



Heather in bloom near Mynydd Mawr, August Bank Holiday

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ULGMC AGM 2017

The AGM takes place on the 21st of October at The [Old Dungeon Ghyll](#), Great Langdale, Lake District. To book your place, see the invitation and RSVP at the end of this newsletter ([here](#)).

Can't make it? A number of important club decisions are taken at the AGM. Make sure your voice is heard

by nominating someone as a proxy voter. Details are in the News section of this newsletter ([here](#)).



New Committee Members Needed!

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

President -- Treasurer -- Secretary

Newsletter editor

Committee members without portfolio

See the News ([here](#)) section for nominations and proxy voting details.

ULGMC is nothing without its members. Make it yours by helping decide the future of the club.

Being a ULGMC committee member is a great way to boost your organisational, leadership, team-working and social skills.

See the job descriptions at the back of the newsletter for more information, or email me: Heather Rumble, president@ulgmc.org

Want to submit a report?
**3rd November at the
latest**

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Upcoming Meets

20-22 Oct, AGM, Lake District

The AGM this year endorsed the proposal to hold the next one in the Lakes. The Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, <http://www.odg.co.uk/>, has been booked. We intend to book a hut to accommodate any overspill, **please contact Heather (president@ulgmc.org.uk) ASAP to find out if we have spaces.** There are bunkhouses, B&B and other hotels available locally.

Keith has reserved all the rooms for Friday and Saturday so please let me know if you would like to stay with how many places and whether you are prepared to share as most rooms are either doubles or twins. I have both male and female singletons already wishing to stay. If, like us, you would like to extend your stay at the hotel before Friday or from Sunday, please contact the hotel reception on 01539 437272 or olddungeonghyll1@btconnect.com.

Keith Mott: saymellon@gmail.com



03 - 05 Nov, Bonfire Meet, Peak District

A weekend of feasts and fireworks! Join Frances Mott at Fallcliffe, our club hut in the Peak District.

Frances Mott: francesmott@googlemail.com



29 Dec - 01 Jan, New Year Meet, Snowdonia

Always a popular meet, this long weekend sees in the New Year in style. Who knows, it might even

snow! Join Elanor at Caseg Fraith, our club hut in Snowdonia.

Elanor Mott: Elanor.bookworm@gmail.com



Looking to 2018 already? The website always has the most up to date meets list.

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

Don't see something you fancy? Contact Graham, the Meets Secretary. meets@ulgmc.org.uk

Meet Reports

Ardmair Point, Scotland

John Coote



This year was the 20th of the modern Scottish meets originally set up for Munroe and more recently Corbett baggers. In early May, sixteen ULGMC members gathered in the very remote sparsely populated Assynt region of Western Scotland. Fourteen (Les Bailey, Will Butler, John Coote, Mike and Sue Esten, Tony Gilby, Trevor and Janet Hellen, Michael Johns, Liz Lindsey, John and Joy Parsons, Bill Towlson, Geoff Williams) stayed on the shores of Loch Broom

and Geoff and Margaret Batten nearby in the Morefield Motel in Ullapool. The weather was brilliant, wall-to-wall sunshine most days but a biting cold wind made it more Arctic than Mediterranean. The Assynt is a region where most peaks demand longish treks or drives but a trek over the rough track to The Old Man of Stoer at the northern tip of the Assynt was made by Mike and Sue Esten and ascents were made of two Corbetts, Canisp 846m and Fannaich a Ghiubhais Li 766m.



A view on the approach to Canisp

A long drive on a single track road round to the north of Coigaich and south along the coast to access a demanding route up Bein Morh Coigach fell short of a summit although views were spectacular.



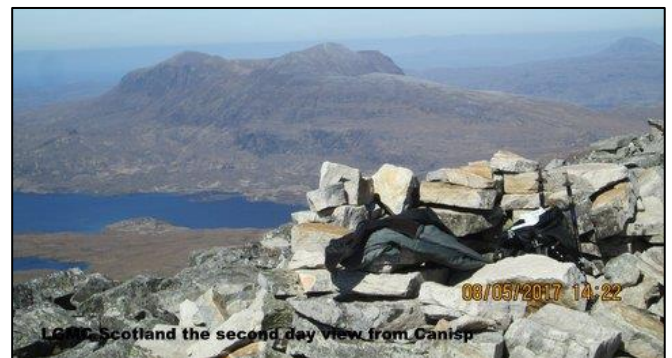
Stac Pollaidh

Stac Pollaidh (Polly) was ascended both up and around. These achievements, new to a few of the members, helped to fulfil our appellation of a mountaineering club. A six mile or more walk to the

