UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB 1950-1971

NEWSLETTER

21st. ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



Membership Renewal

If you have not already renewed, or have not previously paid in advance, please fill out the minimum of the form to be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Alternatively, you can download it from the members section of the the website. To access the members section the login is london and the password caseg. The details of the bank account are also on the Paying Subs tab. Please remember to let me know if you use this facility. Many thanks and I hope you enjoy the coming year.

Forthcoming Meets

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

The new meets list!

This year we have a new meet in the Brecon Beacons organised by Mike, one of our latest committee members. The Symonds Yat meet, now in it's third year will continue to run. And, of course, there's the old favourites like the Bonfire meet, the Scottish meet and bank holidays at Caseg. This year is also the 40th anniversary of the Battens attending the Cornwall meet and they'll be marking the occasion with a special celebration! For a full list, see the meets list and thank you to everyone who's agreed to run one.

So, enjoy the years meets and I hope to see many of you around the UK for some climbing and walking.

Please don't forget that both Caseg meets are for beginners as well as new members and children (and grandchildren!). We had a fantastic turn out last year but are running out of people to teach!

As we mentioned at the AGM, it's also important to let people know if you're thinking of coming on a meet, even if you're not sure if you'll go. This helps meet leaders work out if they should go ahead with a meet or not.

Happy climbing and I hope to see a few of you in Wales for New Year.

Heather, Meets Secretary

Land's End meet: Spring Bank Holiday 2012

Once again the meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen, this year from Thursday 31 May to Wednesday 6 June. NB Please note

the later dates due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee We have booked what should be adequate space for us in the tent field for this period. Trevedra Farm remains very popular and is likely to be heavily booked over the Bank Holiday weekend. Wendy Nicholas will require confirmation of our and so we must ask EVERYONE (including 'regulars') who are planning to come to let us know by that date. Otherwise we may lose some of the space.

2012 marks the 40th anniversary of our first visit to Trevedra Farm. Since then we have both missed one year and Margaret missed a second year when she was working in New York. We will be organising a little celebration to mark the occasion.

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

Forest of Dean: 20 July 2012

We had such a great time in the Forest of Dean this year that we are again planning another adventure there in 2012. There's climbing, canoeing/kayaking, mountain and trail biking, pub crawling and just standing to admire the scenery. There are also touristy activities and, according to the rest of my family, great shopping in local, historic towns.

We will be staying at Doward Park Campsite from Friday 20th July until the following Friday. Please book pitches direct with Alison.

Alison: Doward Park Campsite, Great Doward, Symonds Yat West, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6BP tel:01600 890438

www.dowardpark.co.uk

North Wales meet: Caseg, August Bank Holiday 2012:

I have taken over the planning of this meet from Keith (and Heather). As usual, the meet will be held at Caseg, next year's August bank holiday from Saturday 25th to Monday 27th. I expect to see many of the regulars and I hope to attract fresh graduates who might be interested in joining the club.

We are looking forward to continuing our exploration of climbing routes in Ogwen valley, maybe go for some walks around Snowdon or some multi-pitch routes in Llanberis Pass. We are also going to make extensive use of the new slate quarry guide. And last, but not least this meet is an excellent opportunity to further our attempts to climb the ten highest peaks in Snowdonia!!

Want to submit a report? 30 April latest Editor: Shaun West Email: <u>editor@ulgmc.org</u> Web: <u>www.ulgmc.org</u>



Please contact the meets secretary (Heather, <u>meets@ulgmc.org.uk</u>) or myself (<u>Stephan.Tietz@gmx.de</u>, 07984583146) if you'd like to attend this meet so that I can book the hut exclusively.

Mid Wales meet: Dolgoth Hotel, 21st to the 28th July:

Saturday to Saturday in this wonderful hotel. Please book with Geoff by the end of March.

