



# The Wandering Wayfarers

December 2010

## A Merry, Merry Christmas...And a Happy New Year

Well, yet another year is nearly at its end, and it has been another successful one for the Wayfarers. This year we have been able to put on more trips than ever such has been the popularity of the club. Our trips have also included great variety, from awe inspiring mountains of Scotland to the stunning coast of Cornwall. We have also had a lively social scene, branching out from our regular socials in the Goose to try Chinese food in town, pizza in Harborne as well as giving the Selly Oak curry houses good business. We got all spruced up for our formal photo competition and then ended the year with a fantastic Christmas knees up. So, a big thank you to everyone who has come on walks this year and have supported the club, it wouldn't be what it is without all of you keen walkers. All that is left to do is to wish the committee of 2011 good luck and to say ...**Merry Christmas!!**

Wayfarers Committee 2010

For more info on Wayfarers visit:  
<http://students.bugs.bham.ac.uk/wayfarers>

## Snowdonia 19-21 Nov 2010

Last Friday 25 people departed the Guild to head to Snowdonia to stay in Caseg Fraith Hut situated at the base of Tryfan mountain in Snowdonia. We stopped on the way to refuel with fish and chips at Llangollen and then continued onwards arriving in the dark at the hut. The next morning we were greeted with marvellous views of the mountains and split into three groups: 2 groups tackling Snowdon (1085m) (via Crib Goch and the Watkin path

## Dates to Remember

28-30 Jan 2011- Lake District Weekend Trip

5 Feb 2011- Malvern Day Walk

11-13 Feb 2011- Dartmoor Weekend Trip

25-27 Feb 2011- Snowdonia Weekend Trip

**More Day Walks TBC**

respectively) and the third group climbing Y gribin to Glyder Fawr (999m) and then on to Y Garn (947m). The weather was lovely, climbing above the clouds into glorious sunshine, with views over most of Snowdonia and even to the Welsh coast. In the evening many of the group visited the friendly local pub in Capel Curig while others stayed in by the open fire. On the Sunday the weather had deteriorated and snow had fallen overnight across many of



*Snowdonia: Group 3 on Glyder Fawr*



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the summits but undeterred we split into 2 groups. One followed a similar route to the other group the day before climbing Y Gribin, Glyder Fach (994m) and then descended the valley past Tryfan whereas the other group climbed Tryfan (915m) via the North Face a scrambling route, which was made much more challenging by the ice and snow on the steep rocks – as well as the snow that started to fall as we ascended. However, after a long very eventful day everyone made it back safely back in Birmingham many of the group went out for a post trip curry in Selly Oak.

Cathy Ayers



*Snowdonia: Autumn Snowmen*

## **Berwyns 28 Nov 2010**

On Sunday 24 walkers braved the cold and snow for a trip to the Berwyn mountains in Wales. After cautiously driving up the somewhat icy road to the car park, avoiding the odd sliding tractor, we split up into two groups to tackle the Cadair Berwyn. One group was led by Phil and Charlie up the western ridge whilst Steve led his group of walk leader trainees up a valley just to the east. As well as discussing important issues involved with leading a walk, the group also managed to find time to do some impromptu ice skating around the edge of a frozen tarn. The two groups crossed paths on the ridge just before the trig point and made the most of the amazing views both back down into the valley and in the distance towards Snowdonia. More fun was had on a large frozen puddle (except for Steve who managed to find the only bit which wasn't quite solid and ended up getting a very muddy leg. Phil's group then headed back via the tarn whilst the trainee group had a go with the group shelter before splitting up to do some compass work. The two groups met back up at the minibuses and travelled back to Birmingham for a traditional post walk curry.

Alan Lea



*Berwyns: The frozen tarn beneath the mountain*



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## Yorkshire Dales 10-12 Dec 2010

Thirteen of us set off to the Bull Pot Farm near Casterton in the Yorkshire Dales on Friday. In good old Wayfarers tradition, we stopped in Sandbach for Fish & Chips on the way there before we successfully tackled the steep and slippery hill up to the hut.

On Saturday, we went all together for a walk led by Ed and Eleanor up Middleton Fell to Calf Top then down a rather steep descent and back up Crag Hill before returning to the barn. After dinner with Christmassy mince pies, some of us braved the hill down to a pub to enjoy a pint. Once again, Phil's excellent driving skills brought us safely down to the village and back up this rather icy road.

The group split into two on Sunday. The majority started their walk in Ingleton and enjoyed the views along the Ribble valley whilst four of us explored a couple of caves in the region. We joined back together after a warming hot chocolate to make our way back to Birmingham via Leeds for a cake and tea break at Phil's parent's house. Back in Birmingham a small group went for a controversial after trip Chinese.



*Berwyns: Charlie with the White Witch's wand! Who will he turn to stone??*



*Yorkshire: A gorgeous winter sunset.*



*Christmas Party: Zeyn is getting dressed up for the occasion!*