



Forthcoming Meets

Don't forget to check www.ulgmc.org for the latest news on trips.

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

Space for the AGM this year needs somewhat more planning than usual, being in the Lakes. For this reason, if you'd like a place in Rawhead I urge you to please contact myself, Heather Rumble, or Bill Bristow as soon as you can. Space is limited and rules about the male to female ratio in the hut need careful consideration well before the event.

For those of you staying at the ODG, again, I urge you to book with them as soon as possible.

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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 bang. Fallcliffe is really starting to look better and with a full house it looks even better.

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Black Mountains, 18 - 16 Nov

Two nights (Tues and Wed) in a very well placed and appointed bunkhouse on the southern end of the Black Mountains near Crickhowell (Perth-y-Pia GR 230207). Cost to be around £32/pp.

For more details and booking ring Bill Towlson 01588 620422.

Lands End, Spring Banks Holiday, 2011

As always, the meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen from Thursday 26 May to Wednesday 1 June. Once again we have booked what should be adequate space for us in the tent field for this period. With Trevedra Farm continuing to be very popular and likely to be heavily booked over the Bank Holiday weekend, Wendy Nicholas will require confirmation of our booking by 1 February 2011 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.

Geof and Margaret Batten, 0121 475 6604, grb@batten.eu.org

Meets update

Please check the meets list and information on the website:

www.ulgmc.org



Want to submit a report?
1 December latest

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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
Midweek Camping	South Wales	4 - 8 July	Sue Esten
Symonds Yat	Forest of Dean	23 – 30 Jul	Heather Rumble
Mid-Wales Camping	Bishops Castle	13 – 15 Aug	Bill Towlson
Summer Bank Holiday	Caseg	27 – 30 Aug	Keith Mott
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, 07876 690979

Meets

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

Geoffrey and Margaret Batten report:

This year's meet at Trevedra Farm was blessed with mainly sunny and warm weather and although there was some rain and early morning sea mist, there was none of those dreaded tent-damaging winds of two years ago. Seventeen members and their children were camping this year- the Estens were absent due to Mike's recent heart bypass- plus two other members in a cottage nearby. There was plenty of the traditional mix of walking and beach activities, all of which allowed for the consumption of the pasties, fish and chips, cream teas and beer which are an essential part of this meet. One group took the bus to St Ives and then walked back to Zennor- one of the most spectacular sections of the coast path- to collect the bus again and return to St Just for a fish and chips supper.

Everybody enjoyed the communal 'feast' on the Sunday evening- thanks to Wendy Nicholas for arranging the food and to husband John for allowing us to use the caravan store again. The Motts and our Ian

and family had the foresight to book tickets for what turned out to be a sell-out run of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at the Minack Theatre on the cliffs above Porthcurno.

Please see the important note in the newsletter about next year's Land's End meet.

Midweek Camping, Gower 4 - 8 July

Sue Esten reports:

A small, but select band of members enjoyed a 'new' area for the South Wales camping meet – and a new camp site at Pitton Cross. A word about the latter – camping on the Gower is expensive, and the camp site had good facilities, BUT these



Mewslade Bay

facilities were several minutes trek from the field to which we had been allocated...

However – on to the serious matters of the meet! Two good days of walking were had...the first took us by bus some of the way to Port Eynon, from where (when we eventually succeeded in crossing the fields to the coast) we walked westwards along the coastal path back to the camp site. On the way we managed to lose our President and her dog who had been on a side expedition to inspect Paviland Cave unbeknownst to the rest of the party...The second day saw us heading down to the coast again, more or less to pick up from where we had left the coast path the previous day. Unfortunately the tide was such that we couldn't get across from Mewslade Bay to Fall Bay – or out to Worms Head, but the cathedral-like sculpting of the limestone in Mewslade Bay was very impressive. From the Worms Head lookout station – manned by volunteers to prevent folk getting marooned out on the Head – we turned north and walked a long way up the magnificent sands of Rhossili Bay to Hill End where we climbed through the dunes and onto Rhossili Downs. We then walked southwards over the downs, eventually regaining the campsite. Everybody enjoyed the meet, especially our President's new dog, Safi, whose first meet this was.

