



A newsletter full of news reports and other goodies awaits, but first remember to renew your membership for 2015 if you haven't done so already. More details can be found in membership report near the end of the newsletter.

Forthcoming Meets

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

Kylesku, Scotland: 2 – 9 May

Pamela & Bill Towison are arranging this week in a very remote part of the British Isles. The days will be very long and hopeful midge free.

Contact Bill 01588620422 pamela@mellington.plus.com

Land's End: 21 – 27 May 2015

Once again the meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen, this year from Thursday 21 May to Wednesday 27 May 2015. We have confirmed our usual number of spaces with Wendy Nicholas which should be enough for the regular attenders. If there is anyone who has not yet been in touch, please contact us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can try to negotiate more spaces with Wendy.

Geoffrey and Margaret Batten: 0121 475 6004, grb@batten.eu.org

Camping in Wales: 8-12 June 2015

A fresh venue this year – near Dolgellau. I've booked a nominal number of pitches at the following campsite– Dolgamedd, Bontnewydd, Dolgellau, Gwynedd LL40 2DG. Telephone is 01341 450221. Grid coordinate is SH 776 200. Website is www.dolgamedd.co.uk The booking is in my name.

We've been allocated pitches in the middle field – A/B/C. The campsite is situated just off the A494 which is the road from Dolgellau to Bala. At Bontnewydd take the B4416 signed Brithdir. Cross over the bridge and the campsite is immediately on the left. Dogs are welcome, but one has to pay £2 per day per dog! People are £9 per person per day. Any problems give me a call – See you there!

Sue Esten: 01442 864462, 07763 492 393, sue@esten.org.uk

Knoydart, Scotland: 7-12 May

Meeting Mallaig Pier 1430 on Thursday 7th May to catch the ferry to Inverie, spending Thursday night in Inverie, walking Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, arriving Glenfinnan in time to catch the 16.54 train to Fort William on Monday 12th May. If you fancy 4 days walking, 4 nights wild camping, and own/can carry all the relevant kit over pretty rough terrain, why not come along!

Sam Hardman: meets@ulgmc.org.uk (preferred)
01663 744891

End of term escape: 24 - 31 July

Many years ago Neil Brindley started a meet called End of Term Escape - he was then at Lambeth College - in the first week of the summer holiday. It was held at Fallcliffe.

A few years later we moved it to Symonds Yat and have had some wonderful adventures there, camping at Doward Park. We originally had this down as an official meet and managed to tempt a small number to join us. Eventually it was just us and we dropped it from the official list although I would put it in the newsletter and email around.

We have decided to explore another corner of this fair island this year. We have booked a week at this campsite (<http://www.howstean.co.uk/>) in the Yorkshire Dales from.

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Want to submit a report?
1 September latest

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Caseg Oggie Mountain Rescue Fund Raising: 7-9 August

On the 8th August 2015 Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue (OVMRO) will run their annual fundraising event known as the Oggie 8 for the eighth time. Teams of 3-6 people race to climb all of the 8 mountains over 3000 feet (914m) along the Ogwen valley starting and finishing at the OVMRO base station opposite Caseg Fraith (details here: http://www.ogwen-rescue.org.uk/oggie_8/).

With so many eights flying around this is obviously a special year and we would like to build on our success from last year where we raised £154.35 and a team of three ULGMC members completed the circuit. Mountain rescue volunteers were cheering us on at every checkpoint and handed us various sweets - at Ogwen cottage they gave us fruit cake and butter pudding. And in the evening we enjoyed the traditional party including food and Purple Moose ale (among others) at their base station!

At the moment we might have enough people interested to enter two teams, one for walkers and one for runners. If you are interested, please contact myself (members@ulgmc.org.uk, 07984 583146). If you can't make it, you can still sponsor us by visiting <http://www.ogwen-rescue.org.uk/sponsor/> (and then choose the event under my name) or giving us cash/cheques during upcoming meets and socials.

Stephan Tietz: members@ulgmc.org

Summer Alpine trip: 10-23 August

We are planning, once again, to visit the Alps this year for a ULGMC mountaineering trip from 10th to 23rd August. We are still undecided on venue. By the time you read this newsletter we will have decided between Saas Fee or Ötztal. Please let me (president@ulgmc.org) know if you would like to come ASAP. There is a Facebook group where you can join in the planning discussions (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1020669997946383/>) and a section on the ULGMC website with updates of our plans to date (<http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/alps2015>).

Some photos from last year's meets to Chamonix to wet your appetite!

Heather Rumble and Mike Hale: president@ulgmc.org



Caseg August bank holiday: 28-31 August

Stephan and Heather (members@ulgmc.org, president@ulgmc.org) invite you to the annual August Bank holiday meet from 28th-31st August.

Please let us know if you'd like to come. We are now operating a parking permit system on a first come, first served basis so we do need to know numbers. We are also looking for ideas for an activity (e.g. white water rafting or canoeing) and, even better, someone to organise it.

