



Autumn snows high on the Matterhorn



Forthcoming Meets

AGM and Dinner N Wales 23-25 Oct

Another great weekend is in prospect, with AGM and dinner at the family owned Swallow Falls Hotel. Please see Heather's letter below with the usual form to book dinner and hut, to be returned to her by 6 October.

Also attached is the draft agenda. Please note that the Constitution provides for proxy votes. for specific matters on the agenda, which must be received by the Secretary at least 3 days before the meeting.

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Bonfire meet 6 – 8 November

Book your place at Fallcliffe with Neil Brindley (01708 765700) and liaise with Neil about catering (this being a time of retrenchment, only 5 courses are envisaged....) Suggested that you bring one sizable firework rather than a box of small ones, to make a good show. Plus sparklers of course.

Nov. 17th to 19th Mid Week Wales Meet

An 11 place bunkhouse in the Brecon Beacons National Park has been booked for the nights of Tuesday and Wednesday 17th and 18th November. Cost £20 per person, self-catering.

Clyngwyn Bunkhouse (GR SN921107) is situated near the southern edge of the National Park. It is in an interesting limestone area known for its waterfalls and caves and is conveniently situated for access to the less crowded central and western hills of the park.

Details and booking from Bill Towlson. Tel: 01588 620422. E-mail: pamelat@mid-wales.net.

Advance notice for meets 2010

Lands End

Once again the 2010 Cornwall meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen from Thursday 27 May to Wednesday 2 June (note change of date). We have booked what we think should be sufficient space for us in the tent camping field for this period. With Trevedra becoming increasing popular and likely to be fully booked over the Bank Holiday weekend, Wendy Nicholas requires confirmation of our booking by 1 February 2010 and so we must ask EVERYONE (including 'regulars') who is planning to come to let us know by that date. Otherwise, we may lose some of the space.

Margaret and Geoff Batten

Pembroke

Pembs next year won't be – we are moving to the Gower, do come!

Sue Esten

Klein Matterhorn and Breithorn



Want to submit a report?
1 November latest

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Date	Location	Meet	Organiser
October			
23 - 25	Caseg Fraith	AGM & Dinner - Swallow Falls Hotel	Heather Rumble
November			
6 - 8	Fallcliffe	The Bonfire Meet	Neil Brindley
Late - tbc	Ystadfellte, S Wales	Early Winter?	Bill Towlson
December/January 2009			
24 - 4	Caseg Fraith	Christmas & New Year	Elspeth Howell
If you would like to suggest or lead a meet please contact Heather Rumble (07876 690979, meets@ulgmc.org)			

Past Meets

Please please please submit one with some photos.

Land's End meet; 22-26 May

Well, it did turn out third year lucky with the weather! After two years of truly dreadful weather, we had blue skies and warm sun for the whole of the meet with no rain until the Wednesday morning so that some of us had to depart with wet tents. Some familiar faces were unable to attend this year, so making the group smaller than it has been. Nevertheless, all the traditional activities were enthusiastically pursued and 22 members and guests enjoyed the Sunday night communal meal- thanks to Wendy and John Nicholas for allowing us to use the caravan store again and to new cook James (Jo has taken over the First and Last shop) for the excellent food.

Do see the important note in the newsletter re next year's Lands End meet.

Margaret and Geoffrey Batten

Pembrokeshire at its best



Pembrokeshire 16th - 19th June

Five stalwart supporters attended this year's Pembrokeshire meet (whilst others were chasing greater glory in Scotland!).

For me, this meet marked a quasi-completion of the Pembrokeshire Coastal path, the areas around Milford Haven and Pembroke will probably never be done!

We camped for the second time at Marloes near Dale - for your information the pub in Marloes serves the most excellent fish and chips - "vaut le detour" as they say! The first day dawned wet and grey and we drove up to St David's and

spent what remained of the morning in the beautiful cathedral whilst it bucketed outside. A pub lunch revived us and the weather and we walked out to the coast to Porth Clais, picked up the coastal path and walked round to Whitesands Bay where we were fortunate enough to be just in time to catch the last bus of the day back to St David's. The second day started with an enjoyable bus ride up the coast from St Bride's Cross to Nolton Haven from where we walked back to St Bride's and thence back to the camp site.

Our final morning saw us walking from Martin's Haven along the coast south of the coastguard lookout at Wooltack

Panoramic photo of Whitesand Bay



Point to the beautiful Marloes Sands. From here it was a delicate scramble up a rather unstable steep slope and then across the remnants of the WWII airfield back to the camp site. Those who failed to come on this meet missed a cornucopia of strawberry heaven provided by Les B.

