



## News - important!!

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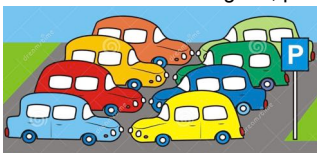
### Caseg Fraith - New Booking Secretary Required

We are still looking for a booking secretary for Caseg Fraith. The new role won't involve sending keys out, just managing who's staying there. The perk is, you'll always know when Caseg is free!

So, if you love Caseg and you'd like ULGMC to continue being involved in running it, please email or telephone Mike Pollitt: [pollitt@talk21.com](mailto:pollitt@talk21.com) / 07717 392304 (please leave a message if I don't answer).

### Parking at Caseg

ULGMC members (and your guests) – don't forget! Parking at Caseg is limited to 8 cars. If you're the 9th, you need to move. If you're the 7th or 8th and you know people are going to arrive in the middle of the night, be nice, leave a space for them. This isn't optional – if we break this rule we could seriously jeopardise our lease renewal with the National Trust. So be good, please.



## Forthcoming Meets

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

### 16 – 18 October Fallcliffe, AGM

Sam is arranging the AGM meet and planning to stay in Falcliffe. If you want to attend there is an AGM form that you need to send to Sam.

Sam Hardman, [meets.ulgmc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meets.ulgmc@yahoo.co.uk)

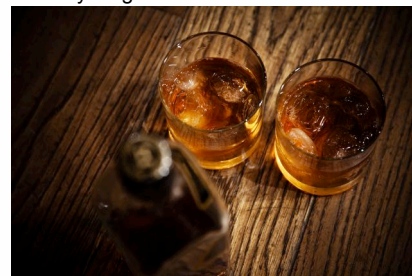
### 6 – 8 Nov Fallcliffe, Bonfire Night

The Motts are arranging the Bonfire in Falcliffe again. If you do nothing with ULGMC this year you should go to see Keith trying to blow up parliament! Enough gunpowder for a small army.

Keith Mott, [saymellon@gmail.com](mailto:saymellon@gmail.com)

### 30 Dec 2015 – 3 Jan 2016, Caseg Ffraith, new year,

The new year meet is looking (in need) of someone to lead it this year. It is always a good week to be in north Wales.



Can you help with this important meet?

### 13 – 20 February, Glencoe area, Scotland

Limited places: winter skills experience and deposit required to attend this useful meet. Y

Sam Hardman, [meets.ulgmc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meets.ulgmc@yahoo.co.uk)

Want to submit a report?  
25 October latest

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## Meets List

Location	Date	Meet Leader	Notes
Fallcliffe	16 – 18 October	Sam Hardman	AGM
Fallcliffe	6 – 8 November	The Motts	Bonfire Night
Caseg Ffraith, Snowdonia	30 December 2015 – 3 January 2016	Needed!!	New Year
Glencoe area, Scotland	13 – 20 February	Sam Hardman	Limited places. Winter skills experience & deposit required.
Fallcliffe, Peak District	12 – 13 March	Mark Stitson	Joint ULMC
Caseg Ffraith, Snowdonia	25 – 28 March	Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz	Easter
Corpach, Scotland	7 – 14 May	John and Joy Parsons	
Lands End, Cornwall	26 May – 1 June	Geof & Margaret Batten	Camping
Mid-Wales	June	Sue Esten	Camping?
Yorkshire Dales	July	Keith Mott	Camping
Caseg Ffraith, Snowdonia	Early August	Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz	Oggie 8
Caseg Ffraith, Snowdonia	27 – 29 August	Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz	August Bank Holiday
Caseg Ffraith, Snowdonia	22 – 23 October	Sam Hardman	AGM
Fallcliffe, Peak District	4 – 6 November	Keith Mott	Bonfire

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

Correct as of 9 September 2015, grey are currently provisional

## Meets and News from Members

### Oggie 8 - Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Fundraiser

#### Stephan Tietz

On the 8th August 2015 Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation (OVMRO, local to Caseg Ffraith) ran their eighth annual fundraising event known as Oggie 8. This involves teams of 4-6 people running or walking the 8 300ft peaks in the Ogwen Valley. This year they also marked 50 years since they were founded in 1965.

