



A grand turn out for the Surrey Hills Walk, Jan 2016. From back-left, moving clockwise: Mike Hale, Mina Klntr, Tania Nemer, Tania's friend (sorry!), Chris Stroud, Stephen Olivant, Fiona Thompson, Heather Rumble, Amelia Coggon, Adam Collins, Simon Thompson, Saffy, Sue Darling, Stephan Tietz, Francis Hardy, Sara Reis, Laura Dempsey

A newsletter full of news, reports and other goodies awaits, but first remember to renew your membership for 2016 if you haven't done so already. More details can be found in membership report near the end of the newsletter.

Forthcoming Meets

26 May - 1 Jun, Land's End, Cornwall

As ever this meet will be held at Trevedra Farm, Sennen. The last two years have seen a marked drop in numbers due to the impact of GCSEs and A Levels and children moving on to university. We would remind younger members that this meet provides excellent opportunities for cliff climbing and coastal path walking as well as easy access to lovely beaches for small children- and big! Bookings have now been registered with the campsite, but if you would still like to come, please contact Heather (president@ulgmc.org.uk). For other info about the meet, please contact Margaret and Geoffrey.

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



11 Jun, South Downs Day Walk

After the success of the Surrey Hills walk, we will be holding another in June. Meet at Petersfield station at 10:30 for a 10-12 mile across the glorious South Downs. Please bring a picnic and in return we will try to bring sunshine!

Please RSVP to: Stephen Olivant:

stephen.olivant@btopenworld.com, Tel: 07769 867889

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1737027736540545/>



13 - 18 Jun, Mid-Wales Meet

We are returning to the camp site that we went to last year near Dolgellau. This is Dolgamedd Holiday Park, Bontnewydd, Dolgellau, Gwynedd LL40 2DG. Telephone is 01341 450221. Grid coordinate is SH 776 200. Web site is www.dolgamedd.co.uk The booking is in my name.

We've been allocated pitches in the middle field, nearer the facilities than last year! 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

Want to submit a report?

26th Aug '16 at the latest

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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: sue@esten.org.uk Tel: 01442 864462; Mob: 07763 492 393



15 - 17 Jul, Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue (OVMRO) Challenge

Every year a few of us have been taking part in OVMRO's annual challenge: the Oggie 8. This encompasses all eight 3000ft peaks along the Ogwen Valley. This year OVMRO have decided not to run this event, so we would like to run our own. Please send us an expression of interest if you would like to attempt the Oggie 8, the Oggie 4 (just the South side) or want to go the whole hog and try the Welsh 3000's (there is still a bottle of bubbly up for grabs!) to aid our good neighbours, OVMRO.

If you don't fancy it, but would like to sponsor us, you can find our OVMRO fundraising page here: <https://shop.ogwen-rescue.org.uk/ulgmc-fundraiser-2016-p-2813.html>

Heather Rumble and Stephan Tietz: president@ulgmc.org
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1681293512135602/>



1 - 14 Aug, Alps Mountaineering Trip

We have unfinished business in Saas Fee. So, we will be returning for the first two weeks of August, staying at Camping Mischabel in Saas Grund. Please join the Facebook event page below to get involved in the

discussion, or send me an email if you think you might like to come along. We are happy for people to just turn up. However, a few of us are driving down so if you would like to car share, **please let us know by the 29th of May** so we can decide how many cars to take and book ferries.

Heather Rumble: president@ulgmc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/events/426832577512146/>



6 - 20 Aug, Dolomites Trip

For those who would rather scale the "iron ways" than tackle the 4000m peaks of Saas, new member Mel Owen is running an alternative Alps meet to the Dolomites. There is more info at the end of this newsletter. Let him know ASAP if you would like to join him or perhaps even combine the two!

Mel Owen: snowdon@blue-roan.org



26 -29 Aug, Caseg Fraith Bank Holiday Meet

Graham Cunningham has kindly taken this meet over from Heather and Stephan. As usual, a fun packed weekend of walking, running, climbing or whatever else you fancy!

