



Nigel & Penny Bowen visit Bhutan

Membership Cards and Subscriptions

If you have not paid your subs please do so. Until you have you cannot book huts at the members rate nor are you covered for third party insurance.

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 Sue Darling an email (meets@ulgmc.org) or phone her (01483 203420) and she will be glad to help.

Norfolk mountains camping 19-21 September 2008

Some of the smallest mountains to climb in one of the roughest and wildest areas of the UK. This is perhaps the closest you will get to the greater ranges in England!

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

Caseg Fraith, Look out for the Alpines 3 - 5 October 2008

The weather may be wild but this is one of the snuggest huts in North Wales and it will be filled to overflowing with good company. If the sun does peek out you have the opportunity to walk, bike and climb in a wonderful part of Wales. It is also a good chance to see the hut improvements.

Contact: Elspeth Howell elspeth.howell@lineone.net or 01604 769277

Fallcliffe AGM and dinner meet 24-26 October 2008

It is that time of year again, not half term, but time for the AGM meet. This year we've chosen to go to Fallcliffe for a change after going to the Lakes last year we've chosen to have the AGM on

home turf. The booking form for the meet is at the end of the newsletter.

Fallcliffe, the Bonfire Meet 7-9 November 2008

This is a meet that needs no introduction. As usual the meet is going to be family focused with the normal bonfire fayer to eat and drink. Neil is going to be put on top of the bonfire this year!

Contact: Neil Brindley nbrindley@lambethcollege.ac.uk or 01708 765700.

Caseg Fraith, Early winter? 28-30 November 2008

In the 'old days' it used to be cold and frosty at the end of November but who can tell after such a wet and cold summer? November gives some of the best colouring to the hills so now is your chance to get out and see the colours and use the new and updated Caseg.

Contact: Elspeth Howell elspeth.howell@lineone.net or 01604 769277

Caseg Fraith, Christmas and New Year 24 December 2008 - 4 January 2009

One of the best ways to reduce the Christmas stress is to take some exercise and spend time away from home. Where better to achieve this than Caseg? New Year at Caseg is always fantastic; who will be there, snow or sun? One thing is certain that it will be a good night. Book early before the places are booked.

Contact: Elspeth Howell elspeth.howell@lineone.net or 01604 769277

Past Meets

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

Meet cancelled

Want to submit a report?
1 November latest

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Date	Location	Meet	Organiser
September			
19-22	Norfolk Mountains	Camping	The Motts
October			
3 - 5	Caseg Fraith	Look out for the Alpines	Elspeth Howell
24 - 26	Fallcliffe	AGM & Dinner	Keith Mott
November			
7 - 9	Falcliffe	The Bonfire Meet	Neil Brindley
28-30	Caseg Fraith	Early winter?	Elspeth Howell
December - January			
24 - 4	Caseg Fraith	Christmas and New Year	Elspeth Howell
If you would like to suggest a meet please contact Sue Darling 01483 203420 meets@ulgmc.org .			

Leckmelm, Ullapool

10-17 May 2008

No report submitted!

Land's End - Spring weekend camping

25-29 May 2008

Tim Marshall reports:

The traditional Cornwall meet took place during the late spring bank holiday weekend and the following week, based as usual on the Trevedra Farm campsite. For those who remember it from 20 years ago or more, it is immeasurably improved and - if you can cope with the traffic getting there and back, an excellent event.

Many of the traditional routes were accomplished by most members of the party: Teacake Traverse, Scone Slab, and Cream Tea Chimney. A planned assault on Commando Ridge, a la Julia Bradbury but with the party nothing like so good-looking, and without the attention of TV cameras, had to be abandoned because of the risk of being blown off the ridge across the water and onto Porthmoina Island.

The weather was the major feature of the first half of the week, with torrential rain and violent winds which particularly assaulted geodesic dome tents. Traditional A-frame tents, and even "frame tents" seemed to withstand the winds rather better. While most people cowered inside their tents in the storm, Mr and Mrs Noah (there were two couples of this name) sat snugly and smugly in their ark a few miles away, receiving various bedraggled visitors who pondered on the wisdom of hiring a cottage rather than a pitch on the campsite.

By Tuesday morning there were several, once-large, dome tents flat on the field, with broken poles and ripped 'canvas', completely abandoned by their owners who had beaten a retreat eastwards.