ancient Megalithic structure of Dun Canna Fort, 3000-4000 years old was made more challenging by the deep pit holes full of mud that were passable only because the winter had been an exceptionally dry one. A walk at Inchnadamph including a visit to its famous Caves, where scattered bones of Brown Bears, Polar Bears, Arctic Fox, Reindeer that date back to 47,000 years and even Humans some 4000-5000 years old can be seen, was popular. Less popular was a mass attempt on the Peat route on the first day, which owing to some poor route decisions ended up with struggling through dense gorse after being stopped by high Deer fencing.



Bits of Gorse could be found in pockets and rucksacks for the remainder of the week. The correct route was completed at end of week so all was forgiven. After a convivial dinner at the Morefield on the last Friday evening we went our various ways some to walk/climb elsewhere and Geoff Williams resolute as ever to walk the East Highland Way an 82 mile trek from Ft William to Aviemore. As ever it was good to reinforce friendships and particularly to enjoy the company of Geoff and Margaret despite her stroke limiting their activities.



Cornwall Meet



Mid-Wales Meet

Sue Esten

This year saw us back at the comfortable Dolgellau campsite for a third stay. Sadly we were diminished in numbers this year, age and illness taking its toll. However the 5 of us there had a good time in weather that was reasonably kind. Our first walk, led by George and Mary Bolt in the morning, was to some absolutely magnificent waterfalls, Pistyll Cain on the river Mawddach on the eastern side of the A470 just north of Dolgellau – very much worthwhile seeing. In the afternoon 3 of us continued the waterfall theme on the opposite side of the A470 going up from Ganllywd to the Black Waterfalls (and getting slightly off-route in the process – attributed to a faulty compass, which was actually just telling us the truth of our situation!). On the second day 2 of the party made an ascent of Cadair Idris in glorious weather, whilst the rest of the party paid a social visit. The third day saw us on a challenging ridge walk in the mountains between Dolgellau and Dinas Mawddy in a biting blustery and cold wind with Bill T who was leading constantly saying it wasn't like this the last time he did it! Thanks for your support folks!



Snowdonia Alps Training II and Welsh 3000's

Heather Rumble

Robbie and I ran a joint trip in June to Caseg, Robbie training up his Alps attendees in basic ropework and me (supposedly) organising an attempt at the Welsh 3000's.

Robbie's group split into a few teams, tackling various climbs in the region. Unfortunately I was basically asleep the whole time we were in the hut, so didn't quite catch what!

And why was I tired? Well, we didn't try the Welsh 3000's thanks to some injuries in the group, but a number of us did do the Oggie 8, still a good 30km and almost 2000m of ascent, on what was almost the hottest day of the summer.

Sam, Chris, Elena and myself left the hut early to take in the Carneddau first. The gorgeous weather and good company meant this section flew by, without even any complaints of the dogleg to get to Yr Elen (personally, my favourite bit of the route!).

We got to Ogwen Cottage at around three thirty and treated ourselves to cold drinks and cakes. Stephan met up with us to take a team photo and check our progress, having popped up to Y Garn for a "short" walk.



The second half started off a bit moany – the slog up Y Garn is always tough – but a new determination to finish had set in by the time we got to the shoulder and we stormed over the Glyders pretty quickly. By the time we got to Tryfan, Stephan had come to meet us again with some much needed snacks and water. But mostly the good cheer of someone relatively fresh to get us over the last peak.



A huge well done to Elena, Chris and Sam for completing the round for the first time in such hot weather. Even though the Tesco Finest bubbly went to Shaun for doing it two years ago, Stephan had another bottle waiting for us when we got back. Cheers!



Saas Fee Alpine Trip

Robbie Piñeda

Thirteen of us set out this year to Saas Fee, Switzerland for a two-week Alpine mountaineering trip - a varied group which included some seasoned alpinists and some first-timers.

Despite a 24hr drive over, there was no time to rest as the eight who needed or wanted to go over alpine skills spent the first 3 days with two IFMGA mountain guides and the remaining four of us set off as two pairs heading up high and exploring new areas of the valley.