End of Term Break - Symonds Yat 23-30 July

Keith Mott reports:

Although this late July meet is relatively new it was a refreshing break to get away to another, and, for me, unfamiliar part of the country. This time we were favoured by the weather for this camping week.

We were fortunate to book a wonderful campsite at the top of Great Doward, away from the fun fair down by the river. The only problem was that it was steeply uphill on the way back! Also, the climbing is better on the Eastern bank of the Wye.

I formed the advance party on Friday night, securing a number of pitches for the hoards that were to follow. On Saturday morning I was scouting around by the river when I learnt of the arrival of (the other)

Battens, Dan and Jill with their boys Harry and Matthew. Since they are not able to travel far from home it was great to see them camping as a family again.

Later in the afternoon my family and a couple of friends of the girls arrived to swell the numbers. Settling in took a while and a few glasses.

We explored many of the local attractions, including a maze museum (I kid you not) and a butterfly zoo. The river was busy with kayaks and canoes as well as pleasure boats.

Later on Sunday, just before the Battens unfortunately had to leave, Neil and Regina arrived for her first camping holiday. How would she take to it? We did our best to make her feel at home and hope it was enough to try it again.

We took a road trip to find an outdoor centre providing both kayaks and canoes. We booked for the following day and made our way to an interesting castle at Goodrich which probably spanned at least 6 centuries.

The following day we took a gentle, but not uneventful, 7 mile trip downriver to Symonds Yat. If we do this again we have promised ourselves the same distance over a whole day just to be able to picnic in some quiet corner of this attractive country.

There was, of course, a day shopping in Hereford for the girls. They did take in the Mappa Mundi so the day was not completely wasted.

We did manage to go climbing but the story of what happened must be saved for another time. By popular demand we will be going back next year if only to recover the friend!

Welsh borders camping 13 – 15 August

Sue Darling reports:

Assorted members, children, guest and dogs enjoyed another well-attended (and exceedingly well catered) meet chez Pamela and Bill Towlson. Intermittent rain dampened tents but not spirits and there was good walking over Long Mynd and Stapley Common.

Many thanks to Pam and Bill for their hospitality over the years. 2011 will see a

change of scene for the August meet but it will be a hard act to follow!

August Bank Holiday - Caseg

Kieth Mott reports:

There were only 5 for the weekend, which was rather disappointing. The weather was not great but Rachael did lead her first climb on Little Tryfan. And it was also a multipitch. We both learnt a few things.

News from Members

Sarah Hampton is engaged to Richard Spencer and will marry next summer. He is not a climber (but we can work on that!), but those who know of her love of landrovers - well she met him through the off road driving about 8 years ago. He is a software consultant and is trying to drag Sarah into the 21st century even though she works with a computer every day! Sarah will try and drag him to an event soon so people can meet him.

Crossing the Petersgratt, Wallis, Switzerland 6-8 July

Shaun west reports:

It had been 15 years since JP and I last climbed together in the Alps. This time we had chosen something that we could combine with Shelagh and the kids as well as getting in some good climbing.

We stayed in Fafleralp in a small hotel and walked with the kids up to the Anenhuetten. Normally a 2 hour walk but with a 2 year old and a 4 year old it takes 4 hours. The hut is expensive but then it does offer some really good views and great cake. It is a good hut to take kids and was also good acclimatisation.

The next objective was for JP and I to walk into the Mutthornhuetten. This would mean 1500 of up before the gradual downhill walk to the hut. The walk in is was one of the nicest and varied that we'd done before: alpine valley with steep sides and babbling river; then scramble on rock and snow besides a melt stream; and finally a steep glacier then gently flattened to the top

Petersgratt, looking



of the Petersgratt. We made a bet on time to reach the hut, unfortunately I lost the bet and had to buy the beers when we arrived at the hut.