Graham Cunningham: grahamcunningham1089@gmail.com



Meets and News from Members

Surrey Hills Walk with ULMC

Heather Rumble

This year, Stephan and I decided to host a day walk on home turf, in the Surrey Hills. After mapping our membership in the last newsletter, we realised that there are a lot of members in and just outside London, so wondered if there might be a taste for shorter walks in the area. We also thought it was a good excuse to meet up with ULMC, as they regularly host day walks in the area too.

So, we waited at Guildford station on a rather fine January morning to start the walk and were pleasantly surprised with the turn out. Eight ULGMC members were in attendance, including lots of people we hadn't met before. Five ULMC members also came along and three prospective members, who we hope to see again on a walk or a trip.

Stephan had planned a lovely route (you can find it here: http://www.mapometer.com/walking/route_422_1518.html), starting off on the claggy Wey Navigation, which travels through the heart of Guildford down towards Godalming. After around 4km, we joined the Downs Link Path, heading East and leaving the Wey Navigation. This took us to Blackheath Common, an attractive lowland heath with SSSI status. We stopped briefly at the war memorial to regather and for me to have a Snickers!



We followed the Downs Link, North, towards the Chilworth gunpowder mills, where we stopped to have a look. In the 1600's the area was littered with mills. In 1676, John Evelyn remarked, "I do not remember to have seen such Variety of Mills and Works upon so narrow a Brook, and in so little a Compass; there being Mills for Corn, Cloth, Brass, Iron, Powder etc." Now the mills are a Scheduled Ancient Monument and (apparently) home to dormice (you can find out more here: http://www.weyriver.co.uk/theriver/industry_5_gunpowder.htm).



From the gunpowder mill we set up the steep but beautiful St Martha's Hill. At this point the Downs Link crosses the Pilgrim's Way, another spectacular walk in its own right, it traverses 192km East to West from Winchester to Canterbury and is thought to have been in use since the stone age. It passes by many religious sites and St Martha's itself is a beautiful church that, though rebuilt in the 1800's, incorporates elements from the original 12th century church.



On top of St Martha's we were greeted by Sue Darling, who had prepared delicious parsnip soup and warm bread, carried up the hill in a pan in her bag! So, we all tucked in and enjoyed the view and I managed to offload some Christmas Lebkuchen onto everyone. Sue joined us for the next stretch of the walk, which followed the Pilgrims Way, East, before looping up to Newland's Corner. Newlands is probably the most popular viewing point in the area, with a large café and car park. So, whilst it does have a good view, we didn't hang around! Rain was also

threatening, so we started to head back West to Guildford.

We followed the Burgess Way for another 4km before taking in our last view of the North Downs on Pewley Down. Here we walked back into Guildford, passing Guildford Castle and rejoining the Wey Navigation for a pint and dinner in The White House pub. No sooner had we sat down in the canopy of the garden did it start hammering down with rain – thankfully an hour late and just in time for us to sit in the dry surrounded by raindrops. It turned into a rather late night for some of us, but what better way to finish off a good walk!



This was a really great walk and we were so pleased with the excellent turn out. Feedback was good, with pretty much everyone saying they would come again. Stephen O. suggested The South Downs, somewhere just outside Petersfield, for the next one. So, keep your eyes peeled and please do let us know if you would like to organise one too!

Glencoe, Scotland

Sam Hardman



This years' Scottish winter trip was based in a well situated cottage near the Bride of Orchy. The first day turned out to have the best weather of the whole trip and we certainly made the most of it, a circular walk over two Munros (Beinn an Dothaidh, 1004 m, and Beinn Dorain, 1076 m) followed by a traditional descent by headtorch certainly reminded us why winter walking is so much fun.



The weather then remembered it was meant to be Scottish, not Alpine, and the rest of the week was spent avoiding the strong gale force winds and heavy precipitation. After a rest day during which we sat out the very worst of the weather we had a few more days when the wind dropped and the cloud rose a few 100 m about the valley base. We achieved a couple more summits (Ben Challum, 1025m, and Stob a'Choire Odhair, 945 m), and some lower level walks though some very high quality bog.

All in all a most enjoyable trip, it's a pity winter only comes once a year!

