



AGM

The AGM is coming upon us very quickly. Please do take the time to read the notes and the agenda for the AGM as it is your club and your views count. If you cannot attend please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

Forthcoming Meets

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

AGM meet: Millstone, Peak District, 19-21 October

The AGM approaches! Attached is your invitation and menu and as always I would be extremely grateful if you could fill it in and send it off as soon as possible. This year I am particularly busy with moving house and trying to finish my PhD so please don't be alarmed if responses take a little longer than usual.

Hope to see you all in Hathersage.

Heather - Meets Secretary

Please contact the meets secretary (Heather, meets@ulgmc.org.uk) or (Stephan.Tietz@gmx.de, 07984583146) if you'd like to attend. Invite and form attached to the end of the newsletter.

Bonfire meet, Fallcliffe, 2-5 November

A meet for foodies and pyromaniacs.

Contact Neil Brindley, nwbrindley@gmail.com, 01708 765700 or the Meets Sec for details.

Early winter meet, November

Any members interested in coming should email Bill Towlson (pamela@mellington.plus.com) or call 01588 620422.

Mark's birthday, TBA, Fallcliffe, 7-9 December

Join Mark Stitson as he celebrates another year gone by with some climbing in the Peak. Contact Mark Mark Stitson mark@stitson.com 07770 338676 or the Meets Sec for details.

New year meet, Caseg, 28 December - 2 January

We're looking forward to the New Year Meet already. Join us at Caseg Fraith, for some post-Christmas jollity and perhaps even some snowball fights! Contact the Meets Sec for details.

Please contact the meets secretary (Heather, meets@ulgmc.org.uk) if you'd like to attend.

Prospective Skye 2013 meet

We are looking into the possibility of arranging a meet on Skye to explore and climb in the Cuillin. The dates (July/August 2012) and exact venue (Glen Brittle most likely) will depend on how many people are interested in coming.

Any members interested in coming should email Mike Hale at mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com with preferred dates.

Prospective Alps 2013

We are also looking into the feasibility of organising a trip to the Alps during the summer of 2013. Initial ideas are the Dolomites, Ortler or the Ecrins (though I am open to other suggestions).

Again if you are interested please drop me an email at mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com.



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

Meets List 2012

Hello folks. It's that time of year again when I have to compile next years meets list for the AGM. So if you'd like to run or continue a meet please let me know as soon as possible. Anyone can run a meet so if there's a meet you've always thought's missing or you'd just like to try your hand at an old favourite, why not have a go?

Cheers,

Heather - Meets Sec

Meets

Fallcliffe Meet re-opening, 18-20 May

Stephan Tietz reports:

Eight of us (six of them committee members) went up to Fallcliffe last weekend for Mark's annual Grit Delights meet. By coincidence we arrived just one week after the reopening (15/05/2012), meaning that Fallcliffe got a new roof with some insulation, it got repointed and it has a new fire place!!

And it was well worth it. All of us complained that they were smoldering

during the night (despite below 5°C outside), a complaint which is very unusual for Fallcliffe. You shouldn't wait until the Bonfire meet to check it out!

The weather on the Saturday wasn't that nice to us, so that we ended up



exploring the Tors near Ladybower Reservoir on the Saturday. We spotted lots of red grouse and an elusive mountain hare so a good zoological outing it was! Sunday turned out to be gorgeous sunshine so we got to climb at Lawrencefield and had a splendid day pushing our grades.

Brecons Beacons meet, 15-17 June

Michale Pollitt reports:

The trip to the Brecon Beacons in early August was a new meet for this year (or at least new in the time that I have been in the club) but a destination we went to a few times with ULMC. We stayed in a hut owned by the Westminster Speleological Group, which had all of the usual features of a mountaineering hut. On the Saturday we took a drive down to the Gower for sea cliff climbing. After an impromptu walk across a beach due to parking difficulties for the crag and then finding the crag (Great Tor at Three Tors, between Oxwich and Three Cliffs Bay) in the "traditional" South Wales guidebook we did some climbing. Most notable for me was "East Ridge", I think ascended by everyone in the group at some point during the day. Post climbing, there was a little sea swimming before a return to the hut for my curry. On Sunday, we all went for a walk from the hut, most notable for its many waterfalls. This included the path going behind the waterfall and also another swim. Thanks to all who attended for making it an enjoyable meet, possibly to be repeated next year.



