



Membership renewals

It is that time of year again, please remember to complete the renewal form (at the back) and return to Keith with the subs.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011**

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Forthcoming Meets

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

January Meet, Fallcliffe, 28th – 30th January

This is unlikely to be a climbing meet given the amount of snow that has been falling in the area – so may be you ought to take up cross country skiing.

Keith Mott, 07973 747756, members@ulgmc.org

Any Snow Left, Caseg Fraith, 18th – 20th February

There may be some snow and ice left in Wales in February, if not you will have a good weekend any way.

Elsbeth Howell (not present), 01604 769277, caseg@ulgmc.org

Joint ULMC Meet, Fallcliffe, 5-7th March

Chance to meet some of the university students and get them to join the graduate club.

Mark Stitson, 07770 338676, secretary@ulgmc.org

Spring in the Lakes; 5-8 April 2010

This will again be a mid week hut- based walking meet. Location to be confirmed but we're hoping for a long awaited return to Wasdale. Please ring or email for more information if you're interested.

Sue Darling, 01483 203420, sdarling521@hotmail.com

Lands End, Spring Bank Holiday, 2011

As announced in the last newsletter, this meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen from Thursday 26 May to Wednesday 1 June. We have to confirm our booking with Wendy by 1 FEBRUARY 2011 and so we must remind EVERYONE (including 'regulars') who is planning to come to let us know by that date. Otherwise we may lose some of the space we have booked.

Margaret and Geoffrey Batten, 01214756604, grb@batten.eu.org

Mid Wales, 12-15 August 2011

I am hoping to arrange a walking meet in Mid Wales for the 12th to 15th August 2011. The venue would be the self catering hostel Dolgoch which is approx three miles north of the Llyn Brianne reservoir. The Hostel is in the Elenydd or what was called the 'Welsh Desert'. The walking could be north up to the southern edge of the Elan Valley and south to the Doethel Valley Transport could be arranged from the Mid Wales rail station at Llanwrtyd Wells I have set out the full details below

Dolgoch a scenic self catering hostel formerly YHA Now refurbished to a high standard of comfort Solar panels and PV Car park. Showers A one star self catering hostel at Tregaron. Ceridigion.SY25 6NR. Grid Reference SN806562 O/S Explorer 187. The contacts for booking are the YHA central reservations at 0800 0191700 or online at www.yha.org.uk the Hostel phone at 01974298680; or the manager at 01782253274 or E mail dolgoch@elenydd-hostels.co.uk This hostel sleeps 21 In three bedrooms (of 4;5; or 12 bunks each) There is a separate en suite dormitory for three less abled hostellers Camping for six small tents Prices per night Adult £12; low income or student £9 Camping £6 per person Hire of whole hostel between £150 and £232 depending on the time of year and category of hostellers.

Please let me know if you are interested by E mailing Geoff Williams at gdvaughan.will@virgin.net.

Want to submit a report?
1 April latest

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Meets List 2011

Meet	Location	Date	Meet Leader
January Meet	Fallcliffe	28 th – 30 th Jan	Keith Mott
Any Snow Left?	Caseg Fraith	18 th – 20 th Feb	Elsbeth Howell (not present)
Joint ULMC Meet	Fallcliffe	5-7 th March	Mark Stitson
Mid week walking	Lakes (location to be confirmed)	5-8 April	Sue Darling
Easter and New Members Meet (PYB training if there is interest, 8+ yo)	Caseg Fraith	21 st – 25 th April (BH)	Keith Mott/Mark Stitson
Scottish Meet	Poolewe	14 th – 21 st May	Willie Butler
Grit Delights	Fallcliffe	21 st – 22 nd May	Mark Stitson
Spring Bank Holiday	Lands End	26 th May– 1 st June (BH)	Geof & Margaret Batten
Midweek Camping	Welsh coastal paths meet	4 th -8 th July	Sue Esten
End of Term Escape	Symonds Yat (direct booking)	22 nd -29 th July	The Motts
Welsh Meet	Dolgoth Hostel	12 th – 15 th August	Geoff Williams
Summer Bank Holiday (Children and new members)	Caseg Fraith	25 th – 30 th August (BH)	Keith Mott
	<i>Fallcliffe</i>	<i>16th-18th September</i>	The Committee
AGM & Dinner	Caseg Fraith 50 th Anniversary, Royal Oak, Betws-Y-Coed	21 st - 23 rd Oct	Heather Rumble
<i>The Bonfire Meet</i>	<i>Fallcliffe</i>	<i>4th – 6th Nov</i>	<i>Neil Brindley</i>
Early Winter	<i>TBC</i>	<i>November</i>	Bill Towlson
<i>Christmas and New Year</i>	<i>Caseg Fraith</i>	<i>24th Dec – 4th Jan</i>	<i>Elsbeth Howell (not present)</i>

Italics denote unconfirmed meets

Any suggestions/problems, email Heather at: meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com

Meets

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

Heather Rumble, Meets Secretary reports:

The AGM this year took place at The Old Dungeon Ghyll in the Lake District and again we had an excellent turn out, though unfortunately that includes the rain!