Fallcliffe, with ULMC

Mark Stitson

Fearing mixed weather we had a gloriously sunny weekend. Some of us went walking and some of us went climbing. Various members came over different days and we had a good number of people join us for the communal meal on Saturday evening catered for superbly by Frances Mott. Looking forward to the March meet at Fallcliffe next year again.

Easter Weekend, Caseg Fraith

Heather Rumble

The mountain weather forecasts proclamation of "Gusts up to 50mph in the valleys" pretty much summed up the weekend! In attendance: Stephan and I, Sam Hardman, Mark Stitson, Graham Cunningham, The Motts, Andy and Elena Charalambolous and The Hills (complete with two little ones!). Most people attempted to leave the hut on the first day. Stephan and I ran down the Nanmor valley near Beddgelert, through some beautiful woods and barely seeing a soul all day.



Sam and Mark also had a woodland adventure, but their wood had been battered by a storm, so they spent several hours fighting through fallen branches and climbing over logs.

That was pretty much the end of the bravado for the weekend. The rest of the holiday was spent eating Francis's (as usual) excellent food, scrubbing the hut

to within an inch of its life and playing lots of board games. It was great to have some kids running around the hut again and to catch up with Rachael Mott on a break from Uni.

Graham has kindly stepped up to run the next Caseg meet, so perhaps this is our last one in charge for a while. Thanks Graham!

Ski-mountaineering in the Cairngorms

Mike Bennett

Mike Bennett reports that he had a few days ski-mountaineering again in the Cairngorms in March. He says he must be getting older, as the guide he's being going to the mountains with for over ten years, Bob Barton, who was somewhat younger than him, has now retired! This year he was accompanied by Jonathan Preston, who is also based in the Cairngorms.

Among other tours they did the traverse from Cairngorm to Ben Macdhui. Because of the sparser than usual snow cover, this involved a lot of carrying of skis!

Mike also admits he now spends somewhat more time reading about mountaineering than doing it. He would particularly recommend to members a book he read recently - "All But One" by Barbara Swindin. This is a wonderful account of her attempt to climb all the alpine 4000 metre peaks. As the title suggests, she did them all apart from one, the Aiguille Blanche de Peuterey.

The past brought to life

Jill Bennett, Club Archivist

In 2011 the press marked the anniversary of the 1951 Festival of Britain. There was even some idea of re-creating the famous Skylon. Which prompted me to send a letter to 'The Guardian' about the University of London students who climbed the Skylon the day before the royal opening. They printed my letter here:

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2011/may/02/skylon-prank-festival-of-britain>

Two of the 5 students were members of what became ULGMC - John Fowle and Phil Gurdon. The climb was organised by the University of London Air Squadron (ULAS), of which Phil Gurdon (known as Peegee in the Club) was a leading light. I understood that Phil was one of the group of three who actually made the climb, while John Fowle was one of the back-up party, who carried gear, and fixed belays part way up and so on. According to Stella Berkeley (first LGMC Secretary) Phil Gurdon became a commercial pilot and was thought lost at sea years later. However, in January 2011 I happened to hear Phil Gurdon being interviewed by Eddie Mair on BBC Radio 4's PM programme, talking about the Skylon escapade.

Then in Sept. 2015 I received an email from Toronto, from Phil Gurdon's son-in-law, who had found my letter online, and told me that his father-in-law had died in 2011. In reply, I sent them 4 photos from the Club archives from 1950-51 which included Phil. His daughter was delighted by the photos as she hadn't seen them before, and considering their age, most have reproduced fairly well. I attach one of them, taken in Dec. 1950 at the LGMC meet at Maes Caradoc (the hut they stayed in). It shows: L-R John Fowle, Geoff Smith, Phill Williams, Phil Gurdon, Inez McLoughlin & Stella Chapman (later Berkeley).



Phil Gurdon's daughter knew about the Skylon escapade but the version she heard was that they originally planned to leave a pair of women's knickers at the top, but that the ULAS commander heard of the plan and agreed to stay quiet only if they left a ULAS scarf instead "as being more dignified". They had also planned to leave a bottle of whisky on top for whoever was sent to get the ropes down, but towards the top the going was difficult and the ropes kept snarling on the reflector lights. I suspect if something like this happened now the police et al would take a rather more serious view!

