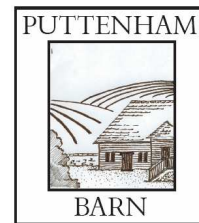


# **PUTTENHAM CAMPING BARN (Project Oasis North Downs)**

## **Newsletter Summer 2011**



*This year we opened the barn's doors to campers on Good Friday, and bookings to date have been encouraging. A new booking system through the YHA National Office in Matlock has now been introduced – phone 0800 0191 700 or 01629 592 700.*

*On Saturday 21 May we celebrated 6 years of the barn's operation with a highly enjoyable social event: morning and afternoon walks in the Puttenham area, led by volunteer and Puttenham resident Sue Lowther, and a delicious shared lunch in the sunshine of the barnyard.*

### **Your Invitation to the 2011 AGM**

All supporters – and friends – are warmly invited to our **AGM**, which will take place on **Friday 15 July** in the Marwick (small) Hall, School Lane, Puttenham, soon after 7.30 pm. The AGM will be followed by a short informal talk from Richard Greening, Historic Buildings Consultant of Nye Saunders Architects, with particular reference to his work on Puttenham Barn.

Light refreshments will be available at the hall from 7.30 pm, followed by the AGM and talk. The Camping Barn will open from 7 pm for anyone who would like to view our latest improvements. Car-parking is available at the Marwick Hall - not at the Barn - but cycles can be accommodated in the barn's cycle shed.

*...P.T.O. for AGM Agenda*

### **FURTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- **'Walkfest' (Guildford Walking Festival), Saturday 23 July.** As in 2010, we will be organising a walk from Guildford along the Pilgrims Way to the barn and back via the North Downs Way, totalling approximately 11 miles. The walk will start at 10.30 am from outside the main entrance to Guildford Railway Station. If interested in joining the walk please contact John Perry at [jperry@iee.org](mailto:jperry@iee.org), telephone 01252 324082, or visit [www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk) and search for Walkfest. *Extra Info:* For anyone preferring just the morning half of the walk, there is an option to return to Guildford by the X65 bus. Bring a packed lunch - drinks will be available at the barn during the lunch stop (and lunchtime helpers are also welcome to get in touch). Walkers can stay overnight in the camping barn, space permitting.
- **Mid-season Work Party** – will probably take place in July. Supporters who have expressed interest in attending work parties will be contacted when the date has been finalised. Would you like to help?

### **Volunteering**

*With many volunteering possibilities we are keen to match people's interests and skills with tasks to be done. If you think you might like to be actively involved, please contact us for a chat.*

*A wardens training day was held in May and another is planned for the near future. If you can suggest anyone who might be suitable for volunteer wardening, or if you yourself are interested, please contact Chris Meeks who would be happy to talk through what is involved.*

*Current items on the barn's wish list are additional pillows for camper comfort, a sun-brolly for the barnyard, good quality towels for occasional hire and last but not least – willing volunteers who can sharpen several very blunt garden shears and repair one or two torn sheet sleeping bags!*

### **YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

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