The following day we had one of the best summer days ever in the Alps with a gentle scramble to the top of the Mutthorne. The mountain offers views over many of the large mountains from Mont Blanc in the far west to more local peaks in the Oberland. We had, I think, two clouds all day to spoil the view! We rounded the day off eating a dinner of pork steaks on the terrace at 3000m being two of in total 6 guests of a very hospitable host that night.

The following day was our main peak bagging day. The plan was to go up the Tschingelhorn but the snow was not frozen and would not take an axe so we stood at the bottom of the neve field wishing we could fly as the views again would have been fabulous. Still we can go back another weekend and have another go. The walk down was great and we were greeted by two very excited kids and Shelagh.

Club News

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Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

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President's corner

As promised at the 2009 AGM, the outstanding accounts for 2006, 2007 and 2008 were signed off by the Hon Scrutineer Mike Warden. Many thanks to Mike and to Keith Mott for their painstaking work and to Humfrey Berkeley for his continued assistance. Figures indicate some minor discrepancies, which may be accounted for by rounding. Full details of ULGMC income and expenditure for any given year are available on request from the Treasurer.

Scrutiny of the accounts

Mike Warden's reviewed the past five years' of accounts. These will be issued with the accounts.

AGM 2010

The 60th Annual General Meeting of ULGMC will take place at 6 pm on Saturday 30th October in the Old Dungeon Ghyll.

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 *Adoption of the agenda
3. Minutes of the 2009 AGM

a)* Adoption of the draft minutes

- b) Matters arising
- 4 Finance
 - a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2006, 2007 and 2010
 - b) *Adoption of the accounts
 - c)* Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2011
 - d)* Authorisation for expenditure of funds 2011
- 5 Other reports
 - a) President
 - b) Secretary
 - c) Membership Sec
 - d) Meets Sec
 - e) Hut wardens
 - f) BMC area meetings
6. Programme for 2011
 - a)*2011 meets programme
 - b)*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 Secretary (currently Keith Mott)
 - e. Hon Meets Secretary (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
We are hoping to distribute the provisional meets programme and accounts with the next newsletter before the AGM.

* means a decision is required by the AGM

Membership Sec and Treasurer's report

I am grateful to those who responded to my appeal half way through the year to renew their membership. As you can see from the numbers below we are going in the right direction if not as quickly as I would like.

Once again I would like to thank the efforts of Heather and Mark who have spread the word and encouraged others to join. Their work will not go unrewarded.

The numbers are as follows:

	07-08	08-09	09-10
Single	32	32	68
Family	74	55	65
Children	0	2	2

The accounts for the 3 years ending 2008 have now been scrutinised. My deepest thanks go to Mike Warden who has managed to make sense of the mess I tendered. Mike is working on the 2009 accounts as I write this. I hope that, at the latest, I will submit them at the AGM.

From the accounts you will see that no donations have been made for 3 years. I made the unconscious decision to wait until the accounts were up to date. Considering the state of the finances I would like to propose that the club make amends by trebling our donations to, at least, the mountain rescue teams. It has been drawn to the attention of the committee that even these small sums are of great significance to those who put themselves at risk so that we may enjoy the mountains.

With regard to the subs for 2011 I would like to recommend that they remain as before, £20 single, £30 joint and £7 for child affiliation. This is on condition that the BMC affiliation remains the same. I am still waiting for confirmation.

Thank you for your support in 2010. I hope you all enjoy the dinner and the presentations. Thank you to those who have provided a reminder of how the sport of climbing has developed over the last 60 years.

BMC

Martin Kocsis, BMC:

The BMC are hosting the annual Clubs & Huts Seminar this year at Plas y Brenin. It is a one day event that is free to all BMC affiliated clubs. It will be held on Saturday 23rd October. All clubs are invited to send a representative (or two). Please see this [news item](#) for full details and an application form.

In 2009, the BMC set up the Clubs' Committee to represent the interests of local and national clubs. Each of the BMC's regions (e.g. Lakes, North West) has one representative on the committee. The national clubs have two representatives in total. The current committee may be seen here.