For the London party (myself, Mark, Mike and Stephan) Friday was a night of settling into the luxurious Fell and Rock hut with a friendly game of Parudo and copious amounts of beer. While some members went for a coffee morning on Saturday we decided to boldly make our way, in the pouring rain, up Jacks Rake on Pavey Ark, waving to Keith who was taking photo's mid-way. A fairly challenging scramble on a dry day, Jacks Rake took no prisoners, especially on the way down where for most

of our party at least one in every ten steps ended up on the floor. Still, we made it back in one piece, ready for the party!

Hair dried, bottoms rested and gladrags on we made our way to the Ghyll for dinner. The ODG's cosy living room, complete with roaring fire, made an excellent setting for the AGM and thanks to photo donations and anecdotes sent in, we'd managed to kit the room out quite wonderfully with the last 60 years of ULGMC's history. The dinner itself was, by all accounts, a raging success, though the cheeseboard looked rather worse for wear.

On Sunday morning we waved our goodbyes for the next year and made our way to Parrock Quarry to inspect some of the rather impressive bolted lines installed in what's termed, "The All Weather Gym". Far





beyond us in climbing ability though, we retreated and made our way to Ambleside to partake in a rather better suited activity... Eating and shopping! All in all the weekend was a great success and it was a rare treat for myself to be able to visit The Lake District.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone who sent in pictures and memories and to everyone for making the evening so special. Thanks are also in order for the ODG who handled what can only be termed as "a raucous rabble" in a friendly and professional manner... And made up for me having a nervous breakdown.

On that note, looking forward to next year, see you all at The Royal Oak! Heather.

News from Members

Pralognan: winter and summer

Margaret and Geoffrey Batten write:

After three years snowshoeing at Termignon in the Arc valley between Modane and Bonneval on the southern side of the Vanoise and a summer visit staying at the Orgère hut above Modane, we decided

this year to move to a new location on the northern side of the massif: Pralognan-la-Vanoise. This is approached via Albertville and Moutiers and stands at 1410m on the GR55 and is a stopping point on the 11-stage Tour of the Vanoise. To the north east the GR passes over the Col de la Vanoise (2617m), overlooked by La Grande Casse (at 3855m the highest peak in the Vanoise) and then down to connect with the GR5 which runs through to Tignes and Val d'Isère to the east. To the south of Pralognan the GR55 runs over the 2796m Col de Chevière (the highest in the Vanoise) and down to Modane. Compared with Termignon where the (free) ski buses running along the Arc valley provide access to Lanslebourg and Bessans and their safe snowshoeing trails back to Termignon, Pralognan's position means that snowshoeing is largely limited to 'there and back' excursions with the lack of marked trails and avalanche risk additional limitations. Nevertheless, we enjoyed our week there in March with plenty of snow and enough sunny weather to enjoy the spectacular scenery. We travelled to Moutiers, the first passenger stop on the Eurostar ski-train from London to Bourg St Maurice and then by bus to Pralognan. We found the village bustling with plenty of shops and restaurants and a street market twice a week.

We returned (to the same apartment) in mid-September for a week's walking, this time by car on our way home from staying at our caravan in the south. Now we found the village almost deserted at the end of the summer season- although there were a good number of people in the mountains- with many shops closed until early December and no market. Once again, however, we had mainly good weather and enjoyed our walking with now a much wider



choice of routes than in March. We got up to the Col Napremont (2754m) below the crest on the west side of Pralognan where we had splendid views across to the sharp-edged Aiguille de la Vanoise and La Grande Casse and south towards the Refuges of Roc de la Pêche and Péclet-Polset on the way to the Col de Chevière. We reached the former by a short walk from the parking at the end of the road, completely snowed over down to the village in March. The highlight of our visit was a first visit in beautiful sunny weather to the Col de la Vanoise, ascending from Les Fontanettes via Refuge des Barrettes and across the stepping stones of Lac des Vaches to reach the refuge at the col and then returning via the Vallon des Arollets. This proved to be a far steeper and harder descent than we had anticipated and we were glad to arrive back at Les Fontanettes after seven hours out and with just over 900m of ascent- not bad for two 74 year-olds, we thought!

