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## Forthcoming Meets

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

### New Year Meet: Dec 28th – 1st Jan (or thereabouts!)

The New Year Meet will once again be held at Caseg Fraith. Last year we had feasts, fireworks and dancing to the Cocteau Twins so make it a date in your calendar! We'll be there from late in the evening on the 28th until the 1st of Jan, so if you'd like to stay outside of these dates, please contact me or Elspeth directly to get a key.

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### Fallcliffe: Jan 25th - 27th

The first meet of the New Year always holds some surprises, usually pleasant. Look forward to walking and climbing in bright sunshine. No guarantees, though. Mulled wine is available for the hardy souls.

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### Land's End: Spring Bank Holiday 2013

Once again the meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen, next year reverting to the normal bank holiday period from Thursday 23 May to Wednesday 29 May. 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: the "Full" sign was out at the entrance this year. Wendy Nicholas will require confirmation of our booking by 1

**FEBRUARY 2013** 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.

Geoffrey and Margaret Batten, 0121 475 6604,  
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### Cortina D'Ampezzo, Dolomiti, Italy: 13th-21st July 2013

Booking on the trip: if you are interested in coming (or would just like some more information) on the trip for either the whole period or even part of it then please get in touch with Mike Hale ([mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com](mailto:mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com)). We will try to co-ordinate travel and camping bookings as much as possible so it would be helpful to know if you are interested in coming as soon as possible (see page 3).

### Forest of Dean: Jul 26th - 2nd Aug

Be sure to book early in the New Year to reserve a pitch at this popular campsite. The limestone climbs are not the least of the attractions to be sampled in this fascinating area. We will definitely be trying something new next year but whether it's horse riding or mountain biking we have yet to find out. That's in addition to the canoeing and kayaking, climbing, walking and just relaxing in the border country.

Please contact Alison at Doward Park Campsite on 01600 890438 or at [www.dowardpark.co.uk](http://www.dowardpark.co.uk).

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# Meets List

Location	Date	Meet Leader	Notes
Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia	Dec 28th – 1st Jan	Heather Rumble	   
<i>Fallcliffe, Peak District</i>	<i>January 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Keith Mott</i>	
<i>Fallcliffe, Peak District</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Mark Stitson</i>	<i>Joint with ULMC</i>
Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia	March 28 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Heather Rumble	   
<i>Attadale Loch Carron</i>	<i>April 27<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Willie Butler</i>	
Trevedra Farm, Lands End	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	The Battens	    
<i>Scotland, Skye or Cairngorms</i>	<i>May-ish</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Express interest to Mike Hale, Mike Pollitt or Sam Hardman</i>
Brecon Beacons	June 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Pollitt	
Lleyn Peninsula	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Esten	
Dolomites, Italy	<i>July 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></i>	Mike Hale	<b>Contact asap</b> 
Doward Park, Symonds Yat	July 26 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Keith Mott	Book directly with campsite    
Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Stephan Tietz	   
Old Dungeon Ghyll, Lake District	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Coombes	<b>AGM</b>
The Roaches, Peak District	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Coombes	
Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District	<i>Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></i>	Neil Brindley	   
TBC	Nov	Bill Towlson	
Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia	Dec/Jan	TBC	New Year

*Italics denote unconfirmed details*



Children welcome



Dogs welcome



Camping meet



Fire



Early booking required



Instruction for beginners/children available



Bank Holiday



Feast

Members: Contact meet leaders directly to attend meets

Non-members: Contact the meets secretary to attend meets: [meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com](mailto:meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com)

Thinking of running a meet? Contact the meets secretary (above)



## Introduction to Cortina and the Dolomites

The Dolomites is a part of the Southern Limestone Alps in NE Italy and is now a UNESCO World Heritage area. The area is famous for some of the most stunning Alpine rock routes (eg the Marmolada or Tre Cime di Lavaredo (which includes one of the famous Alpine North faces - the Cima Grande di Lavaredo - an 18 pitch, F6b+ monster)) as well as Via Ferrata (literally 'iron way').

There are a number of peaks over 3000m offering an ideal introduction to the Alps as well as plenty of options for the more experienced mountaineer and alpinist.

The Southern Alps was the scene for some of the most difficult fighting in WW1 as specialist alpine troops from Italy and the Austro-Hungarian empire fought each other at altitude. The result was a network of tunnels, metal ladders and wires which now allows walkers and climbers to experience some stunning situations in comparative safety. The Via Ferrata (VF) are graded to give you an idea of seriousness and technical difficulty though competing grading systems seem to abound!

The VF range from protected walks, to scrambles and through to some technical climbing moves and long alpine days.

Cortina is possibly the most famous town in the area and has previously been the site of the Winter Olympics. Lino Lacedelli, one of the first ascent team of K2, lived in Cortina for his whole life and ran one of the many outdoor shops.

Possible activities: walking, via ferrata, alpine climbing are the most obvious choices but a wide range of outdoor alternatives are available including watersports on some of the Italian lakes or mountain biking. Multi day walks and routes are easy using the network of Alpine huts (which also serve excellent cake, coffee, beer and grappa).

Getting there: Flights into Venice Marco Polo or Treviso are the most convenient option and offer a choice of budget airlines. Alternatively it is possible to (and people do) drive from the UK, just be aware that it is about 850 miles!

Flight transfer: the easiest (and most spectacular) way to get from Venice to Cortina is to catch the train from Venice Santa Lucia station to Calalzo di Cadore where a connecting bus takes you to Cortina (you can buy a joint ticket which covers the whole journey). If you fly into Treviso then you can join the same train in Treviso. The rail + bus journey takes approximately 3.5 - 4 hours provided you take one of the direct trains.

Travel in Cortina: Dolomitibus runs an extensive and reasonably frequent bus network all across the Cortina area making it easy to travel to all the places you might want to visit unless you wish to have an Alpine epic (in which you may find you have missed the last bus!). It used to be possible to buy a tourist bus pass covering all your travel for the period you are in the region.