This year's team for ULGMC consisted of Andy, Kim, Heather and myself. While we flew around the first part of the course (Llewelyn, Yr Elen, Dafydd and Pen Yr Ole Wen) being ahead on last years' time by almost 30 minutes, we slowed down a bit on the second half due to tiredness and some smaller injuries. We still came in ahead of last years' time with a respectable 8:30 hours. The 'winning' teams benefitted from the good weather and returned in only 5:55 hours, while the final walking team returned after 13:43 hours.

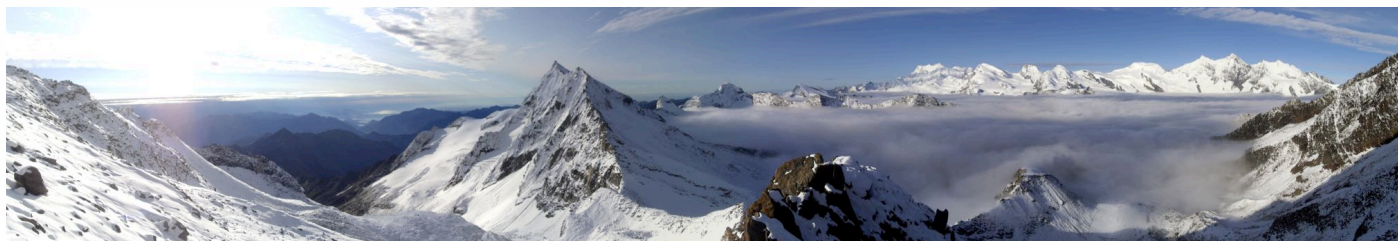
Mostly, we want to thank everyone who sponsored us: club members (Sam H, Sue D, Mike P, Robert H, Mark S, Matt W, George N, Phil T, Keith M and Eleanor M) as well as friends, family members and colleagues of ours. We managed to reach our aim of £100 each. We would also like to



thank Robinwood (the outdoor centre Kim and Andy work for) and Ipsos MORI for match funding. We raised a total of £682 for Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue.

OVMRO made a few last minutes changes, which means that for 2016 there should be an option of a shorter Oggie 4 (from Ogwen cottage: Y Garn, Glyders and Tryfan, then back to their base station) and teams can be as small as 2 or as large as 6 people. So, I hope more of us can join in 2016!





## Alpine trip 2015: Saas Valley

### Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz report

Heather and I pretty much went straight from the Oggie 8 to the Alps this year, via Cambridge to meet Rob and Francis Hardy (ULMC). 16 hours of driving with tired legs is not a pastime I would recommend, but we finally arrived in Saas Fee, Switzerland, at about 1am on Tuesday morning. We were greeted with fabulous sunshine once we'd recovered, but after spending much time erecting tents, acquiring maps and learning about the snow conditions we realised that the weather was not going to last for very long and that all of Europe was soon to be buried under water.

So, wasting no time, after Mike Hale's arrival we promptly hit up Hohsaas a glacier for some acclimatisation, new crampon testing and to remind ourselves of rope work. The next day we were going to head straight up the WNW ridge of the Allalinhorn. Very unfortunately, Mike wasn't able to follow us as the flu struck him down. The rest of us started with a little bit of a delay, but luckily the weather held and we summited before lunch time. This was the first 4000m meter peak for all of us.

The next days we had to spend in our tents as thunder and lightning brought rain in the valley and new snow on the peaks. (Actually, we went on one rainy walk from Hohsaas to Saas Almagella when Rob and Francis's friend from Germany turned up.) We decided that that we will use the first clear afternoon on Monday to walk up to the Almagellahutte with the hope that we would tackle the SSE ridge of the Weissmies the next morning, if conditions permitted. Our walk in led us via the Almagella Adventuretrail, a combination of via ferrata

and suspect looking logs draped over chasms. We also passed on the way a few fluffy marmots.

