

## **ABERYSTWYTH HOLIDAY**

Di and I have just spent a few days in Aberystwyth and things are beginning to take shape. If anybody out there is interested there is still one double room available. In fact the hotel is only fully booked for the Sunday night and there is more room available on the other nights so we could take even more if people only came for three nights or booked alternative accommodation for Sunday.

We have sorted out some walks for the days of arrival and departure. On the way down there are a couple of options but favourite at the moment is a walk from the Bwlch Nant yr Arian (The mountain Pass of the Stream of Silver – if you can't speak Welsh) Forestry Commission Area. There is ample parking at £1.50 per day, a small café, toilets etc. We will be doing a fairly short walk, about three miles, along a well laid out path which takes us up and along a ridge with some really fantastic views. The route back takes us along a miners leat, which carried water to the mines. The area is full of history, which is well documented along the route. If we time things to get back to the start just before 3pm we will be able to watch them feed the Red Kites sometimes attracting over 100 of these birds.

On the way home we plan to stop just outside Aberystwyth at the Rheidol Valley Visitors Centre. This is just below the power station and is run by the water board. Again there is a small café with toilets and an exhibition. Behind the visitor centre is a butterfly centre which may be of interest to some of you. We again plan a short walk of about 3 miles although there is the option to lengthen it by about a mile with a long steep climb. Anyone wishing to skip the last bit can easily make their way back to the start point.

Put together with the main programme already detailed in the news letter I think this should provide an interesting and varied series of walks.