



Membership Cards and Subscriptions

Neil Brindley (members@ulgmc.org) has completed the task of reviewing the membership list. The new list is now available for download on the website in the members' area. Subs have been frozen this year but expect an increase next year to cover the BMC levy. Keith Mott is now looking after this thankless task.

Forthcoming Meets

Please contact the meet leader if you want to come on one of the meets. If you would like to share a lift to a meet you may want to use the YahooGroup to post the request.

Do you want to lead a meet? Send Keith Mott an email (meets@ulgmc.org) or phone him (07973 747756) and he will be glad to help.

If you want to arrange a 'friends' trip why not drop an email into the YahooGroup and see if you cannot organise a slightly larger group of friends to go climbing.

Caseg Fraith - Christmas and New Year 21 December 2007 - 1 January 2008

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

Fallcliffe - Cold and Bright? 18 - 20 January 2008

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 Keith Mott: 07973 747756
email: meets@ulgmc.org

Caseg Fraith - Any snow left? 18 - 20 January 2008

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 Keith if you want to go on the meet.

Contact Keith Mott: 07973 747756
email: meets@ulgmc.org

Fallcliffe - Hint of Spring? 29 February - 2 March 2008

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

Caseg Fraith - Climbing Any Age 21-24 March 2008 (Easter)

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.

Contact Keith Mott: 07973 747756
email: meets@ulgmc.org

Fallcliffe - Back to Fallcliffe 2-5 May 2008 (May day weekend)

Again more chance to get to the hills and escape over this bank holiday weekend.

Contact TBA

Land's End - Spring weekend camping 25-29 May 2008

As in previous years, Margaret and Geoffrey Batten remind any members to contact them early.

Contact Geoffrey: 0121 475 6604 or email grb@batten.eu.org

Want to submit a report?
April 2008 latest

Editor: Shaun West
Email: editor@ulgmc.org
Web: www.ulgmc.org



Meets Programme 2007/08

Date	Location	Meet	Organiser
21 December - 1 January 2008	Caseg Fraith	Christmas and New Year	Elsbeth Howell
18 - 20 January 2008	Fallcliffe	Cold and Bright?	Keith Mott
22 - 24 February	Caseg Fraith	Any Snow Left?	TBA
29 February - 2 March	Fallcliffe	Hint of Spring?	Keith Mott
21 - 24 March	Caseg Fraith	Easter Climbing Classes aimed at +8 years	Keith Mott
2 - 5 May	Fallcliffe	MayDay Bank Holiday	TBA
23 - 26 May	Land's End Camping	Spring Bank Holiday	Geof & Margaret Batten
7 June	London Meet (St Albans)	London Dinner Meet (after a long break)	Mike & Jill Bennett
15 - 17 June	Fallcliffe	Early Summer?	Keith Mott
5 - 7 July	North Pembroke	Camping	Sue Esten
18 - 20 July	Caseg Fraith	Seaside & Mountains	Elsbeth Howell
21 - 27 July	Fallcliffe	End of term escape	Neil Brindley / Motts
22 - 25 August	Caseg Fraith	August Bank Holiday Climbing Classes aimed at +8 years	Keith Mott
19 - 22 September	Norfolk Mountains	Camping	The Motts
26 - 28 September	Caseg Fraith	Look out for the Alpines	Elsbeth Howell
25 - 27 October	Fallcliffe	AGM & Dinner	Keith Mott
7 - 9 November	Fallcliffe	The Bonfire Meet	Neil Brindley
28 - 30 November	Caseg Fraith	Early Winter?	Elsbeth Howell
24 December - 4 January 2009	Caseg Fraith	Christmas & New Year	Elsbeth Howell

Past Meets

Caseg Fraith - Family climbing weekend

24-27 August

by Les Bailey:

Despite rumours to the contrary this meet saw an abundance of climbing and merrymaking, most of it by children under the age of 16. The grown up children also had a great time!

The Friday, after our arrival on Thursday evening, was reported to be the first in six weeks that was at least fair, if not positively summery. We had a pleasant walk down to and back from Capel, one half taking the reservoir road and along the leat and the others the old road. We shared lunch with the midges, Welsh variety, in the car park behind Joe Browns before pushing off back along the old road which has now been downgraded from a green lane to a bridle and cycle route and much improved.