I have a couple of press cuttings on the Skylon climb in the archives if anyone is interested. These, and the early photos which I have on file could possibly be added to the Club website - if that appeals?

Editor: Yes please Jill!!!

National Parks

Stephan Tietz

Within the United Kingdom National Parks as well as the public right of way and the right to roam have become foundation stones for the protections of our landscape and the bio-diversity it harbours while also guaranteeing access to the great outdoors for the public.

So, it is great news that the DEFRA has announced the extension of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the West and of the Lake District National Park to the East. They are now meeting on the M6. Hopefully, time will alleviate some of the worries which have been put forward by local land owners and farmers since 2009 when the plans were first proposed.

Similarly, Snowdonia has been granted the status of International Dark Sky Reserve, only the 10th so far (three of them in the UK: Brecon Beacon, Exmoor). It means that there is low amount of light pollution making it one of the places you can admire the Milky

Way across the night sky – if there are no rain clouds in the way!

Finally, you might have read that the right-to-roam law means that pre-1949 rights of way which are not on the official definitive maps will “extinguish” on 1st January 2026. So, we have 10 years from now to ensure that thousands of footpaths, urban alley ways and footpaths are recorded. Many of these we take for granted, but have not been recorded on official records. More info can be found at www.facebook.com/RestoringTheRecord Furthermore, the Open Space Society, The Ramblers and the British Horse Society provide advice on how to register a right of way.

Remembering

Last year two of our cherished members passed away. The Hamptons remember Edward Williams, and Carol Bristow remembers Bill Bristow.

Edward Williams

Edward Williams died last autumn. He was in the Navy during the war and then a student at King's College where he read Physics and ran the college mountaineering club and was a member of U.L.M.C. After graduating in 1950, he went to the Middlesex Hospital to read Medicine. He joined the Climbers Club and became interested in research into high altitude medicine. At one time he spent several weeks camping on the top of Mont Blanc making observations. He became involved in U.L.M.C. attempts to get a club hut and in the building of Caseg Fraith, of which he became a Trustee. He was always helpful with good advice. Later he joined Bonnington's expedition to Kongur. He was Professor of Nuclear Medicine at the Middlesex Hospital until his retirement. We think his death should be noted in the club annals. Some of the older members may remember him.

Bill Bristow

As many of you know, Bill Bristow died on 2nd December, three years after his cancer diagnosis. In spite of operations and chemotherapy he kept going with his activities till the end. Many times he went straight from chemo to choir rehearsal as he didn't want to let the lads down. He had planned his memorial service at Southwell Minster which took place on 5th January. It was as he wanted, 500 people came, spirituals from his choir, rousing hymns, very sincere words from the clergy who we knew well. Our oldest son Paul gave a wonderful summary of his life. This was followed by food and wine in the minster which turned into quite a party! When we got home eventually it was fireworks and champagne with friends and neighbours. We had many happy years with the club and made lasting friendships. We were so pleased we were able to get to the AGM in Derbyshire as we guessed it would be Bill's last. Best wishes to the club and I hope I can continue to attend.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we must announce that Rosemary Williams died on the 10th of December 2015. Our thoughts are with Phill and his family.

Club News

Welcome to New Members!!!

A warm welcome to new members to the club: Simon and Sofie Abbott and family, Thomas Pedder, Georgia Ferguson, Abigail Rowlands, Jolyon Cohen, Shane Williams, Isobel Parker and Simon and Elizabeth Hills. We hope to see you on the hills in the coming year!

New Committee Members

Welcome to the committee Robbie Pineda!

Robbie will be joining us as a committee member without portfolio (CMWP), having joined the club last

summer. Robbie will be helping out on the committee, so please say hello and make him feel welcome.



A number of other committee members are moving to other roles or stepping down. Sam Hardman, our meets sec, has now officially taken over as booking sec of Caseg. We think we have found a meets sec to take on the role - watch this space. Mark Stitson is stepping down as a CMWP and ULMC rep after 9 years on the committee, to be replaced by Rob Hardy, thanks Rob! I'm sure I speak on behalf of the club when I say thank you to both of you for your service on the club committee and we wish you all the best in your new roles.