Later in the week the weather perked up, to the extent that a party sallied forth to Bosigran, capturing Black Slab and essaying an assault on Doorpost (HS, 4b). The intrepid leader, alas, found himself halfway up the route confronting a fulmar which was actively claiming squatter's rights; the fulmar won. Yuk.

Thanks to Jo for the group meal on Sunday evening.

In attendance: Baileys, Battens, Battens, Bevis', Charambalous, Estens, Hardys, Marshalls, Martins, Motts, Towlson.

Added note from Margaret and Geoffrey Batten:

We thought that last year was the worse weather we had ever experienced during our 36 years attending the Land's End meet-but we were wrong! The Monday this year treated us to a ferocious gale with almost non-stop heavy rain which led to the enforced withdrawal of the Charalambuses and the Estens with damaged tent. The Motts stuck it out but the following day revealed how much the wind had bent the poles of their big hoop tent before they took it down:



It was the old-fashioned frame tents which stood up best- see Les and Rosemary Bailey's in the background.

Earlier on the weather had been kind enough to allow the group (smaller than in recent years) to take part in some of the traditional activities- walking, beaching, eating pasties and ice-cream although nobody seems to have found a cream tea. The Sunday night 'feast' was enjoyed by all the party- thanks to Jo for the food and to Wendy and John for allowing us to use the caravan store once again.

Let's hope it will be third time lucky in 2009!

Saint Albans Dinner Meet

7 June 2008

Mike and Jill Bennett reports:

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Fallcliffe, Early Summer

13-15 June

It rained and rained so cancelled

Pembrokeshire Paddling

4th - 6th July 2008

Sue Esten reports:

Six club members braved yet another gale forecast for a coastal meet, this time centred on Marloes which is to the west of Milford Haven. The gales duly performed their worst on Saturday, but fortunately for the Estens in particular, we were able to camp in the shelter of a tall, thick hedge and so avoided the tent battering that had been our fate at the Cornwall meet. The camp site was a definite improvement on the 2 previous years' converted pig sty facilities, but this time we were treated to a plethora of notices controlling our every action on the site!

Despite the gales and with the help of the excellent coastal bus services we managed to polish off 2 more sections of the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path. On Saturday we bussed to Dale and walked back to the camp site in Marloes via St Ann's Head. Five minutes after we had started walking the rain began and it lashed us for the duration of our walk. Thank goodness the winds were onshore and mainly behind us! It was indeed very atmospheric in these conditions walking along the coast with its jagged cliffs and bands of rocks disappearing into the sea. Back at the camp site the weather began to improve and the drying out started.

On Sunday we caught a bus northwards up the coast and walked back again to the camp site. This time the weather was glorious so we were very lucky. Marloes Sands at the low tide which was timed perfectly for arrival there, were magnificent. The photo shows the Three Chimneys where bands of alternating sandstone and mudstone stand almost vertically.

The Pembrokeshire coast is truly beautiful and although there isn't much in the way of climbing in the region of Marloes it makes an excellent centre for walking.

Please note that those who attended this year's meet, with the agreement of the Hon Meets Secretary who was present, unanimously decided that the meet would move to a mid-week slot next year.

Casey Fraith, Seaside and Mountains

18-20 July 2008

Did it happen?

Falcliffe, End of Term Escape

21-27 July 2008

Keith Mott reports:

The Motts led this meet since Neil Brindley was indisposed. He was partially forgiven since he was getting married in Uganda! All the best to them both.

There were less of us than previous years, mainly owing to Neil's absence and the guests he normally brings but Frances and the girls had brought a friend to keep them company. As the hut was in use at the weekend we went up on the Monday. Bill and Carol Bristow joined us overnight after walking locally with another group.

On Tuesday they went to the otter sanctuary when I had to go off to work in the Wirral. Wednesday saw us climbing on North Burbage again with 'Monkey' being the theme of the day. Rachael has started ticking off the climbs in her newly-acquired guide book. I hope to keep pace.

On Thursday we went on a walk planned by Rachel and Lauren around reservoirs in the Low Bradfield area. This was an unknown area for us but proved quite interesting with nature reserves, forest areas and myrtle berries just where we had lunch. The garage in Low Bradfield was also a welcome site when the Astra started leaking oil!

In the evening we provided a meal for Dave Morley and his wife in appreciation for all the work he, and the group he organises, has done and continues to do on the hut over the last 5 years. There are other opportunities that we discussed that should be of benefit to Falcliffe in the future.

