



The Lakes in March



## Forthcoming Meets

Don't forget to check [www.ulgmc.org](http://www.ulgmc.org) for the latest news on trips

### Spring Bank Holiday, Lands End, 27 May – 2 June (BH)

Once again the 2010 Cornwall meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen from Thursday 27 May to Wednesday 2 June (notechange of date). If anyone hasn't booked, please contact the Batten as soon as possible.

Geoff & Margaret Batten, 0121 475 6604, [grb@batten.eu.org](mailto:grb@batten.eu.org)

### Dartmoor Camping, Princetown, 11 – 13 Jun

For those intending to come on the Dartmoor meet, can you please let Heather know by the 26th of May to ensure we can secure the right number of pitches. Alternatively you can book your pitch directly by contacting the Plume of Feathers pub on 01822 890240.

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### Midweek Camping, Gower 6 – 9 Jul

This year the erstwhile Pembroke meet will move to the Gower. Let's hope for as enjoyable a meet as the historical Pembroke meets have been. The chosen camp site is at Pitton Cross, Rhossili, Swansea, Glamorgan SA3 1PH – a quiet secluded park, within a mile of fine sandy beaches, breathtaking scenery and beautiful countryside – to quote the tourist board blurb. The site is not far from Rhossili, and its grid ref is SS 434 877. Regrettably the Gower camp sites are a lot more expensive than Pembroke...

One can book online – [www.pittoncross.co.uk](http://www.pittoncross.co.uk) or by telephone 01792 390593. Be prepared to declare what kind of tent you are going to use – their booking system seemed a little complicated to me, but that might be just me! Quote the following booking reference (mine), 7389, and they will endeavour to give us pitches together. A deposit or

full payment is required at time of booking. And finally do book at least a week in advance.... things seem much busier in the Gower.

Sue Esten 01442 864462

### Symonds Yat, Forest of Dean 23 – 30 Jul

I am pleased to report that the campsite ( visit <http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/meets.html> and follow the link ) has been booked from Friday 23rd July for 7 nights. Initially I have reserved 5 pitches, each of which is capable of accommodating 2-3 backpacking tents or one house-sized monster. If needed a communal tent could be provided. Please let me know by the end of May if you are interested, even remotely. Partial bookings can be arranged easily. Dogs are most welcome but not in packs! Please let me have numbers.

This is a fascinating area of the country. A full range of activities is available locally - climbing (obviously), kayaking, pony trekking, cycling, rambling, fishing and, as all ads say, many more. Let's explore.

I have been asked if it would be possible to extend the booking by 2 nights to cover the following weekend. If anyone is interested please respond in the usual manner as soon as possible..

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### Mid-Wales Camping, Bishops Castle 13 – 15 Aug

Another chance to experience camping and superb communal eating with Bill and Pamela Towlson, plus good local walks. Always a popular meet. Contact Bill for booking and directions.

Bill Towlson 01588 620422

### Summer Bank Holiday, Caseg 27 – 30 Aug

If you have no idea where Caseg is how did you get to join the club! This is always a good meet with plenty of family members joining in.

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Want to submit a report?  
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Meet	Location	Date	Meet Leader
January Meet	Fallcliffe	29 – 31 Jan	Keith Mott
Wales Meet	Caseg	26 – 28 Feb	Elsbeth Howell
Joint ULMC Meet	Fallcliffe	5 – 7 Mar	Mark Stitson
Mid-Week Lakes	Newlands Hut	23 – 26 Mar	Sue Darling
Easter Meet (SPI training)	Caseg	2 – 5 Apr	Keith Mott
New Members Meet	Caseg	30 April – 3 May (BH)	Mark Stitson
Scottish Meet	Roybridge	8 – 15 May	Willie Butler
Spring Bank Holiday	Lands End	27 May– 2 June (BH)	Geoff & Margaret Batten
Dartmoor Camping	Princetown	11 – 13 Jun	Heather Rumble
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Motts Norfolk Mountains	Norfolk	24 – 27 Sep	Keith Motts
AGM & Dinner	Old Dungeon Ghyll, Lake District	29 – 31 Oct	Heather Rumble
Bonfire Meet	Fallcliffe	5 – 8 Nov	Neil Brindley
Early Winter	TBC	16 – 17 Nov	Bill Towlson
Snow at Fallcliffe?	Fallcliffe	10 – 12 Dec	Heather Rumble
Christmas and New Year	Caseg	24 Dec – 4 Jan	Elsbeth Howell

Any suggestions/problems, email Heather at: [meets@ulgmc.org](mailto:meets@ulgmc.org), 07876 690979

## Motts Norfolk Mountains, Norfolk 24 – 27 Sep

This is the major mountaineering meet of the year. The mole hills in Norfolk are known to be some of the toughest and hardest to climb world wide. Suggestion is to book early so that you can get your peak bagged.