We set off to the beginning of the ridge at 6am, 10 minutes behind three guided groups who stayed in the hut with us. There were no groups behind us, so the 10 or so of us had the mountain to ourselves. The guides very kindly kicked steps for all who followed, but as this was hard work we joined the rock ridge earlier than usual. We summited around lunch time after a very long and hard route, thanks to the scrambling. One of the groups decided to descend via the Weissmies glacier a route which has recently become very dangerous due to unstable seracs. We, however, returned the same way we came with a very altitude-sick Stephan.

We couldn't quite believe how lucky we had been with the weather and how quiet the route had been. When we stopped at the Almagella hut on the way down for a quick radler there were a few dozen people preparing to climb the route the next day! Many of these were being taught how to coil ropes in the hut...

The next day we enjoyed in the valley, resting our muscles and drying our clothes in the sun before new rainclouds arrived. We managed to use a few gaps in the rain over the next days to test the toboggan run in Saas Fee, be told that the Monstertrotti (giant downhill scooter) wasn't running (bridge broken/too wet), to go running (20km from Grächen to Saas Fee – a fantastic route we would recommend for runners) and to go sport climbing on the crags above the campsite.

The weather had improved when Mark Stitson and Tom Smith (ULMC) joined us (who had been too busy climbing the Grossglockner in Austria to join us earlier) so that we tackled another route on Friday: Hohlaubgrat to the Allalinhorn. We set off early to catch the first lift up and would have

easily made guidebook time if a German group hadn't put their towels out on the final rockstep and made us wait for almost an hour!

The same day Heather and Rob tackled the Jegihorn via ferrata and fortunately did not have to wait for anyone apart from a few Chamoix crossing their way. It was a brilliant route, with v.f. from the bottom all the way to the summit. A long day out though!

Mark and Tom spent a few more days in the Saas valley while we had to get back to London. They managed to climb the Weissmies from the Almagella hut and did some sport climbing and walking.







View of the Quinag from the Chalets.

## ULGMC Meet in the FAR NORTH of Scotland at Kylesku

### Geoff Williams, John Coote and Geoff Batten

Seven days of high winds, rain and over night snow higher up did not deter from enjoying this remote area of Scotland. Despite the weather, seventeen members of the club staying in the relative "luxury" of the Chalets on the shores of Loch a Chàin Shàin took every opportunity to explore valleys and mountain tops of this stunning area.

Those enjoying the northern light were Bill Towlson (organiser) Geoff and Margaret Batten, Les Bailey, Mike John, John and Joy Parsons. Trevor Owen and Patsy, Liz Lindsey, Trevor and Janet Hellen, Tony Gilby, Sue Darling, John Coote, Willie Butler and Geoff Williams. As there was snow in the high hills and high winds the walks generally were at a low level and even then one party walking along the loch side was driven back by the wind. However during

the week an ascent of the snow topped Corbett Glas Bheinn (776m) from Inchnadamph Lodge was made by Trevor Hellen in challenging conditions after leaving the rest of his party at the bealach; and on the last day two groups climbed Spidean Coinich (764m) and Sail Gharbh (808m) on the Quinag in glorious sunshine, whilst two members walked nine miles along the hills north of Loch Glendhu and returned along the loch side.

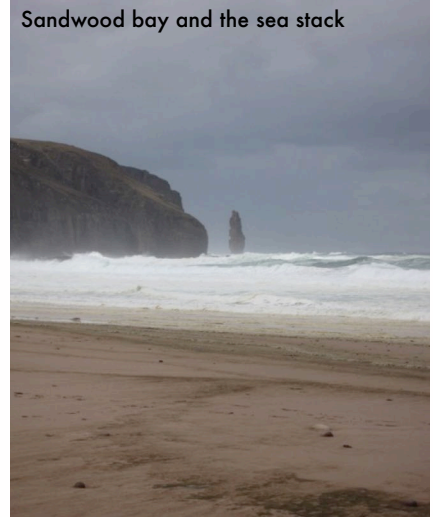


Party on the Scourie to Tarbet Track

Amongst the other excursions over the week were from Scourie to Tarbet; to cape Wrath; Blairmore to Sandwood bay; to and around Handa Island bird reserve.



