

## Membership Cards and Subscriptions

Neil Brindley ([members@ulgmc.org](mailto:members@ulgmc.org)) has made a start of getting the new membership system up and running. The form for 2007 is attached to this newsletter and has been uploaded to the members' section of the website. The good news is that the subs are remaining at the old rate and that they still continue to provide third-party insurance cover for mountaineering associated activities (but the insurance cover is only valid if you have paid your subs!).

## Forthcoming Meets

The new meets list has now been agreed and published, we still have some meets without organisers so now is your opportunity to lead a meet. There is not much that you have to do, unless you want to cook for the whole meet in which case life does become a bit more complex. One major responsibility is that you'll have to write a brief report of the meet and send it to the editor with some photos.

If you do want lead a meet drop Keith Mott an email ([meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org)) or phone (07973 747756) and he will be glad to help.

### Fallcliffe - Too Cold to Climb? 8 - 10 December 2006

Les is going to lead this meet. This is likely to be your last chance of the year to climb on the grit stone or go mountain biking.

Contact Les Bailey: 023 9266 0208  
email: [les.bailey@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:les.bailey@ukonline.co.uk)

### Caseg Fraith - Christmas and New Year 22 December 2006 - 2 January 2007

The last and first meet of the year at Caseg Fraith. New Year's eve has been a highlight in the past with some very fine food and wine to see out the year. The weather can be anything from crisp and clear to wet and wild.

Contact Elspeth Howell: 01604 769277 or email  
[elspeth.howell@lineone.net](mailto:elspeth.howell@lineone.net)

### Fallcliffe - Cold and Bright? 19 - 21 January 2007

Keith Mott is arranging a meet for the end of January that will give some great winter walks on the frozen bogs of the Peak District. If the bogs are not frozen some mountain biking could be in store.

Contact Keith Mott: 07973 747756 or email: [meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org)

### Kandersteg Alpine Meet 26 - 29 January 2007

Kanderstag ([www.kandersteg.ch](http://www.kandersteg.ch)) has some of the best ice climbing in the Alps with many north-facing routes, it is also a good village for simple day ski tours or just skiing. To get to Kanderstag you can take the train from Zuerich and get off in the village, accommodation based on huette can be arranged or if you wish to stay somewhere up-market the Chalet Hotel Adler is an option (email, [info@chalethotel.ch](mailto:info@chalethotel.ch) this is the hotel where Tim Marshall is staying on 25th January - 1st February).

Contact Shaun West: +39 0240 77108 or email  
[editor@ulgmc.org](mailto:editor@ulgmc.org)

### Caseg Fraith - Any Snow Left? 16 - 18 February

This meet may give some snowy walks and perhaps a climb or two in the snow filled gullies. Or perhaps just some scrambles in the mild February sunshine. Please contact Bill if you want to go on the meet.

Contact Bill Towlson: 01588 620422

### Brecon Beacons - B&B Weekend 1 - 4 March 2007

Please let Geoff Williams know as soon as possible if you wish to come to the Brecon Beacons meet from Thursday the 1st of March to Sunday the 3rd March. Geoff will book the Thursday and the Sunday night if sufficient people wish to make it a long weekend. It will be in self catering accommodation in the central North of the Park near Brecon or in a B&B near the self catering accommodation. If numbers are sufficient. As soon as he has sufficient interest he will

Want to submit a report?  
March 2007 latest

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book and send out full details including suggested walks for each day. The cost will depend on the numbers.

Contact Geoff Williams: 01558822960  
 email: [gdvaughan.will@virgin.net](mailto:gdvaughan.will@virgin.net)  
 address: Maesquarre, Bethlehem Road, Llandeilo Carms SA19 6YA

## Fallcliffe - Hint of Spring? 2 - 4 March 2007

Keith Mott is organising the spring trip to Fallcliffe for some climbing on the sun-drenched gritstone and some walks to watch the newly born lambs in the fields in the White Peak.

Contact Keith Mott: 07973 747756  
 email: [meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org)

## Caseg Fraith - Climbing Any Age 6 - 9 April 2007

PYB Climbing Classes aimed at 8 years and upwards. This worked really well in August and is a great way to introduce children to climbing.

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 email: [meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org)

# Meets Programme 2006/2007

Date	Location	Meet	Organiser
8 - 10 Dec	Fallcliffe	Last grit of the year	Les Bailey
22 Dec - 2 Jan	Caseg Fraith	Christmas & New Year	Elsbeth Howell
19 - 21 Jan	Fallcliffe	Cold and Bright?	Keith Mott
26 - 29 Jan	Kandersteg, Switzerland	Skiing and ice climbing	Shaun West
16 - 18 Feb	Caseg Fraith	Any Snow Left?	Bill Towlson
1 - 4 March	Brecon Beacons	Selfcatering or B&B	Geoff Williams
2 - 4 March	Fallcliffe	Hint of Spring	Keith Mott
6 - 9 April	Caseg Fraith	Easter - PYB Climbing Classes aimed at 8-16 year olds	Keith Mott
27 - 29 April	Fallcliffe	Pencilled in	Looking for one!
4 -12 May	Crianlarich	The renowned Scottish Meet - FULL!	Willie Butler
4 - 7 May	Fallcliffe	May-day Bank Holiday	Neil Brindley
25 - 29 May	Land's End	Spring Bank Holiday Camping	Geof & Margaret Batten
15 - 17 June	Fallcliffe	Early Summer??	TBA
29 June - 1 July	North Pembroke	Camping	Sue Esten
20 - 29 July	Fallcliffe	End of term escape	Motts/Neil Brindley
August	TBA	Camping (Swanage?)	TBA
24 - 27 Aug	Fallcliffe	August Bank Holiday - PYB Climbing Classes aimed at 8-16 year olds	Keith Mott
21 - 23 Sept	Fallcliffe	A sniff of Autumn	TBA
Sept	Lecco	Via Faratta close to Lake Como	Shaun West
19 - 21 Oct	Great Langdale	AGM & Dinner at Old Dungeon Ghyll	Keith Mott
2 - 4 Nov	Fallcliffe	The Bonfire Meet	Neil Brindley
7-9 Dec	Fallcliffe	Early Winter?	TBA
21 Dec - 1 Jan	Caseg Fraith	Christmas and New Year	Elsbeth Howell



## Past Meets

### Caseg August Bank Holiday 2006

#### Keith Mott reports:

It was once again a select meet which was a shame since the weather, although blustery, was good enough for swimming off Newborough Warren. Then again, my children do have anti-freeze in their veins.