It was a successful trip on many levels and every attendee conquered at least two 4000m peaks. Between the group we summited 4 different 4000'ers and did plenty of rock climbing, a few lower routes, 'Monster Trotti' and 'adventure trails' in between.

A special thanks to the guides Kevin O'Neale and Robin Beadle for their training and instruction, and to Janine at Camping Schönblick for her patience and hospitality! Check the next newsletter for a full report on each of the peaks (and attempted peaks) from the 2017 Alpine Trip.

Bodmin Moor



August Bank Holiday (Part One)

Chris Herbert

To help save people from embarrassment, for the purpose of this report, real names have been altered.

Saturday 26th August 2017

The 3 stooges (Big Chris, Little Chris and 007) awake to a sunny dry welsh morning (pigs were flying past on an easterly wind). Following 007's cooked breakfast faffing, we started out for a day's climbing and were the first group to reach amphitheatre buttress following a very pleasant walk in. After gearing up and discussing how best to climb as a three, we set off up

one of Wales's longest and most enjoyable multi-pitch climb. In a true Alpine weight saving technique, 007 left his car key somewhere between the start and the first pitch, if anyone subsequently does the route and finds a Ford key on/off a snap gate, there is a princely sum awaiting them.

This led to a wonderful day of good holds, easy moves and highly acceptable scenery, made more enjoyable by the use of Big Chris's birthday radios. This provided much amusement for the hordes of groups who wanted to understand the true meaning of faffing from climbing as a three (radio call signs adopted were "Dark Tower" and "Condor"). Rest of the day went well, with some slight excitement on top ridge, accompanied with some expert sling coiling faff from Little Chris.

Sunday 27th August 2017

Following some much slicker breakfasting from 007 (who learning from the previous day set his subtle and appropriate for sharing a communal sleeping area alarm an hour earlier than the rest of the group, and disappeared to the kitchen almost without disturbing anyone), the 3 stooges made their way across to Milestone buttress (via automobile to escape the remaining hut dwellers, who we feared would somehow find pitchforks to provide a jolly good old send-off). Again the first to arrive at the crag, this crack team of three started up "Direct route" at break neck speed, that was until a group of younger people ran up "Super direct", got their ropes in a most awful tangle and had us hanging around while they sorted them out (shouts of encouragements were not provided, but radio chat did increase in order to pen a strongly worded letter we shall be sending to these peoples parents). Again a most wonderful climbing route worthy of being a top 50 climb, made much more enjoyable by seeing 007 get stuck in the chimney at the top, with Big Chris then throwing Little Chris over the alternative route to reach the summit.

After an uneventful abseil back to the start, Pulpit Route with Ivy chimney was back on the list. Pulpit route is an equally most enjoyable climb, where the majority of people end their time on the abseil before the chimney.

007, having not succeeded on the previous chimney decided he had to show the rest what the pride of Her Majesty's Secret Service had to offer and bolted up the chimney, with some racing snails in hot pursuit. A few short hours later Big Chris followed, choosing to avoid the tight boulder squeeze by traversing an un-traversable edge, only then to realise he had failed to collect a sling and wedged a hex in place, but fully confidently the weakness of Little Chris would be sufficient to reclaim these relic items which once belonged to 007's great grandfather. Little Chris then followed 007's route and with much radio encouragement, (and no rope being taken in until the bits were out the rock and safely clipped to his harness), was able to summon the strength to remove the stuck gear. His final movements were then a mixture of 007's squeeze and Big Chris's graceful non-traverse, in a move which resembled an emu running in circles with its head stuck in the sand. Following a summit, a small celebration was had and then abseil number two. During abseil number two, the rope decided it was having far too much fun and decided it did not want to come down from the hills. Once 007 had climbed back up the rope and given it a stern telling off, everyone then happily made their way back to the car and back to Caseg, where there were no concerned hut dwellers wondering what could have been taking them so long.

Large quantities of tea were drunk and a mighty fine weekend was celebrated, (where no one ever feared for their life).

To be continued...



Inspired? Fancy running a new meet?

Contact the meets secretary:

meets@ulgmc.org.uk

News from Members

It is our sad duty to announce that John Bevis passed away in early September. John was a long-standing member of the club. Our thoughts are with his wife, Rosemary. An obituary will be posted in the next newsletter.