Please contact us for further information. The Tourist Office at Pralognan (see www.pralognan.com) publishes a nice little booklet Rando Pralognan la Vanoise (€10) describing with maps 26 day walks from the village ranging in time from 50 minutes to eight hours divided into levels of difficulty and including five suitable for snowshoes. Kev Reynolds's Tour of the Vanoise (Cicerone Press) also includes information about Pralognan.

Club News

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Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

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Mark Stitson - secretary@ulgmc.org
Tim Marshall - timstatsmarshall@aol.com

President's corner

It seems a while ago now, but we had another great AGM at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, with an impressive turnout from far and wide (including one founder member);



draft minutes attached. We also enjoyed fascinating displays of pictures of Climbs Past which tested a few memories and reminded us of the many people who have built up ULGMC over the past 60 years.

It's good in these troubled times that the club's finances are sound and our membership is holding up well, with the welcome addition of some younger climbing enthusiasts to boost our energy levels. Tim is reporting on what's going on with Fallcliffe and Caseg but I'd like to add a word of thanks to the hut trustees (Tim, Willie Butler, Mike Parkinson and Mike Warden), and to Mike Parkinson in particular, for their work in bringing the huts up to date. The trustees have decided to appoint Bill and Carol Bristow as Deputy Hut Wardens of Fallcliffe Cottage. Welcome to them and grateful thanks to all those past and present who have contributed to maintaining the huts for our use and enjoyment.

The 2011 AGM will be held out of sequence in N Wales to celebrate Caseg's 50th birthday, including a champagne breakfast on the Sunday morning. So do put the weekend of 21 – 23 October 2011 in your diaries and join the fun. (And please look out your pictures of Caseg meets for displaying).

I hope that the early December snow gave you opportunities as well as problems – I had a few days glorious cross country skiing in the Surrey Hills.

Wishing all members, families and friends good health and happy rocks, hills and mountains in 2011.

Sue Darling

Scrutiny of the accounts

The accounts are attached to the end of this newsletter.

AGM 2010

Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting of ULGMC

Held at the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Great Langdale on Saturday 30th of October 2010. The meeting convened at 6pm with the President Sue Darling in the chair.

Apologies for absence

Neil and Regina Brindley, Elspeth Howell, David Jacobs, Ivor Delafield, Tony and June Gilby, Hywel and Ingram Lloyd, Laura and John Hampton, Valerie and John Burrows, Edward Williams, Mary Williams

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

Minutes of the 2009 AGM

It was noted that the draft minutes had referred to the 40th anniversary of Caseg in 2011; this should read 50th. Adoption of the 2009 AGM minutes as amended was proposed by Willie Butler, seconded by Les Bailey and unanimously accepted..

The accounts for 2006-2008 had been signed off by the honorary scrutineer Mike Warden.

Mountain rescue donations, membership and Fallcliffe matters were covered later.

The location of the 2011 AGM would be in North Wales to coincide with the 40th anniversary of Caseg.

Hut matters regarding bed nights and the use of the members room were covered later.

Finance

Accounts

The 2009 accounts had been scrutinised by Mike Warden and he was thanked by the meeting.

It was noted that it was not possible to attribute BMC affiliation fees exactly to the membership fees on a per member basis as the financial years did not coincide. Membership income was up with individual membership showing a greater rise than family membership as more families opted for individual membership.

Adoption of the 2009 Accounts was proposed by Frances Mott, seconded by Humfrey Berkeley and unanimously accepted.

Membership Fees

As the BMC capitation fee had not increased, Keith Mott seconded by Tim Marshall proposed to keep the membership fees at the current level and this was accepted unanimously. Might be a good idea to spell out the fees for the record. In follow up to last year's AGM discussion on overseas members, Keith Mott reported that the BMC did not charge us for overseas members and did not provide insurance to overseas members. The definition of overseas was the same as the legal definition of ordinary residence.

The committee proposed to create a subscription rate for overseas members which was rated at £0 to avoid the expense and administrative overhead of foreign transfers and bank charges. There are currently 3 members in this category and they are all happy to pay for their membership.

The feeling in the meeting was that a separate category was desirable as we shouldn't charge for a service we didn't provide, but it was not desirable to provide free membership.

The meeting decided to charge overseas members the normal rate less the BMC affiliation fee instead. This was proposed by Bill Bristow, seconded by Liz Parkinson, the meeting vote 26 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Expenditure

The meeting agreed on the following donations to make up for the last years' missed donations at 3 times the normal amount:

- Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales: £450
- Mountain Rescue Scotland: £150

- Friends of the Lakes: £100

- Snowdonia National Park Society:

£100

This was proposed by Keith Mott seconded by Sue Darling and unanimously accepted. The offer of a £2000 donation to Fallcliffe had not yet been taken up by the trustees, but was still very welcome.