After the arrival of several groups late on the Friday, Saturday turned out beautifully clear for the PYB single pitch instruction. Six children with ages from 7 to 12 climbed both on the London rocks in the morning and again at Ogwen Cottage in the afternoon. Andy

(?) gave encouragement and technical expertise, proving once again that the instructors at PYB are fully qualified in riot control.

This meet should have been called "Beware the Battens" since both Battens minor and their families turned up for the single pitch instruction on the Saturday. Along with the Mott children they were joined by Clive Pedder and his son Thomas.

Once again PYB provided an excellent instructor who managed to persuade the author to climb well above his capability. More instruction required!

Great Langdale - AGM & Dinner at Old Dungeon Ghyll

19 - 21 October

by Tim Marshall:

The dinner/AGM week-end was in Great Langdale, based on the ODG (for those who managed to get in in time). Otherwise, members were distributed about the valley in the NDG, Stickle Barn (not recommended, apparently), the Barclays cottage and the National Trust campsite. Fantastic weather for the time of year (cloudless, warm and sunny) saw the Elliots do hard stuff (Pluto - HVS) on the right wall of Raven Crag (not very far to walk!), whilst

some of the more senior members of the club were on the tops round the head of the valley. Others climbed on Pavey Ark and, I think, Gimmer, though I've no details of routes.

If there aren't any photos with this, it's because you - yes, YOU - haven't sent any to Shaun: editor@ulgmc.org "

Fallcliffe - The Bonfire Meet

2 - 4 November

No report submitted!!!.

News from Members

Tour du Mont Blanc by mountain bike

8 to 15 September 2007

Stephen Olivant reports:

Wendy and I had thoroughly enjoyed walking half of the Tour du Mont Blanc in autumn 2006. It was a wonderful scenic route at the ideal time of year, with settled weather and very few people on paths and at huts. So this year, I persuaded six cycling friends to do the whole route on mountain bikes.

We booked a guided trip through Mont Blanc Mountain Bike Holidays which is based at les Bosons in the Chamonix valley. Phil Hennem, the owner of MBMB, acted as our guide and arranged for our kit to be transported between overnight stops. Our route went clockwise (opposite to most TdMB walking parties). Luckily, we had perfect warm and dry conditions for mountain biking with blue skies and lots of sun. Each day, the Mont Blanc massif provided us with superb ever-changing views on our right hand side.

The first day started on tracks from Chamonix to le Tour, then up the chairlift (sharing a seat with our bike) to the Tete de Balme. The first section down to le Peuty in Switzerland involved us in tackling our first tricky steep downhill hairpins. Some of us got our braking and balance wrong, which resulted in us toppling forwards over the handlebars and down the slopes below. The first hairpin was promptly dubbed a "steep learning curve" by the more experienced riders.

We stayed the first night at the hotel at Col de la Forclaz, where they serve the same set meal every night because no-one stops two nights. The next day we departed from the TdMB walking route (it goes via Alp Bovine) onto local paths down to the valley road leading to Martigny, then we climbed steeply up the long twisting road to a sunny lunch by the lake at Champex. Challenging narrow forest and meadow paths (we pushed our bikes over difficult rocky steps and several of us fell off) led us down along the quiet valley to Ferret for our second night.

Next morning was cloudy as we climbed up to the Grand Col Ferret. At the top, strong wind whipped the clouds away and we



could see the soaring spires of Mont Blanc's Italian face all the way down the valley ahead. A huge spaghetti lunch at les Tronchey boosted our calorie levels, ready for the fast off-road tracks down to Courmayeur and a punishing road climb up to the Refugio Monte Bianco. It was very pleasant to be almost the only guests at the refuge, with plenty of space for showering, storing kit, drinking beer in the evening sun and eating a leisurely meal.