Welsh Coastal meet 2nd - 6th July 2012

Sue Esten reports:

A select band of Club 'seniors' assembled for the camping meet on the Welsh coast. Aberaeron once again was the

venue; the camp site basic but more than adequate and very friendly; the weather – mixed, but not disastrously wet at any point. Mike and I failed to get our tent down in the lull between squalls on the day we left and had a very wet tent to bring home – drying it proved a serious challenge as it never seemed to stop raining – remember?



Our cars stayed on the camp site until we left – we made good use of public transport and felt very virtuous! Twice we caught the bus to Aberystwyth and once back from Newquay having walked the coastal path there from Aberaeron. In Abersytwyth we took trains – once the steam train up to Devil's Bridge and the second time all but one of our party the funicular up to Constitution Hill.

Our walk from Devil's Bridge was the best of our 3 walks. We followed the Mynach valley – going out from Devil's Bridge on its northern side and returning on the opposite side. There was a problem following the route description – a path had been diverted in a seemingly senseless way and we failed to find the correct bridge to cross the river – at one point trying to proceed upstream clinging to a fence just above the fast running water! Bill T saved the day and we successfully made it back to Devil's Bridge without getting out-of-the-ordinarily wet. The steam train ride was a delight and for the downward journey the cloud layers lifted and we were able to appreciate the very beautiful scenery.



From Constitution Hill we walked north to Clarach Bay – hideously full of permanent caravans and chalets – then followed the Clarach river upstream before turning to return to Aberystwyth by another route. Again we had a problem with interpreting the route description at a point where a nature reserve had newly been created, but we eventually found something that more or less corresponded to what we should be doing! It was a most enjoyable meet – come

and join us next year when it is likely that we'll move to the Llyn Peninsula.

Symonds Yat Report

Keith Mott reports:

It was another quiet meet at Doward Park campsite with only Heather and Stephan joining us for a couple of nights. Since the weather was the best we have had at the meet we were not ones to complain.

We crossed the river to Symonds Yat East to explore the more moderate climbs on limestone. The range is amazing and all in a remarkably clean and sound state, unlike the climb we attempted last year.

We all led climbs in the diff to severe range. Although the day was hot and sticky under the shade of the trees it was quite pleasant. We were surprised not to find it completely packed out. It is certainly not a Burbage or Stanage with wide stances for groups to congregate. You have to be careful taking pictures!



On the Monday we had booked open canoes and kayaks, this time starting further upriver at Ross and ending, after a lunch at Kerne Bridge, at Symonds Yat. The river was very full after 2 weeks of rain and the Monday was the first day the companies had allowed unguided groups on several sections. Jack is now a little more comfortable in the canoes but I fear he will never gain his sea legs!

After Heather and Stephan had left us we visited Hereford on, probably, the hottest day of the year. Despite the possibility of unnumbered hours of shopping the rest of the family were happy to return early to the cool of the campsite to prepare for a BBQ.

There are promises of greater numbers next year with the possibility of a mass attack on the east face and excursions to other outcrops. Details on how to book will

be in the post-AGM newsletter.



August Bank holiday at Caseg 23-27 August 2012

Heather Rumble reports:

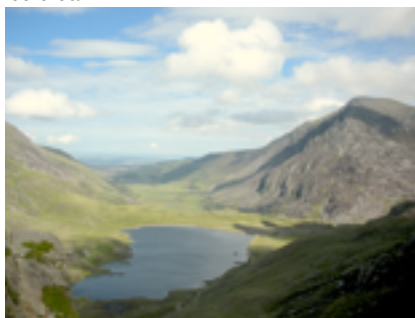
The late August meet at Caseg was as usual a great success with 21 of us staying in the hut, including ex-President Colin Grimes and his wife Joan, training for a Mountain Marathon in Europe and four brand new members.