New Committee Members Needed!

**Seeking a fulfilling role in the outdoor sector?
ULGMC needs you! We're currently looking to fill
several vacancies.**

**Secretary - - Newsletter editor - -
Committee members without portfolio**

Being a ULGMC committee member is a great way to boost your organisational, leadership, team-working and social skills. As a committee member of nearly 8 years I can genuinely say, it's really satisfying, particularly while we are seeing a new influx of members.

So, as the green cross code man's voice double once said, "Join me, and together we can rule the galaxy!"



Heather Rumble: president@ulgmc.org

Membership Sec & Treasurer's Report

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 2016. 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.

I have had a particularly busy first quarter to this year (privately, in my job and a little bit in the outdoors), so chances are that one of your emails is still awaiting a reply in my inbox though I am almost on top of the beginning of the year admin:

We have 166 members who have renewed/joined. That's about 40 members ahead of this time last year. This is mainly due to more timely renewals (**Thank you!**) and I am hopeful that we will meet or exceed the previous year's total of 180 members by the end of this year.

If you renewed at the end of last year or early this year then you will have received your membership cards already (and earlier than the last two years). If you renewed afterwards then you will receive your card once I have enough renewals/new joiners to run a second batch. This should be within the next two months.

Affiliation with the BMC has been renewed. Details for 149 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 summited 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. We have included information of how to register for the BMC members' area in this newsletter.

I am very pleased that we have seen a steep increase in the uptake of Direct Debit payments. It hugely cuts down on administrative time needed for membership renewals, which allows the committee to focus on club development (e.g. recruitment, meets, webpage).

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.

We have not been able to award the £200 put aside for the "Training and Expedition Fund" due to a lack of suitable applications. I will discuss with the committee if we are going to rerun the application process later this year.

I have written accounts for 2015 and they will be scrutinised in due course. The club continues to be in good financial health. Our surplus for 2015 is circa £380 to circa £162.83 last year.

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. The weather over the last week has certainly been promising (though I did manage to get particularly wet and cold scaling mountains around Buttermere over the early May bank holiday

weekend). I am looking forward to our members climbing some great routes and adventuring to more memorable places this year! Maybe I will see you in Scotland or the Alps later this year...

BMC members area, Summit magazine and lost membership cards

ULGMC is affiliated to the BMC, which means that as ULGMC member (resident in the UK) you are not just covered by third-party liability insurance, but you also have access to the Summit magazine, discounts and some other goodies.

If you have never used the member area of the BMC webpage then you will need to register first. Visit <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/register> and enter your name, choose a username, your email address and choose a password. You will receive an email with a validation link you need to click on (this confirms that you own the email address you've entered).

You can now login via <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/login> and you will be greeted with "Link your membership to this account today". Click on it and enter your BMC membership number (you received this via your Summit magazine or it is also printed on the ULGMC membership card) and your date of birth.

Hopefully, that will just work and otherwise you will be provided with some information of how to contact the BMC support to resolve it.

You will now be able to "View your online membership card" (in case you signed up after Q1 or lost the old one), watch exclusive short documentaries and instruction on "BMC TV", get access to exclusive offers and also find instructions on how to access Summit magazine (Membership > Summit Magazine).

On that note, as you are aware you will (as a club member) only receive the first annual issue of the Summit magazine each year in print. But you can

easily read the other three issue online (latest issue here: <http://content.yudu.com/web/2p8f9/0A2p8gr/SummitNo81/index.html>) or via the app. Here are the download links for the Android App <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.yudu.ReaderAIR4536603> and the iOS App: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/summit-magazine-climbing-walking/id850480265?mt=8> You will need to login using the emails and password you used for registration above.

Hut News

New Booking Secretary

Caseg has a new booking secretary! Following Elspeth Howell's 'retirement' from the role, Samantha Hardman took over from the start of the year. I'd like to thank Elspeth for all of the work she put into the hut over 20+ years as warden and booking secretary and the last two years as 'just' booking secretary.