On Friday retail therapy helped revive the females of the species whilst new glass was fitted to the fire and the car park was sprayed to suppress the weeds. Take care as the glass is so clean as to be invisible. I did fit it - promise.

The Hon Sec arrived almost at the same time as Jasbir with his 2 children in the evening for a weekend of climbing and we were not disappointed. We all went out quite early - well before crack of noon - the next day for Birchens where we had a magnificent day climbing classic VDiffs and one or 2 severes. We were only driven away by the heat of the afternoon sun - I kid you not.

Sunday was an almost identical day to Saturday but we did manage to climb a little later before pushing off home. I think we had the best week of the summer so far. I am only sorry we did not have a few more with us.





Caseg Fraith, PYB Climbing Classes 22-25 August 2008

Keith Mott reports:

Those who came up on the Friday managed a couple of days climbing with intermittent showers and some brisk winds. Those arriving later suffered from low mist and high winds.

Frances arrived on Friday afternoon to find the builders pointing the stonework on the east face of the hut. They were cheating. Scaffold frames are not recognised climbing aids.

The downstairs bunkroom had recently been plastered with new bunk frames fitted and a vent installed beneath the middle window. Even with the wind howling around the NW corner there was absolutely no sign of dampness on the new surface.

The washroom area is nearly finished with the 2 new showers working well even when used together. Please mind the step when you go in - it caught a number of us out.

On Saturday, whilst one pair went off to climb on Idwal Buttreass, the main group went off early to PYB to pick up our single pitch instructor for the day. After a short briefing we headed off to the kit room for the regulation toe-pinching session. Then off to Lion Rocks for a warm up on this ideal boulder. After lunch we drove on up to Darley's Hole for our second attempt at slate - last year we climbed in Tin Pan Alley behind Ogwen Cottage. This area is great for beginners and experts alike as all of the climbs are well bolted. Grading for the routes is by F, with 4s, 5s and a 6a attempted. Part of the group split off around 3pm to go on a family holiday. The others stayed around to hone their technique before the rain came down.

This was an unexpected departure from our 'normal' venues but has opened up a whole new set of possibilities for the future. Our thanks to Kenny, our instructor for the day, and PYB.

The Hardys turned up early on the Sunday and suggested Idwal slabs for the afternoon. The parking up towards the Cottage was packed so we came back closer to Milestone Buttreass where it was decided to climb Direct Route, VD. Rob led his sons and Rachael seconded for me on her first multipitch route. Not sure how well she did since I didn't fall off. Extraordinary! Frances and Elanor took a walk up to Idwal for lunch with another group passing up the opportunity for an underwater climb in the Pass in favour of a drier Holyhead Mountain.

Rob had booked Francis and William on a two day sailing at Plas Menai. The wind was so strong that they sailed weighted keel dinghies on day one and went straight on to sail boards on the second. He strongly recommends this taster course especially when the rocks are wet which seems to be most of the time.

Matt Walters and guest arrived to take up the mantle of lead climbers after the departure to Pembroke of the others in search of better weather. The weather, once again, stifled the enthusiasm of the whole group who tried to make the most of the brief appearance of the sun.

A variety of expeditions, some for retail therapy, others for less arduous tasks, were tried until Wednesday when we went off the Newborough Warren to swim, build dams, fly kites and get sand kicked in our faces. Although we were in sun towards the end of the day it always looked grim over Snowdonia.

The changes to the hut make a great difference already. The installation of electric central heating will be a great boon however much of a challenge the gas, and before that the solid fuel, stove were to light. Many thanks to Elspeth and Ruth for all the work they have put into this project.



News from Members

Walking in the Garfagnana: 12th to 19th July 2008

Stephen Olivant reports:

About ten years ago, I read Eric Newby's brilliant book "Love & War in the Apennines" about his experience as an escaped POW in the mountains, and we put northern Tuscany on our list of places to visit. Wendy and I finally got there this summer and had a really enjoyable time. Joining an Exodus guided walking party gave us an informed and hassle-free introduction to the area and we met a very interesting group of people.