Stephan and myself are retiring from running the New Year meet at Caseg as we would like to put our skills to a new meet. We are also running so many meets it's hard for us to make them really good with extra activities (like white water rafting!). So, if you like coming up to Caseg for New Year, please volunteer to run this meet!

Stephan and Heather: members@ulgmc.org, president@ulgmc.org

Welsh 3000s Challenge: TBA

The days are getting longer and warmer, which means it is time to get hill fit (or fitter) and use the longest day of the year climbing all fifteen 3000 foot peaks in Snowdonia - commonly known as Welsh 3000s. Just to remind you that there is still a bottle of "finest" Freixenet Vintage Special, which will go to the first person or group completing it either peak-to-peak in under 24 hours or as a round trip from the hut. Give me a shout if you are about to attempt it!

By Stephan Tietz: members@ulgmc.org,

Children friendly Alpine meets: summer

Steve is looking for families with kids who want to get back into Alpine climbing again please contact him directly.

Steve Baker: sj@baker20.freeserve.co.uk



Meets List

Location	Date	Meet Leader	Notes
Caseg	31 December - 4 January	Stephan/Heather	
Fallcliffe	14 – 15 March	Mark Stitson	Joint with ULMC
Caseg	3 – 6 April	Stephan/Heather	Easter
Kylesku, Schotland	2 – 9 May	Pamela & Bill Towlson	
Knoydart(ish), Scotland	8-11 May	Sam Hardman	Wild camping
Cornwall	21 – 27 May	The Battens	Camping Child & dog friendly
Wales coastal path	8 – 12 June	Sue Esten	Camping Aberdaron Llyn
Yorkshire Dales	24 – 41 July	Keith Mott	Camping
Caseg	7 – 9 August	Stephan/Heather	Oggie 8 Fundrasing for OVMRO
Caseg	28 – 31 August	Stephan/Heather	
Fallcliffe	16 – 18 October	Sam Hardman	AGM
Fallcliffe	6 – 8 November	The Motts	Bonfire Night
Caseg	New Year	Stephan/Heather	

<http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/meets>

Meets and News from Members

Caseg New Year 2014/2015

Heather Rumble

The hut was very busy this new year with around 30 people attending. The weather was pretty variable too. On one day a very large group of us went for a walk up to Llyn Crafnant in the rain. It was very picturesque. On the best day weather-wise, a few of us went for a walk up Cnicht, eager to explore some of the mountains South East of the more familiar ranges. Of course, as it was New Year, we had a good party on NY eve, bellowing out Old Lang Syne when midnight hit. It was a good meet.

It was noted, however, that sometimes 30 people fit very nicely into the hut but at other times it's a disaster. This is largely due to how people behave. Please can I remind people to be courteous and tidy. Clear away anything you might have on kitchen surfaces and tables straight away (including glasses and bottles at the end of the night!). Fill up the clothes drying rack from the far end first so people don't have to walk through your wet things to hang theirs up. Keep the bunks clear for people arriving in the middle of the night and don't block walkways with bags. Thanks, Heather.

Joint ULMC meet at Fallcliffe Cottage: 14-15 March 2015

Mark Stitson

The ULMC joint meet was on the 14th and 15th of March. Five ULMC and three ULGMC members attended this small meet at Fallcliffe. Climbing was done at Stanage High Neb and Lawrencefield by some and others went walking around Edale and Higgarr Tor. We also met climbing legend Jonny Dawes who was showing off his hands-free climbing skills.



Falcliffe weekend



Caseg Easter meet: 3-6 April

Heather Rumble

What a stunner we had this year in North Wales, with blazing sunshine three out of the four days we were there. It was another big Caseg meet, with around 30 people turning up. Thankfully, most people were tidy and courteous so it wasn't too uncomfortable.

Friday was a bit of a wet start. Stephan, Sarah M, Nic, Lynn, Kate, Jeff, Sam, Mina and I slogged up Y Garn in persistent drizzle. Sarah had planned to wild camp but the poles of her borrowed tent had eloped. By the time we got back to the hut we were thoroughly cold and miserable, but



a tea from the Motts soon cheered most people up. Mark and our ULMC guests, Tom, Amelia, Adam and Emily fared better, escaping to the ever-sunny Holyhead Mountain to do some trad. The Motts visited Beaumaris Castle, but got as wet walking back from the car as the rest of us.

Saturday was the start of the good weather and, unusually for Snowdonia, there was very little wind so the benefit could be felt. Graham gave Stephan and I a lift to Croesor so we could run back to the hut via the (1/3 of!) Paddy Buckley route (yes, another crazy plan is afoot), whilst he went up Cnicht. Mark, Andy and the ULMC climbers went climbing at Tremadog. Sam, Kim and Becca went wild camping on the Carneddau, partaking in some night navigation before bed. The Motts went to Newborough warren for a walk along the beach, gathering oyster shells for the hen back home and pine cones for the fire.