Email: gdvaughan.will@virgin.net or 01558 822960

Meets List 2012

Italics denote unconfirmed meets

Meet	Location	Date	Meet Leader		
January Meet	Fallcliffe	27 th - 29 th Jan	Keith Mott		
Joint ULMC Meet	Fallcliffe	March TBC	Mark Stitson		
Easter and New	Caseg Fraith	5 th - 10 th April	Heather Rumble		
Members Meet		(BH)			
(PYB training if					
there is interest,					
8+ year olds)					
Scottish Meet	Attadale Loch	28 th Apr - 5 th May	Willie Butler		
	Carron				
Grit Delights	Fallcliffe	18 th - 20 th May	Mark Stitson		
Beacons Meet	Brecon Beacons	15 th -17 th June	Mike Pollitt		
Spring Bank	Lands End	31 st May- 6 th	Geof & Margaret		
Holiday		June (BH)	Batten		
Midweek	Welsh coastal	2 nd -6 th July	Sue Esten		
Camping	paths meet				
End of Term	Symonds Yat	20 th -27 th July	The Motts		
Escape	(direct booking)				
Welsh Meet	Dolgoth Hostel	21 st - 28 th July	Geoff Williams		
	(book by March)				
Summer Bank	Caseg Fraith	23 rd - 27 th August	Stephan Tietz		
Holiday (Children		(BH)			
and new					
members)		th at			
AGM & Dinner	Millstone, Peak	19 th - 21 st Oct	Heather Rumble		
	District	ad th			
The Bonfire Meet	Fallcliffe	2 nd - 5 th Nov	Neil Brindley		
Early Winter	ТВС	November	Bill Towlson		
Marks Birthday	Fallcliffe	7 th - 9 th	Heather Rumble		
Bash!		November			
New Year	Caseg Fraith	28 th Dec - 2 nd Jan	Heather Rumble		

Plus a possible meet to **Lundy** organised by Mark Stitson. Watch the newsletter for details!

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

Meets

AGM meet

Linda Coombs reports:

An exciting weekend of tasty events was planned for all at Caseg this year, with a four course meal planned at the Royal Oak, and champagne breakfast the following day. Having arrived safely on Friday night, everyone had the opportunity to work up an appetite on Saturday. Many successful adventures were had, including walking, running and a spot of climbing. However, our special guest, the president of ULMC, wanted to make an impression, and did so by throwing herself off the descent from Idwal slab.

Everyone rallied round, Mike told the police where we were; "thats SLAB spelt s-la-b", Sam provided her drugs cabinet and I ran down the hill to meet the MRT. Back at Caseg, rumours abounded, 'Kim's broken her foot', 'She's aged a year in a day', 'Prince William's flying her away'... Thankfully only the latter was true and Kim returned to us from the bright lights of Bangor a few hours later with her crutches as souvenirs of her adventure.

The following day, the Motts' breakfast was a triumph and we all heard about the history of Caseg from those who know it best. That afternoon was dedicated to tearooms and gear shopping for many, which was facilitated by a certain amount of piggy-backing. Overall a successful, if not stress free weekend was had by all, for which thanks goes to Heather for organising and a certain prince for single-handedly* rescuing our damsel in distress.

*May not have been single-handed ..





50th Anniversary of Caseg Geof and Margaret

Batten report:

The 50th anniversary of Caseg's opening went off very well last Sunday morning. John Burrow and Willie Butler spoke: here are photographs of them:





There was much talk about the facilities in the hut in the very early days-Elsan loos but no wash basins. People used to wash sitting on a board over the stream up from Caseg:



This is Margaret and Derek Fordham's then girlfriend Valerie in June 1961, in the summer after Caseg opened.

News from Members

Umbria

by Stephen Olivant:

Last month we went for a week walking in the Sibillini National Park in Umbria. An absolutely lovely area of steep wooded valleys with rounded grass covered mountains above. We stayed in Norcia, a small walled town which was the birthplace of St Benedict. Here are a couple of pics. Great fod in this area.....must go back with mountain bikes.





Club News

Email addresses @ULGMC.ORG

Just a reminder of the club email addresses:

Sue Darling- president@ulgmc.org Keith Mott - members@ulgmc.org Heather Rumble meets@ulgmc.org) Elspeth Howell - caseg@ulgmc.org David Jacob - fallcliffe@ulgmc.org Shaun West - editor@ulgmc.org Neil Brindley neil.brindley@ulgmc.org Mark Stitson - secretary@ulgmc.org Tim Marshall - timstatsmarshall@aol.com

President's corner: AGM 2011

This is in the nature of a report to shareholders – successes, 'could do betters' and thoughts for the future.

When the new Committee took office we discussed what we wanted to achieve. We identified 3 main aims.

First was to get the accounts straight . This has been done, thanks to a lot of work by Keith and Mike Warden and help from interested members. Our accounts are now up to date and the Club is in a sound financial state.