The Motts (2 children) and Baileys (3 grandchildren) enjoyed another challenging climbing day starting out on PYB's indoor wall whilst it drizzled outside and then transferring to The Pinnacles just as it cleared.

The Estens joined us for a couple of days towards the end of the meet. Once again we managed at least 20 person peaks over 3000 feet with Rachael doing most of them and also blazing a trail in the mist up on the Carneddts from Aber Falls back to the hut. This also happened to be her Dad's first time on the Carneddts!

### Norfolk Mountains 15 - 17 September 2006

#### Keith Mott reports:

We were once again blessed by fine weather for this exceedingly arduous meet. Friends started arriving on the Thursday and by Friday evening 15 sat down to the traditional local fare of spaghetti bolognese.

On the Saturday we continued our trek along the Waveney Valley, this time further to the west than before. Eventually we will make the watershed where the Waveney ends and Little Ouse begins. This effectively makes Norfolk an island! The walk was enlivened by the sight of thousands of geese on their way to a party

at Christmas! We also surprised a pair of deer on a section of heath. The heathland was an unusual sight since it is sandwiched between areas of wetland. The deer are a common sight.

We were joined at a pub by the non-walkers where lunch was taken. The walk in the afternoon retraced some of our steps with a diversion at the end around the mere. It was then back to the house for more food and drink. I said it was arduous!

Sunday saw us venturing a little further afield to Wymondham. We parked by the mid Norfolk railway and walked along newly designated footpaths onto an estate. Although there were numerous tracks marked on the map many were fenced off. We left the park and made our way to the nearest pub which turned out to be run by the owners of our local micro brewery whose beer we sampled last year.

Sunday lunch was being served which we could hardly refuse. Some of the group managed to get a lift back to the cars and a scene from the Keystone Cops played out with cars going in various directions, although in much slower motion of course.

The group dissolved slowly with some coming back to the house for refreshments before the long journey home. Frances really enjoyed her postponed birthday party and would like to thank all those made it so memorable.

### AGM Meet - North Wales 27 - 29 October 2006

#### Keith Mott reports:

People started arriving in north Wales before the weekend to enjoy the rather mild weather. The rain, however, did not hold off quite until the evening though. 46 sat down to dinner at the Glan Aber hotel and many of them found it difficult to get up again after another fine spread of food. The local lamb was especially good.

Sunday found many people departing for home with a sizeable group heading for Trefor and Patsy's before the rush back. Patsy, in great club tradition, fed nearly 20 without notice. Thanks to Patsy.

### The Bonfire Meet - Fallcliffe 3 - 5 November 2006

#### Neil Brindley reports:

Fallcliffe was busy. Friday was cosy, Saturday was packed solid.

Saturday was a work day. Numerous people cut hedges, felled trees, cut grass, collected leaves, cleared paths and



generally tidied up. Keith Mott gave the car park a spraying just before he left so the weeds should not grow too much.

Indoors, in the sink area, two plate racks were fixed to the wall. People can now leave the plates where the mice are unlikely to get to them. The old wooden structure housing the saucepans was removed. Young Alex was just the right size to stand on the stone shelf to paint the walls, which he did with some enthusiasm. Stainless steel racking was affixed to the wall, two and three inch screws should stop them being taken down too quickly. Please put saucepans back either with matching lid, or base up. It will stop the aforementioned mice. A couple of wall bars will be put in to allow the frying pans to hang from them.

Lunch was a game broth, rabbit, pheasant and Morrisons finest broth mix. It fed eighteen hungry workers.

No one went on the hills or rocks on Saturday, work took precedence.

Dinner was the now expected multi-course affair; melon, four cheeses with salad and some people managed to get a piece of Joy Parsons tandoori chicken.

Keith started the bonfire, complete with a pink trousered Guy. Firework were set off. Some were amazing, most agreed that it is better to buy one big firework with huge impact rather than the selection boxes of previous years. Sparklers must be available for the many children of all ages who like these things.

Return to the tables for a pasta feast from Frances followed by a selection of puddings; bilberry cobbler, apple crumble, apples from Bill Towlsons trees and a couple of bread and butter puddings. There were two 5 litre flagons of red wine that were also consumed.

The caterers had known that 16 people were booked in, so planned for 24, but actually served over thirty. We had to eat in shifts, children first, grown ups second.

Remo Rossi turned up with his banjo and another guest, Cliff Etherdon, provided a song book, live entertainment. The youngsters finished off their evening by toasting marshmallows on the fire.

A cramped night was had by all, two people were reported as sleeping in their cars and one on the floor, two downstairs.

On Sunday more tidying up and some people actually went walking in the hills. We are a mountaineering club after all!

## News from Members

### PyG in North Wales August 2006

#### Phillip Williams reports:

August, 2006, and another celebration, much less noteworthy. Nine members of my family, mainly the children and grandchildren in this country, gathered for my eightieth birthday. Encouraged by the grandchildren, we decided to mark the occasion by climbing Snowdon, up the Miners and down the PyG, something I first did in 1944. Unfortunately, my birthday fell on the bank holiday, so in spite of an early start our party, ranging in age from nine to eighty, was nearly overwhelmed by the huge crowds shuffling up and down the paved path: how times have changed!