Sunday was another stunning day. Stephan and I were somewhat exhausted after the previous day's ordeal but, unfortunately for Stephan, he had left his compass on the route. So, he walked back up to Cerrig Cochion to recover it. In the meantime Mina, Amelia and me went to Beddgelert for a walk around the old copper trail, meeting Stephan (including compass) for a beer and an ice cream a few hours later. Kim, Sam and Becca returned, triumphant if not a little sunburnt, from their wild camping adventure. Mark, Andy and the ULMC climbers went to the pass to lead some multi-pitch routes, including the wonderful Crackstone Rib. Keith went for a walk with Jack, the dog - he's getting old now (the dog?). Most were back at the hut early-ish, so took advantage of the lovely weather and sat outside the hut, bouldering, drinking tea and chatting until a lovely (as always) dinner cooked by Frances and helpers.

Stephan, Mina and I headed back to London early-ish on the Monday, hoping to stop off a Llangollen on the way. Unfortunately the good weather meant

Llangollen was bursting at the seams, so we thought better of it. Mark and the ULMC group went up Tryfan before going home. Sam, Kate and Jeff attacked Bristly Ridge.

Overall a fab meet with the best weather I've ever experienced at Caseg. It's great to see so many people coming along and such a wide range of pursuits. These Caseg meets are getting extremely popular, with 25-30 on the last 4 trips. So, please, if you'd like to come along, book early! I hope that we can do the same with other meets, particularly those at Fallcliffe, where our support is needed more than ever.

An unexpected journey – ascent of Carrauntoohill (Ireland)

by Stephan Tietz

After nearly five years, Heather and I hoped that we would finally get the chance of a week long holiday on our own - not a ULGMC trip, not tacked onto a conference and family birthdays in the middle of it.. The obvious plan was to find somewhere warmer than England in the middle of February. So, naturally the top of our short list included Ireland – Cork to be specific. We added the additional requirements of no bunks or ground mats as well as no hard climbs or long runs. So we booked some dodgy, cheapish hotels. The only concession to limiting our usual adventures was the presence of beer and a plan to traverse Macgillycuddy's Reeks. Plans finished and flight booked we 'waited' for February to come.

That, my dear friends is where unusual mountain conditions come in. For quite by chance, and the will of the Northern weather gods, fate decided ice axes would become part of this tale. It began, well, it began as you might expect. In a tiny flat in Staines there lived a president and treasurer. Not a nasty, dirty, wet flat, full of worms and oozy smells; this was a ULGMC member's flat, and that means good food, a warm hearth, and all the other comforts of home.

Unexpectedly, the Reeks were covered in two meters of deep snow, which made a traverse near to impossible unless one is armed with crampons and ice axes. So, we partially abandoned our plans of a 'normal' holiday and pushed our RyanAir luggage allowance to the limit. We had booked a hotel in Cork for the first two nights, which gave us some chance to acclimatise to the Irish air (read: we went to the Jameson's distillery). Every day we finished with





checking the weather forecast and conditions report from Kerry climbing (<https://www.facebook.com/KerryClimbing>). The Great Melt was going to arrive in only four days.

When we finally arrived in Killarney National Park there were only two days remaining until the Great Melt. Nevertheless, we wanted to do a recce of the conditions as we heard how fearsome the Big Gun can be when frozen over, so we drove twice through the Gap of Dunloe in the search for a good place to park. The top still looked white, while the valley was very, very green. We did make it just above the snow line on the east-end of the Reeks. The full traverse appeared to be quite a mighty challenge given the short winter days. So instead we thought we would give the direct ascent of Carrauntoohill (highest peak in Ireland) via Curved Gully a shot. Forecast now said that the Great Melt is only one day away.

We got up early the next morning and reached the snow line before 10am. A further hour of mixed snow and rock and we had located the bottom of Curved Gully. Approximately 700ft of steep, beautifully compacted snow lay in front of us. After some steady plodding through the eerie mists we popped out only meters from the summit cross. An absolutely fantastic route when in condition!

The nearby summits of Caher and Beenkeragh didn't seem to be in as good condition so we eventually gave up on them. We made our way towards the Devil's ladder and as expected found it to be heavily eroded. So, we kept our crampons on for a little bit longer and descended via the zig-zag pass. A little bit further, but much safer and easier descent.

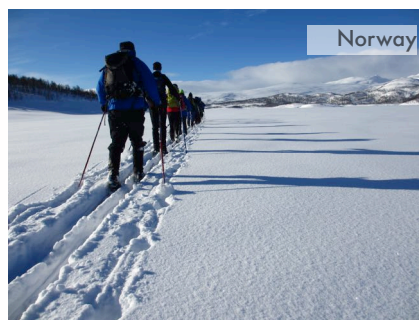
The Great Melt did indeed arrive the next day, so we weren't too upset that our next hotel was back in Cork. There we enjoyed some fabulous brews from Rising Son's Brewery and the Franciscan Well. The former offered beer + pizza for ten euros (and the biggest screen in Cork to watch the Rugby world cup on) and the latter had some fantastic stout aged in whiskey (note the 'e') casks!