Accommodation: I propose that we camp to help keep the costs down, plus the quality of the Italian campsites is normally very good, however there is plenty of choice of accommodation in

Cortina if people prefer to have more luxurious lodgings! All the campsites in Cortina are on the outskirts of the town. We plan to stay here at Camping Dolomiti (2.5km south of town centre) <http://www.campeggiadolomiti.it/>

### Costs

Flight: £55 - £100+ depending on exactly which dates you choose. Shop around as lots of budget airlines fly into the area (Venice or Treviso are probably the nearest, but Verona or Milan are both

possibilities). [www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net) is a useful tool for searching for flights.

Rail + bus: approx. €25 return

Local buses: €12 for a weekly pass

Camping: €9 per person per night

Cable cars: some of the routes use cable cars to approach. Allow €15-30 per return journey.

Equipment: I won't cover climbing or walking gear, but if you intend to do any Via Ferrata then you need a special VF shock absorbing device. You can buy them in the UK (eg from Needlesports) but you may find it cheaper to buy (or hire) a set in Cortina.

A decent pair of leather-palmed gloves saves your hands being shredded by VF wires though gardening gloves make a great, cheap alternative!

Helmet - an absolute necessity!

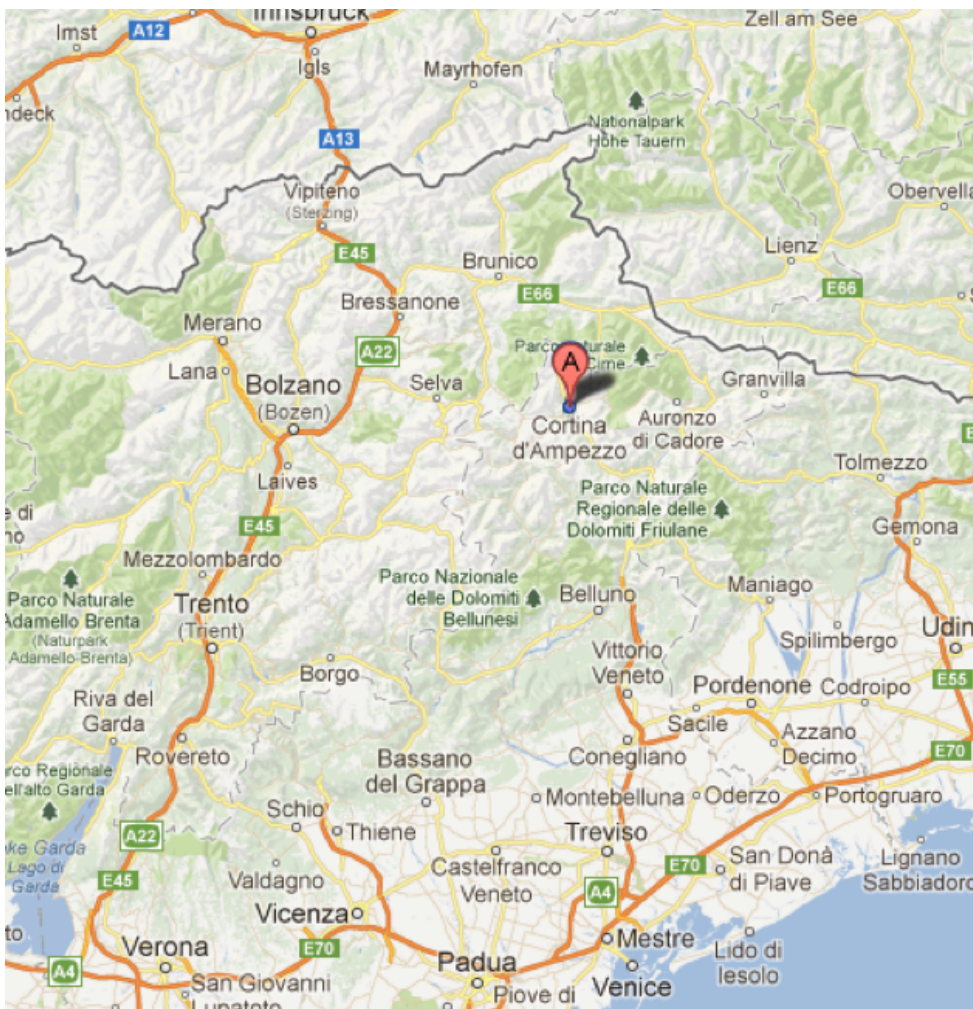
Useful links:

UKC introduction to climbing in the Dolomites:

<http://www.ukclimbing.com/articles/page.php?id=2708>

UKC introduction to the Dolomites and Via Ferrata:

<http://www.ukclimbing.com/articles/page.php?id=86>





Cornwall coastal path



Bill and Les packed up wet on the Tuesday morning but all the rest waited to pack up dry in the late afternoon except for the Motts who were staying the rest of the week. In spite of an awful forecast they enjoyed superb weather on the Wednesday but the rain and gale force winds during the night brought a sight of devastation in the morning, many people sleeping in their cars and departing in haste on the Thursday. We know this weather well! Keith reports that during the morning "a house-sized construction took off, performed a perfect somersault and landed upright 3 pitches nearer the farm buildings! The family were out!".

## Caseg Fraith: August BH

### Heather Rumble writes:

Yes, I know there's already been a meet report on this one but I couldn't resist sharing these "late to arrive" photos (silly faces are obviously a special skill of meets secretays!).

## Meets

### Cornwall: Jubilee weekend 2012

#### Margaret and Geoffrey Batten write:

To mark the 40th anniversary of our first visit with ULGMC to Trevedra Farm Campsite we started the Feast on the Sunday evening with some cheap fizz from the south of France. 30 members and guests enjoyed a superb meal prepared by Wendy and her staff - the best ever was the verdict.