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## AGM Dinner, Old Dungeon Ghyll, Lakes 29 – 31 Oct

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## Bonfire Meet, Fallcliffe 5 – 8 Nov

The firework meet at Fallcliffe always goes off with a bang! Please bring something with you to help the night go off with such a bag. Fallcliffe is really starting to look better and with a full house it looks even better.

Neil Brindley 01708 765700 [nbrindley@lambethcollege.ac.uk](mailto:nbrindley@lambethcollege.ac.uk)

## Meets update

Please check the meets list and information on the website:

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

## Past Meets

### Easter Meet Report

#### Heather Rumble reports:

The Easter Meet saw an excellent turn out this year with a hut full of people as well as two of our canine members!

On arrival Thursday evening the car park was inaccessible by car owing to an accumulation of snow resulting in at least a foot on the track and sometimes 2 where it had drifted into hollows. Fortunately the next arrival was due on Thursday evening by

which time a path had been cleared from the turning, through the gate, to the car park area. By then some of the snow had melted and continued to do so over the weekend, but the nights were still very cold.

On Friday the serious business of cake tasting at Betws-Y-Coed ensued in the rain. Saturday was a day of glorious sunshine and all our younger members managed to get out on the rocks at Tremadog for some instruction from Plas-Y-Brenin. A selection of us graced the forests of Betsy on Sunday, equipped with mountain bikes and plenty of chocolate whilst the others of the crew went for a walk around the area.

By Sunday morning there was still some left but only in patches. As we have done over the last few years an Easter Egg hunt was held for the young, and not-so-young who probably had more fun dropping the eggs into the snow. I expect those visiting the hut in the following weeks may well have seen shiny bits of foil glinting in the sun believing it to be litter.

On Monday we tried to visit the copper mine at Great Orme but everyone else had already had that thought. We visited a spectacular Aber Falls, unable to approach closer than 10m without being drenched. We managed Great Orme on Tuesday. I



recommend this to anyone interested in history, archaeology, industry or geology. Since only a small proportion of the estimated 1800 tonnes produced has yet been found Rachael, who wants to take marine archaeology at Southampton, now has a life-long project. Some of it must have foundered!

Overall a great success with some new skills learnt by all, from our traditional climbing and walking, to bridging in the Caseg kitchen!

## Lakes midweek meet . Newlands Hut 23-26th March

### Joy Parsons reporting!

The Newlands hut is a traditional climber's hut in all senses. It belongs to the Carlisle Club and I think Geoff Williams' pictures accurately portray the scene! The hut is a mile off the road along a rough track which needed to be negotiated SLOWLY. We all decided to walk only from the door and abandon hopes of evenings in the pub.

A good variety of food and drink had been brought in and this was consumed communally over the 3 days.

The weather was mixed and our first day was wet n windy all the way over to Borrowdale. We found a cafe in Grange for lunch and returned over via Little Town. We were all dripping wet and were displeased to find the ancient boiler choked and nearly out. Heroic efforts cleared the beast and it was relit so we could steam and doze in comfort after a hearty meal.

Thursday was dry and we did a circular walk up the Keskadale Beck up onto Knott Rigg enjoying an excellent ridge walk with good views over to Causey Pike, returning by Newlands Chapel.

A wild windy night ensued and we cleared up and left early on Friday.



Thanks to Sue for making the arrangements and to everyone who came and contributed. It felt like a houseparty in the wilds!

Those present were Sue D, Mike and Sue Esten, Bill Towlson, John and myself, Geoff Williams, Trefor, Patsy and Kim the well-behaved dog.

## Fallcliffe, 5-7 March

### Les Bailey reporting:

Les Bailey with Bill Towlson. The weather had been poor as was the forecast. However we enjoyed two excellent days walking. Good weather on Saturday through Lathkill dale and superb weather on Sunday along the edges. It was a pity that more people gave it miss. .

## Scottish meet Roybridge, 8-15 May

### Sue Darling reporting:

20 enthusiasts enjoyed another successful Scottish meet, traversing moorland tracks, military roads, Corbetts and Munros plus a day trip to Eigg and An Sgurr. Enjoying the mixed weather were Geof and Margaret Batten, John and Joy Parsons, Trefor Owen and Patsy Grayson, John Coote, Jeremy Wright, Trevor and Janet Hellen, Tony Gilbey, Bill Towlson, Michael Johns, Les Bailey, Pat and Pauline Owen, Dave and Liz Lindsay, Willie Butler and Sue Darling. Thanks to Willie for a great week.



## News from Members

None, was the winter than bad?

## Club News

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Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

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## President's corner

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### Membership

Membership is up. As of this week we have 54 single, 62 family and affiliated 2 children to the BMC. This is against 30, 42 and 2 respectively for the whole of last year. My thanks to everyone who has renewed,

some after a few years, who succumbed to the temptation of my letter. We still have some way to go, though, to get back to the 200+ members we had in the 80s. With your help I believe this is achievable. If you know of any individuals or families who enjoy the outdoors and would like to join please put them in touch with one of the committee. This will ensure that this club continues, to encourage others to take to the hills and make the huts available for those and other activities.