The next day was short but wonderful mountain biking up the Val Veny, over the Col de la Seigne and down to the nice little hotel at le Chapieux. At the nearby cremerie, Phil and I bought large tranches of Beaufort cheese that had been made there last year. Mine was a tasty reminder of rural alpine France at mealtimes back in Petersfield. The last day's route was different from the walking TdMB and was a memorable succession of steep climbs on tracks and grassy slopes with swooping descents on roads. It went via the Cormet de Roselend and the Col du Joly and down shiny Roman cobble stones to les Contamines. A mad race along the valley road to St Gervais les Bains meant we caught the last rack & pinion train up to the Col de Voza for an epic brake-screaming final descent to les Houches.

This had been mountain biking at its absolute best and a great way to learn advanced skills, although most of us carried large grazes and bruises for weeks later. Where to go next year after such a great trip in the Alps? It looks like being a pilgrimage to the Moab desert trails in USA.... reputed to be mountain biking heaven.

Club News

Email addresses @ULGMC.ORG

Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

Tim Marshall - president@ulgmc.org

Keith Mott - members@ulgmc.org (also meets@ulgmc.org)

Elsbeth Howell - caseg@ulgmc.org

David Jacob - fallcliffe@ulgmc.org

Shaun West - editor@ulgmc.org

Neil Brindley neil.brindley@ulgmc.org

Mark Stitson - secretary@ulgmc.org

Newsletters - a plea

Shaun West

I have had a number of members' articles from members with some great photos. For the meet reports it's really helpful if the meet leader could send them to me shortly after the meet is over. The article should be around 350 words long and come with a couple of high resolution photos (I like to tweak them).

editor@ulgmc.org



President's corner

HotRock is an organisation offering to take you to climbing destinations all the way along the Silk Road (and beyond): overland from Istanbul through Iran, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Tibet, China, and SE Asia down to Singapore, climbing wherever possible on the way. For those of you long in the tooth (like me) it's a bit reminiscent of the 1970s Encounter Overland expeditions, though the difference here is that the main purpose of the trip is the climbing rather than the trip itself. Travel is in a converted Scania lorry, with room for up to 30 climbers at a time. You can join and leave the expedition at a variety of places, so you're not committed to the whole 11-month trip (one month or even less is a possibility for some stretches). The rock-climbing standard of previous trips is said to vary from Diff to E8, and once into Pakistan, India etc. there is the possibility of snow and ice climbing.

I could find only one mention of women in the brochure, to the effect that they are excluded from night clubs in Teheran; you would have to contact the organiser to discuss the potential problems of a travelling as a single woman through Islamic countries with a bunch of blokes.

If you are interested, contact Duncan Bell, dunc@climbhotrock.com, 07812 086 099, or at 18, Sydney House, Woodstock Road, London W4 1DP.

Please note that ULGMC neither endorses nor supports this enterprise; the information above is purely for information, and it's up to you whether you do anything about it, and whatever the consequences of this might be."

The President's real news

As you will see from the AGM minutes (only if you read from the back to the front), there's a new committee - sort of, anyway.

- ◆ Tim Marshall is still president (*his final term*)
- ◆ Keith Mott has moved sideways to take over the treasurer/membership secretary role
- ◆ Shaun West is still the newsletter editor
- ◆ Mark Stitson has come onto the committee as the new secretary.
- ◆ Neil Brindley has become an ordinary committee member, a sort of "without portfolio" person.

These changes mean that we now need a new Meets secretary (ask Keith what is involved. The main task is organising the dinner week-end, but he can give you the full low-down).

If you can, PLEASE give us (Keith/Mark/Shawn) an e-mail address. This doesn't half keep down the costs of sending the newsletter out, which is about £1 each time (or more, if it's a particularly bulky edition - postal costs go up sharply above 20g). The fewer snail-mail copies we have to send out, the longer we can keep the membership fees at their current level.

The geographical spread of the membership means that it's quite difficult to generate a feeling of belonging to the club, when nearly all the members seem to live miles away from you. A suggestion last year, appearing here for the first time (I think), was that you could look up the membership list and find club members (if any!) living within a few miles, and contact them for a pub evening, a climbing wall evening, a week-end trip somewhere (sharing the car) and so on. Will it work? Don't know, but it's worth trying. Let the N/L editor know how you get on.