If the Northern gods ever smile on South West Ireland again, we would thoroughly recommend it for some good snow-filled adventures.

Skiing in Norway: Feb 2015

Stephen Olivant

In February, I went for a week of wilderness skiing in central Norway. We were based on an island in a frozen lake, so it was extremely flat getting to/from there to the mountains on the mainland.



Junior summits Wildspitze

Daniel Baker (aged 10)

So we started our walk up the Wildspitze by driving to Vent in our hired car. Then we took the chairlift up to its highest point at 2360m. That chairlift point was called Stablein Alp, or should I say Stablein A as it said on the map. After that we started our ascent up to the Breslauer Hütte. That ascent took 1 and a quarter hours to complete.

At the hut we met our mountain guide, Gabriel (pronounced gab-ree-al.) He was aged 29. We then put our wet clothes in the drying room and checked ourselves in. After that we had tea. Gabriel and I had spaghetti bolognese and Dad had risotto. There were other people having tea in the dining room. Next, we unlocked our dormitory, and amazingly enough, we had a private dormitory (just us two!!!) Our dormitory had two beds, hooks to hang our fleeces on, and a shelf to put things like toothpaste and our toothbrushes on. We also had a window, which looked up at a very rocky mountain. Then, I went into a deep sleep and Dad soon got that drowsy feeling, and fell asleep.

We then got awoken by our alarm clock at 5 am, got dressed and went down to breakfast. I had cornflakes and then I had toast with jam. Then we got our things from the drying room, put them on, and started our ascent from the Breslauer Hütte (2844m) to the top of the Wildspitze. After about an hour we put on our crampons, harnesses and we set off to start the ascent up the glacier. Sometime later we had to climb up a rock face (called the Via Ferrata) but we did that in no time at all and had our first rest at the col.

We were on the main part of the glacier at 8am. From the col it was a very long ascent up the glacier to the final ridge. Once we got there, we finished off the final ascent, and, before we knew it, we were at the top (3770m), eating a snack. It was 10am. Our climb had taken 4 hours.

The view was magnificent, but it was soon blocked by thick clouds. When the clouds had cleared, I could see the highest mountain in Austria, the Grossglockner [Dad's comment: wishful thinking!]. I was so glad because my legs were getting tired. I was also proud and I could tell Dad felt the same. This was the highest mountain I'd ever climbed. We stayed at the top for 10 minutes, had a few pics at the top, and then began our descent down the glacier. It was a lot easier going down than coming up. Then we got to the col, and clambered down the Via Ferrata to the starting point of the glacier. We took our crampons and harnesses off, and descended the last bit of our descent from the top of the Wildspitze to the Breslauer Hütte. We had lunch there. I had soup as a starter and then had spaghetti again, only this time I had seconds!!!

We said goodbye to Gabriel and descended down to the Stabalein Alp. Then we took the chairlift down to Vent where our hired car was and drove back to our apartment in Sölden.

I was very happy that I had achieved the second highest mountain in Austria on my first alpine climb!

Climbing and Skiing in Switzerland

Shaun West

Skiing is coming to close (we took the kids skis back to the shop this week) but the climbing season is now starting. We may grab a day tour before putting the skis away. However the summer is coming (20C now) and time to move climbing. We have been



regulars at the local wall (2100sqm, 180 routes and 17m high indoor climbing). Good practice when the outside still has too much snow to be practical... The photo is Markus on his first day, he's now at 6a.

Club News

President's Corner

Heather Rumble

We are currently looking for new members to join the ULGMC committee.

1. Newsletter editor (currently Shaun West) – puts together our monthly newsletter

2. Committee members without portfolio (currently Neil Brindley, Sue Darling, Keith Mott and Mark Stitson) – attend committee meetings to input good ideas, proof-read documents and a little of everything else (e.g. BMC and ULMC liaison, organising meets, updating the website). A good way to get used to being on the committee before taking on an officer position.

If you feel that you'd like to try one of these roles, please contact Heather (president@ulgmc.org.uk). Committee meetings happen roughly twice a year, usually on a meet. It's very rewarding giving something back to the club and the committee are all lovely people who aren't afraid to get a round in!

Membership Sec and Treasurer's note

Stephan Tietz

Membership Sec & Treasurer Report by Stephan Tietz

By now you should have either received a membership card or heard from me directly. If you haven't then either something has gone amiss or you haven't renewed your membership for 2015. You can renew by post: Stephan Tietz, Membership Secretary, Top Flat, 56 Harvey Road, Guildford, GU1 3LU; by email (members@ulgmc.org.uk) or online <http://members.ulgmc.org.uk/renewal> (user: london, pw: caseg). A renewal form and the BMC's multiple membership refund form are attached.

