



**Christian
Rambling
Club**

PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 2010 – FEBRUARY 2011



CHRISTMAS

**FAMILY
EVENT**



**THAMES
VALLEY**

HILPERTON

**KENNET AND AVON
CANAL**

Mon 4 – Fri 8 October (4Nights)

Easy
Approximate cost £150

A mixture of walking and boating, this holiday offers something different. Starting at Hilperton near Bradford on Avon we will chug along to Bath on a 70 foot narrow boat. There will be plenty of opportunity to walk throughout the day or the evening or simply to chill out (maybe literally) on the boat. Plans need to be left flexible as the weather plays an important part. I have booked one boat for 8 people (4 male, 4 female) so places are at a premium. The approximate cost of £150 will cover the boat hire, breakfast and lunch.

This holiday is full but if you are interested your name will be placed on the reserve list.

BURLEY BH24 4BB

NEW FOREST

Fri 22 - Sun 24 Oct

Booking deadline 23 August 2010

Easy
£15.95 pppn + £2 sec

This is a gentle easy event with strolls of 5-8miles and little ascent. This could appeal to those who for various reasons can't cope with more strenuous events or just love the New Forest. There is plenty of scope to extend the walks for those who wish. There will be walks through the forest starting from the Youth Hostel, round the Deer Sanctuary and possibly along the coast near Keyhaven, unless folk prefer to stick to the forest. The 'young at heart' could listen to Winnie the Pooh stories and play Pooh sticks on the bridges!!! Meals are available at the Hostel or you could do your own. We are happy for those who live near or want to stay in B&B's to join us as day walkers.

HELMSLEY YO62 5HB

NE ENGLAND

Sat 23 – Sat 30 Oct

LANGDON BECK DL12 OXN

Booking deadline 24 August 2010

October Week

Moderate Hard
Helmsley £17.95 pppn 4 nights
Langdon Beck £15.95 pppn 3 nights

Spend late October in the North East. Helmsley is on the edge of the North York Moors in one of the prettiest towns in North Yorkshire with Rievaulx Abbey nearby. Langdon Beck is on the Pennine Way with High Force and Cauldron Snout waterfalls worth visiting. Hostel meals are available at both hostels (book on arrival) and self catering facilities are available.

STREET BA16 0TZ

**NOVEMBER 5TH SPECIAL
SOMERSET**

Thurs 4 – Sun 7 Nov (3 nights)

Booking deadline 5 Sept 2010

Easy Moderate and Moderate
£35 + £2 sec

Come and join me for a completely different type of Bonfire event! This year the CRC has decided to attend the Bridgwater Carnival. The parade dates back to 1847 when the people of Bridgwater paraded to a central bonfire site disguised in costumes. Now it is the largest lighted Carnival in the UK. These floats (or carts) are mostly the size of a lorry trailer, which are towed by a tractor, which also pulls a generator. All year carnival clubs throughout Somerset have been designing and making their floats in the uttermost secrecy. Some will be singing and dancing, some will be still like pictures, all will be hoping to win the top prize. So come and see if you agree with the judges. The event is free to attend but the clubs will collect money for various local charities. After the carnival the equally famous Squibbing takes place in the Market Square. These are large fireworks (which in past days were made in Bridgwater) which are held aloft in the form of a 'Mexican wave' up the High Street. For more details look up the web site www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk.

We will meet at the hostel in Street on Thursday night so that we can enjoy a morning walk on the Friday before travelling to Bridgwater in the early afternoon before the roads are closed. On Saturday we will enjoy a longer walk to the famous Glastonbury Tor. If you don't fancy walking at all – then the Clark's Village Shopping Centre is just down the road.

We will share a meal together on the Saturday night. The cost includes butter, margarine, milk (for drinks and breakfast) tea, coffee sugar etc which will all be provided. But you will need to provide your own breakfast and packed lunch items.

HINDHEAD GU8 6NS

SURREY HEATHLAND

Fri 12 – Sun 14 Nov

Booking deadline 12 Sept 2010

Easy Moderate
£41.59 + £2 sec

Enjoy the autumn colours as we explore the woodland and heaths in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We have sole use of the hostel, converted from three tiny National Trust stone cottages in a secluded glade at the bottom of the Devil's Punchbowl. There is a 0.5-mile walk down a steep track from the car park just off the A3, but there is a drop off point at the hostel. The cosy open-plan lounge/dining room has a wood burning stove and there is a compact kitchen. Bring your own food for breakfasts and lunches, and we will group-cater for Saturday evening meal (offers of help welcome). There are only 12 places, so book early, especially couples wanting a 2-bed room.