BMC fees. The grisly news came, just after the dinner, that the affiliation fee will be £9.75 per person; that includes 3rd party insurance, of course. You have to ask, how often have you kicked a rock onto someone who got an injury and sued you? Or fallen off and hit somebody on the way down (ditto)? We're told every year that you can get cheaper/better 3rd party insurance via the Austrian Alpine Club; but we have the problem of the hut insurance, which covers all the committee, the hut wardens and the trustees

against injuries occurring in either of the huts. I think that's very important; but I think there will be several people asking for more information about the insurance side of things at the AGM in April. I'll try and report back.

Finally, we (ULGMC) appear to have been operating "*ultra vires*" as far as the BMC membership rules are concerned. They do not recognise children as obtaining membership of a club only through their parents. Whatever form of membership structure a club has, if kids attend meets with their parents then as far as the BMC is concerned they are club members and are subject to a capitation fee in their own right. Next year that will be £6.65 per child. According to the BMC it's irrelevant that kids can't be members in their own right until they're 18: as regular participants in club meets/activities they (the BMC) regard them as club members who therefore have to pay/be paid for. The twist is in the suggestion that not paying for children might invalidate the whole of the club 3rd party (?and hut/trustee/warden/committee) insurance completely. M'learned friends would have a field day arguing what constitutes club membership, who can and can't be an independent member, and so on. I'd rather not go there if we can avoid it. *Suggestions on how we handle this will be welcome; to discuss at the committee meeting in January.*

ULGMC committee meeting notes

ULGMC committee meeting, 20th October 2007, ODG hotel, Great Langdale

Present: Tim Marshall, Keith Mott

Apologies: Neil Brindley, Shaun West

1. Minutes. These were accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting
2. Matters arising. There were none not otherwise covered on the agenda
3. Committee reports. NB had indicated his wish to stand down from the role of treasurer/membership secretary. KM offered to take this role on, and Mark Stitson had offered to take on a committee role "but not Meets". It was agreed to recommend Mark as secretary to the AGM

TM reminded the meeting that he intended to stand down as president next year, after 6 years in post.

It was agreed to report to the AGM NB's suggestion that the surviving founder members of the club should be given free life membership.

KM reported that producing a 2-fold A4 leaflet about the club had "slipped". This may be something for the new committee.

4. Next year's meets. There was a long list already, mostly repeating the bookings of this year. One issue remained to be resolved, that of where next year's AGM/dinner would be held. Two options were being held, one at the Rising Sun in Bamford, and the other at the Millstone Inn in Hathersage. It was agreed to let the AGM vote on where to go.

5. Huts. The club had received a quote of £38, 276 + VAT for undertaking all the proposed repairs/refurbishing at Caseg. A second quote was being invited. This was essentially a matter for the Trustees, as were proposed improvements at Fallcliffe. They would be meeting on Sunday morning.

6. AGM There was nothing further to report in advance of the meeting.

7. BMC New affiliation fees had been proposed. TM would forward the e-mail to KM.

8. AOB. None

9. Next meeting. This was left in abeyance for the moment (options are the Bonfire w/e, but without TM; and January 19th at Fallcliffe. NB since then a further option has arisen, of November 6th at the Regent's Park Holiday Inn)

BMC news

One of the most important pieces of news to come from the BMC is the purchase of Craig y Longridge, one of the country's foremost bouldering areas. It is a Lancashire gritstone outcrop, well over one hundred metres long and up to four metres high.

At the same time, the BMC is trying to encourage the sustainable use of crags, by launching its new Crag Code, which will also apply at Craig y Longridge. The code covers access, parking, footpath usage, wildlife, respect for others, dogs, litter and so on - see www.thebmc.co.uk/cragcode for more information. The new Crag Code should help climbers get on with other "users" of the great outdoors.

Coastal/shore (and hence, sea-cliff) access: the consultation period has closed, and the government's response is now awaited. No timetable for this, or for any consequent legislation, has been provided.

The public enquiry into the proposed Longdendale by-pass in the Peak District rumbles on. It's scheduled to finish by the end of November; watch the BMC website (or the Peak District National Park website) for the outcome.

There is news of lots of videos, including a re-mastered film (by Leo Dickinson) of the first ascent of the Central Tower of Paine in 1962, featuring Bonington, Whillans, Clough, Derek Walker and John Streetly (of Bloody Slab on Cloggy - I think).