Other financial business

It was proposed that for future meets where a deposit is required well in advance of members committing to a meet the club should underwrite the deposit rather than exposing the meet leader to this.

Les Bailey pointed out that this had always been the club's policy.

It was proposed by Tim Marshall seconded by Bill Bristow to continue this policy and this was agreed with 27 votes in favour.

Keith Mott said that the Committee proposed that the club should continue subsidising the bi-annual childrens' climbing instruction. This was at £50 per session, where a session cost £180.

Many members had benefitted from this and Geoff Williams thanked the club for supporting his grandchildren and Eleanor Mott thanked the club for her climbing instruction. Over 30 children had benefitted from this over the years.

Bill Bristow noted that we should use professionals for teaching children.

This was proposed by Bill Bristow seconded by Trefor Hellen and unanimously accepted. It was proposed to hold a champagne breakfast at Caseg at the next AGM and to invite some eminent people connected to Caseg. The treasurer provided estimate costs for this.

This was proposed by Willie Butler seconded by Mike Hale and accepted with 25 votes in favour and 4 abstentions..

The president expressed thanks from the whole membership to the treasurer and scrutineer for their hard work.

Committee Reports

President

The president noted that ULGMC had survived and prospered for 60 years. She thanked those who had contributed to the displays of pictures and documents at the AGM marking the club's 60 year history. A variety of mountain and hill activities were being undertaken by members, the club's books were in order, we had money in the account and our membership was now well spread.

She acknowledged the input of members and supporters and thanked club officers, hut wardens and trustees, the archivist, editor and meets leaders for all their work. At the same time, healthy competition and contested elections for club offices would be welcome.

Secretary

The secretary had seen an increase in hardcopy newsletter being sent and said

that sending out the newsletter was now running smoothly.

The secretary requested that anyone who wanted a hardcopy should explicitly ask him.

The secretary reported that member recruitment from ULMC was up, but contact to other University of London clubs was proving difficult.

Membership Secretary

The membership secretary Keith Mott reported that we were seeing an increase in single membership combined with a fall in family membership largely due to changes in families.

We currently have 55 family memberships and 65 individual members.

The current membership list is available on the website.

Meets Secretary

The meets secretary, Heather Rumble, thanked all meet leaders for volunteering to continue leading their traditional meets and also thanked those who had volunteered to lead new meets. The provisional meets list was available and the AGM date for the next AGM at Caseg was agreeable to all. (22 October 2011 at the Royal Oak Hotel)

Trustees and Hut Wardens Report

Tim Marshall as chair of the trustees reported on the hut usage and although Caseg was well utilised, Fallcliffe was empty half the weekends every year.

Tim also reported that now the work on Caseg was largely complete (new soakaway still required), work on Fallcliffe could begin and the first quotes for work to the roof had been obtained and fire safety work was next on the list before any other work could start.

A full report will appear in the December newsletter.

Area representatives

Ivor Delafield sent a report on the Peak area meetings and commented that he had recently not been able to attend due to health reasons. His report was read out in summary and will be attached to the December newsletter in full.

Trefor Owen reported on the North Wales area. He reported that there was not enough parking in the Snowdon area and that even the park and ride facilities did not provide parking. Much of the parking was now metered and the bus service was not very good. There was now a move to construct a path up to Dinas Cromlech to reduce erosion. There had also been some damage done to rocks due to the use of ice tools on routes that were not in condition. Geoff Williams reported on the South Wales area. The Brecon Beacons National Park was countering budget cuts with the use of volunteers which was a model that could travel. [Did Trevor Hellen say something here?]

Mark Stitson reported on the London area and although there was little rock there were many BMC members. There had been a

request from the Climbers Club for a loan from the BMC on commercial terms, but the BMC had to refuse this as nearly all the BMC board were climbers club members and impartiality could not be guaranteed. The BMC was working out a way for any club to apply for a loan in response to this and procedures to guarantee impartiality.

Committee Elections

As no new nominations for committee members had been received and all existing committee members had offered to remain in their posts, Trefor Hellen seconded by Francis Mott proposed to re-elect the whole committee by general acclamation which was unanimously agreed.

Mike Warden had offered to continue as scrutineer for ULGMC. Which was unanimously accepted.

BMC area representatives were re-elected by general acclamation and offers by Geoff Williams to cover the Brecon Beacons/ Pembroke area and by Trevor Hellen to cover the SW were also accepted with thanks. [I think this is right, certainly re GW]

As the secretary had started to make good contacts with ULMC, it was agreed that he take on the role of ULMC representative.

AOB

Tim Marshall commented that the Climbers Club had remove the age limit on membership and were now facing the difficulties that we avoided by not accepting children as members, but allowing them to partake in club activities under the auspices of a parent or guardian.