### Green Tour of the Glaciers of the Vanoise Summer 2006

#### Tom Bryson reports:

I found Pralognan la Vanoise in Oxford; in a little book, Savoy Episode, by Hugh Merrick, mountaineer, violinist, translator and oldest ever contestant on Mastermind. It is the story of a summer spent climbing and walking in the Vanoise in 1936, it's a bit turgid, but the black and white photographs are stunning. A photograph of the glacier of La Grande Casse taken from Lac des Vaches shows a river of ice running from the peak to the valley, I wondered if we could view it from the same spot to see how much it had shrunk; and anyway a walking tour of the Vanoise would be a good idea before the ice fields disappear completely.

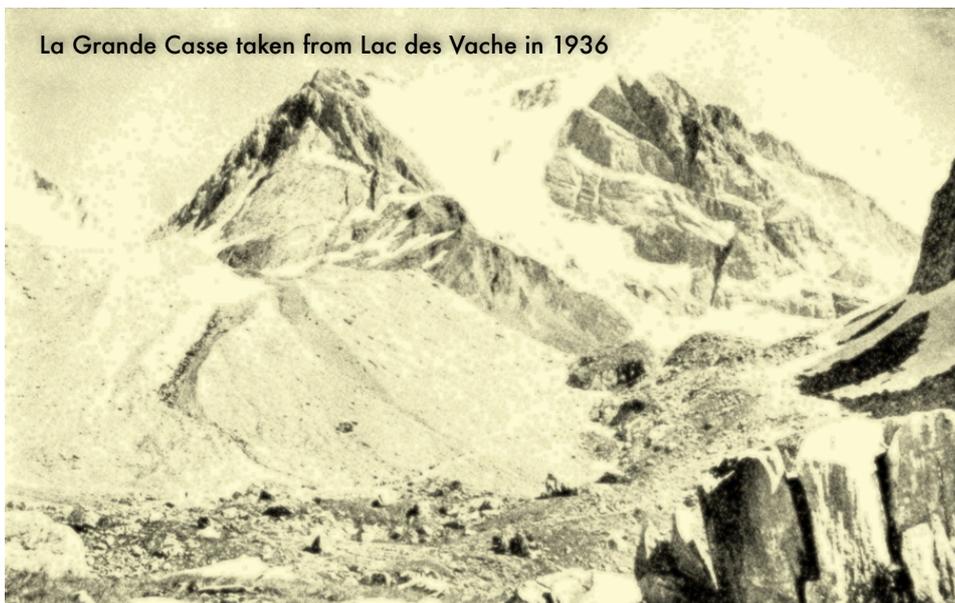
The glaciers of the Vanoise run in an 80km arc south west from Tignes to Aussois, at their heart is Pralognan la Vanoise a perfect alpine village. None of the buildings is taller than the Church, dark peaks and hanging glaciers dominate the skyline, brown cows graze up to the forest edge and since the "Bureau des Guides" was founded in 1895 it has been a centre for skiing, walking and mountaineering.

Eurostar from Waterloo, a nice lunch in Paris, the TGV to Lyon, and a regional train to Moutiers then post bus to Pralognan wasn't expensive (you can buy on line at [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com) for 30Eur in advance); our journey was comfortable, relaxing and surprisingly fast when compared with flying. The drive to the airport, parking, check in, security, hanging about in departures, then being trapped in a tiny seat for hours, nasty food, the baggage reclaim, rental car pick up or transfer to the station for Moutiers leave you completely frazzled. Do your own comparison of all of the costs and you'll probably find that rail and bus is cheaper than flying.

As a Pensioner I never stay in anything grander than 2 star hotels. The bedrooms in the Hotel Grand Bec are a bit cramped but there's a view of the mountains and the food is superb, it's an ideal base for local walks and a few days of acclimatisation before the tour. You can even leave a bag of decent clothes for when you return.

For hut to hut tours carry the absolute minimum, no more than 7kg; waterproofs, fleece jacket and trousers, the evenings are cold at 2,500m even in summer, a change of socks, water bottle, ear plugs and toilet stuff. Huts provide a good dinner and breakfast of sorts but the bread is so old it squeaks when you bite it so carry a few cereal bars.

La Grande Casse taken from Lac des Vache in 1936



Your first hut, the Refuge de la Vallette is an alpine classic, perched on a rocky ridge at 2,700m below Mont Pelve. Check in with the gnarled, grumpy old Gardienne, she will give you a numbered place on the communal sleeping bench upstairs. Rucksacks and boots stay downstairs and you take your kit up in a basket. Climbers who intend to do Mont Pelve get up at 2.00am so they are allocated places near the door. It is a truly spectacular setting especially at 3 am when I went to the loo, as Pensioners do, the sun was rising on one side of the ridge and a full white moon was setting on the other behind the glacier.

Day two involves a number of descents and tough reascents on the way to the Col D'Aussois at 2,916m then the final descent to the Refuge du Fond D'Aussois at 2340m. This hut has been recently renovated; it has solar panels, hot showers and a young, charming and beautiful Gardienne who is an even better cook than M. Lafarge at la Vallette. From here to Refuge D'Arpont the next day is a breeze compared with the Col D'Aussois. It is relatively easy to get to this hut from the valley so its best avoided on Saturday night when you find that it's not just Brits who do binge drinking.

On the last day the trail winds round to the Col de la Vanoise and the Felix Faure hut, the oldest in the region, you can stay overnight or just have a drink and descend into Pralognan by Lac des Vaches to inspect the Grande Motte glacier from Merrick's viewpoint. Yes it has shrunk; to about two thirds its volume in 1936. But you will have walked through one of Europe's wildest and most beautiful regions while minimising your impact on the environment, maximising your contribution to the local economy and ticking all the boxes for ecotourism.