The weather was the usual mix of cloud, rain and sunshine and many of the traditional walks were undertaken. On the Sunday 27 of us descended on the Logan Rock pub at Treen though fortunately not all at the same time, some having climbed the rock beforehand. During the weekend pasties, beer, ice-cream, clotted cream and saffron buns were consumed with the addition this year of rock oysters!

Heather Rumble reports that she and Stephan Tietz and Mark Stitson climbed at Land's End and Sennen and with a subset of Motts set out to climb Commando Ridge but were frustrated by slow parties ahead, the tide rising behind and the Minack Theatre calling.

The sand was dug at Whitesand Bay, the sea was jumped into, the Old Success was visited .....

Bill Towlson drove Les Bailey and us to the Lizard where we walked from Kynance Cove to Church Cove and back across the fields - it's a pity that this area is a long drive as it's a very pleasant part of the coast path.



Craig about to be dipped, much to the amusement of Stephan



(l to r, in rows, looking very serious!) Mike Pollitt, Sam Hardman, Mark Stitson, Linda Coombes, Rachel Mott, Eleanor Mott, Keith MottNews from Members.

## AGM Meet Report - October 2012

### Heather Rumble writes:

This year's AGM was at The Millstone, Hathersage and once again was a fabulous weekend. Fallcliffe was packed to the rafters, with some members camping out in the back garden. With the new roof in place and so many warm bodies it was toasty to say the least (though not for those in the garden I suspect!). Lots of members managed to get out onto the hill on Saturday and were greeted with sunshine, though with a distinct nip in the air!

The AGM itself was short but sweet and thanks go to all those who contributed with area reports, hut reports and useful comments and suggestions and to everyone who attended for helping it go smoothly. It was a very sociable AGM with lots of chatting between new and former members, which was very encouraging and warming to see, although see was about all I had the energy for by the end.

On Sunday we had a celebration at Fallcliffe to mark its reopening now the new roof has been installed. We had anecdotes and pictures, gratefully supplied by Jill Bennett, and a fantastic speech by John Burrows, transporting us back to the days Fallcliffe was acquired. The Motts organised some bubbly to set it off with a bang and Linda Coombes organised some photos in the garden à la the original opening. These will be available on the website soon.

Next year will be at The Old Dungeon Ghyll in the Lakes. We hope to see you all there!

## Club News

### Presidents report – 2012 AGM

This is my last report after 4 years as President. And it's good news.

The Club has survived and prospered for over 60 years.

We maintain an active meets programme.

Our AGM is attended by a large proportion of the membership.

We are not only solvent (unlike some other institutions...) but maintain good reserves.

The Club and its members have been instrumental in acquiring and maintaining 2 huts in key climbing areas. Caseg and Fallcliffe have given opportunities and challenges to generations of climbers and walkers.

This is a great record. But the Club has a future as well as a history. And that future starts at this AGM.

We now have an active and broad-based membership spanning generations as well as interests. We have committed and dynamic Committee members with a range of ideas for new activities and directions. Assuming this AGM agrees with the Committee's thinking, the average age of the Committee at its next meeting will be in the 30s. Things won't stay the same. but when did they ever?

The only danger that I foresee is a de facto split between the older and younger generations. Which would be very sad and very wasteful. Because we can all benefit from getting to know each other. Older members have a wealth of climbing knowledge in this country and overseas, and their professional experience is equally varied and valuable. The younger members bring a fresh approach which energises us all.

The Committee's thinking is to have one or two meets a year (the AGM being one) when we can all get together. Please watch out for these and support them.

I won't go so far as a communal Club hug, but I would ask everyone here to do one thing when the AGM ends. Go up to someone who is of a different generation, introduce yourself and talk. The AGM is a great chance to catch up with old friends but let's do more than that this year.

To finish, I'd like to thank all members past and present whose support has given us the facilities and fellowship we enjoy today. Especially Club officers, the newsletter editor, the archivist, hut wardens and Trustees and the many members who saw that something needed doing and did it.

It's been a privilege to be President of the Club. I'd like to thank everyone for their generous support and forbearance, and know you'll give the same support to my successor.

Sue Darling

### President, Heather Rumble:

I hope you've all been able to enjoy the coppers of Autumn, whether it's been by roaming the hills or scaling the last spots of warm rock before the ice axes and crampons start to reappear on the kitchen table.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the AGM and I hope to see you again next year. For those that missed it, we have a new committee in place for the coming year. I'd like to welcome Mike Hale onto the committee, a member who's been offering his sage advice over the years and will now be doing so in a more official capacity as a committee member without portfolio to join Neil Brindley, Mike Pollitt and Stephan Tietz. Linda Coombs has also had a role shift and will be your new Meets Secretary. Best of luck to her for the coming year and thank

you to all of you for supporting me over the years and now in my move to President. Keith Mott is continuing his role as Treasurer, Mark Stitson as Secretary and Tim Marshall as Vice President so they remain our rocks of stability! We now have a committee of eight, plus Shaun West as newsletter editor and Jill Bennett as archivist. I would love to hear from members as to whether there have ever been so many people involved in running the club.

As well as carrying on the work we started last year we have some goals for the following year. One is an ongoing project that I hope we will make headway with this year, namely improving communication between members through the website and other means. Mike P has attached a questionnaire to this newsletter to aid us in this and we'd be grateful if you could share your views. Our second aim for the year is to improve our intake of new members. In many respects we have competition from other London clubs, but we think that we can outcharm, outpester and outdrink them so we are organising more regular wall and pub meets. First Tuesday of the month at the Euston Tap, I hope to see many of you there!

My last entry for this newsletter can't be anything else other than thanking Sue Darling for her supportive, steadfast, enthusiastic and devoted efforts as President over the last years. She has been an inspiration to all the current committee and I will find it exceedingly difficult to follow in her footsteps with anywhere near the level of grace! Thanks Sue.