And now to the exciting parts of my job:

- We have 124 members who have renewed/joined. That's similar to this time last year, but falls short of the 180 members we had at the end of last year.
- You probably noticed that I didn't manage to send out the membership cards earlier than last year. A slow rate of renewals paired with a particularly busy Q1 has been the main culprits here. Nevertheless, I think that the particularly high quality of membership cards (while more than halving the costs) has been worth the wait.
- Affiliation with the BMC has been renewed. Details for 104 members

have been sent to the BMC and all of them should have received the Summit magazine by now. In order to receive this issue names have to be submitted to the BMC before the 1st March. If you renewed later, the BMC won't be able to send you the summit magazine. However, you can still get access to the digital editions online or via their apps.

- So far 7% of our members have taken up opportunity to pay by direct debit.
- Total donations of £310 have been sent to Mountain Rescue England & Wales, Mountain Rescue Scotland, Search and Rescue Dog Association, Friends of the Lake District and Snowdonia Society.
- I have written accounts for 2014 and they will be scrutinised in due course. The club continues to be in good health. While surplus is down to circa £160 I managed to pay some liabilities by the end of the year, so our assets have increase by £150.

As always, if you do have any comments or queries, please email (members@ulgmc.org.uk) or telephone (07984 583146, evenings and weekends). Also, don't hesitate to contact me if you are planning on booking huts for meets and need to put down a deposit.

Hopefully, I am going to see you all over the course of the year and I am looking forward to our members scaling some great routes and adventuring to memorable places this year! I have a few exciting exploits planned myself...

Club constitution update

Heather Rumble

You may have noticed the note below in the last newsletter. You will also have no doubt noticed that the constitution, as well as a few other documents, were omitted from the newsletter by mistake. Apologies from myself and the newsletter editor for this. These documents should be attached to this latest newsletter and the deadline for constitution comments has been extended to the 12th of June, 2015.

"At the end of the newsletter is a redraft of the constitution, as circulated at the 2014 AGM. We would ultimately like this to be voted in at the 2015 AGM. The draft version attached is now open for comment, especially for those that were not present at the AGM. Please send your comments or queries to Heather (president@ulgmc.org.uk) by the 28th of February."



Car Parking at Caseg

Mike Pollitt(Trustee)

I'm sorry if this short report appears as a nag, although to many extents it is.

As hopefully everyone in the club knows, car parking at the Caseg hut is limited to eight cars. This is written in the lease from the National Trust (actually eight vehicles). Everyone is also probably aware that relations with the farmer, Mr Williams, have been strained over the years and he is well aware of the eight cars rule.

I'm aware of some occasions on ULGMC meets when the eight cars rule has been broken. This is a great pity as I'm aware of huge efforts that go on at the meets trying to keep to the rule. I don't exactly know who was responsible on the different occasions but it has sometimes been 'senior' members of the club, who should know better, not the student guests.

We need to make visiting groups stick to this rule but yet we do not always keep it ourselves. We are a geographically dispersed club so whilst car sharing would solve the problem, in many cases it is not practical. Regarding additional parking, there is space for a few cars off the road at the entrance to the water board road towards Pen-yr-Helgi-Du. This is really not a long walk back to Caseg (5 minutes?)

There is more space at the side of the road down towards Llyn Ogwen, which is a longer walk, so I ask people to help each other by providing lifts.

As the signs in the hut say, the eight cars rule applies even if it is dark and raining.

Various other physical changes to the parking have been discussed, such as putting a chain across our parking area or marking out parking spaces. I'm unenthusiastic about them due to the visual impact and that I want to minimise obstructions in the car park for when it is covered with snow. If cars that are not part of the groups staying at Caseg are using our parking (boulderers, campers etc.) then I ask everyone to tell them about the situation. Leave notes on windscreens. It is notable that the climbing guide says to park on the road. The current situation of hoping it works out is not working. We have discussed various strategies (e.g. parking 'permits') and will be testing them out

My request to everyone is to support the meet leaders in their efforts to help. In the long term, I do not want to do anything to jeopardise our chances of getting the lease renewed

New Committee Members Needed!

In 2015 we have a number of people stepping down and we need you help to fill these gaps.

YOUR CLUB



Caseg Fraith - new Booking Secretary needed

As was originally announced in the September 2013 ULGMC newsletter, Elspeth Howell, the Warden and Hut Booking Secretary of Caseg Fraith for the last 16+ years, has decided to stand down from her position. Since this time last year, the warden part of the role has been taken over by Phil Tarr with Elspeth kindly agreeing to continue as booking secretary. The Trustees of Caseg Fraith (Mike Parkinson, Mike Warden, Mike Hale and Mike Pollitt) wish to sincerely thank Elspeth for all her hard work and dedication, which she has carried out so effectively and efficiently. Elspeth has decided to complete her 'retirement' to focus on climbing so we are looking for somebody to take over as booking secretary of Caseg.

I'm not going to pretend that this is an easy role with minimal time commitment! However, there is some flexibility as to when activities are carried out. The job description is fairly simple: take bookings for the hut, ensure users can get into the hut (keys, keycodes or other ideas), communicate with the deputy hut warden when people are in the hut and to take payments. Phil Tarr will continue as warden so note that the booking secretary does not have to look after the building or necessarily visit Caseg. Also, the deputy hut warden (Sally Brown), who lives in Deiniolen deals with weekly visits to the hut and issues "on-the-ground".