The members of the committee are elected annually. National club reps are elected by a ballot managed by the BMC's Clubs Officer. Both of the current national club reps (John Farrow, Rucksack Club & Fiona Sanders, Climbers' Club) have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election, but all clubs are invited to nominate someone from their ranks. The nomination process is straightforward:

National club nominations should come through an elected club official (e.g. President or Chair). This should include a supporting statement by the candidate of no more than 200 words. Nominations should be sent to Martin Kocsis by post or email (martin@thebmc.co.uk) The deadline for receipt nominations is 5pm on Friday 1st October. All nominations will be acknowledged upon receipt.

All nominations will be made public on the BMC Website in the first week of October. Each national club gets two votes; national clubs may not vote for their own nomination. Clubs then have until 5pm on Monday 1st November to submit their votes to the BMC Clubs Officer. The result of the vote will be made public by 5pm on 2nd November.

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Small adds

October 28, the Royal Geographical Society in London

On Tuesday, October 28, the Royal Geographical Society in London will be hosting a unique celebration of adventure, exploration, and unforgettable travels. The Intelligence Squared event will feature a distinguished panel talking about their heroes and inspirations and sharing tales of their various and varied adventures. We felt that you and your members would be interested in the event, and wanted to assure you that there are still tickets available.

If you gave me an e-mail address, I'd be very happy to send you a press release with more details on the speakers and the format of the evening. I have already e-mailed Ms. Darling and Ms. Rumble, and thought that you may want to include the event in your newsletter? Please let me know if you have any further questions.

For more information please contact Allan Paltzer
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Unjustified Risks?

ULGMC member Simon Thompson's recently published book 'Unjustifiable Risk?

The Story of British Climbing' has been shortlisted for the Boardman-Tasker Prize for mountain literature. According to Outdoor Talk, it has been getting 'rave reviews' including:

'In this well-researched book...Simon Thompson charts the development of the history of this popular sport, but also addresses larger philosophical questions about the motivation for it and why, in our increasingly affluent and secure society, people continue to want to climb a mountain.'

Sunday Telegraph.

'Crammed with fact and anecdote, this impressively researched volume asks some fundamental questions about the sport...this is a book that anyone interested in British climbing needs to read.'

Geographical Magazine, Book of the Month

'Finding myself rawn through the ages of climbing with facts, figures, humour and enlightening character profiles...I suspect this book will become a staple reference to the history of British climbing for generations to come.'

Wide World Magazine

Club Archives

Some highlights from past decades of summer-time expeditions and Club events.

Jill Bennett, Club Archivist.



A dog's life on the

Mining the Archives

Highlights from earlier autumns - from Jill Bennett.

In Sept. 1955 the Hut Committee of ULMC (Chairman **Bernard Scanlon**) began planning to build a hut in the Nant Ffrancon area of Snowdonia. The Hut Fund commenced with the promise of ,500 from the University, obtained by Professor Huggett. (NL 23) Five years of fund-raising and planning resulted in **Caseg Fraith**, now in it's 50th anniversary year. It was officially opened on 28th Oct. 1961 by Prof. G I Finch. [NB. 2011 also marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Fallcliffe cottage by Sir Jack Longland, on 11th Dec. 1971.]

6-7th Sept. 1963 saw the creation of a new climbing route: **The Girdle Traverse** (Or AWhat the Butler never saw@) This was written up in the **Caseg Fraith Log Book** [which will be brought to the next AGM, along with other ancient tomes in the Club Archives].

In Sept. 1969 the Club was **re-named the University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club (ULGMC)** following adoption of the new Constitution. (NL 80) The next AGM on Sat.18th Oct. reported further delays in the purchase of Fallcliffe cottage. A **Club Log Book** was obtained to replace the original, lost some years before. Some details of the purchase of Fallcliffe cottage as a Club hut were given. (NL 82).