Second was to broaden the Club's membership to include a younger generation of London graduates and other qualified members. Thanks to earlier work by Neil Brindley and Stuart and Reiko Elliott, and more recently by Mark Stitson and Heather Rumble, this has been achieved. Our overall membership is healthy, thanks to Keith, and we also have a nucleus of active climbers who have brought new energy to Club meets. Our links with ULMC are closer than for many years.

Our third aim was to maintain and improve services to members. Mixed results but bear with us!

- No issues with the BMC. I think they offer good value and they do appear to be trying to offer more of a service to members and clubs in terms of training, information and advice.

- Heather will report on meets. She might not say it but I will – there was once again a very good and varied meets list, for which thanks to her and to the meets leaders.

- Shaun West (sadly not here tonight) has continued to produce colourful and informative newsletters, for which grateful thanks to him and all contributors.. If you'd like to see more in the newsletters, please write it!.There are still problems with distribution which we are trying to fix. So if you're missing out, please do let any of the Committee know. - There also remain some problems with the website, which Mark is addressing. Please have a word or email him if you have issues with it, and thanks to those who have contacted us.

- The main issue we have been addressing as a Committee over recent months is the huts - Fallcliffe and Caseg.. The Committee are in touch with Trustees about new arrangements for Club use of the huts and Mark is exploring an internetbased bookings system. Plus we are looking at concerns about bookings by 'unsuitable' outside groups.

Many complex issues arise from ownership and management of the huts including day to day management, repairs and maintenance; structural changes; appointments and terms of hut wardens and deputies; who can book huts and when;legal responsibilities and liability; accounts and financial policy; insurance, risk assessment and compliance.

Recognising these issues, the huts Trustees (Willie Butler, Tim Marshall, Michael Parkinson and Mike Warden) have taken a tighter grip on getting the huts up to standard and on hut management. I would again like to acknowledge their work and thank them. ULGMC share common cause with the Trustees in keeping the huts up to standard and financially viable. Our legal connection with the huts under the Trust Deeds is tenuous, but the huts basically owe their existence and maintennace to the efforts of ULGMC members. We should recognise that Trustees have specific legal responsibilities, but as a Club we want to ensure that members continue to have appropriate access.

Change is always challenging but I think we need to recognise that we – Club members, Trustees and hut wardens - are no longer a small intimate group who have known each other for decades. The membership evolves, Club officers change periodically and there may well be a turnover of Trustees too in the next few years. So I believe we need to re-think and clarify the responsibilities of Trustees, Clubs (ULGMC and ULMC) and hut wardens to tide us over these changes.

Specifically, I suggest we work towards some form of Protocols on Fallcliffe and Caseg between Trustees, ULGMC and ULMC covering legal responsibilities and liabilities, what needs to be done and who does what. I also suggest that there should be periodic meetings between Trustees and Clubs.

I hope that something on these lines will give us transparent and effective systems which will eanble ULGMC and ULMC to make the most of a brilliant resource and also meet current realities of health and safety , risk assessment, certification etc. in a largely volunteer context

Tomorrow we celebrate Caseg's 50th anniversary. It's also Fallcliffe's 40th birthday later this year – a good excuse for another celebration next AGM? These anniversaries represent a debt of gratitude to past members which we'll explore tomorrow. For now, I'll end by recognising the contribution of all our members, of club officers, of members with named roles and of all those who've beavered in the background to keep the Club going actively into our 62nd year.

It's been a privilege to serve as President but time to pass the baton so I do not intend to stand for election next year.

Sue Darling

John Burrows' photographs

John Burrows, now deservedly an Honorary member of the club, has been a chronicler of club activities since its inception. You may have seen some of his photographs displayed at last year's AGM. John has kindly given permission for these images to be made available to club members.

A DVD in high resolution or a CD with lower, but still perfectly clear, resolution are available. There are 40 images with such locations as Scotland, Kenya and the Alps and club luminaries as Mike Parkinson, Monty Avis and Sid Corrigan. There are also hand written tags by John. The cost of either disk is £5 each which will go towards an, as yet, undecided club project. Any suggestions?

Included on the disk will be a copy of the cover of the 21st anniversary newsletter. There are 50 originals of these printed covers, also left by John, available on a first come, first served basis. If you would like one of these covers, suitable for mounting in a frame, please add at least £2 to cover the cost of a reinforced envelope and additional postage. Anything more will be treated as a donation. This could be included with your membership renewal located elsewhere in this newsletter. Please make a note of your order, especially DVD or CD, on the reverse of the form.