Liz, Tony and Mike John on the bealach after descending the steep ridge from the summit of Spidean Coinich



Sandwood bay and the sea stack

On the fourth day a party motored to Lochinver parked near Glencansnipe lodge then walked over the top in unpleasant rain and wind returning via a precarious fisherman's path along the river.



Party negotiating the fisherman's path above the river Inver

Sue's birthday was the occasion of a chalet party and all enjoyed an excellent evening meal on the final day at the Kylesku Hotel. The week was enlivened by the late arrival of a member by taxi from Inverness due to vandalism delaying trains and a missed flight, a relative of a member 'lost' for a time in the Sahara and a 'grievous' wound to a member's head there was lots of blood but a good recovery after stitches.

A good meet, which merited the long distances travelled (two days by most, or three days in Geoff Williams case) by car each way to Kylesku.

## Welsh Coastal Path Meet Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June 2015

A change of venue this year! The meet took place at a very good camp site near Dolgellau (Dolgamedd its name) 9 of us being present. We were extremely lucky with the weather – it was fine throughout the 5 days of camping. There are plenty of things to do in this area for a group of oldies like us. On the Tuesday we all climbed Cader Idris – half the party did an up and down using the Pony Path, whilst the rest traversed the mountain from west to east going up from Minffordd.

The way up was largely paved and good whilst the way down on this latter route was steep, loose and fairly unpleasant. On the second and third days



the party had the benefit of a local 'guide' – George Bolt, a former member of the Club, who lives with his wife, Mary in Llanfachreth, very near the campsite. He took us from the village, over a pass leading to the hamlet of Abergeirw, then headed along a forestry track that led to a little used pass back over the hills to his house, Ty Capel Ffrwd where a cream tea, provided by Mary, awaited us in their very beautiful garden.

The next day we again walked from Llanfachreth, this time doing the famous 'Precipice Walk' and again had the benefit of George's local knowledge. The Precipice Walk gives superb views down the Mawddach estuary and of much of Snowdonia. Just a few folk walked on the last day – and did the Mawddach estuary trail – a dusty plod along the old railway track, then across the railway bridge to Barmouth followed by a very exciting bus ride back to the bridge which we crossed to get back to Penmaenpool, our starting point. Have you ever experienced a double decker bus being driven as if it were an F1 racing car? Hold very tight!

## Land's End meet: 21-27 May 2015

### Geoffrey and Margaret Batten

The continuing impact of GCSE, AS and A2 exams, some children now being away at university and Mike Pollitt's wedding all combined to reduce the numbers this year to only eight: five Battens and three Motts. Apart from some sea mist, the weather was mainly dry and sunny with, unusually, very little wind. There was the customary walking, eating and drinking although the consumption of Cornish pasties was hampered by their absence from the menu at the Old Success. Along with the Motts, we went to the Minack open-air theatre, for us our first visit in over 40 years camping at Trevedra Farm. After we

had left, Keith Mott went sea fishing and caught a large coley which was promptly eaten for dinner. We have booked the usual number of pitches for next year and will hope that numbers improve.



## Summer in the Alps and Greater Ranges

### Shaun West

JP (Jon Parker) gatecrashed the family holiday close to the Brennerpass in Austria. We had a great time as the kids were taken care of by the OAV. We spent one day out on the hills for over 12 hours making 35km and 2200m up and down! Was a great mix of walking and climbing with quite some chatting!



In the Rockies Shelagh and I took the challenge of Longs Peak. After Flat Peak. The lack of air caused us to turn back coupled with the Americans complete lack

of climbing sense. Safer to run away!



Other fun places this summer: Voraberg, Apenzelle, Lechetel and Chartreuse. Less fun: Cham in the rain...

## Club News

### Presidents Report, Sep 2015

### Heather Rumble

Whilst I'm sure you will all be surprised that I am old enough (or is that just self-flattery?), I have now (nearly) completed my 7th year on the ULGMC committee. So, I'm thinking, unsurprisingly, about luck. About how lucky it was Stephan and I survived an icy ascent of Tryfan one ULGMC Easter Meet. About how lucky I have been to see a cloudless view from the top of Snowdon. But, more importantly, about how lucky I have been to serve on such a fantastic, rewarding committee.