There's the usual mix of articles about people, some of whom you may have heard of, something about the John Muir Trust, a list of forthcoming events - lectures, exhibitions, and so on - an article about climbing helmets, and advance notice of 4 BMC-organised Alpine Meet courses next summer: Introduction, Alpine Mountaineering, Alpine Rock Climbing, and Alpine walking. Winter climbing on Beinn Bhan, ski-mountaineering in the Valais, mountain walking in Madeira, and so on..... Finally, for those interested in local matters, there's a list of dates and places of forthcoming area meetings

It was also interesting to see Summit magazine seemingly take up Tim Marshall's thread from the last newsletter and encourage more meets and better usage of the huts. The BMC is also worried

about the stagnation in membership and would like to see every member encourage a friend to join.

Angela Smith (Labour MP for Sheffield Hillsborough) is the new parliamentary representative for mountaineering. She takes over from John Mann who is hosting the BMC's area meet for London and the South East in the House of Commons in November.

Finally, The minutes of the meeting have been uploaded to the members area of the website (thanks Sue).

New addresses and new members

Please complete the renewal form (end of the newsletter and in the members area of the website) and remember to send with your subs to Keith. Also remember to reclaim multiple BMC levies (send an email or letter requested in writing stating through which clubs you are affiliated. You can either email this information to: office@thebmc.co.uk or write in to the Member Services Team. Refunds need to be claimed each year, for that current year (reminder is published in March's Summit).

The contact details and email addresses will be uploaded to the members' section of the website www.ulgmc.org/members_area/. The aim is to upload the updated list on a monthly basis rather than to add them to the newsletter.

Honorary and founding Members:

- * Ray/Ruth Greenall (honorary)
- * John/Laura Hampton (founder member)
- * Jean Nicholas (honorary)
- * Janusz Onyskiewicz (honorary)
- * Phyllida Roberts (founder member)
- * Geoff/Jane Smith (founder member)
- * Phill Williams (founder member)

Correction to the AGM Minutes, there were in fact 9 founding members rather than 10.

Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting of ULGMC

held at the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale on Saturday 20 October 2007

The meeting convened at 6 pm with 39 members present and the President, Tim Marshall, in the chair.

1. Apologies for absence

Bill and Carol Bristow, John and Joy Parsons and Derek and Jenni Fordham. The meeting sent Jenni their good wishes for her early return to health.

2. Minutes of the 2006 AGM

The draft minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Committee reports

President

The President's written report 2006-7 was carried in the September 2007 newsletter. He reiterated his concern about the lack of young members involved in the running of the club.

1. The Committee had proposed that free life membership be accorded to founder members. Of the original 10 founders, 5 were still with us – Geoff Smith, Laura Hampton, Jean Jones, Phil Williams and Phyllida Roberts. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Hut matters would be discussed at a meeting of Trustees the following day. The sum of £38,276 had been quoted for work necessary to bring Caseg up to proper condition.

Neil Brindley had resigned as Treasurer and Membership Secretary for personal and work reasons. It was not known whether he would be willing to remain on the Committee.

The President noted that he would not serve beyond the 2008 AGM.

Secretary

In the absence of a Secretary, there was no report.

Treasurer/membership Secretary

The Treasurer/membership Secretary was not at the AGM and the accounts were not available.

Meets Secretary

Keith Mott circulated the proposed meets list 2007/2008. There had been one change from the list in the last newsletter – the meet proposed for 26 – 28 September at Caseg had been re-scheduled for October due to a prior booking.

As in the past, attendance at meets had been limited and some meets had been cancelled for lack of interest.

It was decided that the 2008 AGM/dinner should be held at the Millstone Inn.

Mike Bennett proposed the London dinner be re-instated and offered to host it on a convenient day in June 2008. Thanks were expressed for the offer, which will be pursued.

Hut Warden – Caseg

It had been a bumper year for Caseg, and Elspeth Howell's report and accounts would be circulated in the newsletter. There was discussion about the phone, which had not been working for some time, with particular concern about safety implications given the lack of mobile coverage. It was agreed that this should be discussed further by Trustees.