Success for ULGMC at the Saunders

Well done to members Stephan Tietz and Ian Ross, who came 10th in the Carrock Fell class at [The Saunders Mountain Marathon](#) this year. After the event Stephan posted, "I think we did justice to ULGMC 😊". Well done chaps!



If anyone is interested in the event, or in mountain marathons in general, let us know:

president@ulgmc.org

Club News

ULGMC Committee

As the AGM approaches, there are also going to be changes to committee. Please see the information sheet [here](#) for more information. Members will be able to proxy vote for committee members at the AGM, so if you wish to vote, please do look at this sheet.

There are a number of committee members we will be saying goodbye to. Robby Pineda is stepping down as CMWP. We wish Robby all the best in his mountaineering adventures and thank him for his mammoth effort with meets this year.

AGM 2017

This year the AGM takes place at the Old Dungeon Ghyll in the Lake District on the 21st of October at 6pm. Your invitation is at the back of this newsletter. Please complete and return to Graham Cunningham (meets@ulgmc.org.uk).

This year there will be no changes to the constitution, but members may nominate a proxy voter on the new committee positions. To nominate someone to vote on your behalf, please email or snail mail the Secretary, Mike Pollitt (pollitt@talk21.com) by the 12th of October stating who you would like to vote on your behalf. The nominations for this year's AGM are outlined in the [AGM agenda](#) appended to this newsletter and in a standalone page [here](#).

Presidents Report

Heather Rumble

This is usually the part where I look back on the year's achievements and look ahead to next year. But as it's my last report as Pres, I think I will save that pontification for the AGM (I probably can't get away with a "you've read it all in the newsletter" type speech this year).

Which leaves for this newsletter a heartfelt and energetic plea to as many of you as possible to please

attend the AGM or, at the very least, set up someone to vote on your behalf. ULGMC is a club run by members for members and the AGM is the time to have your say.

What does your ideal club look like? Come along and tell us. And, of course, enjoy excellent company and food at the ODG.

See you there! *Heather*

Membership Sec & Treasurer's Report

Stephan Tietz

Another AGM is approaching which always gives some time to reflect on the past year. It has turned out very different to what I had anticipated at the last AGM. I think we have seen some really great developments for the club. However, coming to the end of my tenure as treasurer and membership secretary (hopefully) I also fear that some investments are not fully paying off – I guess one always needs a bit of luck and maybe a bit more time.

Personally, I am saddened that work didn't allow me to return to the Alps this year though on the plus side I have improved in fell running/orienteering over the year. Our membership numbers reflect a similarly complex picture. After an ever so slight slump last year, we are back up to c180 members (once I receive payment from 3 more people). That would bring us back to where I started in my role and would ever so slightly exceed Keith's last headcount ;-)

Now, a stable head count is nothing to be proud of in itself. However, the deeper picture is a steady increase in the proportion of members born after 1970. About 10% of our membership is now made up of people born in the 90s (though my own year group seems to be most fickle, the count of members born in the 1980s fluctuates a lot).

This increase in younger (and often more active) members is down to the great work of individuals. We

have strengthened our ties to ULMC and I would like to thank Laura Dempsey as well as the Hardys for advertising to ULMC. I also have to thank Robbie Pineda who has run a huge amount of meets this year and an incredibly successful Alps meet. He has introduced the club to many new members and he will be missed on the committee and as a meet leader.

As a club officer I also have a few things to reflect on. I never quite had the regular amounts of time which membership secretary required, though I hope that I have been good at listening to people. It is certainly something we need to continue to do in order to keep the club relevant.

For example, we hear that people would like a more "exciting" AGM. While we could split the actual AGM and dinner from a weekend in the hills and have it closer to our "heart land" (London), so more people have to travel less far, I fear we would actually end up with fewer people turning up. Please, do get in touch if you think I am wrong or have some good ideas for the AGM.

One thing where we have made great progress is the accessibility of the huts. The trustees, wardens (Dave Morley and Phil Tarr) as well as Sam Hardman (booking secretary for Caseg) and Sally (Caseg caretaker) have done a tremendous job in fixing a lot of the niggles and it is now much easier to see when huts are available and the key pads have allowed for the turnaround times to decrease.

However, while it is often possible to book the hut 2-3 days before you go, please do keep in mind that most of the people mentioned above do not get paid for their great work and do it on a voluntary basis. So, if you want to ensure you get the hut key/code in time then make sure you book at least 1-2 weeks in advance!