We were based in a comfy agriturismo barn conversion in the stunningly beautiful area of Garfagnana. This lies between two mountain ranges, the Apennines and the Apuane to the north of Lucca. Garfagnana translates as "enchanted forests" and this paints a very good picture of the area's steep hillsides cloaked in

woods of beech and sweet chestnut. Rising above the woods to the west are the craggy limestone tops of the Alpi Apuane. To the east, high wooded slopes give way to sheep grazed grass on the long rounded ridges of the Apennines (called the Orecchiella in this area). A network of well maintained paths criss-crosses both ranges, yet the area seems surprising unknown by walkers and mountain bikers.



The mountain slopes and lower-level meadows of Garfagnana are some of the best places in Italy for wild flowers during springtime. Small villages are scattered along the main valley floor by the river Serchio, whilst other villages, castles and churches are high on wooded shoulders running down from the two mountain ranges. Some of the area's population have family connections with Glasgow because they went there to find work after the last war, so we were delighted on a few occasions when local people spoke to us with strong Scottish accents.

We used the Exodus minibus to get from our base to the best access points for day walks into both mountain ranges. Views westwards from the Apuane summits were spectacular as we could look over the marble quarries near Carrara and across the Mediterranean coast to Elba and beyond to Corsica. Both the Orecchiella and the Alpi Apuane are national parks, and the park authorities clearly do a good job. Large tracts were re-afforested with beech in the 1960s and they have way-marked the extensive footpath system superbly. The whole area is covered with reasonably accurate large-scale maps and we would be very happy to return for a self-guided trip walking between the Italian Alpine Club huts. In fact, looking at literature in the huts, there is a classic long-distance route along the spine of the Apennines which sounds very appealing. We stayed one night in an IAC hut in the Orecchiella; it was spotless, comfortable and served us one of the best meals we have ever eaten in all our trips to Italy.



A few tips to pass on:

✓ Don't miss a day in Lucca because it is an unspoiled totally walled city with beautiful quirky buildings and public spaces. Rent a bike and ride the 3km circuit on top of the wide city walls.

✓ An excellent train service connects Pisa to Lucca and then runs northwards through the Garfagnana. There is a local bus service, but we recommend using a local taxi firm run by Piero Santi, who returned from Glasgow to his family roots in the Garfagnana (we can supply his tel. number).

✓ Recommended local foods are chestnut flour pastries, chestnut flower honey and a delicious bottled beer made from "faro", an ancient grain still grown here a thousand years after it was superseded by other wheat varieties elsewhere.

✓ The Garfagnana has a high rainfall in some seasons, so choose your dates carefully and expect a sharp shower or thunderstorm even in summer.

Trekking in Bhutan

Nigel & Penny Bowen report:

We were in Bhutan during March / April, which was a great experience; the people are very friendly & are unusually dignified; to my surprise, many could speak English. We went on a trek to Jhomolhari (7,314 m); I don't go a bundle on trekking though - plodding along donkey tracks that run along the bottom of the valleys is boring. We attempted to cross a pass at just over 5,000 metres, but were turned back by deep snow, which made it impassable for our animals, so had to retrace our steps. Unfortunately we ran out of time & had to cover two stages in one day; I don't recommend walking 40 km at over 3,500 m. with bronchitis! The photo below is of Taksang monastery, which is close to the start of the trek and is approached by a frightening ascent; the original monk cheated - he flew on the back of a dragon!

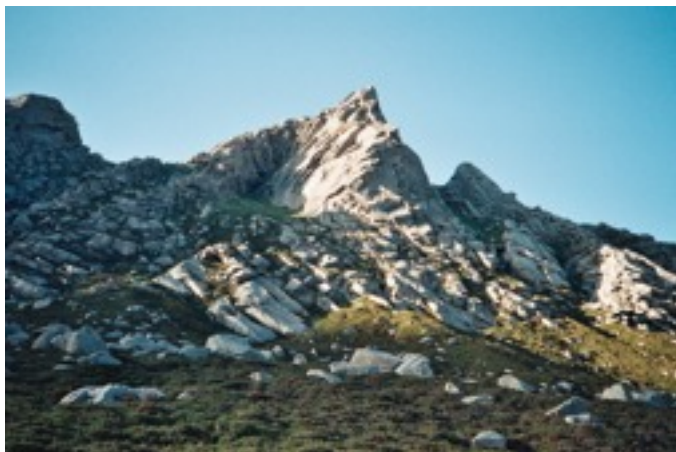


South Ridge Direct Rosa Pinnacle Cir Mhor Isle Of Arran

By Stuart Elliott reports:

We have the books 'Hard Rock' and 'Classic Rock' by Ken Wilson on our coffee table and the photographic beauty of the Scottish Rocks has been an ever-increasing pull. We spent a week in the Cairngorms in February and went back to Scotland in June with the mission to Climb South Ridge Direct.