Hut Warden – Fallcliffe.

Report included in the Newsletter December 2007, accounts to follow. Fallcliffe also needed upgrading.

5 BMC matters

The President noted that the BMC was changing from an 0870 to a 0161 telephone number.

BMC Committee for Wales – report from Trefor Owen.

Chamonix guides and others had expressed concern about guides working illegally and there were questions about the legal status of certified Mountain Instructors working abroad. If the MLTUK approves MIs working abroad then the issue is resolved. So far,

Norway, New Zealand, Spain and probably France would accept MI as legal as long as they do not work above the glacier line, where a Guides carnet is a legal requirement.

There had been a clean up at Bwlch y Moch Tremadog last November, with removal of much undergrowth. A tree surgeon would probably be employed to cut back and remove trees as well.

BMC Wales was also without a Secretary. Attempts were being made to form a Mountaineering Council of Wales, with the support of the BMC, to represent the interest of amateur climbers.

Llanberis Slab quarry climbs have been re-bolted. Climbing at Craig y Forwyn has not been encouraged by the farmer. There have been no real developments in the Green key review of Snowdon National Park. About 60 goats were culled at Llanberis.

BMC Committee for the Lakes – report from Tim Marshall

TM had been unable to attend any Lakes Committee meetings, so there was nothing to report

6. Election of new Committee

The President informed the meeting that Mark Stitson had agreed to serve as ULGMC Secretary, and Keith Mott had agreed to take on the post of Treasurer/Membership Secretary. This left the post of Meets Secretary vacant and he encouraged members to consider taking it on. It was noted that the meets programme for 2008 was already agreed so the task was to set up a programme for 2009 and administer the 2008 dinner.

It was agreed by acclamation that the following should be officers/Committee members of ULGMC for 2007/2008

President	Tim Marshall
Treasurer/membership Secretary	Keith Mott
Secretary	Mark Stitson
Meets Secretary	Keith Mott (caretaker)
Newsletter editor	Shaun West

Thanks were expressed to all officers for their work.

7. Election of BMC/ULMC reps

It was agreed that Trefor Owen should represent the club for Wales and Tim Marshall for the Lakes. There was no nomination for the London and SE committee. Neil Brindley had advised that the ULMC was an important forum for attracting new graduates.

8. Election of hon scrutineers

Mike Warden and Mike Parkinson were re-elected scrutineers for the Club and hut accounts by acclamation.

9. Meets programme 2007 – 8. (See also report of Meets sec under item 4 above and elections under 6 above)

Offers/ideas for meets were always welcome, particularly the 2009 dinner in N Wales. Dinner bookings were often hard to come by because of long term advance bookings by other groups.

Willie Butler reported that the 2008 Scottish meet would take place from 10 – 17 May at Ullapool. 21 people had already booked and others wanting to join the group should notify him very soon so that more cottages could be booked.

10 Any Other Business

Phil Williams expressed thanks for the grant of life membership.

The meeting offered best wishes to John and Laura Hampton for their forthcoming move to Australia.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Fallcliffe Cottage Warden's Report 2006-07

The past year has seen significant expenditure on the cottage with upgrading of electrical supply and installations being the most costly contribution. This took place during February and necessitated closure of the hut for five weekends, which also meant a reduction in income which is reflected in the balance sheet. A new shower, stove and kitchen water heater have also been purchased and installed, thereby completing the upgrading of electrical appliances within the hut. Further works are in the planning stage for 2007-08 in order to comply with current Health & Safety and fire regulations, which inevitably means another expensive year ahead with possible enforced closures to facilitate the work impacting on income once again. With this in mind, bookings for 2007-08 must be regarded as subject to essential works being carried out and may need to be cancelled in order for these to take place. It will only be possible to confirm bookings much closer to the proposed date of visit.

Outside the cottage the garden and grounds have benefited from works done by a local school who use Fallcliffe regularly to do cleaning work and minor repairs. These have included some plastering and also the painting of the sitting room.