Jill Bennett suggested that we add more historical material to the website and will work with the web master to achieve this.

Trefor Hellen suggested we draw up a list of special friends of the club that should be invited to the champagne breakfast that will be held at Caseg to mark its 50th anniversary.

The meeting ended at 7pm.

Membership Sec and Treasurer's report

Good News for 2011 subs...

The AGM endorsed the recommendation to leave membership fees unchanged at £20 for singles and £30 for joint or families. The affiliation fee for children also remains unchanged at £7.

Renewal forms can be downloaded from the members section of the website anytime (login london, password caseg) or printed from the back of this newsletter. Please also check the membership list on the website to ensure your details are correct.

...and even better for Ex-Pats

The AGM has also endorsed the creation a new category of membership to

cover members who are resident outside the UK. The BMC no longer acknowledges those members who live overseas and therefore the affiliation fee of £11.75 is not applicable. As a result of this, I am pleased to announce, that the subs for 2011 for those living abroad will be £8.25 for single and £6.50 for joint or family membership.

(These figures do not constitute an attempt by the club to induce singles to become joints or couples to move abroad but just go to show what good value family membership is over single.) At present this only effects 2 single and 2 joint memberships.

Membership - The mechanics

I have had an opportunity to take a look at the membership figures for the early 80s, a period I considered to be the heyday of the club. It appears that the numbers were very much the same as those of today with around 200 individuals in the club, including, now, 9 honorary members, 3 of whom live overseas.

The reason I considered this time as the heyday was the frequency of and attendance at meets. It seemed to me that there were meets every couple of weeks with regular numbers of between 15 and 20.

Now whereas the club is aimed at alumni of the University of London this is not the only source of its members. Membership may be granted to friends, family and work colleagues who share the aims of the club. Under section 4 of the constitution "Other persons may be proposed and seconded by existing full members to become full members of the club. These applications shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration".

So, if you think you may have friends or family who may be interested in joining then please bring them along to a meet or two - see list elsewhere in this newsletter - and give them a taste of the outdoors. Fallcliffe in January or Easter at Caseg might be a good start.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Hut Usage

Tim Marshall

1. I was asked to find out about the usage of the two huts, especially the number of w/es when there was exclusive use by someone (and who), and when the huts were completely empty. The following data comes thanks to Elspeth Howell and Dave Jacob. They're different in content, but each conveys a reasonably clear message.

Caseg: for the year 2009, number of w/es booked by:

Universities, exclusive use:	6
Universities, not exclusive use:	13
Other clubs, exclusive use:	2

Other clubs, not exclusive use:	7
Members' sole use:	2
Individuals:	14
Unoccupied:	8

I don't think there's any particular need to worry about the use of Caseg: one of the exclusive use w/es will have been the October dinner/AGM, others (probably) Christmas-New Year and Easter.

Fallcliffe: for 2010, based on bookings, number of bednights:

ULMC:	70
ULGMC:	124
Guests:	394

Number of w/es unbooked/unoccupied:
29

The last figure is one we should be really concerned about - it is being used for less than half the w/es of the year. I have given this figure to the current ULMC president, and the implications are clear. We have to increase the use of Fallcliffe, both by ourselves and by other clubs, or it will become a financial millstone we can ill afford. This is something we can begin to address seriously after the current round of upgrading is completed.

2. In recent years the 'whole hut' booking of Caseg, especially at the New Year and Easter bank holidays, has often seen only 10 or 15 ULGMC members and family - or fewer - turn up. This is not a sensible use of the hut space, and at the AGM it was suggested that, for all ULGMC Caseg meets except an AGM, meet leaders should tell the hut warden how many spaces are required, and the club would pay for that number, even if fewer members turned up.

This would apply equally to bank holiday meets as to other meets. The consequence is likely to be that on some club Caseg meets there would be a party from another club also staying. The AGM agreed to this change in policy, which would be implemented as soon as possible. It is essential that all club members know of this new arrangement."

3. On the last item, in recognition of the close relationship between ULGMC and the hut (basically, we run it) it might be possible to allow ULGMC to make a whole-hut booking for only, say, 25 places - provided they were paid for, of course - rather than the 40 places that outside clubs have to pay for. What do members think about that idea?

4. One other idea which has popped up again is that of the "Members' Room" - up the stairs and to the right was a small room which 40 years ago was designated a "Members' Room", for use as sleeping accommodation when other clubs were also

present. Is there any interest in this idea being resurrected?