## Ben Hope and Miles Hutchinson August 2005

### Phillip Williams reports:

Old (very old) members may remember Miles Hutchinson, who joined ULMC and then ULGMC for a couple of meets in the late forties and early fifties. Last summer, 2005, Miles rang. Would I like to help make up a party for a celebratory ascent of Ben Hope?

I remembered that Miles has always been an inveterate bothy man, whereas I abandoned bothies for much more comfortable accommodation many years ago. So with the proviso that we avoided bothies, I agreed.

"Don't worry," Miles said. "We'll go upmarket: I'll book the Youth Hostel."

I was quite relieved when he rang a week or so later to regret that the Youth Hostel was full, but uneasy to hear that he'd found a self-catering cottage for only £6 a night.

So in August we drove up to the Crask Inn cottage, taking in a couple of Marylins on the way over the Struie. If you're familiar with Northern Scotland, you'll know that the Crask Inn is on one of the loneliest of roads, halfway between Lairg and Altnaharra, with no other habitation for miles in either direction. The apprehension I felt about the standard of £6 a night accommodation soon disappeared. The cottage, directly opposite the Inn, was remarkably well equipped - towels and bed-linen provided, hot water, central heating, fridge, etc. The driving rain and wind the next morning meant we were reluctant to leave these comforts for Ben Hope, and so because of the conditions we decided to climb by the ordinary route, rather than the North ridge.

Still in cloud and rain, we photographed Miles standing on the summit trig point, enjoyed a rapid glass of bubbly, wolfed the slices of cake, and

headed back down the mountain to a superb celebratory meal in the Crask Inn.

And what were we celebrating? The fiftieth anniversary of Miles's first completion of the Munros, on Ben Hope, August 10th, 1955.

## Via Ferrata in the Dolomiti September 2006

### Shelagh West reports:

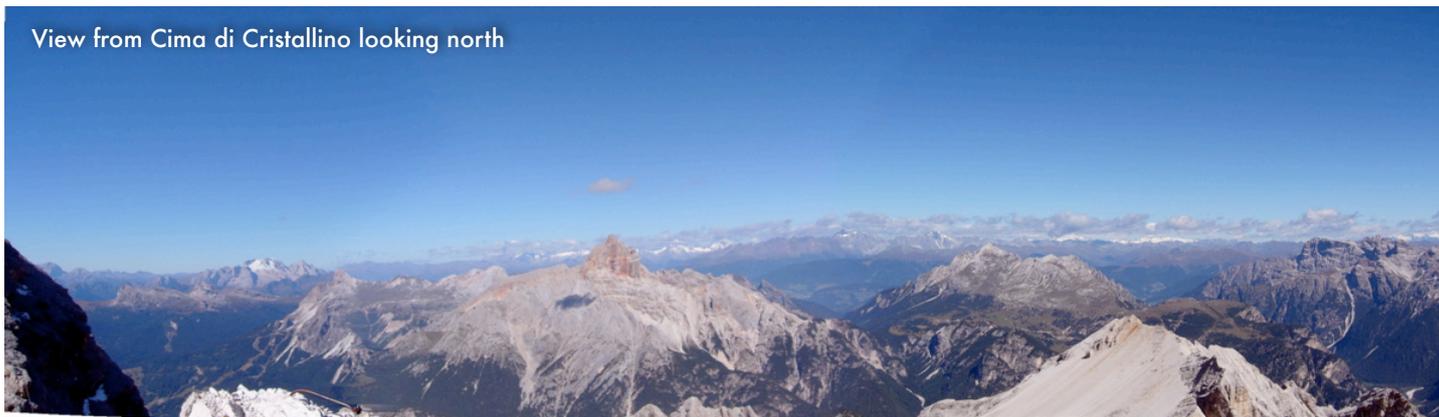
Shaun, Shelagh and Jakob packed up the car and went off to join the Alpine Club's Dolomites meet in Cortina. The meet was held in a small campsite to the south of the town, that was nicely shaded by trees. On the Sunday of the meet a large group of us went for a walk to the Cascade Val di Fames. Perhaps the best thing with the waterfall walk was that there was a simple via Ferrata that went behind the waterfall and produced some rather fantastic views. For Shaun it was a good opportunity to use his new gear (just bought from Decathlon).

We spent the evening having a rather enjoyable pizza at perhaps the only affordable restaurant in town. Cortina is VERY expensive for ordinary mortals!

On Sunday, Shaun and Paul (a non-AC member) got up early took two gondolas (after blagging a lift in the car) to get to the start of the via Ferrata Lorenzi at around 3000m. A coffee was taken en-route to help wake them up. The route starts with the crossing of the longest wire bridge in the region before ascending the Cristallino. The remainder of the route followed the WWI front line up and down and round and round the mountain.

Most of the route finding was simple - it was only at the end where a steep down chimney is taken that they had any problems. Shaun's map reading does not improve! But then the route went on and on. Shaun, not having a keen eye for detail, had forgotten to note that the route was one of the longest in the region at 6-8 hours and had 1600m of descent, excluding the extra up and down on the way, to get off the hill! This led to sore feet and knees but a memorial day out.

View from Cima di Cristallino looking north



# Club News

## Email addresses

[@ULGMC.ORG](mailto:@ULGMC.ORG)

To help make life just a little bit easier with managing the club we now have a number of club email addresses. You can also drop the club officers an email from the 'contacts' page on the website. The address are:

Tim Marshall - [president@ulgmc.org](mailto:president@ulgmc.org)

Keith Mott - [meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org)

Neil Brindley - [members@ulgmc.org](mailto:members@ulgmc.org)

Elsbeth Howell - [caseg@ulgmc.org](mailto:caseg@ulgmc.org)

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Shaun West - [editor@ulgmc.org](mailto:editor@ulgmc.org)

## Newsletters

To save the club a substantial amount of money all members with an email address will receive an electric copy of the newsletter. If you still want to receive a B&W printed version please make sure that the membership secretary is aware of it.