Many thanks, Keith Mott

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Lost and Found after the AGM meet

A number of items were left at the hut after the AGM. If you can identify any in the image please contact me.

The Craghopper trousers are size UK18/Small and were hanging up opposite the washroom

The flannel was also in the washroom

The soaking wet Solomon boots are size UK8 1/2 and were on the boot rack

The hat and shades were found in the downstairs bunkroom

I also suspect that the person who owns the shades took my prescription glasses from the downstairs bunkroom in the melee that was Sunday departure. Please check your glasses cases.



Thanks, Keith Mott

From the Archives

Since the recent AGM marked the 50th anniversary of Caseg Fraith, I made copies of the 4 pages from the 1st Hut Register, with the signatures of those who were at the opening. I've also transcribed a list of the names (apart from a few illegible ones) which appears below. I have given or sent copies to a few of those who were at the opening, but if anyone else would like emailed copies of the original pages, or this list, contact me at iill.bennett@waitrose.com

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Fallcliffe cottage, which will be celebrated at the next AGM. But it is appropriate in this newsletter to mention that the official opening by the well known mountaineer, broadcaster and educationalist, Sir Jack Longland, was on 11th December 1971 - one year exactly since the first official working party.

Jill Bennett

Ed: Jill's transcript is attached to the end of the news letter.

Few words on Caseg from Laura Hampton

Laura made the following comment about the role of Prof Huggett in the creation of Caseg:

"Without him, the hut would never have been built. I remember vividly going to see him at St. Mary's and taking a deep breath when he asked me what we wanted him to do for the club, and then answering "Build us a hut". It gave him an objective which he could realise as he had the right contacts in the University and the Climbers' club. I had done my homework in finding out who had the clout with the University and I was advised by one of the academic assistant Registrars to try for Huggett. What a long time ago that was!"

Note from Geof and Margaret Batten

A few more words from Edward Williams on Skylon

For some time I had thought I should write to you to let you know how much, after so many years as an honourary member of ULGMC, I appreciate receiving the news letters. The September issue stirs memories, so perhaps now is the time.

I remember well the climbing of the skylon although, of course I knew nothing of the plans as they were kept very secret from most of us. Phil Gurdon found near the top that the cross members on which he stood to ascend became so flimsy that they bent which was another factor in his decision to leave the scarf not quite at the top. It was also the first climb he had made where the first 100 feet or so overhung.

I was president of ULMC from 1960 to (I think) 1970 so I was very much involved with the opening of Caseg Fraith and had to make the speech on behalf of the Club when Professor Finch opened it. We were all quite impressed when the Vice Chancellor turned up to the ceremony driven in an "official" car but some of us unkindly thought there could be an ulterior motive when we gathered that he had a holiday cottage not far away! I knew Professor Finch quite well (it was I who went to Imperial College to discuss with him the hope that he would be president of the club) so after the dinner I was verv concerned when I gathered that he was not staying for the night but was driving home. He must then have been well into his 70's so I was even more dismayed when I went with him to his car to find that it was little more than waist high and more at home on a race track than on a road in the night.

Very best wishes for the continued success of the club.

Edward Williams.

Obituaries

David Charles Lindsey

Suddenly on Saturday November 19, 2011, David Charles, aged 71 years, dearest husband and soul-mate of Liz, loving and much loved father of lain and Andrew, fond father-in-law of Hannah and Ellen and adoring grandfather of Anabelle and John. He will be greatly missed, but memories of his loving nature, steadfastness and sense of humour will live with us always.

Funeral service at King's College Chapel, Old Aberdeen on Thursday December 1 at 2.30 p.m. to which all friends are respectfully invited, cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for David's favourite charities may be given at the chapel door."

http://www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/index.php Click on the mostly northerly marker for the Old Aberdeen campus, then on Kings College Chapel http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ maps/old-aberdeen-download.php A more detailed map of the Old A'deen campus http://www.travelrepublic.co.uk/hotels/ united-kingdom/aberdeen/aberdeen/palmcourt-hotel.html?