Please send comments about any of the above points, especially 3 and 4, to: timstatsmarshall@aol.com

ULMC 50th Anniversary

Jill Bennett writes:

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of London Mountaineering Club was held at the Alpine Club on the 16th March 1996. The event was attended by approximately 50 people, with about 30 from ULGMC and 20 from ULMC. The evening began with a substantial buffet organised by Jill Bennett. After the buffet ULGMC President, Michael Parkinson, proposed a toast to ULMC, and Geraint Dermody, President of ULMC replied. The anniversary cake was then cut by Jean Jones, an early member of ULMC and certainly the person who had travelled furthest for the event all the way from Aberdeen!

Michael Parkinson then introduced a number of speakers. First to speak was Stella Berkeley who talked about the early years of the club. The first meet had been at Maes Caradoc. Catering had been a particular problem then because of rationing, and the then familiar dried egg. On one occasion, dried egg and custard powder had been confused with dire results. Getting to North Wales was not possible in term time in those days, with hitch hiking as the main mode of transport. A time consuming business, Stella recalled one journey to North Wales that took three days! Equipment was sparse and mainly exarmy. Hemp ropes were used for climbing and belaying. Nailed boots or plimsols were used, Vibrams first appeared in 1948.

Laura Hampton then took up the story. She said the club had wanted a hut right from the beginning, and several possibilities had been considered. Bryn Coch on Snowdon had been a possibility, but by the time the club looked at it, it had been vandalised. Eventually with a lot of hard work particularly by John Burrows, and Professor Huggett, Caseg Fraith became a reality. Laura went on to speak about the Hut Wardens, their hard work, and how each has contributed to the uniqueness of the huts. Finally Laura reminded the meeting of the many members of ULMC and ULGMC who have made important contributions to mountaineering. Alison Chadwick was on the first ascent of Gasherbrum IV, a women's high altitude record at the time. Pete Thexton who was secretary of ULMC in 1974 was the doctor on a major Everest expedition, and died on Broad Peak. Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Alison's husband, and an experienced Himalayan climber, who was also a Solidarity activist who recently held the post of Polish Minister

of Defence. Edward Williams who was on the Kongur expedition, and has made a substantial contribution to high altitude medicine. Derek Fordham, the Greenland specialist, who made a major crossing of the Ice Cap. Mike Tuson, who made several voyages to the Arctic in his boats Ice King and Copious. Andy Brasher, a mountain photographer. Mark Dellafield who has many achievements in competition climbing, and his father, Ivor, who has taken a leading role in the international competition climbing field. Tim Marshall who as a member of the Sports Council was instrumental in getting wheelchair entrants into the London marathon, and. Liz Parsons who is a mountain painter.

The last speaker was Edward Williams, who told several stories of the years after the War. He also paid tribute to Professor Huggett's political skill and acumen in obtaining the money from the Senate to build Caseg Fraith and arranged for its status as a Trust.

The formal part of the evening, was followed by several convivial hours round the bar. Giving more senior members, in particular, a chance to catch up with old friends and climbing companions.

Thanks are due to Bill Bristow for providing the material for this report. A note of those who attended is available if required from the ULGMC Archivist, Jill Bennett (jill.bennett@waitrose.com).

BMC Peak's Meeting Report

Ivor Delafield writes:

Meetings: There have been four well attended meetings during the past 12 months; i.e. an average of 22-26 attendees. Unfortunately, for medical reasons – and because the snow prevented me from driving (getting out of our drive) to the meeting in February – I was unable to attend any of the meetings.

Minutes: The BMC is in process of persuading the Area Committee Secretaries to post the minutes of area committee meetings directly on to the 'Community Area' of the main website. Currently, only one Area Committee (Midland) has posted minutes – and that for last June. I am grateful to Nick Colton (BMC) for acquiring the June and September minutes; the other minutes (November 2009 & March 2010) are not yet available. The following is a summary of the main issues that were discussed at these two meeting.

Peak District National Park Asset Review: The PDNP is considering selling the following 'assets':

The Roaches;
North Lees Estate/Stanage;
Eastern Moors;

Windgather.

The BMC is very actively participating in these initial discussions and has expressed an interest in purchasing Windgather.

Cowdale Quarry/Staden: There is a proposal to develop the quarry area for industrial development. An Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed and the PDNPA is currently considering the planning permission application. The BMC has been 'assured' that climbing will still be permitted.

CROW Remapping: Due to the current economic situation this has been deferred for two years.

Climbers Club Loan Proposal: The CC sought a loan of £200k from the BMC for the purchase and development of a new hut at Grange, Lake District. Following discussions at the Area Committees, the BMC National Council declined to provide the proposed financing.