Annual income has been fairly good, considering the closure during February, but has obviously been lower than in recent years as a result. A total of 31 separate nights were booked by ULGMC members, but despite giving sole use of the cottage to members on these occasions, income has been disappointing with few (and sometimes none) of our members in occupancy. With demand for accommodation from other BMC clubs being consistently high, and often no more than 3-4 places in the cottage being occupied by our members, I would like to make Fallcliffe available to other clubs during such times in order to maximise occupation and income. I do not feel that it is appropriate for just a small number of our members to block book the cottage for a period of time, seemingly treating it as a cheap holiday home, when others who could use and pay for our facilities are seeking to stay. In comparison with other similar accommodation in the Peak District we are still the cheapest available by far, and as stated at last year's AGM I feel that hut fees should be increased to accurately reflect the increasing costs of managing such a facility.

Caseg Fraith

Hut Warden's Report to ULGMC – AGM on 20th October 2007

This report covers the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2007 and gives an outline of what has been happening at Caseg Fraith over the past year.

INCOME

Hut Fees – We have had a bumper year with the fees up by over £2000

Deposit Interest – I have transferred £4,000 to the Marsden Building Society account this year.

EXPENDITURE

Electricity

Gas

Coal

Consumables

Insurance

Administration

Deputy Warden

Repairs/Renewals/Serviceing

These are all self-explanatory.

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.

MAJOR HUT REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

I will leave the reporting of this to our President - Tim Marshall.

GENERAL

National Trust Ground Rent

After 4 years of the NT upgrading their IT system we have now been able to pay in full the outstanding annual ground rent.

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.

Bed Nights

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

General hut maintenance continues to be carried out.

I have visited Caseg Fraith 3 times this financial year. It's in reasonable shape.

A reminder that I can be contacted on the following email address: elspeth.howell@lineone.net

That concludes my report.

Elsbeth Howell
Hut Warden

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

ACCOUNTS FOR CASEG FRAITH FOR YEAR ENDED 30.9.2007

<u>2005/2006</u>		<u>2006/2007</u>		<u>2005/2006</u>		<u>2006/2007</u>
9,867.00	Hut Fees	11,908.00		Nil	Ground Rent	25.00
80.09	Bank Interest	114.33		549.62	Insurance	564.17
2,199.73	B. Society Interest	2,245.83		125.28	Rates	129.92
73.92	Telephone Money	Nil		120.90	Coal	81.60
				472.97	Electricity	686.14
				21.90	Gas for poker	Nil
				1,189.17	Gas for boiler	764.06
				93.31	Telephone	Nil
				88.73	Consumables	96.60
				1,250.00	Dep. Warden	1,250.00
				2,444.62	Repairs	1,738.29
				Nil	Survey Fees	846.59
				616.68	Administration	571.80
				5,247.56	Excess Income over Expenditure	7,513.99
<u>12,220.74</u>		<u>14,268.16</u>		<u>12,220.74</u>		<u>14,268.16</u>

BALANCE SHEET

At 30.09.2006

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

Plus Excess Income 7,513.99
Over Expenditure for
2006/2007

78,750.86

At 30.09.2007

Current Account	100.00
Business Reserve	3,954.06
Building Society	64,696.80
Loan to Falcliffe	10,000.00

78,750.86

Scrutinised and found correct from the books and information supplied

_____ HONORARY SCRUTINEER

DATED _____

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2008

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 the highlighted sections and any others, as necessary below, clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS

Section 1

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

Your first name	<input type="text"/>
Your surname	<input type="text"/>
Partner's first name	<input type="text"/>
Partner's surname	<input type="text"/>
Telephone No	<input type="text"/>
email	<input type="text"/>

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

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Section 2

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

Title	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>		
POSTCODE	<input type="text"/>	Please tick to receive newsletter in email form	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please renew my/our membership for 2008

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	£15	<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay for single membership & in advance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	£25	<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay for family membership & in advance

Please find enclosed cheque for the sum of £.....

When you have completed all necessary sections please return the form to the Hon. Membership Secretary of the ULGMC together with your fee (£15 single or £25 family). Cheques should be made payable to "University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club".

**Hon Membership Secretary, ULGMC, Lincolns Meadow Cottage, Hales Street,
Tivetshall St Margaret, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 2EE or email to members@ulgmc.org. Thank you.**