In the early days, I couldn't have wished for more support. I fondly look back on standing in the Caseg Fraith car park, the morning of my first AGM, in the pouring rain, hearing Keith say, "you do know you should have booked next year's AGM by now?", followed by us desperately trying to get phone reception to call the ODG. And now, with a new committee and a new role, the support hasn't ended. I am constantly reminded by the rest of the committee about deadlines that are coming up, things I should have done and people I should have spoken to. So, firstly I would like to say a big thank you, because after 7 years I finally feel like I vaguely know what I'm doing, and I couldn't do it without the rest of the committee.

I would also like to say though, with great sadness, that one of the constant fixtures of the committee while I've been on it, Shaun West, will be stepping down this year. Together we have burned the midnight oil trying to get newsletters out on time, quarrelled about typography and laughed about misadventures on stupidly long walks. So, I hope Shaun enjoys his



retirement and continues sending us lots of (jealousy inducing) pictures of his adventures in the Alps.

But enough of the cheese, on to next year! We've cracked on this year with recruiting new members. This is the first year we've had so many members join without us knowing them beforehand. This is due to our active efforts to promote the club and ensure we look (well, are!) active. Hopefully this will continue in the same vein next year.

We have also been successful in obtaining some funding from the BMC to develop the website. Whilst £400 doesn't get you too far in web design circles, we are hoping it will kick start the redevelopment we are lagging behind with.

We've also had some great meets this year. In fact, Caseg has been full almost to capacity on all meets this year, so we're hoping to shift the focus in the coming year onto other meets, particularly those at Fallcliffe where our support is needed to ensure it gets used. We do desperately need meet leaders to do this though, so, please, if you have one weekend a year you can dedicate to running a meet, we'd be exceptionally grateful. As a ULGMC meet leader, you'll never go it alone, one of us will always be there to support for the first year of running a meet, so please don't let that be a deterrent.

I'm very much looking forward to the AGM, particularly if we get a good mix of people attending as we did last year. It was amazing (truly, it makes me feel fuzzy inside) that the newer recruits mixed so well with those senior members of the club and that everyone was made to feel so welcome. So, I very much look forward to more of the same. See you soon to catch up with all your tales of adventures!

Heather

## Membership Sec & Treasurer Report

### Stephan Titz

I hope you agree that we can look back on another successful year for ULGMC.

Let's get the bad thing out of the way straight away. Printing the first batch of membership cards was (again) very, very delayed. My apologies. I hope, however, that everyone is happy with the quality of cards they received and that the printers have done this at a reasonable cost. I have continued with the same printers for the stragglers and expect that there should be no problem in 2016!! (It helps that our landlord as well as our employers have agreed that we can stay where we are for another year.)

Membership numbers are stable. So far, we have 175 members for 2015 (composed of 55 joint/family instances incl. 4 overseas, 49 single instances incl. 2 overseas, 3 children and 13 honorary/life-time members), compared to 180 members in 2014. This is split into 155 who renewed and were also members in 2014, 9 members who had temporarily lapsed and

have now rejoined and 11 completely new members (i.e. there are 25 members who have not renewed since 2014, only 5 of them joined in 2015). So, there continues to be quite a big fluctuation. That in itself is not a problem, but chasing members who haven't paid is very time consuming. I am happy that so far 8% of members have agreed to set up a direct debit. This is making my life (and I think theirs) much easier.

I would also like to make it much easier for ULMC members to join ULGMC. We are now in regular contact with ULMC and their committee, but I think we can do more to make ULGMC known with their 'normal' members. This is particularly important as loads of students graduate and stop climbing for a few years in which they try to establish themselves in a job and settle. Very few of them join clubs when they start climbing again or only join their local mountaineering club (wherever they may be). Hence, I would like to propose to the AGM that we add ULMC members for which ULMC has paid BMC liability insurance as 'prospective' members while they are undergraduates. That means they will be added to our newsletter mailing list and we can also consider if would want to give them an (electronic) "prospective member" card. The hope would be that they become (more) aware of ULGMC and what we can offer. This creates no additional costs and the 'only' admin required is that the ULMC committee forward the list they give to the BMC and that we add it to our list.

