

THE BARNET FLYER

The Newsletter of Barnet Plus - Issue 164



Your Spring 2018 Flyer

The Barnet AGM has been and gone and the committee for the year has been elected. Thanks to those who stood for election or re-election. We now need the members to support the group and committee by supporting the events. If you would like to suggest (or run) an event, please let a committee member know.

The National Spring Break

At the time of writing this flyer, there were still a (very) few spaces on the 2018 "Spring Break". It is at Hoburne Park (Hoburne Lane, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 4HP) from Friday 23rd March to Monday 26th March.

Site open for accommodation from 16.00 on 23rd March - booking in at reception. Depart Monday morning from caravans, please strip beds, clean up etc.

The site restaurant and pools should be open. The site provides some form of entertainment in evening.

The weekend costs £64.50 each (based on 4 people sharing). This will now be needed when you book. If you want to go talk to Mark or Katie ASAP.

The Walking Weekend 2018

In 2018 Midland Area Plus is offering the opportunity to explore the Peak District by bicycle, foot, steam train, car, horse or llama with friends and fellow Plussers.

Dovedale House, Ilam, Ashbourne, 6.00pm 24th August to 10.00am 27th August 2018

Accommodation is a bunkhouse with full board in a scenic part of Staffordshire near Ashbourne in the Peak District providing an excellent base to explore the countryside around the area. We seek volunteers to lead expeditions and activities from geocaching, sampling cake, industrial archeology, fossil hunting, theme parks to train spotting.

This weekend is an opportunity to share your enthusiasm with others. breathtaking friendly rambles are already planned. The terrain and weather are varied, so please bring walking boots and clothing layers to cope with a rainy summer. The Peak District is a popular destination. We welcome early bookings to ensure Dovedale House can be wholly occupied by Plus members.

Cost: £140.00 per person, £30.00 deposit payable by May 25th 2018 (members only) If you have any questions about this event and the content please do not hesitate to contact Francis Wallington, John Smith or James Oliver.

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The Barnet Spy

The Korean Restaurant trip had a few mysteries, where was it, why did some tables have chimneys but not ours, who was the lettuce for, what did you have to do to get a drink and did it really cost that much for wine ? After all the mysteries became clear it was a “different” evening out to our usual eateries.

The Walkie Talkie building started out with the “Mice and Cheese”, fortunately no similar dispute broke out when we were at heights, although whenever the spy saw someone they seemed to be looking for someone else.

WASH 2018

We have had the following from the organisers of WASH 2018.

The dates for WASH 2018 are Friday 2nd to Monday 5th November.

Thanks to you, we sold out of all tickets for last year and we had some lovely feedback of how much fun you said that you had. We know of groups who already have started collecting for this year.

Woodlands are carrying out a readjustment of their accommodation and have informed us that some of the units used last year are no longer available. These include all the 4 berth caravans and therefore it reduces our accommodation capacity by around 20 places.

As you may be aware last year WASH funds subsidised each person attending to introduce you to our fantastic new venue and its facilities. As you can imagine, this has depleted the funds and we are unable to repeat this offer. Woodlands have published their 2018 prices and whilst they are still allowing us a generous discount, this will impact on WASH 2018 ticket prices.

This year's prices therefore are £123 for a lodge or cabin and £93 for a 6 berth caravan. Due to the reduced capacity and to be fair to those wishing to attend we ask for your help to keep spare places to an absolute minimum, as every spare place potentially is a person who would like to attend, but would not be able to should we reach full capacity. Spare places will be charged at £103 per space for a lodge or cabin and £73 per space in a caravan.

Deposits remain at £30 per person and booking forms will be sent out as soon as practicable in order that you have as much time as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm, the WASH 2018 Committee.

Programme

March

Sat 17th Builders Arms, Potters Bar
7.30pm (to eat)

Sat 24th Spring Break, Bournemouth

Sat 31st Bengal Berties,
North Finchley 7.30pm

Sun 18th Scattergories (SS)

Sun 25th Prince Of Wales Quiz 8pm
(not at Discovery Hall)

April

Sat 7th Music Pub Night, The Griffin,
Whetstone 8pm

Sat 14th Sharon's Birthday Meal
The Beefeater, Welwyn 7.30pm

Sat 21st White Hart Pub, South Mymms
8pm

Sat 28th Bat Walk, Forty Hall 7.30pm

Sun 1st Highgate Cemetery Tour 2pm
(not at Discovery Hall)

Sun 8th The Chase (CS)

Sun 15th Quick On The Draw (DP)

Sun 22nd General Knowledge Quiz (MH)

Sun 29th Uno Extreme (SS)

May

Sat 5th Five Bells Pub, East Finchley,
7.30pm

Sat 12th Pitch, Putt & Pub, Oak Hill Park,
East Barnet 4pm

Sat 19th Ninova Turkish Restaurant, East
Barnet 7.30pm

Sat 26th Trent Park Walk, meet at the
café. 12 midday

May 6th Leeds Castle Day Trip, 10am
St Pancras Station
(not at Discovery Hall)

Sun 13th Articulate (CS)

Sun 20th Family Fortunes (FB)

Sun 27th Day Trip to Broadstairs, 10am
St Pancras Station
(not at Discovery Hall)

Please ensure that you put your name down for restaurants and don't just turn up or rely on telepathy.

For information on events, talk to the activities officer or another committee member. Please put your name down for Saturday night events on the preceding Sunday evening.

The Barnet Mailing List

Events are subject to change. The reminders for events on the programme (sometimes updated after this Flyer) with times and more detailed information can be e-mailed to you if you wish.

Talk to Mark if you would like this service.

Group Committee

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For activities information contact Francine or another committee member.

The Barnet Flyer

The next Flyer is due out in May. Barnet Plus is in North Thames & Chilterns Area of the Federation of Plus Areas. The Federation Honorary General Secretary can be contacted via (08708) 747587. More National Federation information is available at <http://www.plusgroups.org.uk/>

Where, When and Public Transport

Sunday night activities are held in the Discovery Hall, and should start at 8.30pm. See map for details.

By bus: 184 to Church Hill Road (get off at BS) and follow the marked route or the 326 to Longmore Avenue and walk down Netherlands. In both cases less than 10 minutes walk.