The main benefit of becoming booking secretary is the satisfaction of helping the Caseg Fraith hut remain a fantastic facility for ULMC / ULGMC members and the wider mountaineering community. Beyond that, it is really up to the booking secretary to make the role. At the moment, most bookings are made by email. I am happy for that to continue or equally happy for new ideas to be tried out. For example, web based booking systems which could be anything from a calendar on the internet showing availability through to a fully automated system. We can use the ULGMC website to help and I have friends who can help setup the system. You might have other ideas beyond those I have written here and I'm very open to them.

The booking secretary should not be 'out-of-pocket' in taking the role and so obviously postage, phone, stationary etc etc costs will be paid. Also, we will pay ULGMC membership and obviously the booking secretary does not pay to stay in the hut. I'd like to note, it isn't required that the new booking secretary does the job for as long as Elspeth has kindly done; I'm happy to discuss ideas around this. The idea of a five year term has been mooted. If a ULGMC member or one of their friends is interested in taking on the role, please contact me, Mike Pollitt, one of the other trustees or Elspeth to discuss. There is some urgency to this: we are keen to appoint as soon as possible.

Regards

Mike Pollitt

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(please leave a message if I don't answer)

Newsletter - new Editor needed

I am going to step down this year from editing the newsletter. Why? Living and working in two different parts of Switzerland plus learning German (Hoch and Swissgerman) has become too much and I need to pass it on.

I use Pages on the mac to draft the newsletter as it handles graphics better than Word when it comes to layouts. It does take time to do the layout, proof it (I really do proof it!) and then make the prints.

One thing that might make it better/easier to do is to move to a website and then just make the newsletter a collection of articles from the site. This could also mean it is more up to date. Just a thought.

Cheers

Shaun

MINUTES OF THE 64TH ULGMC AGM

11 Oct 2014, Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Trevor & Janet Hellen, Mark Stitson, Mike Hale, Francis & Rachael Mott, Kim Ashworth, Andy Worster, Steven Olivant, Willie Butler, Les Bailey, Liz Parkinson, Neil Brindley

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Bill Bristow, Seconded: Eleanor Mott

Accepted by consent

3. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: Trefor Owen

Accepted by consent

4. Finance

Stephan Tietz (ST) apologised for late membership cards this year. The membership number is up slightly on last year.

Accounts

Noted that the accounting period has been adjusted to 01 Jan to 31 Dec, to match the membership year and the BMC membership year. Motion to accept the accounts presented:

Proposed: Sam Hardman, Seconded: Diane MacCleod

Accepted by consent

Motion to continue donations as per previous years and continue to support meets as previous years

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: John Coote

Accepted by consent

Subscriptions. Motion for joint membership to be raised to £35, single membership to remain at £20. Discussion that this is due to BMC affiliation fee.

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded Bill Bristow

Vote: 22 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

Direct debits. Proposal to allow membership to be paid by direct debit, using the company "GoCardless", who are used by many other organisations to process direct debits. Note that cash or

cheque payment will still be acceptable. The benefit of this is reduced administrative work for the treasurer and to give members a more convenient way to pay. The club will cover the 1 % fee

Proposed Sue Darling, Seconded: Sam Hardman

Accepted by consent

5 Officer's Reports

5a. President's Report (Heather Rumble, HR)

Membership is up but still needing to push new members. HR suggested people nag new people to come on meets! Meets are the main advertisement. A BMC survey said that the main reason for joining clubs is to meet people. Constitution amendments were discussed. The BMC suggested adding a clause about expelling members, and the committee took the opportunity to tidy up the rest of the constitution. There was discussion whether the length of the clauses on expelling members was excessive and noted that proposed ULGMC wording is not as long as the BMC guideline. HR thanked Shaun West (newsletter) & Jill Bennett (archivist)

5b. Secretary (Mike Pollitt, MP). Nothing significant to minute

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST). Covered above

5d. Meets Secretary. (Linda Coombs, LC). LC reminded people that there is a pub meet in the London area on the first Thursday of the month. A provisional meets lists was distributed.

5e. Hut wardens / trustees. MP spoke about Caseg Fraith. Many thanks to Elspeth Howell for her work as warden and booking secretary. The warden part of the role was handed over to Phil Tarr in March, so thanks also to him for his work. There is a new deputy hut warden: Sally Brown who took over in January.

Mike Warden (MW) spoke about Fallcliffe cottage. Things were similar to last year. Dave Morley (Fallcliffe hut warden), obtained a £3000 rebate on the electricity. Work will be needed on the car park retaining wall. The warden was considering flat fee rate for exclusive use of the hut, to counter the problem of people booking the entire hut and then not filling it. Volunteers requested for Deputy Hut Warden.

5f. BMC Area Meets

Trefor Owen, BMC Wales. Discussion of an access review (climbers damaging SSSI), and small scale hydroelectric schemes. General points: First Hydro Slate Quarries access position unchanged (i.e. no permission required). Cairn problem (i.e. too many) & false paths.