My latest forecast for 2015 shows that we are currently running a surplus of £236.53 with net assets increasing to £5,350.13. We continued to make donation of a total of £310 to Mountain Rescue England & Wales, Mountain Rescue Scotland, Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA), Friends of the Lake District and Snowdonia Society. Additionally, we have seen support from our members for the Llanberis Mountain Rescue when their Land rovers got vandalised. We also had four members take part in the Ogwen Vally Mountain Rescue Organisation's annual event "The Oggie 8". With donations from people both inside and outside the club, we raised £682! We have also managed to secure £400 of income from the BMC for improving our club website and newsletter.

It is great to see that the club is giving back to the wider climbing and outdoor community, which goes a long way to make our countryside more accessible, but most importantly also conserve it for the next generation. I think, however, that we ought to be able to give back more to our members as well. Therefore, I am asking (particularly) our new members how we can best support them. So far the idea with most traction has been to provide (a small) expedition and training fund. This would replace the funds we currently have put aside for Plas y Brenin training for young and/or new climbers during the Caseg meets, which have not been taken up in recent years. My proposal is that members can apply for a total of up to £100 to subsidise an expedition or training. There

will be a few requirements, e.g. the beneficiaries need to include ULGMC members, we need a few receipts and they need to do a write up.

As you can see the club is in good financial health. Moreover, the BMC has not informed us of any increases for the liability insurance. That means that we can keep the current membership fees, i.e. single membership is £20 and joint/family membership is £35. We will continue to provide discounted memberships for overseas members (excl. BMC liability insurance) and the option to insure children (£8).

As always, if you do have any comments or questions, please email ([members@ulgmc.org.uk](mailto:members@ulgmc.org.uk)) or telephone (07984 583146, evenings and weekends) me. I am looking forward to a rather short AGM this year and a good meal at the Millstone. And if you can't make it this year then I am sure I will see most of you on the hills and mountains. Upwards!

Stephan

## Constitution

### Mike Pollitt

The period for comment on changes made to the constitution has now ended. We received very little comment and so the draft attached is the same as that published in the April newsletter. We have now discussed these changes extensively at both the AGM (2014) and via the newsletter. Therefore the committee strongly recommends that the suggested changes are voted through. There will be four specific amendments that will be voted upon at the 2015 AGM. These are:

1. Line 30: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive BMC affiliation (this is to protect the club from future liabilities).
2. Line 30: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive voting rights.
3. Line 40: The committee may expel a member under the terms outlined in section 9.
4. Line 91: The date of the AGM no longer needs to be held in the last three months of the year.

Members may vote by proxy by nominating somebody to vote on their behalf. Nominations for proxy votes must be received no later than the 11th of October 2015. Proxy nominations can be sent by post or via email to:

Post: Mike Pollitt (ULGMC Secretary), Flat 4, Westoun, Wardlaw Gardens, St. Andrews, Scotland. KY16 9DW

Email: [Pollitt@talk21.com](mailto:Pollitt@talk21.com), cc [president@ulgmc.org](mailto:president@ulgmc.org)



## Newsletter

### Shaun West

I have just been checking my files... I have been April 2006. Almost 10 years so I think time to hand over the baton to someone new (Geof and Marget would have made a great pun!).



It needs a new revamp, given the layout is now 10 years old. Also I'd love to see someone more online (but not in FaceBook) that is more alive than my version.

Now the kids are older and I am working in Luzern and living in Winterthur and starting up a research/consulting group and trying to do more climbing and skiing and, and, and... I sound now more like the kids than and adult!! It is really time to give it to someone to look after and change...

Whoever takes it on, should know that I do the layout in Pages on a Mac and that I can pass on all the files etc to them (who???).

If any one is in Switzerland and wants to go to some interesting places of the tourist track let me know. I am up for climbing, skiing or just drinking... I can travel was I have a rail card for the whole of Switzerland so getting to Cham now only costs me 5CHF/5EUR. Austria is as equally cheap!