Glen Rosa is stunning. The colours are extremely vibrant and the wildlife abundant and vocal. Oyster catchers and otters shared our beach of the winding stream. House Martins shared the campsites toilet block (cold water no showers) queuing impatiently for us to finish with their home.



We left the campsite and walked the 5 miles up the Glen to the Rosa pinnacle. We carried the climbing gear, a small tent and enough calories to keep us going for a few days. After pitching the tent and watching the last of the climbers and walkers evaporate into the distant clouds tranquillity enveloped us. Wild deer regally sniffed the air and approached us nonchalantly. We were filled with a sense of awe and foreboding. Could our months of planning be about to come to fruition, or would it rain all day and send us back down the mountain and back to England with no climbing but a tantalising taste of Arran's beauty.

The night was noisy and the tent was occasionally picked up and shaken! Dawn, we slowly emerged from the tent expecting to see grey black rain clouds. We were very happy to see blue sky with the sun low behind the eastern Mountains. We watched the sun moving over towards us as we ate our breakfast - a mixture of power and muesli bars. Then we washed in the pure delicate waters of the nearest of the mountain streams.

By 8am we were geared up and almost ready to start climbing when I was horrified to hear the clang of hex on hex. 2 climbers were heading straight for 'our' climb. They wished us 'good morning' and I wished they weren't there! It was a great relief when they passed 'our' climb and headed to Sou'wester Slabs around the corner.

We scrambled up the first few pitches then roped up and climbed quickly to gain the start of the 'S' Cracks. Now we were in position the climb was truly ours it became real and alive. Reiko lead up the S cracks and completed them with ease. We were now bathing in sunshine and I joined Reiko at the foot of the Y Crack, which I was to lead. I felt that if I could get over the crux ok then we should not have any more problems. The crux has very good gear just below it, but has the feel of a very committing move. I had to look at it from 3 or 4 different angles before making my move and feeling the 'whoop for joy' factor as I swung over the top.

I lead the next traverse but went too far and too low, this felt hard and there were no holds as I teetered towards a dodgy belay.



I made my belay and worked out what I had done wrong. I was now on the 'West flank route' belay and I was in the way of 2 climbers who had popped up. I had no choice but to carry on and they patiently waited for us to complete this pitch. Then I rushed up a lay back noticing where I should have belayed on the way. I continued up the proper layback pitch and belayed at the top below the chimneys. Reiko then lead up the 3 chimneys.

I started to feel very cold now as the wind had picked up and the sun was gone. I sang and danced to stop my teeth chattering. The next 2 pitches got us to the pinnacle. I was very disappointed as the rain clouds rushed in and took away the possibility of completing the last 2 pitches. However, we could see our way to the descent path and we had climbed 12 of the possible 14 pitches. We got back to our tent about 8pm before breaking camp in the storm. We carried a very wet tent and all our gear down the valley making it back to the base campsite about 10.30pm. We dived into our tent to escape from certain death by midges. We did not realise how hungry we were until we ate a feast of corned beef and dry bread...it was wonderful! Rosa pinnacle we will return... our next project, the West Flank Route and the 2 pinnacle pitches.

Club News

ULGMC committee meeting notes

ULGMC committee meeting, 26 of July 2008, Caseg Fraith

1. Present:, Keith Mott, Mark Stitson, Sue Darling

Apologies: Shaun West, Tim Marshall, Neil Brindley

We welcomed Sue to her first committee meeting as a new member.

2. Minutes. These were accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting

3. Matters arising. There were none not otherwise covered on the agenda

4. Committee reports (not covered elsewhere)

Membership secretary/Treasurer - KM reported that he discovered through members and Elspeth that the last membership list was not complete.

There were a few members missing from the list that had pre-paid and there were a few newer members missing from the list.

As we have cut expenditure missing a few renewals is not too bad, but the increase in BMC membership will have to be reflected in a rise in membership fees for the club.

Also we have not made any donations to the Snowdonia National Park or the Mountain Rescue Council.