## AGM

The AGM notes will be uploaded to the members' section of the website.

## President's corner

Did you know that two of our members are currently on the way to the Falklands and the Graham Land peninsula? In preparation, they bought Tony Chater's book on the Falklands (ISBN 0950 4113 10), and found a page relating to a former club member, Mike Tuson (now deceased) and his boat, MV Copius. It's on page 71, and is about an attempt in 1980 to develop bird-watching tourism in the Falklands, and Mike Tuson's part in this.

## BMC News

### responsible person sought!

#### Report by Tim Marshall:

The latest in a series of BMC seminars about huts was held at Plas y Brenin at the end of October. It may seem boring, but the matter is relevant to any organisation providing accommodation of the kind such as climbing huts. The new legislation also covers accommodation provided by organisations such as the YHA, and mountain bothies and camping barns. You can't escape the legal obligations by making huts for members' use only.

What follows is my attempt to summarise a complex issue, and I take no responsibility for the legal validity of my summary! Much of it was put together by John Castick of the Karabiner Club, but you can get more extensive information/advice by going to the BMC website at [www.thebmc.co.uk](http://www.thebmc.co.uk):

"The new legislation is essentially about fire regulations. With respect to the huts, we have to:

- Provide, maintain and keep free from obstruction means of escape in the event of fire;
- Provide and maintain means of fighting fire and means for giving warning in the event of fire;
- Prohibit altogether the presence or use in the premises furniture or equipment of any description unless specified standards are complied with;
- Carry out an assessment (in each room of the premises) of the risk to persons in case of fire;
- Keep records of instructions or training given, and inspections undertaken, in order to comply with the regulations.

The local Fire Authority will NOT act as a consultant and prepare the work involved in meeting the fire order; it is required only to accept our risk assessment or point out its failings."

How is a club supposed to do all this? First of all, for each hut we have to appoint a "responsible person" who will implement the new Fire Order. The Act and the accompanying guides offer various descriptions of a "responsible person", but always in the singular rather than the collective (e.g. "club committee" or "Trustees"). In the absence of a formal designation of a "responsible person", it is not at all clear who would be so regarded in law. It's also unclear - to me - as to whether a club has to tell someone (eg, the local authority?) who their "responsible person" for a hut is. You, i.e. we, need to have one, though, and one for each hut. The responsible person (RP) must be: *"...someone with enough training and experience or knowledge to be able properly to implement the measures required by the order"*.

They may delegate tasks but the RP remains responsible in law. They must address a variety of aspects in relation to hut use, including:

- Carrying out standard Health and Safety Risk Assessments
- Sources of possible ignition within the hut (s)
- Testing, maintenance, independently checking and certification of equipment
- Electrical equipment installations and maintenance by a "competent person" (this is something we are apparently no longer allowed to do (for) ourselves)
- Smoking and combustible materials
- Heating and cooking appliances
- Regular review of the risk assessment
- Documentation of findings.

The guides to the new fire order are laced with: *"...to be carried out by a competent person, one qualified and certified; if in doubt, consult a specialist."* A risk assessment will need consideration,

reflection, discussion with others and will take some considerable time to complete properly. The outcome may involve changes and cost money! It may be better to draft the fire assessment, debate the findings within the club, agree the contents and then find someone willing to assume the RP role, rather than attempting to do it the other way round.

Assessment would be by a Fire Officer with many years experience of applying fire legislation, in terms of what to expect of hut users and what goes on in huts. If it deems that our own risk assessment is inadequate, it may demand changes which might involve appointing our own consultant fire assessor.

Though this is back to front in relation to what is suggested above, is anyone interested the the role of "Responsible Person"?

## BMC Peak Area Report

Sue Esten still gets the report from the BMC Peak area and are now on the member's section of the website.

## Club Website

[www.ulgmc.org](http://www.ulgmc.org)

Some of you may of had some 'problems' with the we website and the links but I think it worked well for most people! I thought that it would be worth giving more more detailed instructions to help and a request that you sign up to the ULGMC YahooGroup.

What is the YahooGroup? It is a 'community' where we can all email each other without having to know each others email address - reduces the amount of SPAM; it lets Keith keep you informed with the upcoming meeting thought he agenda; allows us to share links and photos (without having to send them to me!).

Reminder for the website - if you visit the members section you can find the club information (news letters, history, constitution, AGM notes etc). To access the members area the user name is london and the password is caseg (in both cases lowercase).

When you go to the newsletter (or any other of the files) it is best here to click right on the link and save the newsletter to your PC rather than view it on the web as it is a little small. The club documents will be put in the folder "club\_documents".

## New addresses

The contact details and email addresses will be uploaded to the members' section of the website.

# Membership Form

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Data Protection Act requires us to tell you that, if elected, the information on this form will be held on the club's computerised subscription/address list.

Please fill out both pages of the form and write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS

#### Section 1

This information will be used to identify you to club members and the BMC.

Your first name

Your surname

Partner's first name

Partner's surname

Telephone No

email

Type of membership required    Single     Family     (Please tick)

Name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) to be registered with BMC

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#### Section 2

The following information will be used, as laid out here, on address labels for the club to communicate with you.

Title     Name

Address

Town

County

POSTCODE     Please tick to receive newsletter in email form

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#### Section 3

You must have a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be full & current members of the club  
Your application will then be forwarded to the committee for consideration  
You are welcome to attend any meets on a trial basis to obtain the required signatures

	Name (in block caps)	Signature	Date
PROPOSER	.....	.....	2007 - MM - DD
SECONDER	.....	.....	2007 - MM - DD
APPLICANT	.....	.....	2007 - MM - DD

# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

## GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### Section 4

Enter details of any Degree(s) from LONDON University that you hold

Degree .....

College ..... Year .....