Happy mountaineering,  
Heather

### Treasurer and membership secretary, Keith Mott:

I am pleased to report that as of 30th November membership cards have been sent out to all those who have either paid in advance, renewed for 2013 or are honorary members. If, by the time this newsletter reaches you, you have not received a membership card then you need to do one of 2 things. Either look forward to quiet weekends at home or fill in and return the form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Looking at the meets list for the coming year I think we will all need a rest by the end!

You can also download the renewal form from the members section of the website by logging in as london and using the password caseg. If you transfer funds please send me an email as confirmation.

Also, please find below accounts for both 2011 and 2012. As you can see the accounting year has been adjusted to coincide with the club year. If you have any questions please contact me.

Many thanks and all the best for Christmas and the New Year.



Keith Mott, Membership Sec &  
Treasurer

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## Mike Warden, Trustee of Fallcliffe Cottage and Caseg Fraith:

Following the 50th anniversary of the opening of Caseg Fraith last year and the 41st anniversary of the opening of Fallcliffe Cottage, now is a good time to reflect briefly on the past, report on the current situation, and to consider the future.

There are some differences from details on the history of the huts on the ULGMC website but these snippets that I gleaned from key members at the AGM in 2011 are I think worthy of reporting.

## Caseg Fraith

At the 50th anniversary of Caseg Fraith, John Burrows told us that undergraduate members, at a Welsh club meet arriving by coach based at Glan Dena and at the Climbers Club hut at Helyg in 1953, decided they would search for a property in Wales. At that time there were several properties for sale including miner's cottages at Bethesda selling for £300. However they got wind that the National Trust were considering making some provision for accommodation in the valley. John Hampton, Laura Ford and John Burrows met the National Trust agent, Mr Tetley and considered three possible sites that were offered: Yr Hafod at the top of the Nant Ffrancon valley where the Scouts Association were allowed to build their hut at Ogwen; a site in the trees near the old caravan adjoining Ogwen cottage (which they considered too public and too close to the Youth Hostel; and at Gwern y gof Isaf, which seemed admirably suitable.

Willie Butler was the ULMC treasurer at that time and initially Willie said there was £5 in a fund set up for a hut. After a lot of fund raising and effort by early members of the club, the fund eventually reached £1,000. Willie then received an anonymous donation of £1000. With £2000 in the fund, Professor Huggett, then President of ULMC and a dedicated supporter of the club, approached Dr Logan, Principal of London University for a loan of £2000, which was granted. We have a huge debt of gratitude to Prof. Huggett for all his support in those early days. So with £4000, the University's architect was commissioned to design a hut (only climbers understand what is meant by the word hut). The National Trust agent Mr Tetley required that it looked like a cow house from the outside, and I suppose to a London architect of the time it did. A local builder was engaged and started to excavate the foundations, when the National Trust agent arrived on site and

required the hut to be re-located, according to John some 10 yards and Willie some 200 yards west of where the present hut now stands.

That decision cost us dear. In the center of the site is a large outcropping rock, the top of which determined the floor level of the building. The foundation trenches were dug around the rock, but sadly it seems the foundations were not tied into the rock. The east end wall started to move away from the building and some 20 years ago the east end wall had to be underpinned at some expense, but I digress.

The building contract was for stage payments. The builder would send the architect a stage bill. The architect would pass it to Willie. Willie, who confesses to know very little about building, would drive up to Wales, inspect, tell the architect in his view the work was ok, and then they would agree to make the next stage payment.

The hut had no mains services, water, electricity or sewage. Willie wrote begging letters to lots of businesses to furnish the place. Charles Forte provided cooking pans – some of the large pans are there today. Elsan provided three elsans – remember them and the task of burying at the end of the stay? Club members turned out and dug a trench for the water supply pipe. Incidentally, when did you last see the inlet? Later a deal was done with our neighboring farmer Mr. Williams to connect to a generator he installed to provide electricity. Again a team turned out to dig the trench from farm to hut in which to bury the cable – reported in the annals as Butler's Eliminate. And remember the lights out at 10.00 pm? Various things were acquired or sequestered such as cutlery, cups, plates, mattresses, and remember the old table? Willie Butler rather by default became the first hut warden.

What to call the building? Willie Butler and Bill Towilson were walking off the Glyders and, passing Llyn Caseg Fraith, an idea was born and so Caseg Fraith came to be.

Successive wardens have made improvements including to name but a few, a septic tank and WCs, work tops, upstairs bunks, sitting room, tables and benches, electricity, sinks and showers, car park and path. In 50 years many members have put in lots of hours resulting in a climbing hut fit for purpose that has provided a wonderful spring board into the hills for undergraduates.

## Fallcliffe Cottage

Having paid off the loan from the university, thoughts turned to a second hut. The Lakes was too expensive, Scotland too far. The history of the purchase Fallcliffe Cottage in late 1970 is well recorded on the

ULGMC website. Interesting to note that many of those instrumental in the building of Caseg Fraith were also key to the purchase of Fallcliffe.

## The trusts and the trustees

Because ULMC is an ever changing collection of individuals, the legal interest of each hut is held by trustees for and on behalf of ULMC. Caseg and Fallcliffe are in two separate trusts. The land on which Caseg stands was leased from the National Trust to trustees to hold for ULMC for a term of 99 years. On the other hand, Fallcliffe was purchased and is held also by trustees for ULMC. If ULMC should fold, there is provision within the Trusts for the properties to continue to be managed as huts for climbers.

In the early years, a few of the trustees were senior staff of London University, all the rest have been members of ULMC and ULGMC. Both trusts now have the same trustees: Willie Butler, Tim Marshall, Mike Parkinson, and Mike Warden. It makes administration of the two trusts simpler. The trustees are charged with fulfilling the terms of the two trusts which differ slightly but the trustees hold the two huts primarily for the benefit of ULMC. We try and meet once a year after the graduate club AGM, but otherwise keep in touch by e mail. The responsibility is to see that the huts are in a proper condition for students and others to use.

