

# AUTUMN 2008 - NEWSLETTER

## EVENTS:

### October

- Monthly social – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – All Bar One, Regent St. W1B 2HJ

### November

- Monthly social – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – venue tbc

### December

- Monthly social – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Somerset House – Ice Skating.

## MONTHLY SOCIALS

### The First Tuesday of every month – from 6.30pm

Everyone and anyone is welcome to come along! We're unsurprisingly mainly Raleigh alumni and very occasionally conversation does slip into previous 'this one time on expedition' mode but its rare! We are, more simply, a social network of like minded people who have had the luck of being part of something quite unique and special.

However it is just a Raleigh alumni social – we are always delighted to have new faces come along, especially anyone looking to, or preparing to, go on a Raleigh expedition. Between us we have a wealth of fund raising and kit ideas and tips for those who are somewhat bewildered by the enormity of it all. And we'll endeavour to smooth out any pre-expedition nerves and re-invigorate the enthusiasm for the expedition!

More widely, we try to continue the spirit of Raleigh in London and partake in the 'fourth challenge' type activities – namely volunteering and going on the occasional tramp across the countryside.

Please either keep track of our website ([www.raleighlondon.com](http://www.raleighlondon.com)) or become our friend on facebook (see below) for details of where we'll be meeting.

## DECEMBER SOCIAL – ICE SKATING – TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

We went to the rink at Natural History Museum last year and it was a great evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The slot that we have chosen is the 18.45 (£12.50). We'll skate for an hour and then head across the road to a nearby public house.

Tickets can be purchased through ticket master – if you're interested in joining in, it would be lovely see there. NB Tickets sell out very quickly so please book soon.

INB At the moment –

[http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/pre\\_sale/dtwps7.html?CAMEFROM=CFC\\_UK\\_EV0403\\_WEBLINK1](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/pre_sale/dtwps7.html?CAMEFROM=CFC_UK_EV0403_WEBLINK1)



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## MELLOW FARM – [tbc] NOVEMBER 2008

Painting the canoe shed – we've been asked by the farmer to add a lick of paint to the inside of the canoe shed – hardly the most time consuming of tasks but will then allow freedom to enjoy the rest of what Mellow Farm has to offer at no cost to RL. Details to follow if James manages to get organised on this!

## WINDSOR WALK – [tbc] NOVEMBER 2008

After a number of previous successful walks in Windsor Great Park in recent years, we're planning on returning again sometime in November. The Park itself is stunning with the walks taking in the Long Walk and Virginia Water.

Departure from London is c.9/10am with the walk itself taking approximately 4 hours or so. For those interested, a beer or two at the end usually follows and even a curry for those with a clear evening!



## CRISIS OPEN CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 2008

Following on from previous years a number of Raleigh London will be volunteering for Crisis over the Christmas period.

If you have never done this before and are interested, either visit the crisis website ([www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)) or come along to one of our socials to find out more about what its all about.

NB Locations of the venues have yet to be chosen but there is usually a good spread of possible venues across the capital.

## FACEBOOK

We got involved. For those who use it, we have registered ourselves as the person 'Raleigh London' – it's basically another way of keeping those who have an interest in Raleigh London and what we do updated. Please look us up.

## RALEIGH LONDON – COMMITTEE – 2008

CHAIRMAN – Dominic Martin

TREASURER – Hannah Rietchel

SECRETARY – Tim Peel

COMMUNICATIONS / EVENTS – Matt Bould / Steve Gee / Ed Ballard

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## SOFTBALL – vs HEAD OFFICE – AUGUST 08

Our annual game against head office was fortunately played in the dry this year and was a fine evening of very uncompetitive gamesmanship! Raleigh London took the very wise decision of mixing up the teams to level out the playing field and even up the skills levels. However, with some players well versed and seasoned in the game through the charity softball league, there was still some noticeable out of the park shots!

We were graced by a number of the staff from head office including Stacey and Debra who conveniently forgot their trainers...but cheered us on nonetheless in our efforts.

Thanks to all those who came along. See you next year!

## NEW FOREST – SEPTEMBER 08

A great trip but a touch wet! We all travelled down Friday night to Ashurst and set up the tents in pretty much the only the dry spot left at the camp site – and despite the warning from a nearby camper, our tents did not drift on in the night nor flood with water!

After a fine brunch in a nearby creasy spoon, we headed due south to the coast and apart from a brief river crossing dilemma, a few short lived down pours, it was a very pleasant walk through the New Forest. When reaching our final destination of Lyminster, to acknowledge our efforts, we found a lovely pub on the waterfront although we did look somewhat out of place! A lovely curry followed and we eventually headed back on the train to the camp site.

Thanks Ed for organising!



## MELLOW FARM – SEPTEMBER 08

We headed back to Mellow Farm to enjoy some time away from the big smoke. Fortunately for us the Indian summer that we have long been promised finally arrived and made the weekend even more enjoyable.

Activities included a walk on the Saturday afternoon, BBQ and a fire Saturday evening and canoeing and the assault course on the Sunday – pretty much a kids weekend but without the kids!