For bookings, you can contact Sam on casegfraith@gmail.com. The ULGMC website also shows when the hut is booked: <http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/casegbooking.html>

I'd like to ask everyone to support Sam in this vital role for the hut.

Mike Pollitt, Lead Trustee Caseg

Caseg Fraith - Parking

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.

ULMC News

ULMC Meets

ULMC members are always welcome at ULGMC meets and ULGMC members are welcome at ULMC meets (although where accommodation is limited members of the hosting club have priority in booking.)

We have been working with the ULMC committee to link our clubs closer together again, with some more news in the next newsletter

ULMC have run their 2 large freshers meets to North Wales and the Peak District for the autumn term. ULMC usually hire a professional instructor for one day on each freshers trip to teach the freshers and this year I worked with their instructor to teach freshers. Over recent years more ULMC members have become interested in climbing which means more experienced climbers are needed to teach them. **If you are interested to help out please get in contact with Rob (robhardy.hardy@gmail.com).**

ULMC also climb every Tuesday during term time at Mile End climbing wall and if you want to join them look out for their ULMC hoodies or t-shirts.

January Winter Climbing

Heather Rumble



In the pub, after the ULGMC Surrey Hills walk (say no more!), Stephan and I agreed to join ULMC the following weekend in chasing the winter conditions and heading up to Snowdonia. Armed with ice axes and crampons, we decided to head up Tryfan North Ridge on the Saturday. The conditions were fantastic,

with a good layer of ice covering all rock surfaces; a great opportunity to test out our relatively new winter climbing skills. We had a few beginners with us, so after Tryfan, with only an hour of light left, we split the group. Some of us descended, whilst a plucky group of three sprang up Bristly Ridge, passing a group in trainers!



On Sunday I went up Elidir Fach with a small group, hoping to find the elusive path through the slate quarries that we hope to use on our Paddy Buckley attempt (if we are ever fit enough!). Conditions on top were proper whiteout, which was very exciting and we descended safely via Machlyn Mawr.

The others, not sated by Tryfan the previous day, went up the East Ridge of Y Garn. Snow conditions weren't quite as good as on the Saturday, but the team still had a fun day out and returned in time for tea and biscuits.





Dates 2015/16	Location/Meet	Meet Leader
29 th April – 1 st May	ULMC Climbing Trip, Roaches	ULMC
7 th – 14 th May	Corpach, Scotland	John and Joy Parsons
26 th May – 1 st June	Lands End, Cornwall - Camping	Geof & Margaret Batten
11 th June	South Downs Day Walk	Stephen Olivant
13 th – 17 th June	Mid-Wales Camping	Sue Esten
July date TBC	Yorkshire Dales Camping	Keith Mott
15 th July – 17 th July	OVMRO fundraising weekend – please send expression of interest	Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz
31 st July – 13 th August	Alps Trip! Saas Fee	Heather Rumble
6 th – 20 th August	Dolomites Trip (see info at end of this newsletter and contact ASAP! snowdon@blue-roan.org)	Mel Owen
26 th – 29 th August	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia - August Bank Holiday	Graham Cunningham
8 th - 9 th October	Caseg Fraith, Student Safety Seminar	Mark Stitson (contact - booked by bed)
21 st – 23 rd October	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – AGM at The Royal Oak, Betws-Y-Coed	Sam Hardman
4 th – 6 th November	Fallcliffe, Peak District - Bonfire	Keith Mott
30 th December – 2 nd January	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – New Year	Elanor Mott
If you would like to attend a meet, please email the meets secretary (meets@ulgmc.org). For ULMC meets, please contact Mark (mark.stitson@ulgmc.org.uk).		

Committee 2015/16

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	<p>Treasurer/ Membership Secretary Stephan Tietz</p> <p>0798453146 members@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		

Officers without portfolio

			
Sue Darling	Robbie Pineda	Keith Mott	Neil Brindley

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	<p>YOU ?</p>		
<p>Jill Bennett Club archivist archivist@ulgmc.org.uk</p>	<p>Vacant! Newsletter editor editor@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		<p>Rob Hardy ULMC liaison xx</p>

ULGMC Huts

Fallcliffe



Lead Trustee

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Hut Warden

Dave Morley

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Fees include fuel and electricity, and are £5.50 for ULGMC members and University of London students, £6.50 for other students and £9 for guests, per person per night.