By Sept. 1971 much work had been done on Fallcliffe cottage. Members had also been busy elsewhere; **Mike Esten** had skied the **Haute Route**; **John Burrows** had been ballooning again; and **Derek Fordham** wrote about the Anglo-Danish Trans Greenland Expedition. Twelve club members had taken part in an Expedition to the **Steenstrups** area of **East Greenland**. Another 7 members climbed in **Peru**. (NL 89) **Bill Renshaw** had been climbing the **NE face of Piz Badile**, in the **Bregalia**, camping at the **Rosengarten**, and other climbs. In Sept. 1977 **Phyllida** and **Paul Roberts** were in the **Kulu Valley, N India**. From **Dio Tibba** base camp they climbed a 16,000ft peak, and from **Beag Kund** climbed **Ladaki Peak**, top camp 18,3000ft. (NL 110).

In Sept. 1980. **Mike Tuson** sailed for the **Falkland Is.** on his boat MV >Copious= to run trips round West Falkland to see the unique wildlife. (NL 115)

Sept.1994 **Phill Williams** walked through the **Northern Pindos**, and ascended Greece=s 2nd highest peak, **Smolikas**. **David Roche** wrote of his ascent of **Mont Blanc**. (NL 165)

ULGMC Cornwall meet

It was previously recorded (in the Club History) that: "The first Whitsun meet camping at **Trevedra Farm, Sennen, Cornwall**, was held in 1968." This has now proved incorrect. Following discussions with Geof Batten, I delved back through the very early newsletters and found that during the mid-1950s the Whitsun meet varied between Scotland & camping in N Wales.

The first positive reference to Cornwall was in 1959 - the Meets List recorded as follows: *[my notes in italics. JB]*
1959: NL.37. the Whitsun meet will be held in Cornwall. Details to be announced later.

1959: NL.38. May 15-18th N. Wales & Cornwall(?) *[the question mark is original]*

1960: NL.40. Whitsun meet 3-7 June. Camping in Ogwen Valley.

1963: NL.52. At Whitsun the club will be staying at Brackenclouse in Wastdale, or camping at the hut.

1964: NL.58. May 21-23 Family & working meet at ULMC Hut N Wales.

1966: NL.61. Whitsun May 27th-30th (& possibly some days either side of this) Cornwall. Camping, farm at Sennen Cove. Monty Avis to arrange camping ground.

Whitsun 27th-30th Lake District. Camping. John & Laura Hampton.

[This is very confusing, but I suspect the 2nd ref. to Whitsun actually meant late June, not the bank hol.]

AGM for 1966 reported: "Over Whitsun 11 members were present in Cornwall enjoying a combination of canoeing and climbing." *[report by Meets Sec. Derek Fordham]*

1967: NL.65. Whitsun - Ron Bailey will try ... for a meet on Lundy. If this falls through Monty Avis will organise a meet at Land's End.

NL.67 in June reported: "the meet on Lundy had to be cancelled. The alternative meet at Land's End was held to be unattractive on account of the oil pollution and a fairly large party ended up going to the ULMC hut in N Wales".
[This followed the wreck of oil tanker the Torrey Canyon in March 1967]

1968: NL.69. "Spring Bank Holiday - Cornwall - Monty Avis. NL.73 in May 1968 says: "Whitsun/Spring Bank Hol. - in Cornwall from Fri. May 31st for a week, camping at Trevedra Farm, Sennen".

NL.74, Aug. 1968 reported: "Although the weather was pretty poor, a successful Whitsun meet was held in Cornwall with 162 members present ... climbing at Sennen, Bosigram & Chair Ladder; swimming, canoeing and surfing ... tin mines explored."

1969: NL 79. Reported camping meet at Sennen with 28 members & friends . . .

1970 - Whitsun meet in Cornwall now established . . .

Until 1985 Monty Avis organised the meet.

NL132, summer 1985 said: Cornwall Meet. The first Monty Memorial meet was attended by 16+1 (dog). The main activity seems to have been drinking to absent friend! Walking and climbing included a traverse to the east of Logan Rock, involving a certain close encounter with a warm incoming tide. Chair ladder was the venue for Monday amidst penetrating squalls. Keith Mott.

1986 it was organised by Bill Towlson.

1988 Monty organised it again.

1989 Geoff & Margaret Batten first organised it, Monty having left England for France.

And 21 years later - they're still organising it.

Jill Bennett