Saturday was a walking day for everyone and Stephan and I set off early to a glorious sunrise to tackle the Carnedd. But, as the weather forecast had warned us, no sooner had we summited Carnedd Llewelyn than the clouds rolled in and the weather steadily got worse throughout the day. Fog tested our navigational skills and wind and rain our patience. When we finally scrambled down the impossibly awful descent of Pen Yr Ole Wen, ticking off all our Welsh 3000s for the year, we were hankering for dinner and a beer! Luckily a crack team of chefs led by Andy Worster had knocked up a delightful Indian meal complete with Tarka Dahl and Naan breads and we swapped stories of the day.



Mike Pollitt, Sam Hardman and Linda Coombs had also trekked across the Carnedd a bit later and we would have seen them if not for the pea soup. After a walk around some reservoirs they had returned back to the hut via a 6 mile bog trot - a good addition to Mike's Mountain Leader log book. The rest of the group had headed

off to Beddgelert and had been on a splendid walk heading West through the forest to Moel Lefn and then South to Moel Yr Ogof before returning for the obligatory ice cream.

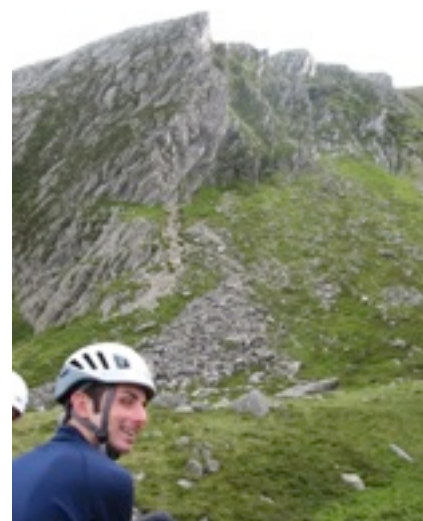


Sunday was a fine day and most of the group set out to Little Tryfan to practice their multi-pitching skills. This was a first outdoor climb for new member Bryn Matthias and was Rachel Motts second lead and both had a fabulous time. At lunchtime a small group of us peeled off to make the most of the visibility with a scramble up Tryfans North Ridge. We were finding sections of it pretty hairy but soon turned on the bravado when greeted by a family with young children and small dogs who had made it! Returning to the hut fashionably late we were greeted with a feast in Raclette form, provided by the Motts and found that the Owens and Greenalls had joined us for the evening. The sociable food and high spirits gave a real party atmosphere in the hut.



Monday was very wet and George and Bryn set off to explore the delights of the slate quarries. For the rest of us getting wet was the target as we had booked some whitewater rafting at the National Whitewater Centre in Bala. We filled two boats and delighted in watching our guides do their best to soak, terrify and in some cases near-drown the plucky volunteers at the front of the boats. Only Stephan fell out. He reports this to be the most exciting part of the session and thanks Pete, our guest, for rescuing him before he floated off to Bala. After a warm shower and a hot drink we made our way home, stopping off at Llangollen for some food and reminisced of

our fantastic weekend in the hills.



News from Members

Kackar Highlands NE Turkey

by Graham Elson:

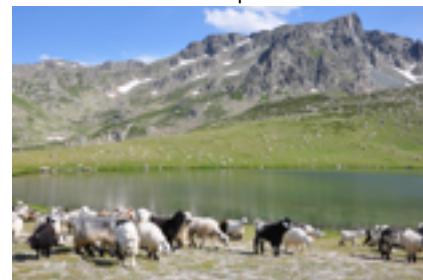
Graham Elson walked in this area in late July.

Peaks rise to nearly 4000m with extensive summer pasture between 2000 and 3000m

There are heavy winter snowfalls and some local ski-ing... Which may warrant an exploratory ski tour.



Ed: this looks like the Alp!!