No individual bookings accepted except for ULMC & ULGMC members.

Bunk space available for parties of up to 15 people.

To book the hut or check availability, visit:

http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/fallcliffe_availability.html

Caseg Fraith



Lead Trustee

Mike Pollitt

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Hut Warden

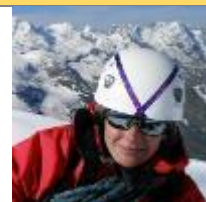
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Hut Sub-Warden

Sally Brown



Hut Booking Secretary

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Fees, which include fuel and electricity, are £6 for ULGMC members and University of London students, £7 for other students and £9 for guests, per person per night. Bunk space is available for parties of up to 40 people.

To book the hut or check availability, visit:

<http://www.ulgmc.org.uk/casegbooking.html>

2-Week Dolomites Meet, 6th to 20th August 2016

1. **Synopsis.** The proposal is to fill cars and drive out for two weeks, one week based at each of two campsites, at Campitello and Cortina. Please come for just one week or for both weeks.

2. **Excursion Options.**

- A key intention of this meet is to persuade some of the rock climbers within the Club to take part, with a view to their pairing up and bagging some of the many classic multi-pitch rock-climbing routes in the area. There are English guidebooks to the rock routes published by both Cicerone Press and The Alpine Club.
- My own focus will be on the many Via Ferratas that abound, and I invite all who feel similarly inclined to join me each day. Those who do so are welcome to steam off ahead on each route; I am happy to keep an eye on anyone with little Via Ferrata experience, for which purpose I'll be carrying a rope (see paras 7 & 13).
- Families should note that there is plenty of scope for easier excursions, and my wife, Mary, will probably be one of them. Not only do the many uphill lift systems enable you to gain height and visit high mountain restaurants with minimal effort, enjoying the stunning scenery, but there are Via Ferratas in both areas which are in the easier grades, from 1A upwards.

3. **Via Ferratas.** The table below indicates the routes I have my eyes on, covering 16 Via Ferratas. It is quite ambitious, so is obviously both flexible and weather dependent.

Date (Aug)		Route	Grade	Key	[Para 4]
Sun	7 th	VF Oscar Schuster – Sasso Piatto	3B	¶	Selv 3
Mon	8 th	VF Brigata Tridentina (Pisciadu)	3B		Corv 4
Tue	9 th	VF dei Finanziari - Colac	3C	¶	Fassa 11
Wed	10 th	VF delle Mesules (Possnecker) – Piz Selva	4C		Selv 4
Thu	11 th	Marmalada West Ridge	4C	¶ #	Fassa 13
Fri	12 th	VF Cesare Piazzetta – Piz Boe	5C		Arab 1
Sat	13 th	Via della Trincee - La Mesola	4B	¶ §	Arab 2
Sun	14 th	VF Ettore Bovero . Col Rosa	3B	§	Cort 2
Mon	15 th	VF Michielli Strobel – Punta Fiammes	3B		Cort 3
		VF Terza Cengia - Forcella Zumeles	2C		Cort 4
Tue	16 th	VF Giovanni Lipella – Tofana de Rozes	4C	¶ §	Cort 8
Wed	17 th	<i>[Sorapsis Circuit in one day]</i>			
		VF Francesco Berti	3C		Cort 13
		Sentiero Carlo Minazio	1C		Cort 14
		VF Alfonso Vandelli	3B		Cort 15
Thu	18 th	VF Tomaselli – Punta Sud	5C	¶ §	Falz 1
Fri	19 th	VF Punta Anna & VF Gianni Aglio	5C	¶	Cort 11

Grades are defined at paragraph 8.