## BMC

### Free BMC Child Protection Training

The BMC is providing a Safeguarding and Child Protection Awareness training session that is accredited by SportscoachUK. All attendees will receive a certificate that they can show other employers to demonstrate that they have done this nationally recognised and accredited course. The next session is as follows:

Date: Sunday 20th June 2010

Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Course: Safeguarding and Child Protection Awareness

Cost: Free to BMC members

Venue: West View Leisure Centre, West View, Ribblesdale, Preston, PR1 5EP

This is the basic introductory level course and is free for BMC members and members of BMC affiliated clubs.

If you have not done this course, or you did it more than 3 years ago,

For more information please click here <http://www.thebmc.co.uk/News.aspx?id=2813>

## Club Archives

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### Mining the Archives

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**In May 1950** the inaugural meeting was held of the **ULMC (Senior Branch)** with 9 prospective members. The President was **Phill Williams**, Hon.Sec. **Stella Chapman**, Hon.Treas. **Norman Jones**. By the first AGM on 16th Dec. 1950 (at the Marquis of Granby Hotel, London) the Club had 21 members, and meets were arranged at Maes Caradoc, in December, Glencoe at Easter, and camping at Llyn Bochlywd at Whitsun. A meet was planned in the Alps, but had to be cancelled through illness. One club member made a daring climb of the **Skylon** on London=s Festival site in **May 1951**. In **August 1951** the first Alpine meet to the **Silvretta** in Austria.

**May 1966** saw the first **>London Dinner=** at **>The Havelock=** Grays Inn Rd, (cost ,1.1s per head) a Ageneral meeting to discuss next season=s meets, and allow members to get to know each other@. It was attended by 31 members, and planned to repeat the event.

In **May 1967** electricity cables were laid to Caseg Fraith, and the work was written up in the **Caseg Log Book** as a climbing route, called **Butler=s Eliminate** [see p18 of the Club History on website]

**May 1970 John Burrows** showed slides of his trip to the Central Sahara, where he climbed **Dj. Telertheba** (2455m), crossed the **Arak Gorge**, and walked the **Tassili Plateau**.

**15th May 1971** the **21st Anniversary of the Club** was celebrated at Caseg on with 10 founder-members present, and marked by a special issue of the Newsletter. (NL.88)

In **May 1976** as part of the **Thule-Grise Fjord Expedition**, **Derek** and **Jeni Fordham** went by dog sled from **Thule, W Greenland** to **Grise Fiord, Canada** with 2 polar Eskimos.

**May 1991** a **>Midlands dinner=** was held, chez **Battens**. **Janusz Onyszkiewicz** (later Defence Minister in Poland) was in Leeds to receive an honorary degree.

**On 20th May 2000**, the **50th anniversary of ULGMC** was celebrated at the Alpine Club in London, attended by 63 members.

During **6-7th June 1970** about 15 members did the **Lyke Wake Walk**, 40 miles across the Yorkshire Moors, in under 24 hours.

The first **Yorkshire Dales** weekend was on **23-25th June 1978**, based at the **Parkinson=s** home. On **21st July 1968 Prof. A G Huggett** died in Edinburgh. As President of ULMC 1952-62, he was largely responsible for the raising of money to build Caseg Fraith. (NL 74)

**July 1996 Michael Hetherton** ascended the **Matterhorn**.

**July/August 1971** Seven members of ULGMC (**M.C.Avis, F.W.Barnes, M.J.Esten, D.C.Lindsey, M.Mason, W.A.Towlson and R.J.Woollett**) spent some five weeks in Peru, ten days of which were spent climbing from a base camp in Quebrada Pampaminas between the Plateriyayoq and Palanganayoq groups of the **Cordillera Urubamba**. Another climbing party comprising **J.Monks, M.Higgins and T.Welling** also shared the same base camp.

In **July 1997 Colin Grime** and **Michael Hetherton** completed the Bob Graham Round in 23hr 45mins. which included **Skiddaw, Helvellyn, Scafell Pike, and Gt Gable**. (NL 177)

In Aug. **Dave** and **Liz Lindsey** were in the **Julian Alps (Slovenia)**, and **Stella Berkeley** wrote of their return visit to **Iceland** in 1997.

During **July-August 1971 Mike Tuson** and **James Webster** lead an expedition of 10 other members to the Steenstrups area of **East Greenland**, in Mike's boat m.v. *Ice King*. The ship sailed to the fjords north of the Steenstrups Nordre Brae Glacier, where a number of successful ascents were made including, Janbjerg, Breubjerg, and Wenbjerg. In addition some ski journeys were made, and further scientific work was completed.