Dolomites and the Ortler, July 2012

by Shaun West

We decided to go to Italy this year for our summer holidays. I also wanted to do some climbing so JP joined us for one week. We arrived in the rain storm but the weather soon improved and JP and I did a bit of climbing:

- Marmolada, the highest peak in the Dolomites - a fantastic peak.
- Some 'trenches above San Pelegrino
- And Cervadale in the Ortler



It was a good couple of weeks with mostly sun. Getting the kids to start to climb on bolts (OK, we're not now very English and I don't go out in the rain either!) was really good fun and getting Jakob close up on a glacier was nice to see too.



Club News

President's corner:

I hope that among the downpours since our last newsletter you managed to find some warm rock or dry tracks. An Indian summer would be nice....

So now we look forward to the October AGM. For many of us it's a welcome chance to meet old friends and catch up with news. But it would be good too if the AGM, dinner and Fallcliffe weekend could be an occasion for old and new members to introduce themselves and get to know each other.

This is specially important now that 'the old order changeth' and we have new generations of active Club and Committee members who are keen to know something of the Club's history, personalities and ethos.

For those staying at Fallcliffe, you may be in for a surprise with the hut upgrading – dry, warm and much more welcoming. Thanks to the Trustees, wardens and all who have worked to make it happen.

As I said at the 2011 AGM, I'm standing down from the Presidency this year and I'm delighted to say that Frances Mott and I have nominated Heather Rumble. Heather's done a great job as Meets Secretary including indoor meets, joint events with ULMC and other student clubs and innovative use of Facebook to promote and co-ordinate meets. I'm sure that if elected she'll bring commitment, energy and new ideas to the Committee and the Club.

Look forward to seeing you in October,
Sue

Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Please find elsewhere in this issue the accounts for 2011. As some of the more eagle-eyed amongst you will have already noticed these accounts only cover the 9 months from January to the end of September. This I have intended to do for some years in order to bring the receipt of membership fees in line with the accounting year.

One result of this change could be that we will have 2 sets of accounts to examine at the AGM. If the accounts for 2012 have not been scrutinised by then they will, at least, be available to view.

As everyone can see from the accounts we ran at a loss during 2011. This is not only partly due to the short year but also the level of donations made to our preferred charities. I have also begun to include assets and liabilities for the coming year. This, then, gives a more accurate

picture of the direction the finances are taking.

Although bleak it may help as a wake-up call to those members who do not renew as promptly or regularly as others. Whilst we are recruiting, and retaining, new members a greater proportion of our number remains those of the previous generation. I include myself in this group although I would have wished to delay membership for a few more years! In addition to renewing your membership I would ask you to please make use of the 2 huts. Both have undergone extensive updating recently and are in such great locations. All the best for the forthcoming year.

Caseg hut news - new caretakers

Club members should know that Ruth & Ray Greenall retired from being local caretakers to Caseg on 31st July.

There successors are Neil & Maggie Adam who used to deputise for Ruth & Ray when they were away.

Ruth has kindly said she would deputise for Neil & Maggie, but it seems they don't go away very much as they are wedded to their rare breed animals. Neil is also an active member of the Ogwen MRT.

Elsbeth

Ed: I hope that Elspeth passes on our best wishes to Ruth and Ray - never met them in 20 years of visiting the hut but have appreciated their efforts.

BMC News

Following from the brief and informative monthly BMC newsletter (free on request to all members) .

CRoW Act: In accordance with the Countryside Rights of Way Act a 10 year review is under way of CRoW open access maps. Public consultation is open until 23 November. Elfy Jones of the BMC would like to know if you think that land should now be included as open access (elfyn@thebmc.co.uk).