Key	Makes use of uphill lift system to gain height before the start	¶	
	Head-torches needed to explore optional tunnels	§	

	Iceaxe & crampons needed for glacier	#	
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4. **Guide Book.** The references in the final column refer to the routes in the Cicerone Press Guidebook: “**Via Ferratas of the Italian Dolomites: Vol 1**”, currently the most up-to-date English-language Via Ferrata Guidebook to the Italian Dolomites, and highly recommended.
5. **Maps.** Maps can very conveniently be purchased locally on arrival.
6. **Daily Transport.** I am assuming that we will have sufficient cars between us to handle daily excursion requirements, which is why we need cars out there.
7. **Essential Technical Equipment for Via Ferratas** I know that many will be familiar with Via Ferrata techniques, but if you are new to them please read the introduction at www.blue-roan.org/klettersteigs. If we climb the Via Ferrata onto the Marmalada it will entail crossing a snow-covered glacier, which will need ice-axe and crampons, although if we all rope up together, not all party members will necessarily need them. Those who intend to bag rock climbs will undoubtedly be well aware of the kit they will need to take.
8. **Via Ferrata Grades.**

Technical Difficulty:

- 1 = Easy;
- 2 = Straightforward;
- 3 = Requires surefootedness and freedom from vertigo;
- 4 = Demanding, steep, requiring confidence and a high scrambling standard;
- 5 = Routes of the highest technical standard encountered in Via Ferrata climbing, suitable only for the most experienced Via Ferratists.

Seriousness:

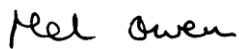
- A = Straightforward and unthreatening;
- B = Intermediate between A and C;
- C = Routes only for the experienced mountaineer; such routes might lack any escape opportunities, be in remote areas, have passages of very exposed unprotected terrain, or involve inaccessible situations where any mishap could have the most serious consequences. The threat of stone-fall might be a major consideration or a change in the weather could add greatly to the problems posed by the route.

9. **Costs.** Everyone will be responsible for their own travel and camping costs.
10. **Camp Sites.**

Week 1	Week 2
August 6 th to 13 th	August 13 th to 20 th
Campsite Addresses and Contact Details	
Caravan Park Miravalle vicolo Camping, 15 38031 Campitello di Fassa (TN) Tel. +39 0462 750502. Fax +39 0462 751563 http://www.campingmiravalle.it/ E-mail: info@campingmiravalle.it Situated 50 metres from the centre of Campitello.	Camping Rochetta International Via Campo n° 1 32043 Cortina d'Ampezzo - Italy Tel. & Fax +39 04365063 http://www.campingrocchetta.it/ E-mail: camping@sunrise.it Situated 20 minutes walk from the centre of Cortina.

11. **Camp Site Booking.** I will do this collectively for the complete party so that we are collocated.
12. **Travel.** I intend to book my car across the Channel and book an overnight stop in each direction at a motel intending to take 2 days travelling in each direction; my wife will be accompanying me. As soon as I know who is joining the party I will circulate a full list to you all so that we can meet up and share transport; so please tell me whether you are looking for a lift or are looking to fill (a) spare seat(s). If you wish to break your journey across Europe, highly recommended is the Accor chain of motels, (of which 'Etap' and 'Formule 1' are probably the cheapest), best accessed via www.accor.com, although they do have a UK phone 0208 2834500.
13. **Caveat.** I am not authorised to provide formal instruction. However, I will be carrying a rescue rope at all times, and would be happy to demonstrate on request the current best practice for using it to help a party member in difficulties on steep or vertical sections. On each week, the Sunday and Monday excursions have been chosen to suit anyone who is reasonably fit, properly equipped, surefooted and free from vertigo, even without previous Via Ferrata experience.

If you have any questions, please ask them.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016

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Please renew my/our membership for 2016:*

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)
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Please find enclosed a cheque payable to "ULGMC" for the sum of £		<input type="text"/>	

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

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

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To qualify for a refund the BMC must receive your claim by the 30 June 2016.

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 organisations have paid your subscription to the BMC for the current year, we will send you an automatic refund after 30 June 2016.

Personal Details:

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

Organisations (please list all BMC affiliated organisations 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 organisation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> (please place an X in the box).
Name of organisation(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.

Account Name(s):	Account Number:	Sort Code:
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