### Section 5

Enter here details of any current connection with the University of London

Course or Post .....

College .....

### Section 6

Please outline below your mountaineering experience including any ULGMC, College mountaineering club or other club meets attended.

### Section 7

How did you learn of ULGMC?

When you have completed all applicable sections please return the form to the Hon. Treasurer of the ULGMC together with your fee (£15 single or £25 family). Cheques should be made payable to "University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club". If your application is unsuccessful your fee will be returned.  
Neil Brindley (ULGMC Hon Treasurer), 21 Alexandra Road, Romford, Essex RM1 2DL

**Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ULGMC**  
held at the Glan Aber Hotel, Betws y Coed on Saturday 21st October 2006

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm with the President, Tim Marshall in the chair and some 45 members present.

**1. Apologies for absence**

John Coote, Jasbir Singh, Pam Towlson, Hywel & Ingram Lloyd, Sue Darling, John Parsons, Sarah Hampton, Derk and Jeni Fordham, Bill and Carol Bristow

**2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM**

These had been distributed with the November 2005 newsletter, no 208. They were unanimously adopted as correct.

**3. Matters arising**

None

**4. Committee Reports**

**4.1 President's Report**

The President's report was circulated with the September 2006 newsletter.

The President thanked Sue Esten for her work as Hon. Sec. Keith Mott presented her with a card with a photo he had taken. Tim regretted that nobody had stepped forward to take over from Sue. For the time being he will act as Hon. Sec

The President thanked all the Club officers and the two Hut Wardens for their hard work during the year. The President stated that Neil Brindley would be taking over as Hon. Treasurer from Sarah Hampton who, sadly, had been unable to fulfil this role.

Re BMC affiliation he remarked that despite the size of the capitation fee, he would not be recommending that the Club disaffiliate, because of the protection given to the Club's officers.

There was some discussion on issues to do with the Huts: these are reported later in these minutes.

**4.2 Hon. Secretary's Report**

Sue Esten thanked those present and particularly Keith Mott for her leaving card and for the support that she had had whilst Hon. Sec. She hoped that the new newsletter editor would be equally well supported and remarked how well received the new format newsletter had been. She outlined the jobs, mostly of a liaising nature, that the Hon. Sec. would have to do now that there was a separate newsletter editor and asked if anyone would be willing to step forward to take the post. No-one volunteered. Margaret Batten asked where newsletters being sent by post would be mailed: the UK was the answer. Mike Bennett asked that the club address list should be published in a format other than simple spreadsheet. It was pointed out that a volunteer would be needed for the Hon. Sec. position before an address list in any shape or form could be produced.

**4.3 Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The audited accounts for 2005 were adopted unanimously by the meeting. These had been prepared by Les Bailey before he handed over completely. The hand-over to Neil Brindley was on-going: cheques that had not been presented would be sorted by Neil who had only just received the Club books.

The Committee recommended that the fees remain at their current level:-

Family subscription	£25
Individual member	£15

This was agreed by the meeting.

Donations - it was agreed that these and their level would be decided by the Committee. Geoff Williams asked that a donation to the Brecon Beacons Society for their campaign against motorcyclists and 4WDs be considered. George Bolt asked that the Air Ambulance might also be considered.

Club financial year – Geoff Williams asked that this be re-considered because of the time lag in the presentation of the accounts. The President reminded the meeting that the timing of the BMC capitation fees put many clubs in a similar position.

**4.4 Hon. Meets Secretary's Report**

Keith Mott thanked all those who had led meets for the Club. He drew attention to the statement in the last newsletter that meets will be cancelled if no-one has contacted the meet leader by the Friday, a week before the meet. Meet leaders were still required for some meets in the 06 – 07 list. The list has a potential double fixture for the first week in May: some adjustment would be needed there. Willie Butler has booked the same cottages at Crianlarich as were used this year for the Scottish meet. Potentially 4 places were still available for this meet. Keith stated that the instruction weekends might have a third weekend added in the Peak District. He urged that people sign up for the Yahoo group from the ULGMC web site: those who have done so (18 to date) would receive automatic updates about meets. He noted that next year's dinner meet would be at the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel in Langdale: currently he was

having problems booking a hut for that meet. He has been in contact with Simon Binney, the President of ULMC and it was hoped that joint meets between the clubs could be arranged. The situation would be updated in the newsletter and on the web site. Keith said he would like to see more meets in the Lake District and remarked that there are free weekends at Fallcliffe that could be taken up.

The Hon Meet Sec. explained that there had been an overcharging on the dinner to the tune of 50p per person. The meeting agreed that this should be sent to the Mountain Rescue Committee.

#### **4.5 Caseg Fraith Hut Warden**

The report received for Caseg Fraith was taken as read, and would be fully discussed at the Trustees meeting on the day after the AGM. Re the question of the National Trust ground rent for Caseg, Elspeth Howell had been advised by the NT that it now had the mechanism in place to charge for ground rents of less than £10 which had previously been waived, and could collect such waived rents retrospectively. Earlier discussion in the meeting about Caseg had included the following:

*Ablutions area:* should there be separate washing facilities for males and females. Those present at the meeting were not personally bothered about this issue. Frances Mott pointed out that for her to be able to take a Girl Guide group to any hut, there had to be separate sleeping and washing facilities. Since the financial state of Caseg was not dependent on bookings from such groups, this was questionable as a problem and in any case the disabled toilet could be seen to provide the necessary separation. It was likely that the Trustees would recommend that a second shower be installed. Les Bailey suggested that the showers might be electrically heated, so as to avoid dependence on a working boiler.

*Telephone:* the President stated that the Trustees might have been precipitate in having the 'phone removed: the meeting recommended that the Trustees should consider its reinstatement.

#### **4.6 Fallcliffe Hut Warden**

The report for Fallcliffe is attached to these minutes. The Trustees were meeting on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October: in general their policy is to do the few relatively small jobs to improve Caseg before tackling the work needed on Fallcliffe, where there are major Health and Safety issues.