The current trustees are not getting any younger and have started to think about successors. Given the quasi charitable status of the trusts, there is no legal limit to the number of trustees, but only four would be included in Registration, and experience has shown four works well, though I admit the present trustees have known each other for many years. Trustees appoint their replacements. There is no requirement that a trustee should be a club member, but it has worked in the interest of the club to date that we are.

## Our future

The trustees have to ensure regularly that the huts comply with the raft of new health and safety regulations that have crept in over recent years. With completion of the new sewage treatment plant at Caseg Fraith, probably for the first time the outfall does not pollute the bog or stream, which are within a recently designated SSSI – more bureaucracy. There will ever be wish lists for improvements to both huts, but at last they are now waterproof, warm with electricity and hot and cold water and provide basic accommodation for students and guests. Sadly gone are the days when club members could install electricity, water, fireplaces, or donate an old toaster. All now have to be certified on a regular basis by a qualified tradesman. But the huts earn fees

which are ploughed back into maintenance and improvements.

What happens at Caseg Fraith in 48 years time? The National Trust may or may not renew the lease of the land on which the hut now stands. I suspect the Trust will continue to lease the hut to the club at a rent that reflects the income it can expect to earn and the costs of repair and maintenance. That will be something for future trustees to negotiate.

A final thought, most of us must be eternally grateful for our introduction to the hills initially through the undergraduate club usually on meets based at our two club huts at Caseg Fraith and Fallcliffe Cottage. An introduction for many that has grown and developed into a lifelong interest often exploring increasingly further and further afield, yet returning to our roots from time to time. The two huts gave us that initial spring board and continue to do so for successive generations. To ensure that opportunity continues for future generations, please consider making a legacy in your will for the benefit of Caseg Fraith and/or Fallcliffe Cottage for the trustees to maintain, improve and hopefully expand our huts.

Mike Warden, 6/11/2012

## Other News

### Fallcliffe Anniversary

#### Jill Bennett

Since the Club is celebrating the 40th anniversary of Fallcliffe Cottage, it seemed appropriate to mention that there are a few printed copies left of John Burrows' 'History of Fallcliffe Cottage', issued in 1996. If anyone would like a copy, please send me a stamped addressed envelope (either A5 size for 100g letter-rate; or A5 size at large-letter rate).

Sometime later, Dave Lindsey sent an additional note about Fallcliffe which appeared in NL no.173, Autumn 1998. As Dave Lindsey sadly died suddenly last November, I thought it would be nice to reprint most of his reminiscences about fitting out Fallcliffe.

"Reading John Burrows' excellent account of the events that led up to the acquisition of Fallcliffe cottage rekindled memories of the activities that followed the purchase. At the time, Bob Nunn and I 'dugged' with Monty Avis in North London. Bob was already the warden of Caseg Fraith and readily took on the additional burden without, as I recall, any equivocation. Bob spent his evenings drawing up plans for installation of bunks, benches, plumbing etc., based on careful measurements made on the previous weekends visit. This would be followed by evening sessions, cutting and drilling



materials and testing preassemblies, to maximise the effectiveness of the precious weekend time at the hut. In this way, whole rooms would be kitted out in a single weekend.

One memorable weekend was devoted to laying concrete for the kitchen and washroom floors as well as the base for the septic tank all from a single delivery by a readymix concrete lorry. This involved not only a meticulous preparation of three separate sites beforehand, but the mobilisation and organisation of bodies to make sure that the necessary levelling and finishing of the concrete surfaces was done sufficiently rapidly.

Once the initial renovation was more or less complete, Bob drew up the first set of rules to be posted in the Lounge/Dining room, it being vital that the improvements be protected against misuse. At the time, Monty Python was the humour of the day, and Bob looked to a sketch in that series about the Aussie University of the Outback, for at least one of the rules. It wasn't Rule 1, the one where everyone should be called 'Bruce' but in fact, Rule 6 which read: 'There is no Rule 6'. It brought a touch of levity to what is usually a long list of 'Thou shalt nots'. Rule 6 in this form, I'm afraid, is no longer with us. We owe Bob a great deal of thanks for his efforts.

Another stalwart who came to the fore in the early days of the hut was Syd Corrigan. He was well versed in matters engineering and plumbing and had a predilection for ferreting about in dark, dank places. He played a prominent role in establishing the water supply and tank installation. A lasting memory is of him standing in the septic tank pit sorting out and cementing together the jigsaw of concrete blocks which was the septic tank kit. He is sadly missed.

Finally, an anecdote about the work on the car park. A contractor with a JCB digger had been hired to enlarge and level the

designated area. One Saturday morning we watched him with some fascination trying to move an enormous boulder that he had encountered in the middle of the yard. He had dug around it as much as he could to enable him to get the shovel of the digger, with some purchase, underneath it. All attempts to lift the stone resulted in the cabend of the digger rearing in the air rather than the boulder. After several tries, he gave up with the remark: "Bugger this ahm off ter fetch me Dad!." 'Dad' turned out to be a retired quarryman who arrived armed with a small array of tools: a hammer, a selection of various sized metal wedges and a milk bottle of water. With these, over the next couple of hours or so, he proceeded to probe and enlarge the cracklines he identified in the boulder and broke it up into a number of smaller pieces with which the JCB could deal."



## Northern Latitude Group

### Dave Lindsey

In some ULGMC envelopes labelled correspondence, I found 2 booklets describing meets in Iceland of the Northern Latitudes Group. These do not appear to be official ULGMC meets. They are:

With the Northern Latitudes Group in "Ultima Thule": the Inaugural Meet of the Northern Latitudes Exploration Group, 1956, led by Derek Qusted.

Ultima Thule Revisited: an account of the second meet to Iceland of the Northern Latitudes Group, 23rd Aug. - 9th Sept. 1962., by Derek Qusted.

One of the copies bears Geoffrey Williams' name, and he did take part in the second meet. There was also a letter addressed to him.