Sue Esten

End of Term Break – Fallcliffe 25-31 July

The group may have been small but what dedication! The weather was, as too often before, the limiting factor. What can one expect in July?

Mark Stitson arrived on the Friday night with a couple of friends, looking forward to a couple of days on the edge(s). Saturday was definitely the better of the two with Stanage North attacked from mid-morning onwards. At lunchtime the rest of my family and Jasbir and his 2 children arrived. We went off to join the others on Stanage to climb until around 6pm in fading sunlight. The family Charalambous arrived later on with an interesting first encounter between canines Noche and Jack, our new addition to the family.

Sunday started in heavy drizzle with Mark and friends going off to a wall in Sheffield. The rest of us left towards lunchtime to repeat a walk from Mam Tor to The Nags Head in Edale. The heavy rain held off and the skies slowly cleared to make the walk well worth it. (The food and beer in the pub are worth a walk in any weather.)

Monday started very badly but by lunchtime a walk down Burbage to Fox houses was underway. We sat outside in the courtyard to eat our packed lunch sheltering from the gales. However, by the time we were back at the carpark at Burbage North the rock was dry enough to climb, such was the sun and breeze. Again we climbed past 6pm.

After tourist trips to a few attractions, including a Fiat garage in Sheffield, we left the hut on Thursday via Ikea at Nottingham to continue decorating Rachael and Elanor's bedrooms.

Keith Mott.

Mid Wales camping meet chez Towlson 14 – 16 August

This ever popular meet was attended by 24 people and a canine, most of whom camped in Bill and Pam Towlson's garden and orchard for a blessedly fine week. Many thanks to Pam and Bill for their hospitality and the usual superb food from Pam's faithful range.

Apart from much exchanging of news and journeys made and planned, excellent walking with good views was enjoyed on the Church Stretton Hills and Styperstone Ridge.

August Bank Holiday – Caseg 28-31 August

The good news is that the hut is now occupied throughout the holidays meaning that the extensive works are paying off. Part of the Batten family had been in the hut for the previous week along with a ULMC group. Another group, friends of Elspeth, made up what must have been one of the largest for the ABH weekend.

Despite not having a PYB instructor a group set up ropes on Saturday morning on the crag behind the hut for what was the best morning of the weekend. Grading of the routes is a bit subjective but the main face certainly has a number of severes. Repeated attempts were made before lunch. Only one was made after since the rain came down the valley in buckets.

On Sunday, still in rain, we made our way, again, to visit Trefor and Patsie. The meeting of Jack and Kim was interesting; like children, they eventually ignored each other. The two-legged mammals got on much better.

We made our way back home a little early on Monday, having to prepare for some event the following weekend. Although there are still some finishing touches to be made at Caseg the hut is now in the best condition I can remember from the, nearly, 30 years of visits.

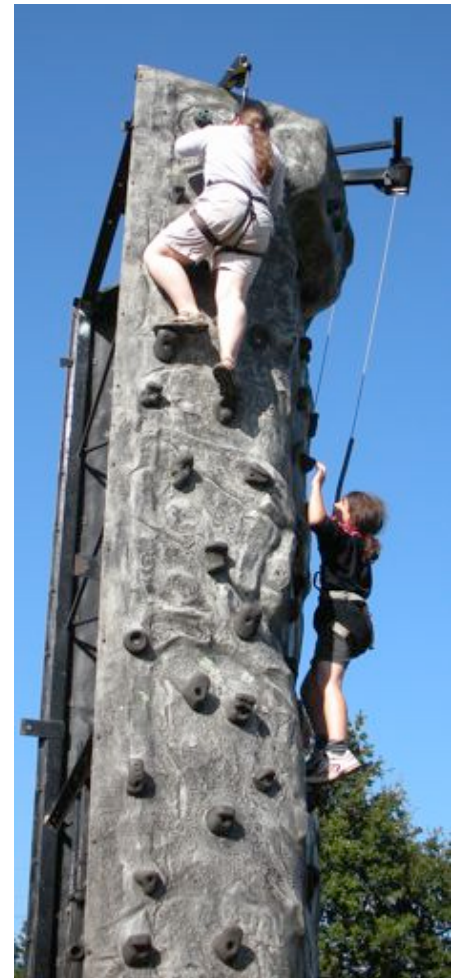
Keith Mott

Norfolk Mountains Keith's 50th Birthday Bash 4-7 September

Rock climbing in Norfolk? Well almost. Centre of attention was not me but an 8m mobile climbing tower with 4 auto-belays!