Other issues:

Crag clean-ups are proposed for Stoney Middleton and Horseshoe Quarry – with some bolt replacement at the latter;

A new moorland gritstone guidebook is nearing completion;

Crags/No Natural Belays: A discussion took place at the September meeting re: placing metal stakes at the tops of some crags where there are no natural belays. The meeting was generally in favour of placing belay stakes subject to careful assessment of every proposal.

Conclusion: In respect to access and conservation, the Peak Area Committee is very fortunate in having Henry Folkard and his team constantly involved in the many and various issues that constantly arise.

In respect to the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Secretary of Area Committees, the June minutes urged the BMC to provide assistance (training?) to improve the conduct and report of these meetings. With this I totally agree – the BMC has agreed to provide such support.

Ivor Delafield: October 2010

BMC

Dave Turnbull, BMC:

To: Club Presidents / Chairs & Secretaries

I am writing to update you on a statement agreed by the BMC National Council on 4 December 2010 concerning mountaineering clubs and conflicts of interest within the BMC's decision making processes.

The background to this is a request we received from the Climbers' Club earlier this year for a BMC loan to enable the purchase of a hut. In this instance the BMC

eventually concluded that it was not in a position to offer a loan (due in part to the number of CC members involved in the BMC's decision making process) and further to this a question arose as to how the BMC would deal with club member conflicts of interest during discussion of club related issues in BMC Committees in the future.

In an attempt to clarify this, National Council agreed and endorsed the following statement on 4 December:

Members of BMC affiliated clubs play an integral and vital role in BMC Area Committees, Specialist Committees, the National Council, Finance Committee and the Executive. The BMC welcomes the involvement of all members (Club or Individual) in the BMC's voluntary structure. As a general rule - representatives on BMC Committees are expected to participate and contribute in a balanced, unbiased manner having regard to the best interests of the BMC rather than any particular personal, commercial or club interest.

The BMC will continue to ask Committee Members to declare their conflicts of interest at the beginning of a meeting in line with the Conflicts of Interest Policy (BMC Management Regulation: C19). In the case of all regular business – members of clubs will not be required to declare their club affiliations. In the event of a meeting agenda containing an item, proposal or request relating to a specific club or clubs – members of those clubs will be asked to declare their club affiliations and depending on the nature of the issue may be required to withdraw from discussion on that item. This will be at the discretion of the chair of the committee in question.

In the event a significant financial, legal or policy issue arising in relation to a specific club or clubs, it is at the discretion of the BMC to establish a temporary sub-group or sub-committee (comprised of people from outside that club or clubs) to consider any such matters.

Ref: Item 5.1, BMC National Council, 4 December 2010

I would be grateful if you forward this email to any members of your club who might have an interest in the matter.

Many thanks
Dave Turnbull

Small adds

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Club Archives

60th anniversary of ULGMC, and 50th anniversary of Caseg Fraith

On 21st Jan. 1950 a Sub-Committee of ULMC met to discuss the possibilities of a starting a mountaineering club for graduates. They knew there was a demand for this from new graduates, who, now they were working, found it much harder to fit in their much shorter holidays with ULMC meets. About 20 people were keen to join an organisation which enabled them to climb together at convenient times - such as national holidays, and to share transport, costs etc

The inaugural meeting of **ULMC (Senior Branch)** was held on Sat. May 20th 1950, with 9 prospective members. The President was **Phill Williams**, Hon.Sec. **Stella Chapman**, Hon.Treas. **Norman Jones**. The founding members were: Phill Williams, Stella Chapman (later Berkeley), Norman Jones, Jean Smith (later Jones), John Fowle, Audrey Norfolk, Phyllida Thornton (later Roberts), Dennis O=Kelly and Laura Ford (Hampton).

By the first AGM on 16th Dec. 1950 (at the Marquis of Granby Hotel, London) the Club had 21 members: John Anderson, George Bleach, Stella Chapman (later Berkeley), Walter Dowlen, Laura Ford (later Hampton), John Fowle, Phil Guerdon, Steve Hall, Jean Jones, Norman Jones, Inez McLaughlan, Reg Monks, Audrey Norfolk, Dennis O=Kelly, Bernard Scanlon, Fred Smith, Geoffrey Smith, Jeremy Smith, Phyllida Thornton (later Roberts), Ian Williams, Phill Williams

Meets were arranged at Maes Caradoc [which turned out to be quite dramatic] at Loch Ossian and Glencoe at Easter, and camping at Llyn Bochlywd at Whitsun. Membership of the ULMC (Senior Branch) grew to 37 by the AGM in 1953, when the name of Club was debated. One suggestion had been to call it AThe Marchmont Mountaineering Club@ (since Committee meetings tended to be held at a member=s home in Marchmont St London). Other suggestions were AThe London Academic Mountaineering Club@, or AThe Senior Mountaineering Club of the University of London@. But it was A**The London Graduate Mountaineering Club@ (LGMC)** which was later adopted at the AGM. Members of the LGMC became close friends - or even closer- since the numbers of engagements, marriages and births appeared at regular intervals in newsletters.