ABERGAVENTNY NP7 5UD
Booking deadline 20 Sept 2010

BLACK MOUNTAINS

Fri 19 –Sun 21 Nov
Moderate Hard

£48 for two nights B&B + £2 sec

This event is based at Ty'r Morwydd (see www.mulberrycentre.com), only 2 minutes walk from the centre of Abergavenny. This will give good opportunities for fine Autumn walks in the Black Mountains, including Sugar Loaf, the local hill. Accommodation is in single rooms; twins can be requested if we know in advance. Bedding provided but bring towels. The price includes breakfast. There is no self-catering kitchen at this hostel, but there are tea/coffee making facilities, with kettles for filling flasks. As evening meals may not be available on this weekend, I suggest we eat out on the Saturday night (Abergavenny will offer plenty of choice, as well as places to buy sandwiches for lunch).

STREATLEY RG8 9JJ
Booking deadline 1 October 2010

BERKSHIRE

Fri 3 – Sun 5 Dec
Easy Moderate

£16 pppn + £2 sec

Join us for walks in the run-up to Christmas and enjoy a break from the seasonal rush. We will be staying at a charming Victorian mansion set in the heart of the Thames Valley. Walking will include sections of the nearby Ridgeway on the edge of the Berkshire Downs and the attractive riverside paths along the Thames. Hostel meals are available and self catering options exist.

CLUN MILL SY7 8NY
Booking deadline 23 October 2010

CHRISTMAS

Thurs 23 – Mon 27 Dec
Moderate

£100 + £2 sec

“Clunton, Clunbury, Clungunford and Clun
are the quietest places under the sun.”

So said A.E. Houseman, and we are sure you will enjoy a get-away-from-it-all Christmas at Clun where we will celebrate Christ's coming. The youth hostel is a recently refurbished restored watermill. It is ideal for exploring the castles and rolling countryside of the English-Welsh Border Country. We shall visit some of the nearby hill forts and hope to venture onto Offa's Dyke, the Shropshire Way and the Long Mynd. We will organise group meals including Christmas dinner, but please come prepared to help with the catering and washing up! The price includes accommodation and meals. There may be a slight adjustment once numbers are confirmed.

WINDERMERE LA23 1LA
Booking deadline 31 October 2010

NORTHERN NEW YEAR

Mon 27 Dec - Sat 1 Jan
All Grades

27,28,29 Dec £18 pppn (£13 under 18s)
30, 31 Dec £24.50 pppn (£18.50 under 18)

Meal costs see below

The Hostel is in a magnificent setting with views across the fells and Wansfell Pike can be ascended from the door. Its position between Windermere and Ambleside give us the opportunity to explore the mountains of the Fairfield Horseshoe, the Kentmere area as well as Patterdale (assuming the Kirkstone Pass is free of snow!). We have sole occupancy of the hostel and will celebrate New Year together as a group with a special meal. The cost of this meal is £16 and is an obligatory part of the event.

Other meals; Evening Meal (2 courses) £9.25, breakfast £4.95, small lunch packs £4.50, large £5.50

KESWICK CA12 4BY

LAKE DISTRICT
FAMILY FRIENDLY
NEW YEAR EVENT

Mon 27 Dec – Mon 3 Jan 2011
All Grades esp. Moderate Hard

£22 pppn +£2 sec

with age concessions (see below)

After last New Year's snow, what can we expect this year? Join us for a New Year week at the Keswick Convention Centre to find out. There will be walks for all tastes, from short family strolls to full hill days, mainly in the North and Northwest fells, but we expect most walks to be Moderate and above. Also enjoy meals together, informal and organised fellowship, the facilities (and sales) in Keswick or even the chance (optional) to see in the New Year with a midnight dip in Derwent Water! The Centre offers single beds in en suite rooms for 1-4 people. As a result the event is family friendly, and also suits those who don't want YHA bunks, or want smaller rooms, including twin rooms. As usual we will be organising group catering, with everyone helping out on a rota basis, and prices include breakfast and evening meals and tea and coffee etc. Preference will be given to those booking at least 4 nights. We expect to have some spare places on the nights of 1st and 2nd January, if anyone at the Windermere event wishes to extend their stay. Cost per night: Adult £22.00 (plus £2 sec); 9- 17yrs £15.00; 4- 8yrs £14.00; 0- 4 free.

NORTHIAM TN31 6HL
Booking deadline 30 November 2010

EAST SUSSEX
SOUTHERN
NEW YEAR

Wed 29 Dec – Sun 2 Jan (4 nights)
Easy

£223 + £2sec

Come and join us at The Oast Houses, a Christian Retreat & Conference Centre at Northiam. Explore this pretty area of Sussex. There will be a variety of walks, opportunity to visit the coast, venture out into nearby towns – Rye and Tenterden and explore historic places like Battle – so bring your English Heritage card!

ILAM HALL DE6 2AZ
Booking deadline 28 Nov 2010

PEAK DISTRICT

Thurs 27 – Sun 30 Jan 2011 (3 nights)
Moderate
£16 Thurs, £18 Fri & Sat nights pppn
+ £2 sec

A stay in this Victorian Gothic manor house is one you won't forget in a hurry. Owned by the National Trust, YHA Ilam is set in 84 acres of country parkland. Walking will be in both the Manifold Valley and Dovedale, as well as the intervening hills. Meals need to be booked in advance, Breakfast £4.95, Packed Lunch £5.50, 2 Course Evening Meal £9.25, 3 Courses £12.