The party started on Friday with the first arrivals. Tents were provided ready pitched even though the weather was fine if a bit blustery. Later on in the evening the tower arrived and was steered carefully around the bend in the drive and down into the meadow ready for raising in the morning.

Full English breakfast was served to 14 from 8:00 with some definitely requiring large inputs of energy in preparation for the day ahead. At around 10:00 the tower was raised and the fun and games began. Liam and Mike on the tower organised relay races and competitions when interest waned with Elanor and Rachael providing hockey and other games.



The party proper started around 6:30 following the construction of a trench BBQ. The extra capacity was required! As with this weekend 10 years ago we were still sitting outside at 1am, although this time some had jackets on.

Sunday was just as warm and sunny as the day before. The tower went up again for those who had the strength. More friends turned up to try their hand at climbing and other activities. The party broke up at about 3 after a safari lunch.

I hope those who came enjoyed themselves - I certainly did. Same weekend in 2019?

Keith

News from Members

None submitted (or I've missed it!). Please let me have any news you have by 1 November and I'll put it into the end of year news letter. (I'm amiss as I managed to climb the Breithorn one weekend).

Club News

Email addresses @ULGMC.ORG

Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

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Heather Rumble meets@ulgmc.org)
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President's corner

Rather a mixed summer, but as always ULGMC members have been active round the UK and further afield. Congratulations to Trefor Owen for getting that last Munro out of the way. Who else is in the chase?

On the Committee side, I'd like to pay a tribute to our Treasurer Keith Mott for his persistent detective work in unravelling 3 years' accounts and getting them into good shape and up to date in time for the 2009 AGM. Great work is also being done by Secretary Mark Stitson in forging links with ULMC and bringing a younger generation of climbers into the club. And welcome back to Meets Sec Heather Rumble who's been tracking wild boar round the Polish countryside (and being chased by the local voracious mosquitoes).

On the wider scene, we all have an interest in maximising access to coastal areas when the Marine and Coastal Access Bill returns to Parliament, so if you have contacts in Parliament do check the BMC website (see note below) and keep your MP up to the mark.

On more parochial matters, ULGMC celebrate our 60th anniversary as a club in May 2010. The AGM will need to make a decision on whether/how we mark the anniversary and the Committee have been giving it some thought. Suggestions so far have been:

*a dinner at the Alpine Club in London (as was done for the 50th anniversary), possibly with a display of historic club materials and photos and talk/s by early members

*a dinner at a Peak District pub/hotel with climbing associations, again with a display of historic club materials and photos and talk/s by early members

*a rolling themed anniversary celebration throughout 2010 with displays of historical material at selected meets including the AGM and a joint meet with ULMC.

Any more ideas welcome, so please have a think about this and be ready to take a decision on 24 October.

I look forward to seeing you then
Happy rocks and hills
Sue

Membership Sec / Treasurer's Report

Membership this year is, unfortunately, not yet back up to the levels of 3 years ago. Neil Brindley did a remarkable job in encouraging lapsed members to rejoin. Many, however, lapsed again. A renewed attempt will be made, I hope, by all current members on the occasion of the 60th anniversary to encourage as many to rejoin.

The numbers are as follows:

	2007-08	2008-09
Single	32	32
Family	74	55
Children	0	2

The one glimmer of hope is that the single membership is a higher proportion than in previous years. Much of the credit for this must go to the Meets and Club Secretary for their work with ULMC and college clubs.

The accounts for the last 3 years are now with the Hon. Scrutineer, now back from a holiday in Mongolia. I hope that the accounts will be presented to the AGM duly scrutinised and signed. The accounts, as they were submitted, are published here. I will be pleased to answer any questions at the AGM or by phone or email beforehand.

Many thanks, in advance, to Mike Warden who will, no doubt, do a fine job as scrutineer. Once again, my apologies to the club for the delay in submitting the accounts.

AGM 2009

As you all know the AGM this year will be taking place at the Swallow Falls in Snowdonia. I've been up to visit this weekend and it looks like an excellent venue. Just to let you all know that the hotel has been taking bookings for us exclusively but are soon to be releasing the extra rooms to the general public. Full details at the end of this newsletter.

