.

The Last Word.

Friendship's the wine of life.

Edward Young

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in the worth and choice.

Ben Jonson.

1999 – 2000 Subs

Yes it is that time of year again subs money is due. Most members have already paid but for those of you who have not please pop a cheque in the post made out to P Weal. The cost is £3 (or £5 for a couple at the same address). The SHOT year runs from September to August.