### **5. Reports from BMC representatives**

**North Wales** Tref Owen reported the following:

*Feral goats:* their cull, which the BMC was against, had been discussed.

*Articles:* whether these should appear bilingually

*Green Key initiative:* still under consideration by the National Park et al and it was likely that some roads would be designated clearways.

*Bwlch Llywdd:* parking here may disappear

*Huntsman Leap:* there had been lots of debate about the bolts

### **6. Election of New Committee**

The President stated that the following people had agreed to be nominated and were willing to stand:

President                   Tim Marshall

Hon Treasurer           Neil Brindley

Hon Meets Sec          Keith Mott

Newsletter Editor      Shaun West

No nomination had been received for the post of Hon Secretary: for the moment this would have to remain vacant

The committee were elected en bloc.

### **7. Election of BMC and ULMC Liaison representatives**

Tref Owen was willing to carry on as BMC Liaison Rep. for N. Wales, Tim Marshall would be likely to become our Lake District representative and it was possible that a volunteer would be forthcoming as the Peak District rep.

#### **Election of Honorary Scrutineers**

Mike Warden was re-elected as the Hon. Scrutineer for the Club accounts. Both he and Mike Parkinson who between them scrutinise the Hut accounts were thanked for their good work.

### **8. 2006/2007 Meets Programme**

This had already been discussed by the meeting. Keith Mott asked for more volunteers to come forward to run meets.

### **9. Any Other Business**

*Snow Dome:* Tref Owen reported that there were plans under consideration to construct a snow dome above Llanberis. The possibility of building a chair lift for mountain bikers had also been mentioned.

*Web Site* Geoff Williams congratulated Shaun West on the excellent job he had made of the club's web site and expressed the view that this will help the club considerably.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

ACCOUNTS FOR 1ST JANUARY 2005 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2005  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

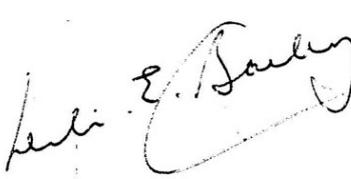
## BALANCE SHEET

INCOME	£	£
Subs. (inc. BMC Affn)		
Family	2148	
Single	1292	
Children	17	
Honorary	0	
Arrears	113	
Totals		3570
Bank Interest		80
Miscellaneous		
Donations		42
Badge Sales*		8
Meets		0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>3700</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Donations		260
BMC Affn.		1979
Newsletter etc.		
Print/Staty.		368
Postage		197
Membership		
Print Staty.		36
Postage		20
Miscellaneous		
Bank Charges		
Meets		72
Club Badges*		0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>2932</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)		768
		<b>3700</b>

\* The committee holds a stock of badges.

ASSETS	At 30/12/2005		At 30/12/2004	
	£	£	£	£
Computer (book value)		1		1
Capital Reserve Acct.	2661		2616	
Club & Soc Res Acct.	2492		1955	
Current Acct.	100		100	
		5253		4671
		5254		4672
<b>Less</b>				
Subs Received in Advance**		231		416
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>5023</b>		<b>4256</b>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>				
Accumulated Surplus***		4256		4164
Excess Income/Expend.		768		768
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5024</b>		<b>4256</b>
BMC Affn. (due in Jan.)		<b>1100</b>		<b>832</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>		<b>3924</b>		<b>3424</b>

This is a true record of ULGMC finances checked against receipts and bank statements

Mike Warden (Hon. Scrutineer)

Les Bailey (Hon. Treasurer)

\*\*Fot 2005 On.

\*\*\* Includes Affiliation fees to BMC

Donations	£
Mountain Rescue Committee	150
MRC of Scotland	60
Friends of the Lake District	25
Snowdonia National Park Society	25
	<b>260</b>

## Caseg Fraith

### **Hut Warden's Report to ULGMC – AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006**

This report covers the accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and gives an outline of what has been happening at Caseg Fraith over the past year.

#### INCOME

**Hut Fees** – These are up on last year by just under £2,700. This will be in part due to the fees for non-members rising last November but we also had a very good summer which traditionally is the quiet time for Caseg.

Hut fees for this years Easter meet are not reflected in this years accounts as they were received on 2<sup>nd</sup> October after the year end.

**Deposit Interest** – I have transferred £3,000 to the Marsden Building Society account this year.

**Telephone Money** – The telephone was removed by BT on 24 November 2005 following last year's discussions at the AGM.

#### EXPENDITURE

Electricity

Gas

Coal

Consumables

These are all self-explanatory.

Insurance

Administration

Deputy Warden

#### Repairs/Renewals/Serviceing

This year this category includes the survey fees, which amounted to £ 1,247.96

#### Balance Sheet

The hut continues to generate income thus allowing us to maintain a healthy balance sheet. The £10,000 interest free loan to Fallcliffe remains outstanding. This was authorised by the trustees in 1998. There is no agreement with regard to repayment times, though given the healthy balance this is no cause for concern.

#### Caseg Fraith - Hut Survey

Tim Marshall and Mike Parkinson arranged for hut surveys to be carried out earlier this year.

This was brought about by the severe damp problem in the downstairs bunkroom which has been present for a few years. The outcome of the surveys is that the identified cause of the damp and sometimes waterfalls is condensation. To this end arrangements are being made by Mike to resolve this by way of a small building programme and at the same time refurbish Caseg to include two showers along with some other alterations and eventual deep clean and redecoration. It is estimated that this will take around two weeks.

I'm sure Tim and/or Mike will report more fully on this item.

#### Postage

The change to postal pricing has affected the cost of sending out keys but in the grand scheme of things it is not too bad.