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BMC

Information from the BMC email newsletter:

Natural England have published maps showing that almost 1000 miles of England's coastline is either inaccessible or lacks secure access. The Marine &

Coastal Access Bill has gone through the Committee stage and BMC continue to lobby to promote climbers' interests. More details on the BMC website.

Stay up to date on crag conditions and access through the BMC Regional Access Database(RAD) - www.thebmc.co.uk/rad

Don't forget that as Club members you are automatically members of the BMC and so qualify for a range of discounts including car rental, ferries, airport parking, climbing and other holidays etc. Plus of course BMC insurance and 10% off gear in most outdoor shops.....

On Saturday 28 November the BMC Club Seminar, for all BMC affiliated clubs, will take place at the BMC Office. It will allow club members to find out about the latest developments in 5 areas of interest. The sessions will be run as open forums, run by an expert in their field, allowing those attending to ask questions and share information.

BMC Clubs are invited to send a maximum of two representatives and places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Tim Marshall plans to go; if anyone else is interested please contact Sue Darling.

BMC Winter Lectures

The BMC Winter Lectures sponsored by Lowe Alpine and Asolo are taking place during November. These excellent lectures on winter skills will be presented by British Mountain Guides Dave Hollinger and Rob Jarvis. Whatever aspect of winter mountaineering you aspire to, Dave and Rob will make you aware of the skills required to explore the winter mountains.

VENUES & DATES

All talks start at 19:30 and finish at approximately 21:30.

- 📍 Birmingham Tuesday 17 November
- 📍 Nottingham Wednesday 18 November
- 📍 Sheffield Thursday 19 November
- 📍 Cardiff Tuesday 24 November
- 📍 Reading Wednesday 25 November
- 📍 Norwich Thursday 26 November

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets cost £5 BMC members and £7 non-members. To purchase tickets visit the BMC Shop www.thebmc.co.uk/shop, or telephone 0161 445 6111.

Club Archives

Tim Marshall reports on some interesting material which has come to light (now with Jill Bennett as the Club archivist)

Laura Hampton left a small file of ULGMC-related items when she and John left for Australia last year. Here are a few items which may be of interest.

1. The early years of ULMC

There are minutes of a meeting held at the Alpine Club on December 1st 1945 to discuss the setting-up of a University of London Mountaineering Club. The meeting was chaired by Geoffrey Winthrop-Young with, amongst others attending, Professor George Finch (he was on Everest in 1922). 33 students attended, from 7 colleges: Birkbeck, Borough Road (Teacher) Training College, IC, London Hospital, QMC, UC and Woolwich Polytechnic.

George Finch was keen for students to run the club themselves, and though senior members of the university would be willing to assist with the creation of a ULMC, he suggested they "could be thrown out of office as soon as their term of usefulness was expended."

In the end, a committee was established with one member from each of

the above colleges, except UC which had a large number of members at the meeting and was therefore allowed to nominate two members.

There are copies of the hand-written minutes of the ULMC committee, as far as 2nd May 1949.

2. Establishment of ULGMC.

There is a circular letter from Stella Chapman (who later became Stella Berkeley) to ULMC members in mid-1950 about establishing a "senior branch" of ULMC. The membership fee would be 7s 6d. (!!)

3. There is a booklet written by John Burrows in 1996 about the acquisition of Fallcliffe Cottage.

4. Finally, there is some correspondence relating to the detention by the Polish authorities of Janusz

Onyskiewicz. Janusz was one of the cohort of great Polish Himalayan climbers of the late 1970s and 1980s. He came into the orbit of ULGMC because he married Alison Chadwick, a ULGMC member (and high-altitude climber) who was lost on Annapurna in 1978. Subsequently, Janusz became a leading light in Solidarnosc, and was detained and imprisoned in Poland for what were regarded as political activities.

There are (copies of) letters from Laura to the Polish Ambassador, and to Chris Bonington asking him to write to the Polish Ambassador (he did), from academic mathematicians in this country (Janusz was a mathematician), all protesting about J's continuing detention. There is, perhaps not surprisingly, no evidence of any reply!

ULGMC AGM 2009
Swallow Falls Hotel, Snowdonia

Dear ULGMC members,

This year's annual general meeting will be held at the Swallow Falls Hotel, Snowdonia on the 24th of October 2009. The AGM is due to start at 6pm and is followed by a three-course meal, costing £15.95 (not including drinks).