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Official opening of Caseg Fraith 28th October 1961

79 members and guests signed-in the Caseg Fraith log-book

Visitors

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Professor Huggett					
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" National Trust					
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Chris Patteron Plas y Brenin					
Jenny Patterson "					
Fiona Patterson "					

ULMC & LGMC officers

Professor E S Williams ULMC President						
Derek Fordham	ULMC Vice President					
Joy Whitelaw	Secretary					
Alex Livingstone	Treasurer					
Geof Insch	Meets Sec.					
Keith Rodger	Hut Committee					
Stan Smith	Hut Committee					
William Butler	LGMC Hut Warden					
Laura Hampton	LGMC Secretary					
John Hampton "	"					

LGMC and ULMC members

Nick Allen Monty Avis M Bailey Ron Bailey P M Baldwin? **S** Barstow **K** Baverstock G W Bennett Stella Berkeley Humfrey Berkeley John Burrows Christine Butcher Chris Butler Sarah Caplan A G Clewes ? Or Oliver? John Coote Roger Cratchley

E M Cresswell H M Cunningham R G Cunningham Margaret Dovle R H Elwick Janet Flavell Mike Flavell Peter Frv David J Ge - ? Robin Gewles? Giles? Christine Gilchrist Brenda Gilliam John Harding C J Harris Morris? John Hart Trevor Hellen Susan Holland Audrey V Johnson J C Jones Rose Leese Hywel Lloyd C Marsden **R** S Moulton Margaret Nicholas Robert Nunn L E Palmer Robert Parker **Tony Parry** Anthony J Ratcliffe William Reilly ? Bill Smeaton A Smiles ? Smikes? E G Thomas Huw Thomas Gordon Thorpe Bill Towlson Pamela Towlson Helen Williams

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR 1ST JANUARY 2010 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2010

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting of ULGMC

Held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed on Saturday 22nd of October 2011. The meeting convened at 6.15pm with the President Sue Darling in the chair. Apologies for absence Elspeth & Tim Howell, David Jacobs, Tim & Caroline Marshall, Kim Ashworth, Mike Pollitt, Humfrey Berkely, Shaun West, Mr Wiliams Members sent their best wishes to Vice-President Tim Marshall.

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was accepted by acclamation.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted by acclamation.

The only matter arising was the subject of overseas members which was covered later in the meeting.

Finance

The treasurer, Keith Mott, reported that 2010 had produced a surplus as the clubs backlog in donations had fallen into the 2011 financial year.

Letters of thanks had been received from the Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales as well as from the Mountain Rescue Council for Scotland for the clubs donations.

The BMC subscription rates have been normalise to the effect that the first 20 members now pay the same rate as any subsequent members thus reducing our total BMC very slightly.

Mike Esten made clear that the club subscription rates were made up of 2 parts, where the club received one part directly whereas the other larger part was passed on to the BMC.

As the BMC had not increased subscriptions, the club subscription rates were left as follows and overseas subscription were set as follows:

- Individual member's rate: £20.00
- Family members' rate: £30.00
- Children's BMCinsurance rate (optional): £7.00
- Overseas individual rate: £6.50
- Overseas family rate: £8.50

Frances Mott seconded by Sue Esten proposed to approve the accounts. Tha accounts were approcev by acclamation.

Expenditure

The treasurer reported that donations had been made to the usual organisations, but no donations had been made for 011 and 2012 yet. The following donations were proposed for 2011 and 2012:

- Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales: £300
- Mountain Rescue Scotland: £100
- Friends of the Lakes: £75
- Friends of Snowdonia: £75

Geoff Williams or Mike Esten seconded by Mike Hale proposed to approve this level of donations 2011 and 2012.

As the club is in financial good health and Fallcliffe Cottage needs a large amount of work, the

committee suggested that the club should donate an amount of money to install fieproof bedroom doors (possibly lockable or with bolts), which would make the cottage more attractive to smaller groups sharing. After leaving in excess of 3 years expenditure in the reserves, around £500 could be released. The motion was agreed by acclamation

The treasurer noted that in 2011 no subsidised climbing instruction for younger club members had taken place as instructors amongst the club members had volunteered, but proposed to continue to subsidise the climbing instruction at the Easter and August bank holidays, which was agreed by acclamation.

Finally it was reported that the Fallcliffe trustees had found a good use for the clubs offer of £2000 and used this to bring the emergency lighting and fre alarm system up to current requirements. As the final bill had come to slightly more than the agreed amount the committee suggested to the AGM to reimburse Fallcliffe for the full amount of £2192.49 which the AGM agreed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

President

The President's report is carried separately in the newsletter.

Secretary

The secretary reported that the number of printed newsletters was slowly shrinking, to the benefit of the clubs finances. There was more work on the website though as the hut trustees had asked for help implementing an on-line hut booking system.