I emailed Geoffrey to ask if he would like them back, but had no reply. Maybe the address was out of date ...

If he would like them, please contact me.

Jill Bennett

Club Archivist.

## BMC News

BMC news

London and SE area communication:

I am sending this email as the London and SE rep on the BMC Clubs' Committee. I thought it was about time I gave you an update on our activities in trying to look after the interests of clubs with the BMC.

1. Club survey:
  - Early in the life of the committee it became apparent we needed deeper knowledge of what clubs might need,
  - So we ran a survey
  - 45% response, if your club replied – thank you.
2. The survey highlighted clubs experienced difficulties in:
  - Attracting new members
  - Providing training
  - Understanding legal obligations
  - Setting up and running websites
  - Filling Committee places
3. The committee has tried to help with some of these. There are no easy answers, however:
  - We set up some courses: eg first aid, navigation,
  - Produced a Guidance paper on Recruitment – with good practices,
  - The BMC has offered grants to help get web sites set up,
  - We have worked with BMC web team to make issues of interest to Clubs easy to find in the website. How successful has this effort been? Can you find the Clubs section easily?
  - Prodding at insurance issues to try to make sure that what the BMC provides is what the clubs need,
  - Promoted debate on legal status of clubs and other legal issues as members of the committee felt important,

- Trying to ensure there is a voice for walking clubs and that the BMC does not become too focused on rock climbing. Are there any walking clubs that would like to become more involved in the work of the committee?

- And we have just published a paper which provides information on methods of collecting subscriptions and other payments:

Ø Pooling of knowledge of two of us,

Ø I hope it provides useful ideas for some clubs at least,

Ø Almost certainly not the last word on the subject,

Ø I would welcome more input on this.

4. NEXT Governance is a big issue with all the regulatory traps around so we aim to produce a Guidance paper as a short check list rather than a multi page screed.

5. AND IN CONCLUSION: There is a strong need within the BMC for a formal voice on behalf of the clubs but:

- This does mean getting organised, sometimes difficult for an anarchic bunch of climbers

- And it needs clubs to feed in views, issues so we have something to work on

I hope this short bulleted email is helpful and not too tedious to read. Please send me any relevant thoughts.

Tony Williams



## New committee contact details

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	Secretary	Mark Stitson	07770338676 secretary@ulgmc.org
	Meets Secretary	Linda Coombes	07731518452 meets@ulgmc.org
	Treasurer/ Membership secretary	Keith Mott	07973747756 members@ulgmc.org
	Member without portfolio	Neil Brindley	01708765700 nwbrindley@gmail.com
	Member without portfolio/ ULMC liaison	Mike Pollitt	07717392304 pollitt@talk21.com
	Member without portfolio	Stephan Tietz	07984583146 stephan.tietz@gmx.de
	Member without portfolio	Mike Hale	07850937386 mikejhale@gmail.com



## **Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting of ULGMC**

Held at the Millstone Inn, Hathersage on Saturday 20th of October 2012. The meeting convened at 6pm with the President Sue Darling in the chair.

### ***1. Apologies for absence***

Elspeth & Tim Howell, Tim & Caroline Marshall, Shaun West, Tess Shewell (ULMC President), Geoff & Margaret Batten, Jill & Mike Bennett, Bill & Carol Bristow, Geoff & Mary Williams, Phil & Rosemary Williams, Regina Brindley, Pat & Pauline Owens

Members sent their best wishes to Vice-President Tim Marshall.

### ***2. Agenda***

The agenda for the meeting was accepted by acclamation.

### ***3. Minutes of the 2011 AGM***

#### **a) Adoption of minutes**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were accepted by acclamation.

#### **b) Matters arising**

The warden and trustees were still considering the best way to make use of the clubs offer of £500 to install doors on the Fallcliffe bedrooms.

### ***4. Finance***

#### **c) Treasurer's report**

The treasurer presented his annual report showing the club in good financial health. After the treasurer's early years having inherited somewhat neglected accounts, the accounts were now in a good state and the treasurer announced his intention of stepping down at the next AGM, giving time for an ordered handover.

#### **d) Adoption of Accounts**

The treasurer, Keith Mott, reported the accounts for two accounting periods due to the shift of the club's financial year:

- January 2011 to September 2011
- October 2011 to September 2012

The accounts had been scrutinized by the Hon Scrutineer, Mike Warden and found to be in order.

Trevor Hellen seconded by Neil Brindley proposed to approve the accounts. The accounts were



approved by acclamation.

### **e) Subscriptions**

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

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

Eleanor Mott seconded by Les Bailey proposed to approve the subscription rates. The subscription rates were approved by acclamation.

### **f) Expenditure**

The treasurer reported that donations had been made for 2011 and 2012 as agreed at the previous AGM:

- Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales: £300
- Mountain Rescue Scotland: £100
- Friends of the Lakes: £60 (subscription less than the agreed £75)
- Friends of Snowdonia: £60 (subscription less than the agreed £75)

For the next year it was proposed to keep the same level of donations and on suggestion of Mike Warden to add a donation to the Search and rescue dog association (SARDA). SARDA leaflets were distributed and both Trevor Owen and Sue Esten talked about SARDA.

It was suggested to make the following donations:

- Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales: £150
- Mountain Rescue Scotland: £50
- Friends of the Lakes: £30
- Friends of Snowdonia: £30
- Search and Rescue Dog Association: £50

Trefor Owen seconded by Trevor Hellen proposed to approve the donations. The donations were approved by acclamation.

The treasurer noted that in 2012 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 and also extend this from children to less experienced, new club members.

Stephan Tietz proposed, seconded by Diane Bennett proposed to approve the instruction subsidy. The climbing subsidy was approved by acclamation.

## ***5. Committee Reports***

### **a) President**

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

## **b) 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. There was now also a number of volunteers to start improving the website and providing more information on-line.

The secretary also reported on the BMC Student Seminar where he had meet with the president of ULMC and with other London student club committee members and good links were forming.