## **GENERAL**

### **Return of Hut Keys**

A plea to all hut users to make sure you return keys as soon as possible after your stay at Caseg. The number of keys available is limited which makes it difficult to get keys out on time if I am waiting for returns. It seems members are the worst at returning keys.

### **Paying of Hut Fees**

It is the responsibility of the person booking private meets, and the ULGMC meet leaders, to collect and pay the hut fees immediately following a meet.

### **New Microwave**

The microwave has broken very recently and we have purchased another as it appears many people find it useful. The cost of this is not reflected in this years accounts.

### **Toilets**

Please do not put anything other than natural excrement and toilet paper down these loos. 3 weekends ago one of the manhole covers was almost being pushed up with blockage. There were tampons and sanitary towels in there!! It was very unpleasant to say the least and a huge thank you must go to Stuart and Reiko Elliott for their unstinting efforts over 2 hours, to successfully unblock the drains.

Please can I ask that when you use the hut check under the covers and if you see a blockage building up clear it with hot water and a drain rod if necessary? These are upstairs on the landing. It would be so much more pleasant for all. If we flush these drains with hot water each time a member visits it should be sufficient to keep the waste drains flowing

### **Bed Nights**

These were split approx 35% members and 65% non-members across the year.

### **Conwy Council Annual Inspections**

#### **Fire and Risk Assessment**

No comments or problems this year.

#### **Private Water Sampling**

Conwy Council repeated water sampling this year with satisfactory results.

General hut maintenance continues to be carried out.

I have visited Caseg Fraith 4 times this financial year. It's in reasonable shape except for the downstairs bunkroom.

A reminder that I can be contacted on the following email address: [elspeth.howell@lineone.net](mailto:elspeth.howell@lineone.net)

I am sorry not to make it yet again this year.

That concludes my report.

Elsbeth Howell  
Hut Warden

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**

**ACCOUNTS FOR CASEG FRAITH FOR YEAR ENDED 30.9.2006**

<u>2004/2005</u>		<u>2005/2006</u>		<u>2004/2005</u>		<u>2005/2006</u>
7,176.00	Hut Fees	9,867.00		Nil	Ground Rent	Nil
75.61	Bank Interest	80.09		531.43	Insurance	549.62
1,710.46	B. Society Interest	2,199.73		122.09	Rates	125.28
27.50	Telephone Money	73.92		86.00	Coal	120.90
				414.98	Electricity	472.97
				Nil	Gas for poker	21.90
				687.98	Gas for boiler	1,189.17
				367.19	Telephone	93.31
				83.29	Consumables	88.73
				1,230.00	Dep. Warden	1,250.00
				1,346.71	Repairs	2,444.62
				588.14	Administration	616.68
				3,531.76	Excess Income over Expenditure	5,247.56
<u>8,989.57</u>		<u>12,220.74</u>		<u>8,989.57</u>		<u>12,220.74</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

**At 30.09.2005**

Current Account	100.00
Business Reserve	2,638.07
Building Society	53,251.24
Loan to Falcliffe	10,000.00

Plus Excess Income  
Over Expenditure for  
2005/2006

71,236.87

**At 30.09.2006**

Current Account	100.00
Business Reserve	2,685.90
Building Society	58,450.97
Loan to Falcliffe	10,000.00

71,236.87

Scrutinised and found correct from the books and information supplied

Mike Parkinson HONORARY SCRUTINEER

DATED 15 October 2006

**Fallcliffe Cottage Warden's Report 2005-06.**

Bookings at Fallcliffe have again been similar to those of previous years, resulting in a fairly predictable income. Occupancy by club members has also mirrored that of last year. The only significant difference was that resulting from the temporary closure of the cottage for a short period during the summer for essential maintenance. This has brought the electrical supply and fittings in line with current Health & Safety regulations and also enabled the clearing of the moss from the roof tiles. The cost of this is reflected in the "repairs and maintenance" sum in the annual accounts. Given that further work of this nature will be required in 2007, plus the fact that other club huts in the Peak District charge considerably higher overnight fees, I feel that consideration should be given to increasing our hut fees. Guest rates of £6 per night and member rates of £4 per night would maintain our position as the cheapest hut accommodation in the area and increase our income slightly. Whilst the cottage is already heavily booked for 2007 it will nonetheless be another expensive year.

Inside the cottage, the kitchen water heater has been repaired, and good progress has been made in combating "nature's intruders". Whilst the occasional field mouse does still appear, the problem has been greatly reduced in 2005-06, and the destruction of two wood ants' nests in the garden has also meant fewer ants in the kitchen. The two large nests above the north wall of the car park will be more difficult to treat but will be given attention next summer.

DAVE JACOB  
HUT WARDEN  
OCTOBER 2006

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
ACCOUNTS FOR FALLCLIFFE COTTAGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/09/06**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	2005/06	2004/05	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	2005/06	2004/05
Hut Fees	3291.25	2901.87	Electricity	929.11	2282.91
Bank Interest	7.05	13.66	Coal	105.50	110.40
			House expenditure	118.43	120.53
			Repairs	1409.28	136.92
			Travel	123.79	135.31
			Postage	60.00	56.00
			Stationery/Photocopying	-	-
			Insurance	382.37	364.18
			Rates	382.00	-
			Electrical inspection	148.63	-
			Legal fees	10.00	-
			Survey fees	897.68	-
			Unpaid cheque	300.00	-
			Bank charge	4.00	-
			Excess expenditure over income	[1572.49]	[290.72]
	3298.30	2915.53		3298.30	2915.53

**SUMMARY BALANCES**

Cash at Bank 30.09.2005	9,617.13
Less excess of expenditure	<u>1,572.49</u>
Cash at Bank 30.09.2006	8,044.64
Less loan from Caseg Fraith	<u>10,000.00</u>
	[1,955.36]

I certify that from the receipts, cheque books, and bank statements this is a true record of the accounts.

Michael A. Warden  
Hon. Scrutineer

20th October 2006