SPEAN BRIDGE

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING

Sat 12 – Sat 19 Feb 2011 (7 nights)
Hard

A range of levels of activity will be offered- Winter Mountain Skills training (use of crampons, ice axe, avalanche awareness, winter navigation etc), winter walking and a range of levels of climbing. As usual, the event will use professional guides for the training and leading. Accommodation will be in lodges. The cost of accommodation and guide fees will depend on the level of activity selected (a lower guide/client ratio increases the cost). The following levels of activity are planned to be offered:

- (a) Winter hill walking- lead by a professional guide using crampons and ice axe to tackle Scottish hills in winter. This would probably include ascending and descending steep snow slopes and possibly some grade one snow gulleys
- (b) Winter climbs up to grade 2 or 3- roped up and lead by a guide these climbs would involve climbing snow gulleys, arêtes and ridges
- (c) Harder/advanced winter climbs including lead climbing under supervision of a professional guide.

ALSTONEFIELD DE6 2FZ
Booking deadline 20 December 2010

PEAK DISTRICT
CREATIVE / CRAFT EVENT

Fri 18 – Sun 20 Feb
Cost for two nights
Adults £33 + £2sec Children £25

Alstonefield is a lovely self-catering hostel; a perfect location to relax and explore your creative talents. Once again our aim is to have fun together as we take part in a variety of creative opportunities which may include; creative writing; simple beading and jewellery making; collage; miniature modeling with Fimo; decorative boxes; using reclaimed objects e.g. drift wood, jam jars etc. Also on offer may be some photography and pyrography. Come prepared to have a go or bring your own ideas (no experience or expertise necessary). We will do some walking as well, so bring your walking gear.

RHAYADER LD6 5NS
Booking deadline 14 January 2011

MID - WALES

Thur 24 – Sun 27 Feb (3 Nights)
Moderate – Moderate Hard
£18 pppn + £2 sec

By the end of February the days are getting longer, and hopefully the weather will be getting warmer, so it is time to get out into the countryside again. Beili Neuadd is a well-equipped bunkhouse near Rhayader in the heart of Wales; more details are available at <http://www.midwalesfarmstay.co.uk/index/bunkbarn>. Accommodation is in en-suite bunk rooms, but it may also be possible to have a small number of single rooms at an additional cost – please contact Peter for details. Beili Neuadd is situated near the Elan Valley with a good choice of easier walks in the valleys and by the reservoirs, and harder walks on the surrounding hills and moorland. I hope that we will have a choice of two walks on the Saturday, and possibly also on the other days, provided that enough people come. We will be self-catering for breakfasts and packed lunches, but I hope to organise group meals (at modest additional cost) for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

WETHERDOWN LODGE GU32 1HR
Booking deadline 1 February 2011

HAMPSHIRE

Thurs 3 – Sun 6 Mar (3 nights)
Easy Moderate
£19.50 pppn B&B + £2sec

We will be staying at the award winning eco hostel at East Meon, near Petersfield, east Hampshire. We will be close to the South Downs Way and other long distance paths crossing Hampshire. Accommodation is in two and three bedded rooms and linen is provided. Breakfast is included in the price, packed lunches can be provided (£4.50) and we can enjoy a mixture of self catering and eating out for the rest of the meals. Camping is also an option on the 55 acre site and if you are interested in using the Tipi or Yurt or your own tent please make your own arrangements but let me know. www.sustainability-centre.org. There will be shorter walks on Thursday afternoon and on Sunday and two full days of walking on Friday and Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE

Booking Deadline dates only apply to the number of reserved places at the hostel. Anybody wishing to attend events after the deadline has passed is still welcome, but will need to contact the event leader first to check that the event is still running and/or numbers attending, and then make their own accommodation arrangements, either by booking with the hostel direct pending availability, or arranging alternative accommodation.

Standard Booking Form

Please complete form in BLOCK CAPITALS.

CRC Event at.....

Name:.....

Address.....

..... Postcode

E-mail: Tel No:.....

CRC member or associate Non-member Age if under 18.....

Date	Day	Adult beds @		U18 beds @		Breakfast @	Small Packed Lunch @	Evening Meals @
		M	F	M	F			
Total No.								
Total Cost		£		£		£		£
Fixed Price Event								£
Standard Event Charge (£2 per person aged 18+)								£
Grand Total (see programme entry for cheque payable to)								£

OR

OFF SITE ACCOMMODATION: Address.....

.....Phone number.....

Special Meal Requirements

I would like a lift if possible I can offer a lift to __ people I will arrange my own travel

I have checked the details and arithmetic above and enclosed correct amount.

Emergency contact during event: Name.....Tel

**Please send completed form and cheque to event leader or bookings contact
(see programme entry for address) AND ENCLOSE A STAMPED
SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE unless advised otherwise.**