6. Programme for 2015

Meets programme was distributed. The date for the next AGM is 17th October 2015 at Fallcliffe / The Millstone, as per the meets list.

7. Committee Elections

a) President: Heather Rumble

b) Vice-President: Mike Hale

c) Secretary: Mike Pollitt

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Stephan Tietz

e) Meets Secretary: Linda Coombs

All committee considered together. Proposed: Sue Esten, Seconded: Pam Towlson

Accepted by consent

It was noted that other Committee members were Neil Brindley, Mark Stitson, Keith Mott & Sue Darling

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer: Mike Warden

ULMC representative: Mark Stitson

Proposed: Mike Parkinson, Seconded: Dave MacLeod

Accepted by consent

10. AOB

John Coote: thanked committee for their work over the year

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

DRAFT CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT JULY 2014

(PROPOSED TO SUPERSEDE 1ST SEPTEMBER 2004 VERSION)

1. The club shall be known as the University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club (ULGMC).

Objects

2. The objects of the club shall be the promotion and encouragement of all branches of mountaineering, hillwalking and climbing, especially among its members and students and graduates of the University of London.

Membership

3. The following are entitled to be full members of the club:

- a) All members of ULGMC at the time this constitution came into effect (proposed to be the Annual General Meeting of October 2014)

Upon submitting a completed application form, the following are entitled to become full members of the club, provided they are over 18 years of age:

- b) Graduates of the University of London
- c) Past and present post-graduate students of the University of London
- d) Past and present staff of the University of London
- e) Former members of the University of London Mountaineering Club

4. Other persons may be proposed and seconded by existing full members to become full members of the club. These applications shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.
5. Family membership shall consist of a full member of the club, their partner (who may be a full member in their own right) and children of these partners up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Both adults of a family membership shall be full members of the club, with full voting rights. Accompanied children of family members may use the club huts as though full members, but have no voting rights.
6. Honorary Membership may be granted to people outside the Club who have been of outstanding service to the Club over a substantial period; they will receive all benefits of membership, except BMC affiliation or voting rights. Honorary Membership will be decided by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting and proxies. Nominations, signed by at least five members, shall be submitted to the Secretary at least six weeks before the AGM and included on the agenda.

- 35 7. The position of Honorary Vice-President may be granted to members who have given
36 outstanding service to the club, as decided by a majority vote of members at a General
37 Meeting and proxies. As full members they shall continue to enjoy all members' rights.
- 38 8. Full members remain as such, with full membership and voting rights, provided that their
39 subscription is up to date and subject to the provisions of section 9.

40 **Expulsion of a member**

- 41 9. If at any time the Committee considers that the conduct of a member appears
42 inappropriate, they will take action as follows:
- 43 a.) The Committee may ask a member to resign from the Club, by a letter specifying the
44 reasons for their request and offering the member an opportunity to provide an explanation
45 either in writing or in person and the date before which the reply should be received.
- 46 b.) If the member concerned requests a meeting to provide an explanation, the committee
47 must arrange a meeting at a suitable time and place and within a reasonable period of time
48 and must provide the member with not less than seven days written notice of it.
- 49 c.) The Committee must consider the explanation provided by the member in good faith and
50 have due regard to all available evidence.
- 51 d.) If the Committee decides the members conduct has been inappropriate they shall
52 continue to request a resignation by the member. If the member concerned does not resign
53 the Committee may suspend the member until the next General Meeting; this issue will be
54 circulated on the agenda.
- 55 e.) In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may decide to suspend the member
56 provisionally pending completion of the procedures in a) to d) above.
- 57 f.) At the General Meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her
58 conduct, verbally or in writing, and if after that two-thirds of the members present vote for
59 his/her expulsion he/she will immediately cease to be a member of the Club.
- 60 g.) The voting at any such General Meeting must be by ballot if not less than five members
61 present at that meeting so demand.
- 62 h.) On ceasing to be a member, a person forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club and its
63 property and funds.
- 64 i.) A person who has been expelled from the Club shall not be entitled to participate in any
65 subsequent activity of the club.

66 **Officers**

- 67 10. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Meets
68 Secretary. The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from amongst the full
69 members, shall hold office for one year, and be eligible for re-election. No one person shall

hold a single office for more than six years, or offices in total for more than ten years.
Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled on an ad hoc basis.

11. Any two members of the club may propose an assenting candidate for the post of any officer of the club. Nominations shall be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting and included on the agenda. Officers will be elected or confirmed by majority vote of full members attending the AGM and proxy votes. On the event of a contested vote for the Presidency, the Chair will be temporarily taken by a Vice President or former President.