Membership Secretary

The membership secretary Keith Mott reported that more ULMC members were joining the club and overall membership was slightly up.

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 had many favourite old meets as well as some new meets and there might be a few additional meets as well. Also the feedback from members on their meets was useful and encouraging.

The meets secretary proposed changing the meets list to a rolling meets list, so that meets in the first half of the year would be advertised earlier than the AGM. The membership card would retain the same format, but the newsletter would advertise meets as soon as they were agreed with the meet leader.

The meets secretary requested that members express an interest to each meet leader well in advance so meets would not be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Finally all members were encouraged to bring children or grand-children to the Easter and August bank holiday meets.

Trustees and Hut Wardens Report

Mike Warden presented a report for the hut wardens. Both Huts are now compliant with fre regulations and H&S requirements. Caseg is in a very good state but is in need of a new septic tank. Fallcliffe however needs more work and the next big item is to replace the roof.

After reviewing current needs, the Trustees had in accordance with their responsibilities asked Dave Jacob to stand down and had appointed Dave Morley as new warden for Fallcliffe. Until now, all wardens had been members of ULGMC but this was not essential. Trustees acknowledged the amount of work done by hut wardens, and had decided that wardens who had served for over 5 years would have free use of both huts for holiday purposes.

The trustees are currently working on a 5 year programme of replacing all trustees and for transparency, posts will be advertised. People with talent, knowledge, energy and skills should talk to the Trustees.

Ivor Delafield stated that when he had proposed Dave Jacob as warden of Fallcliffe it was on the understanding that Dave would be doing bookings only. Ivor had worked with Dave Jacob on the understanding that he was Deputy warden until 2010.

Mike Esten asked if there were constraints on the ability of Trustees to transfer money from the Caseg to the Fallcliffe accounts. Mike Warden noted that there were 2 separate Trusts and that while Fallcliffe was owned, Caseg was on a lease with 40 years remaining. There were no constraints on transfers.

Area representatives

Trevor Hellen reported that the South West area group had fallen dormant again. Trefor Owen reported on the North Wales area meets:

- Parking was still an issue around Snowdon
- Winter climbing was causing plan damage and information for climbers was being published
- Fencing off some areas of the Carneddau was proposed
- Some climbing was now allowed on the Great Orme
- A path from the Pen-Y-Gyrd to Pen-Y-Pass had now been completed
- Still no path to Dinas Cromlech
- Capel Curig YHA was now a bunk house
- There is a new brewery in Conwy

Programme for 2012

The detailed meets programme was presented by the meets secretary and agreed.

For the next AGM the Millstone in Hathersage had been provisionally booked for the 0th of October 2012.

Elections

As no nominations for club officers had been received and incumbents had agreed to stand for re-election, current officers were elected by acclamation with Hon Vice President John Burrows

in the Chair.

The President announced he intention to stand down at the next election.

The AGM endorsed Neil Brindley continuing as a committee member without portfolio. Furthermore the AGM approved of the nomination of three additional committee members without portfolio as per the constitution:

- Mike Pollitt former ULMC President
- Linda Coombs former ULMC President
- Stefan Tietz already an active helper to the committee

The honorary scrutineer, Mike Warden had agreed to continue in this role, as had the ULMC and BMC representatives. The new committee members were going to take on some of these roles in the coming year.

AOB

Mike Warden made a formal proposal to the AGM, to elect 2 members of the club to honorary membership status. Both John Burrows and Willie Butler had made contributions over the call of duty to the acquisitions of both Caseg and Fallcliffe. This was seconded by Geoff Williams.

Neil Brindley supported this from the view of members who were not present at the time of the acquisitions but had benefitted greatly from the huts.

In accordance with the constitution a formal vote was taken with 37 votes for and 3 abstentions. John Burrows and Willie Butler were thus formally made honorary members of the club.

Trevor Hellen started a useful discussion about the structure of mountaineering and climbing clubs within the University of London. Linda Coombs and Mark Stitson explained the fragmentation of the University of London putting ULMC in the position of being the club for students whose colleges did not have their own club. Keith Mott explained that for practical purposes we treated applicants to ULGMC as eligible for membership if they attended an institution which was part of the University of London when ULGMC was founded. The Committee would continue to seek links with college climbing clubs as well as ULMC.

The AGM ended with the Annual Dinner at 7.45pm.

Sue Darling, President

Mark Stitson, Secretary