Mike Pollitt was in progress of designing a questionnaire and this would be with members soon.

## **c) Membership Secretary**

The membership secretary Keith Mott reported that although membership was down there were far more active members attending multiple events per year.

Year	Individual Members	Joint Members	Individual Overseas Members	Joint Overseas Members	Honorary Members
2011	37	49	1	1	13
2012	32	45	1	1	13

There were also 2 children registered for BMC Insurance through the club in both years.

## **d) 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 club now had a rejuvenated meets programme with a second Scottish meet and a meet in the Italian Alps next year.

The meets secretary also announced her intention to stand down at this AGM and stated that a volunteer had been found to take over the meets programme.

## **e) Trustees and Hut Wardens Report**

Mike Warden presented a report for the hut wardens. Both Huts are now compliant with all relevant regulations and requirements.

The hut fees at Caseg Fraith were down from £19k to £17k and the trustees were considering raising hut fees. Linda Coombes a former recent ULMC president with experience in many different types of hut offered advice on what types of huts were asking for which fees in the free market as well as to students. Mike assured all that the student fees were to remain at the current levels, as students were the beneficiaries of the hut trusts. The current fees are per night:

- ULMC/ULGMC members and students of the University of London: £5
- Other students: £6
- Others: £8



Caseg had just had a new septic tank installed which completed the major works there.

Elspeth requested volunteers for a working weekend at Caseg.

New assistant wardens had been appointed as Ruth Greenal had retired and the new wardens had a good relationship with the Farmer.

Fallcliffe had received a new roof and stove and everyone congratulated the trustees and remarked on how much nicer the hut was for it.

## **f) Area representatives**

Trefor Owen reported on the North Wales area meets:

- BMC is providing hut improvement loans from a pot of £200k
- Gloucestershire has received an Olympic legacy grant
- New quarry for climbing near Caernarfon
- Spate of thefts of fixed gear from limestone climbs
- New BMC bolt fund
- New day walk guide book
- New winter ascent book
- New CROW act areas
- Prestatin has a new indoor climbing wall
- The Beacon climbing wall has moved from the old Marconi transmission station
- Welsh coastal path is progressing

Trevor Hellen reported that the South West area group was still dormant.

Mark Stitson reported on the London area:

- The BMC had appointed a Sport England funded regional officer
- There were Sport England subsidised climbing courses for under-25s from the London and South East region at PYB

## **6. Programme for 2012**

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

For the next AGM the ODG in the Lake District had been provisionally booked for the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.

## **7. Elections**

Two nominations for club officers had been received and incumbents apart from the President and Meets secretary had agreed to stand for re-election. As there were no contested positions, it was agreed that officers would be elected by acclamation with the retiring President Sue Darling in the Chair.

### **a) President**

The current President Sue Darling nominated Heather Rumble the existing Meets secretary for the position of President. Frances Mott seconded the nomination. The nomination was received before the deadline for the AGM.

Heather Rumble was duly elected as the new ULGMC President.

### **b) Vice-president**

Tim Marshall was confirmed as Vice-President.

### **c) Honorary secretary**

Mark Stitson was confirmed as Honorary Secretary.

### **d) Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary**

Keith Mott was confirmed as Honorary Treasurer and Membership secretary.

### **e) Honorary Meets Secretary**

As the existing meets secretary Heather Rumble had been elected as President, Heather Rumble nominated Linda Coombes, previously committee member without portfolio, as the new Honorary Meets Secretary. Stephan Tietz seconded the nomination. The nomination was received before the deadline for the AGM.

Linda Coombes was duly elected as the new Honorary Meets secretary.

### **f) Co-opted committee members without portfolio**

The co-opted committee members were confirmed as:

- Neil Brindley
- Mike Pollitt
- Stephan Tietz
- Mike Hale

## ***8. Other Elections***

### **a) Honorary Scrutineer of ULGMC accounts**

Mike Warden had agreed to continue as Honorary Scrutineer of the ULGMC account and was confirmed by acclamation.

### **b) BMC Area representatives**

Trefor Owen, Tavor Hellen, Mark Stitson and Ivor Delafield agreed to continue as BMC Area representatives for the club and were confirmed by acclamation.

### **c) ULMC representative**

Mike Pollitt a former ULMC president who regularly meets with ULMC had agreed to take over from Mark Stitson as the ULMC representative and was confirmed by acclamation.

## ***9. AOB***

Janet Hellen proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Darling for her work as ULGMC President which was



supported by applause and general congratulations.

The new President Heather Rumble presented a design for club Polo Shirts/T-Shirts which would be available close to cost to those wishing to promote the club. This would make the club more visible especially when at meets with undergraduates.

A small celebration for the re-opening of Fallcliffe after the major works for the Sunday morning was announced.

The AGM ended with the Annual Dinner at 7pm.

Signatures after acceptance by the 2013 AGM

Heather Rumble, President

Mark Stitson, Secretary

# University of London Mountaineering Club

## Accounts for Caseg Fraith for year ended 30.09.2012

<u>2010/2011</u>		<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>		<u>2011/2012</u>
19,554.00	Hut Fees	17,298.50	5.10	Ground Rent	5.10
6.64	Bank Interest	12.00	477.14	Insurance	495.44
62.30	B. Society Interest	53.62	134.82	Rates	142.38
	Electricity refund	27.00	236.80	Coal	124.80
			3,406.00	Electricity	374.00
			0.00	Gas for poker	41.00
			159.05	Consumables	137.07
			1,250.00	Dep. Warden	1,580.00
			1,284.60	Repairs	2,974.81
			206.03	Septic Tank	3,962.60
			1,117.03	Administration	1,007.24
			11,346.37	Excess income over expenditure	6,546.68
<b>19,622.94</b>		<b>17,391.12</b>	<b>19,622.94</b>		<b>17,391.12</b>