Committee

12. The club committee shall consist of the officers. In addition Honorary Vice-Presidents and up to four other persons may be co-opted to join the committee for either general or specific purposes. In any tied vote of the committee, the President shall have a casting vote. A quorum for a committee meeting shall be four, and officers shall make up at least 50% of those present.
13. One delegate from each of the trust of the huts (Caseg Fraith and Fallcliffe Cottage) and ULMC may be invited to committee meetings for advisory purposes.
14. The committee shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting the amount of the forthcoming annual subscription, and propose expenditure of club funds in accordance with the objects of the club. The Treasurer shall submit a report and scrutinised account on behalf of the committee to the Annual General Meeting.

General Meetings

15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date to be proposed and approved at the previous Annual General Meeting. The venue shall be confirmed as soon as possible thereafter by the Meets Secretary. The Secretary will circulate the agenda at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.
16. The committee, on receipt of a written application from 20 of the full members, or when it otherwise deems necessary, shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which four weeks notice shall be given. Notice of such an EGM shall include the reason for calling the meeting, and an agenda with relevant documentation.
17. Provision shall be made for full members unable to attend any general meeting to vote by proxy. Proxy votes shall only be applicable to specific matters on the published agenda of the meeting called, and shall be effective only if received by the Secretary at least three days prior to the meeting in question.
18. This constitution may be amended at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose, four weeks notice having been given of any proposed amendment. Any amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the full members present at such a meeting, including such proxy votes as have been received.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2015

Data Protection Act 1998: The club will store your details on the club's electronic membership list. We will use this information to stay in touch, identify you to the BMC and make your contact details accessible to other members.

Please fill in (or tick) all starred fields and any other details which need updating using **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

Section 1a - Your Personal Details

This information will be used to identify you to the BMC.

Title	<input type="text"/>	Membership No*	<input type="text"/> 0 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9	Date/Year of birth	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y
First name*	<input type="text"/>	Landline	<input type="text"/>		
Surname*	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>				

☐ I do not want to share my landline, mobile, email and address on the members-only area of the club's website.

Section 1b - Partner's Personal Details

Only applicable for joint/family membership.

Title	<input type="text"/>	Membership No	<input type="text"/> 0 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9	Date/Year of birth	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y
First name	<input type="text"/>	Landline	<input type="text"/>		
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>				

☐ My partner does not want to share their landline, mobile or email on the members-only area of the club's website.

Section 1c - Personal Details of Your Children

Children's details will never be shared with other members.

I wish to add BMC liability insurance for my children (under 18 years, £8 each):

First name	<input type="text"/>	Membership No	<input type="text"/> 0 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9 <input type="text"/> 9
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Date/Year of birth	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y <input type="text"/> Y
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Email	<input type="text"/>		

Section 1d - Your Address Details

Only UK residents are eligible for BMC liability insurance.

Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>	POSTCODE	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>

☐ I wish to continue to receive the newsletter by post and not by email.

Please renew my/our membership for 2014:*

Single	<input type="checkbox"/> £20 or <input type="checkbox"/> £6.75 for non-UK residents	Plus £ <input type="text"/>	to insure my children (£8 each)
Joint/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> £35 or <input type="checkbox"/> £8.50 for non-UK residents	Plus £ <input type="text"/>	for 2016 (optional)

Please find enclosed a cheque payable to "ULGMC" for the sum of £

☐ I/We would like to set up a direct debit *You will receive an email to set up your direct debit via GoCardless.*

☐ I/We have paid by bank transfer to ULGMC (Acc No 04145127, S/C 52-30-40)

Please return the completed form (and your cheque) to **Stephan Tietz, ULGMC Membership Secretary, Top Flat, 56 Harvey Road, Guildford, GU1 3LU**. Thank you.

Alternatively, you can renew online: <http://members.ulgmc.org.uk/renewal> (user 'london', password 'caseg').



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MULTIPLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP REFUND FORM 2015

If you are a paid up member of more than one BMC affiliated club, you can reclaim the additional membership payments you have made. To claim a refund, please complete and return this form to office@thebmc.co.uk or post it to the Membership Services Team at the above address.

To qualify for a refund the BMC must receive your claim by the 30 June 2015.

Please note: if you have claimed back your multiple fees previously, there is no need to make a new claim. We will check your data and provided all your clubs have paid your subscription to the BMC for the current year, we will send you an automatic refund after 30 June.

Personal Details:

BMC membership no:	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Tel No:	
Email:	

Clubs (please list all BMC affiliated clubs of which you are a member):

1.	2.
3.	4.

Please indicate how you wish this refund to be paid:

a) To myself <input type="checkbox"/> (please place an X in the box).
b) To my chosen club(s) <input type="checkbox"/> (please place an X in the box).
Name of club(s) to pay:

In order to facilitate the BMC making your multiple affiliation refund payment directly into your bank account, please complete your bank account details below. Alternatively we will pay you by cheque.

Account Name(s):	Account Number:	Sort Code:
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Club members may also use their multiple affiliation payments to upgrade from club membership to individual membership. If this is your choice please call Lynda Buckley @ the BMC office on 0161 445 6111.

The information you supply will be used by the BMC for administrative purposes within the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. We shall not supply it to third parties.