BMC Regional Access Database: The BMC access team is starting to update their Regional Access Database (RAD) and would like climbers to complete an online survey on how the RAD could be improved (www.surveymonkey.com/s/bmcgradsurvey)

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ACCOUNTS FOR 1ST JANUARY 2011 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				BALANCE SHEET	
£				AT 30/09/2011	AT 31/12/2010
INCOME				£	
Subs	Nos	UK Nos	Overseas		
Single	37	740	0		
Family	48	1440	1		
Children	2	14			
Honorary					
Arrears					
In Advance			123		
Miscellaneous					
Donations					
Badge Sales					
Meets					
Bank Interest		3			
TOTAL INCOME			2326		
EXPENDITURE					
Donations	MRC		450		
	MRC SCOTLAND		150		
	FRIENDS OF LAKE DISTRICT		100		
	SNOWDONIA SOCIETY		100		
BMC Affiliation			1709		
Newsletter			84		
Membership			174		
Miscellaneous (AGM Deposit)			20		
Bank Charges					
Meets			0		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			2787		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT			461		

ASSETS

Business Reserve Account 816	5182	5645
Business Reserve Account 916	2792	2791
Current Account	100	100
	8074	8536

Miscellaneous (AGM Deposit) 20 8094

LIABILITIES

	SUBS	
Falcliffe Donation	2192	300
Falcliffe Doors	400	
CASEG BREAKFAST	466	
MRC	300	
MRC Scotland	100	
Friends of Lake District	75	
Snowdonia Society	75	
	3908	

NET ASSETS

4186 8536

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

PENDING

SCRUTINY

Mike Warden (Hon. Scrutineer)

2012

Keith Mott (Hon. Treasurer)

2012

AGM Agenda

Draft Agenda ULGMC AGM 2012

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of ULGMC will take place at 6 pm on Saturday 20th of October 2012 in the Millstone Inn, Hathersage

1. Apologies for absence

2. *Adoption of the agenda

3. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

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

4 Finance

- a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2011/2012
- b) *Adoption of the accounts
- c)* Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2013
- d)* Authorisation for expenditure of funds 2013

5 Other reports

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

6. Programme for 2013

- a) 2013 meets programme
- b)*Date of next AGM

7*Election of new committee

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

8 *Other elections

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

9. Any other business

* means a decision is required by the AGM

ULGMC AGM 2012

Saturday, October the 20th

**The Millstone,
Hathersage.
S32 1DA**

Dear ULGMC members,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the ULGMC AGM and Dinner 2012, taking place at
The Millstone from 6pm. Dinner will be at 8pm.

Three courses with coffee will cost £17.95.

If you would like to attend the dinner, please do **one** of the following, **by the 6th of October**:

1. Fill out and print the form below detailing your **three** choices (one from each section) and return to me (address below) along with a cheque made payable to **Miss H Rumble**.
2. Email me your **three** choices and I will send you my bank details for transfer of your payment. These haven't changed if you still have them from last year.

In the past we have had enough cars to offer lifts but I am happy to book taxis if needed. Please let me know if you'd like a lift, in a taxi or otherwise, or if you can offer a lift. I expect taxis to cost no more than £5 each and I will try to arrange for them to leave from 5pm onwards but be prepared in case this time changes.

I trust the majority of you not staying in the hut have already booked your accommodation. Please contact me if you are having difficulties.

I hope to see you all in October!

Heather Rumble, Meets Secretary

07876690979 – meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com – 3 Phoenix Place, Gresham Rd, Staines. TW18 2BZ

ULGMC AGM and Dinner 2012, Saturday, October the 20th, at The Millstone, Hathersage

Please select **one choice** for each of the **three courses**
If multiple people are answering on one sheet, please enter a number

Name(s):

	Yes	No
I/we would like to attend the 2012 ULGMC AGM dinner at The Millstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we would like to stay in Fallcliffe hut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we would like to be included in a taxi/car share from the hut to the dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we can offer _____ car spaces from the hut to the dinner (and back)		

Starter

Prawn cocktail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicken Liver Pate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minestrone Soup (v)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Main

Carvery – A choice of pork, beef or turkey with potatoes and vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risotto (v)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pudding

Chocolate fudge cake (v)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apple crumble (v)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit salad (v)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Coffee

I enclose a cheque for £17.95 per person totalling _____ or
I will arrange a payment for £17.95 per person totalling _____ by email
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