## Balance Sheet

### At 30.09.2011

Current Account	100.00
Business Reserve	15,561.36
Building Society	21,554.45
Loan to Falcliffe	24,000.00
Plus Excess Income over expenditure for 2011/2012	6,546.68

**67,762.49**

### At 30.09.2012

Current Account	100.00
Business Reserve	21,162.49
Building Society	0.00
Loan to Falcliffe	46,500.00

**67,762.49**

Scrutinised and found correct from the books and information supplied

R. H. Palmer

Honorary Scrutineer

Dated

- 8 OCT 2012

Dear All,

The committee would like to poll the membership on some topics we have been discussing. For questions below, please tick all that apply. Please see below and / or send us your thoughts. Either return a paper copy of the survey with your membership renewal, email to [pollitt@talk21.com](mailto:pollitt@talk21.com) or complete electronically at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJWXXL5>

Happy mountaineering!  
Mike Pollitt

### 1. Meet Locations

Where would you like to see more ULGMC meets?

Please provide ideas if you have them.

- ☐ Caseg
- ☐ Fallcliffe
- ☐ Lake district
- ☐ Elsewhere in Wales \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Southern England \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Europe \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Southern sandstone (Surrey) day climb
- ☐ Southern sandstone (Surrey) camping weekend

Comments about meet locations:

### 2. Children

Please tick any statements which you feel reflect your view, or make any amendments/comments

- ☐ I would like to bring my children to meets
- ☐ I would be put off going to a meet if I knew children would be there
- ☐ I think more should be done to encourage families to come to meets
- ☐ I think ULGMC should be a club for over 16s only
- ☐ I think the club funds should be used to provide professional activities for children
- ☐ There should be specific meets which are adults only
- ☐ There should be specific meets which are children friendly

Comments about children on meets:

### 3. Club communications - Newsletter

- ☐ I get the newsletter by email
- ☐ I get the newsletter by post
- ☐ I have not received the newsletter
- ☐ I don't know if I receive the newsletter
- ☐ I read the newsletter, and enjoy it
- ☐ I receive the newsletter but do not read it
- ☐ The newsletter provides all the information I need
- ☐ I would like to get reminders about trips by email

Suggestions for newsletter improvements:

### 4. Club communications - Email

How often would you like to be reminded of upcoming club events via email?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ 2-3 per month
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Only wish to receive email with newsletter or similarly infrequently
- ☐ I don't have email

We are thinking of setting up an email distribution list for email beyond distribution of the newsletter. This would send emails from the committee to everyone who signed up to the group. It will be a private group, and no-one outside the committee could send emails using the group.

Users can unsubscribe at any time.

Would you be interesting in joining this group?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I would need more information about this

### 5. Club communications – Website

- ☐ I regularly look at the website
- ☐ I hardly ever look at the website
- ☐ I never look at the website

I would like to use the website for:

- ☐ Finding out about meets
- ☐ Finding out about club members news
- ☐ Sharing photos
- ☐ Looking up club history
- ☐ Talking to other members
- ☐ Prefer to use other methods to hear about the club

Comments about club communications:

Any other comments?

## ULGMC Apparel Order Form

Dear ULGMC members,

ULGMC clothing is here! To get your hands on some of this spiffing apparel, simply indicate which design (A, B or C), which type of clothing (t-shirt, hoodie or polo) and which colour (see below) you would like, together with your size. Send all that back, along with a cheque for the amount, plus post and packing, made out to "ULGMC" or contact me at [president.ulgmc@yahoo.com](mailto:president.ulgmc@yahoo.com) to order online and request a bank transfer.

Please send order forms and cheques to:

Miss H Rumble, Flat 3, Phoenix Place, Gresham Rd, Staines. TW18 2BZ

The deadline for orders will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2013. Clothing will be sent out in early February (hopefully!). Alternatively, post and packing can be forgone if those ordering are willing to wait until they see me on a meet (just as an extra incentive to come on meets!).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Hope you like them,

Heather Rumble, President

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### Designs:

A: Coloured print (transfer<sup>1</sup>) on garment reverse

B: White print (screen print) on garment reverse

C: White print (screen print) on garment reverse, embroidered colour logo on right breast

### Type & Colours:

T-shirts: Navy, black, red

Hoodies: Navy, black, burgundy

Polos: Navy, black, red

### Sizes:

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<sup>1</sup> Transfer is lower quality than screen print but allows for multiple colours



T-shirts & hoodies: S = 35/37" (chest), M = 38-40", L = 41-43", XL = 44-46", XXL = 47-49

Polos: S = 34", M = 38", L = 42", XL = 46", XXL = 50"



Example 1: Design A (colour print) on red t-shirt, £9.00



Example 2: Design B (white print) on burgundy hoodie, £19.00



Example 3: Design C (white print with front embroidery) on black polo, £17.00

## Price list

<b>T-shirts</b>	
Design A	£9.00
Design B	£11.00
Design C	£12.00
<b>Polo shirts</b>	
Design A	£12.00
Design B	£14.00
Design C	£17.00
<b>Hoodies</b>	
Design A	£18.00
Design B	£19.00
Design C	£20.00

## P&P

1 item (any type)	£3.00
2 t-shirts/polo shirts	£3.00
1 t-shirt/polo shirt + 1 hoody	£4.00
2 t-shirts/polo shirts + hoody	£6.00
More items	Contact Heather
Collection from Heather	Free!

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## Order form

Please indicate your orders here. In the P&P section, please write “collect” if you intend to collect from Heather.

Design	Clothing type	Colour	Size	Price
<i>e.g. A</i>	<i>e.g. polo shirt</i>	<i>e.g. black</i>	<i>e.g. S</i>	<i>e.g. 12.00</i>
			<b>P&amp;P →</b>	
			<b>Total →</b>	

Name:

Address:

Tel. no.:

Please send completed forms to **Miss H Rumble, 3 Phoenix Place, Gresham Rd, Staines, TW18 2BZ** or email **president.ulgmc@yahoo.com** by the **15.01.13**