## Pre-AGM Bulletin, September 2015

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**Whilst you can express your interest in joining the committee at any time, we would particularly encourage expressions of interest before the next AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2015.**



## **ULGMC AGM**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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

Dear ULGMC members,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the ULGMC AGM and Dinner 2015, taking place at:

**The Millstone from 6pm. Dinner will be at 7.30pm.**

**Three courses will cost £19.95.**  
(for after dinner coffee or tea **add £2**)

If you would like to attend the dinner please do the following **by the 1st of October**:

1. Fill out and print the form below detailing your choices and return to me.  
or  
Email me your choices.
2. Post me a cheque made payable to **ULGMC**  
or  
Pay electronically: **ULGMC, Acc No: 04145127, S/C: 52-30-40**

There will be very limited accommodation available at Fallcliffe for the nights of the 16th and 17th. This will cost £5.50 per person per night. If you would like to reserve any spaces in the hut please specify in the form below, payment arrangements and deadline are the same as for the meal.

I hope to see you all in October!

Samantha Hardman, Meets Secretary

meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com – 7 Knoll Street, New Mills, High Peak, SK22 3DW

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**ULGMC AGM and Dinner, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015,  
at The Millstone, Hathersage**

**If multiple people are answering on one sheet, please enter a number**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to attend the AGM dinner at The Millstone (£19.95 per person)

**Yes    No**

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I/we would like to stay in Fallcliffe Cottage (£5.50 per person per night)

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I/we can offer \_\_\_\_\_ car spaces from the hut to the dinner (and back)

**Meal Choices:**

**Starter**

Prawn cocktail

Melon (v)

Soup (v)


**Main**

Carvery – Consisting of pork, beef, turkey, and nut roast (v) with potatoes and vegetables.

**Pudding**

Panna cotta

Sticky Toffee Pudding (v)

Fresh fruit salad (v)


**Coffee    Tea**

After Dinner Coffee or Tea **extra £2 per person**

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I enclose a cheque totalling \_\_\_\_\_ or  
I will arrange a payment totalling \_\_\_\_\_ by email

**Dr S. Hardman – meets.ulgmc@yahoo.com – 7 Knoll Street, New Mills, High Peak,  
SK22 3DW**



# ULGMC AGM Agenda 2015

## Draft Agenda

The 65th Annual General Meeting of the University of London Mountaineering Club (ULGMC) will take place at 6 pm on Saturday 17th of October 2015 at the Millstone, Hathersage

### 1. Apologies for absence

### 2. \*Adoption of the agenda

### 3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

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

### 4. Finance

- a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2014
- b) \*Adoption of the 2014 accounts
- c) \*Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2016
- d) \*Authorisation for expenditure of funds 2016

### 5. Other reports

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

### 6. Programme for 2016

- a) 2016 meets programme
- b) \*Date of next AGM

### 7. \*Election of new committee

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

### 8. \*Other elections

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

### 9. \*Review of constitution

### 10. Any other business

## Constitution

The period for comment on changes made to the constitution has now ended. We received very little comment and so the draft attached is the same as that published in the April newsletter. We have now discussed these changes extensively at both the AGM (2014) and via the newsletter. Therefore the committee strongly recommends that the suggested changes are voted through. There will be four specific amendments that will be voted upon at the 2015 AGM. These are:

1. *Line 30*: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive BMC affiliation (this is to protect the club from future liabilities).
2. *Line 30*: Honorary members, as defined in the constitution, will not receive voting rights.
3. *Line 40*: The committee may expel a member under the terms outlined in section 9.
4. *Line 91*: The date of the AGM no longer needs to be held in the last three months of the year.

Members may vote by proxy by nominating somebody to vote on their behalf. Nominations for proxy votes **must** be received no later than the **11<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**. Proxy nominations can be sent by post or via email to:

Post: Mike Pollitt (ULGMC Secretary), Flat 4, Westoun, Wardlaw Gardens, St. Andrews, Scotland.  
KY16 9DW

Email: [Pollitt@talk21.com](mailto:Pollitt@talk21.com), cc president@ulgmc.org



## **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.

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

#### **Expulsion of a member**

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

#### **Officers**

10. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Meets Secretary. The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from amongst the full 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.

Date accepted (superseded version)