Meets secretary: Sue reported that the accommodation and dinner details for the AGM should be in this newsletter. Planning for the 2009 meets programme is progressing nicely. Sue had a good response to the meets questionnaire from the last newsletter.

5. Huts

There was a question to clarify the availability of the Caseg members room, as members have occasionally not been able to book it.

We were considering suggesting a group rate for the huts, but in light of the suggested new hut fees, this is now obsolete.

6. Recruitment

New members - The committee approved the membership for the Freeman family.

Mark will design an on-line form for membership applications and queries.

7. AOB

We should investigate the possibility of Legacies to be left to the club.

8. Next meeting

Before the AGM at 5pm on October the 25th.

ULGMC AGM Agenda Notice of Annual General

Meeting of ULGMC The 58th Annual General Meeting of ULGMC will take place at 6 o'clock on 25th October 2008 in the Millstone in Hathersage

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Reports from the committee:
President
Secretary
Treasurer/Membership secretary
Meets secretary
5. Huts
 - Caseg: Elspeth Howell
 - Fallcliffe: Dave Jacob
 - Hut fees
6. Membership fees
7. Reports from BMC, and club BMC representatives
8. Election of new committee
9. Election of BMC and ULMC representatives
10. Election of honorary scrutineers
11. Meets programme for 2007-8
12. AOB

Club elections

The club committee is up for (re-) election at the AGM in October. If you want to get involved, see the form below, to be used to put people forward for committee membership.

The committee posts are:

President (currently Tim Marshall)

Vice-president (currently vacant)

Secretary (currently Mark Stitson)

Treasurer/membership secretary (currently Keith Mott) Meets secretary (currently Sue Darling) Newsletter editor (currently Shaun West) There are also two un-labelled places for people to join the committee

The posts available are:

President (Tim Marshall **BUT stepping down**),

Vice-president (currently vacant)

Membership secretary/treasurer (currently, Keith Mott)

Secretary (currently, Mark Stitson)

Meet secretary (currently, Sue Darling)

Newsletter editor (currently, Shaun West)

General committee members

(up to three) (currently, Neil Brindley)

Nomination form for committee membership of ULGMC, 2008-2009

Post
Name of person proposed
Signature of person proposed

Name of proposer
Signature of proposer

Name of seconder
Signature of seconder

Send this form, by e-mail or snail-mail, to:

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Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

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Sue Darling meets@ulgmc.org

Elspeth 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

President's corner

The Munro Society

The club has a number of members who have completed all the Munros - I know of at least three, and possibly four, and there may well be others. At the Keswick Mountain Festival earlier this year, the tent with all the community groups in it had a trestle table for "The Munro Society", and a copy of their journal. If you're interested in finding out more, contact the Hon. Secretary, 12, Randolph Court, Stirling FK8 2AL

The journal is a high-quality production, with excellent photographs.

News from Caseg and Fallcliffe

Those of you who have been to Caseg recently should have noticed some changes to the place, though as yet things are far from completed; hopefully, by the start of the new u/g year in October.

One of the knock-on effects of having the work done at Caseg - and in due course, when the reserves have been built back up, Fallcliffe should have a similar re-vamp - that is why we've been looking again at the hut fees. They have stayed the same since at least 2000 which (particularly since the increase in electricity prices) is unsustainable at the present levels.

My suggestion (Tim Mashall), which has gone to the committee for consideration at the end of July, is for the following:

Members, children and students at London University: £5

Students from other universities: £8

Non-members: £10

There is some uncertainty (in my mind, at least) as to who has the authority to propose or agree what the hut fees should be: Hut wardens, ULGMC committee, ULGMC AGM, Trustees....So this is sticking my neck out a bit, but the above is what I suggest, ideally from 1st October.



Meets survey

Did anyone complete Sue Darling's questionnaire? Attendance on meets has been again low with some having to be cancelled - is this due to the cost of fuel or for some other reason?

BMC news

Request for feedback – BMC guidance for clubs

My name is Tony Halliwell and I've been asked by the BMC to review some of the documentation that it produces for affiliated clubs. I've been asked to do this because a) part of my (mixed) working background is market research and b) I'm a BMC-affiliated club member – several times over actually; six to be precise. This is all part of the BMC's determination to help clubs be clubs. As a club member I'm really pleased to see this happening and I hope that you might be able to help.

A fundamental part of this review is going to be finding out what you and your club think about the existing documents in their current format.