Please could you indicate if you are attending, along with your meal choices, by completing the form below and returning it to me at the address indicated along with a cheque for £15.95 made payable to Miss Heather Rumble. I'm happy to receive this information by email and, similarly, if you are not attending an email would be really appreciated.

If enough interest is expressed I will also arrange a minibus between the hotel and Caseg Fraith for those of you staying in the club hut (the cost to be split between the party). Could you please indicate below if you'll need this service so that I can arrange in advance.

I hope as many of you are able to attend as last year, which by all accounts was marvellously successful.

Yours faithfully,

Heather Rumble

Meets Secretary

Yes No

I wish to attend the 2009 ULGMC AGM

I am planning to stay at Caseg Fraith

I require a taxi to and from Caseg Fraith

The following are my choices for the three course meal (one from each course):

Starter

Home made tomato soup with red peppers and basil

Garlic mushrooms with a crusty roll and butter

Melon Platter

Main Course

Salmon in a white wine, cucumber and dill sauce

Roast beef chasseur

Herb pancakes with leeks, celery and mushrooms in a cream sauce, topped with cheese

All main dishes will be served with seasonal vegetables

Sweets

Cheesecake

Chocolate Gateaux

Apple and blackcurrant crumble with custard

Sweets to be followed by coffee

Please return forms and payment by post no later than the 6th of October to:

Heather Rumble, 91 St Judes Rd, Engelfield Green, Surrey. TW20 0DF

If you have any questions or need directions to the hotel please email Heather at: meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com

Draft Agenda ULGMC AGM 2009

The 59th Annual General Meeting of ULGMC will take place at 6 pm on Saturday 24 October in the Swallow Falls Hotel Betws y Coed LL24 0DW.

1 Apologies for absence

2 *Adoption of the agenda

3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

- a)* Adoption of the draft minutes
- b) Matters arising

4 Finance

- a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2006, 2007 and 2008
- b) *Adoption of the accounts
- c)* Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2010
- d)* Authorisation for expenditure of funds 2010

5 Other reports

- a) President
- b) Secretary
- c) Membership Sec
- d) Meets Sec
- e) Hut wardens
- f) BMC area meetings

6. Programme for 2010

- a)*60th anniversary
- b)*2010 meets programme
- c)*Date of next AGM

7*Election of new committee

Under the Constitution, the committee comprises the 5 offices named below + the wardens of Caseg Fraith and Fallcliffe Cottage + up to 4 others. No nominations have been received for the officers and the current incumbents have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election.

- a)President (currently Sue Darling)
- b) Vice-President (currently Tim Marshall))
- c)Hon Secretary (currently Mark Stitson)
- d) Hon Treasurer/Membership Sec (currently Keith Mott)
- e) Hon Meets Sec (currently Heather Rumble)
- f) Committee members (currently Neil Brindley)

8 *Other elections

- a) Hon scrutineer of ULGMC accounts
- b) BMC representatives
- c) ULMC representative

9.Any other business

* means a decision is required by the AGM

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR 1ST JANUARY 2009 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2009**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		BALANCE SHEET	
INCOME	£	AT 30/06/2009	AT 31/12/2008
Subs		£	£
Single Family Children		1	1
Honorary Arrears	1773		
Bank Interest			
Miscellaneous		4101	3795
Donations		2789	2789
Badge Sales		100	100
Meets		6990	6684
		6990	6684
TOTAL INCOME	1773		
EXPENDITURE			
Donations	0		
BMC Affiliation	1674		
Newsletter			
Membership			
Miscellaneous			
Bank Charges			
Meets			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1674		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	99		
		NET ASSETS	
			6991
			6685

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR 1ST JANUARY 2006 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2006

		BALANCE SHEET	
		AT 31/12/2006	AT 31/12/2005
		£	£
INCOME			
Subs			1
	Single Family Children Honorary Arrears	1761	
Bank Interest			2492
Miscellaneous		1761	
Donations		75	
Badge Sales			2661
Meets			100
			<u>5253</u>
TOTAL INCOME		1836	1836
EXPENDITURE			
Doanations		30	
BMC Affiliation		1418	
Newsletter		396	
Membership		43	
Miscellaneous			
Bank Charges		50	
Meets			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1937	1937
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			-101
		ASSETS	
	Computer		1
	Capital Deposit Account	2379	2492
	Capital Reserve Account	2698	2661
	Current Account	100	100
		<u>5177</u>	<u>5253</u>
	NET ASSETS	5177	5253
		5178	5254