The ULMC were already considering the possibilities of a Club Hut, and this was fully supported by the graduate club, whose Hon.Sec. (**Laura Ford/Hampton**) was co-

opted on to the Hut Committee. As much of the land in Snowdonia was owned by the Penrhyn estate (Nant Ffrancon) and the Vaynol estate (Llanberis valley), approaches were made to see if any suitable cottage might be available. **Laura Hampton** wrote in her 'Story of Caseg Fraith': "In 1952 the situation changed, when Lord Penrhyn died and left the estate to the National Trust. As soon as the club heard this, the committee decided to approach the Trust to see if any accommodation was available, or if they would let us build. **John Burrows** made the initial contact and we were delighted to be offered the chance to build in 1953. We were the first, and the Scouts were the second to apply. No-one else has been given permission.

At about this time, the then President of ULMC, **Professor G I Finch**, resigned and the question arose of whom to approach to succeed him. After discreet enquiries among the Senate House staff, I got the message that Professor Huggett, Professor of Physiology at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, would be an excellent person to ask. He had been involved in the inauguration of the Club and had kept an interest in it. I was deputed to go and

persuade him to take on the job. I remember clearly going to see him and asking if he would be kind enough to take on the Presidency. He replied that he did not want to be a mere figurehead and asked what we wanted him to do. I took a deep breath and said @Raise the money for a Club hut@. He thought for a moment and then said AYes@.

Without his support, Caseg Fraith would never have been built. He had the necessary drive and clout with the university authorities to get a loan of ,4,000 from the University and to get as Trustees - Dr. Logan, the Principal of the University, Dr. Dunsheath, the Chairman of Convocation (whose wife was at that time a member of the Abinger Himalayan expedition). Sir Edwin Herbert, the University Solicitor and Alpine Club member, Sir Owen Saunders from Imperial College, Professor Huggett and Bernard Scanlon, (President of ULMC), completed the list of Trustees. Without this powerful backing from the University we would have found it impossible to raise the money to get the hut built. The University architect designed the building and used to visit the site in his Rolls Royce to the amusement of the builders,

Watkin Jones of Bangor. He was more used to building high-rise flats than huts in the middle of a welsh bog!

The stipulation on planning was that the building should look like a cowshed from the road and only small, high windows were permitted on the northern side. The Hut (it was yet to be named) was built in 1960. The first job was to put in Elsan toilets (with parties to dig holes to empty them each weekend) and then arrange the cooking arrangements. There was a small coalburning stove in the centre of the room so a long aluminium covered bench was put in down the east side for people to use their primus stoves to cook on. Lighting consisted of candles stuck in beer bottles. The diningtable was from the mortuary at the UC Pathology department.

Much work was needed to make the hut habitable in time for the official opening in Oct. 1961 - to be described in the next newsletter.

Jill Bennett
Club Archivist

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		BALANCE SHEET	
£		AT 31/12/2009	AT 31/12/2008
INCOME		ASSETS	
Subs		Capital Deposit Account	3795
Single Family Children		Capital Reserve Account	2788
Honorary		Current Account	100
Arrears			<u>6683</u>
			6683
Miscellaneous	1883	NET ASSETS	
Donations	1		
Badge Sales	25		
Meets			
Bank Interest	5		
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1914</u>		
	1914		
EXPENDITURE			
Donations			
BMC Affiliation	1674		
Newsletter			
Membership			
Miscellaneous			
Bank Charges			
Meets			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>1674</u>		
	1674		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			
	240		

This is a true record of ULGMC finances checked against receipts and bank statement

Mike Warden

Mike Warden (Hon. Scrutineer)
28th September 2010

K.D. Mott

Keith Mott (Hon. Treasurer)
29th September 2010

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011

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Your surname	<input type="text"/>
Partner's first name	<input type="text"/> Title <input type="text"/>
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Telephone No	<input type="text"/>
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POSTCODE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Please tick for newsletter in email form <input type="checkbox"/> and / or in paper form <input type="checkbox"/>

Please renew my/our membership for 2011

Single	£20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick if you also wish to pay a sum in advance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	£30	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick if you also wish to pay a sum in advance	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plus <input type="text"/>	Children for BMC insurance @ £7 each	

Please find enclosed cheque for the sum of £

When you have completed all applicable sections please return the form to the Membership Secretary together with your fee (£20 single or £30 family + any children). Cheques payable to "ULGMC" please. Internet banking is available upon request. Please tick if you wish to use this facility ☐

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