A likely outcome is that all of the club information on the BMC website will be made more visible in a single clubs' resources section. So, please could you spare the time to answer a few questions – or ask others within your club to answer – in order to ensure that clubs can get the most benefit from this resource in the future. I'd really like to know:

- Did you know that all of the information below is on the website?
- Judging from the headings, does it look like the information covers issues that you need to know about?
- Are there any obvious gaps?

In addition, if any of the issues you'll see covered below is a "live" topic for you/your club at the moment, please could you read the section or document concerned and let me know:

- How useful you found it and why?
- How clear/easy to understand was it?
- Are there any obvious gaps where your questions haven't been answered or you still need to know more?

The information on the BMC site can be found in 3 separate areas. They are:

- Club Guidance Notes: <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Feature.aspx?id=1413>
- There is also information for clubs with huts at: <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Feature.aspx?id=1373>
- There is another page <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/Downloads.aspx?category=3>

Any contributions you can make, however brief, however long, will be really useful in helping to shape the outcome into a practical and accessible resource for clubs in future.

Many thanks in advance

Tony Halliwell, please send your responses to me (Tony Halliwell) at th@tnr.gb.net

New addresses and new members

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.

Change of (email) address

Reiko & Stuart Elliott's new email addresses are reiko.elliott@btinternet.com or stuart.elliott@btinternet.com.

Obituaries

Fortunately none to report.

ULGMC AGM & Dinner
Saturday, 25th October 2008

2008 sees us again at the popular Millstone Country Inn, Hathersage, Derbyshire for the AGM and dinner on Saturday 25 October. 6 pm – 7 pm for the AGM. 7 pm drinks for 7.30 dinner.

Dinner

If you haven't been to an AGM/Dinner before, the AGM is brisk and often outspoken and the dinner casual and friendly. Dress what you feel comfortable in and/or want an opportunity to wear. From trousers to cocktail dresses for women, and open-necked shirt to jacket and tie for men. Partners and older children welcome but no problem coming single.

Please book your dinner and select your menu on the attached sheet and send with cheque to me at the address on the form. Do let me know of any dietary requirements and the Millstone will try its best to meet them.

Also please indicate if you're interested in a minibus to and from the Millstone.

PLEASE do return the form by **Monday 13 October** as I have to let the hotel know numbers, etc and book any minibus/es. Also, making a note of your choices is a good idea to save confusion on the night!

As last year, we'll leave a bowl out for tips for the staff at the end of the meal.

Accommodation

Fallcliffe has been reserved for us and is likely to be full. Please book with me as soon as possible.

tel 01483 203420

email sdarling521@hotmail.com

If you prefer to stay at the hotel please contact the Millstone as soon as possible to make a booking.

The Millstone Country Inn, Sheffield Road, Hathersage, Derbyshire, S32 1DA

tel 01433 650258

email enquiries@millstoneinn.co.uk

Any queries, do give me a ring/email as above.

Thanks, and let's look forward to another good evening catching up with old friends and getting to know new members.

Sue Darling

2008 AGM Dinner
Millstone Inn Hathersage Saturday, 25th October 2008
Please return by Monday 13th October

I would like to book ____ places at the dinner @£18.50 per person for [names]

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I enclose a cheque for £.....

Please indicate number of choices:

Starters

Fresh grapefruit & orange
cocktail baked with sugar
and rum ☐

or

Home-made tomato & basil
soup with crusty bread ☐

or

Prawn cocktail with Marie
Rose sauce and brown bread ☐

or

Chef's pate with red onion
marmalade and crusty bread ☐

Main Course

Roast carvery (English beef,
Norfolk turkey or loin of pork)
+ vegetables, Yorkshire pud, etc ☐

or

Penne pasta with roast
Mediterranean vegetables
and garlic sauce ☐

or

Baked salmon with herb sauce ☐

To be followed by a tempting selection of desserts + coffee/tea and mints.

Transport

Depending on numbers and locations of peoples' stay we may be able to arrange minibus transport to/from the Millstone. Please register your interest below. Likely cost about £4-5 per head return.

I would like to book ____ places in the minibus from _____ site.

Please make cheques for the meal payable to SUE DARLING and send to:

Sue Darling
Mayor House Farm Cottage,
Farley Heath,
Surrey, GU5 9EW.

Please write your name and address on the back of your cheque and return by
Monday 13th **October**.

Thanks. Sue