



The Wandering Wayfarers

July 2010

Fun Fun Fun in the Sun

Well it's the end of another academic year and a very successful year at that. We've had glorious views from some of the UK's highest mountains, winter wonderlands covering the landscapes and some wonderful memories from such diverse groups on our trips. Popularity of the club rose to the extent that we were able to put on extra trips including two trips on the same weekend back in November.

The club has also had a vibrant social scene with visits to restaurants in Harbourne and along the canal, as well our summer BBQ, which despite the rain attracted a large group of people. And, of course, my favourite was the photo competition where it was wonderful to see everybody dressed up in their smart attire. This term we had excellent weather for our day walk and our two weekend trips by the coast, which gave those who went a nice break from revision and exams.

So, all that's left to say is thanks to all of those who came on trips this year, we hope everyone has a good summer and we can't wait to see you in September!!

Wayfarers Committee

Dates to Remember

3 Oct 2010- Lickey Hills Day Walk

9 Oct 2010- Malverns Day Walk

15-17 Oct 2010- Brecon Beacons Weekend Trip

29-31 Oct 2010- Lake District Weekend Trip

7 Nov 2010- Peak District Day Walk

19-21 Nov 2010- Snowdonia Weekend Trip

Black Mountains 2 May 2010

We had an 8.30 start at the Guild, anticipating a day of rain, despite the blue skies in Birmingham. The journey to the Black Mountains took us 2 hours and we were greeted by cows lying down, it was going to be a good day! But thankfully the rain held off all day and wasn't a bad day for weather despite what felt like January temperatures. We separated into two groups and had a nice ridge walk, with each group taking a different direction around the ridge. The route included a nice dam, with a very nice view from the top of it, what would have been a fantastic view into.



The Black Mountains



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the next valley halfway round, had the weather been a bit clearer! And going over the top of the highest hill in the Black Mountains.

The groups even managed to meet up halfway round, so Charlie and Kerstin could attack us with a muddy stick. For one group, the day ended with a section of forest, a dilemma for the new walk leader: to go around or cut through. So this group ended with climbing over fences, cutting through sections of trees (which fell over every time they were used for support!) and a view of a huge pile of logs which looked very nice for climbing up! In the final stages of walking back the groups got a view of the each other on the next hill, one group being particularly easy to spot by their very colourful range of coats! Following the journey back to Birmingham a visit to the Soak for a meal and a drink to round off the day.

James Bailey



Cornwall: The group had great weather for their weekend.



Black Mountains: The Wayfarers mascots, Yahoo and Google, enjoyed their day walk.

Cornwall 21-23 May 2010

On Friday evening, 12 Wayfarers set off for the long journey to Cornwall. Halfway there, we stopped for the traditional Friday night fish and chips, which we ate in a little playground. Some of us even remembered their childhood days and had a little play before we tackled the second half of the journey. After a few navigational problems, we eventually found the campsite that should be our home for the next two nights. Everyone did a great job with pitching their tents in the dark. We decided to stay as one group for Saturday's walk along the coastal path from Boscastle to Tintagel. The weather was beautiful and we all caught the sun – some more than others. To cool down from the hottest day this year so far, we spend the evening on Crackington beach enjoying the ice-cold sea, a BBQ and an amazing sunset. On Sunday, we travelled to Dartmoor where we went, again as one group, on a round walk from Postbridge via Two Bridges and Bellever. Back in Postbridge, we could not miss out on cream tea before we set off for



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our journey back to Birmingham. The weekend ended with a Chinese dinner on Bristol Road before everyone went back home very tired after a great weekend.

Kerstin Voelz

Pembrokeshire 11-14 June 2010

Our last trip of the year was to Porthclais campsite near St David's in Pembrokeshire. We left Birmingham on Friday night, stopping in Newport for fish and chips, and put up the tents in the dark when we arrived. We awoke on Saturday to sunny blue skies and ate breakfast overlooking the sea. Half the group headed west along the coastal path while the others stayed closer to the campsite and enjoyed some climbing on the nearby cliffs. Some of the braver members of the group also had a quick swim in the sea which was (unsurprisingly) freezing as usual. Later that evening we played rounders and Frisbee while Ollie fired up the BBQs for dinner. On Sunday we drove south to Freshwater East and meandered along the shoreline to Tenby. Later that evening we visited one of the pubs in St David's before heading back to the campsite. The wind was particularly strong on Sunday night and everyone was relieved to find their tent still standing on Monday morning. On the last day of the trip the majority of the group walked over to Caefai Bay for a relaxing day on the beach. Finally, we packed all the tents away and drove back to Birmingham in time for a post-trip curry.

Phil Blaen



Cornwall: Coastal walks gave a pleasant change from hill walking.



Pembrokeshire: The view from St David's Head



Pembrokeshire: The group enjoyed their walking along the stunning coastline.