I have also started preparing accounts for this year. The scrutinised accounts for 2016 and my latest

forecast for 2017 will be presented at the AGM. Both years show a surplus. I still have to collect a few officer expenses and should be able to settle almost all liabilities in time for a new treasurer taking over. I am not so sure is if the accounts from 2014 and 2015 will be scrutinised by Mike Warden, who has all the necessary paperwork. 2016's are due to be scrutinised by the new scrutineer, Mark Stitson, before the AGM.

The club is in great financial health including the £200 we have spent on supporting training and expedition. Hence, I would like to take this forward to next year. I am also keen to hear other suggestions of how we can use our assets to support our members. In the meantime, I will propose to the AGM to continue our donations and to keep membership fees as they are. The BMC is discussing raising membership fees by up to £1, but I think we should still be able to break even next year without raising our fees.

I suspect that won't be quite the last time you hear from me with my treasurer and membership hat on. If we find a new one, then I will of course help them with the first batch of membership renewals at the end of the year and to compile the accounts for 2017. I am hopeful that we can fill all essential officer positions at the AGM with new, driven committee members. Nevertheless I would like to propose myself as a committee member without portfolio, if the new committee would appreciate a little bit of "institutional memory".

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.

Merchandise

Several people have asked the committee about organising a new run of merchandise. With lots of new members having joined recently, we think this is a

good idea. Heather has started looking into this and would like suggestions and offers of help (president@ulgmc.org.uk).

In the meantime, we do still have stock from the last run of ULGMC T-Shirts:

3 x Medium red men's cotton tee, £9 + P&P



1 x Medium navy men's cotton tee (image shows black tee), £11 + P&P



A Synopsis of Club News and Events, by Jill Bennett (Club Archivist) is appended to this newsletter. It is the second despatch aimed at bringing up to date the Club history 'The ULGMC at 50' , publ. May 2000.

Hut News

How to Book: Caseg Fraith

1. Everything you need is on the new online booking system: <http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/huts/caseg/book>
2. Check the availability at the bottom of the page.
3. Fill in the booking form.
4. You will then receive an email from the booking secretary telling you if your booking has been successful, the room you have been allocated, the key code for the door and your parking permit number.
5. **Please remember:**
 - If for some reason you cannot use the booking form, the booking secretary can be contacted via: caseg@ulgmc.org
 - If you are visiting the hut on a club meet, the meet dates outlined by the meet leader are the **only** dates booked. If you wish to stay longer, follow the procedure above and inform the meet leader you have done so.
 - Caseg, Fallcliffe and ULGMC are all run by volunteers. Whilst key codes for doors have made access easier in some ways, to guarantee access you still need to book in advance to give people a chance to process your booking. The earlier you book, the more chance you have of getting a place.

How to Book: Fallcliffe Cottage

1. Send the hut warden a message via: <http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/contact/fallcliffe>
2. Include in your message:

- a. How many people are staying
- b. How many cars you will have
- c. The dates you wish to book
- d. How many ULGMC, ULMC or UoL members are in your party

3. Please remember:

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BMC News

BMC members area, Summit magazine and lost membership cards

ULGMC is affiliated to the BMC. This means that as ULGMC member (resident in the UK) you are covered by third-party liability insurance and have access to Summit magazine, discounts and some other goodies.

You can log in (after registering) 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 your ULGMC membership card) and your date of birth.

Hopefully, that will just work but if not 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" and get access to exclusive offers.

As a club member, you only receive the first annual issue of Summit magazine each year in print. But you can easily read the other three issues online, in the BMC members 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.

ULMC News

ULMC Meets

Don't forget, 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.)

ULMC are always on the look-out for experienced climbers. **If you are interested to help out please get in contact with Rob, our ULMC rep (robhardy.hardy@gmail.com).**

ULMC also climb every Tuesday during term time at Mile End climbing wall. If you'd like to join them, pop along and look out for their ULMC hoodies or t-shirts.

A Synopsis of Club News and Events

Jill Bennett (Club Archivist)

[This is the second despatch aimed at bringing up to date the Club history 'The ULGMC at 50', publ. May 2000. News updates from 2001 – 2003, compiled by Jill Bennett, Club Archivist]

Warm tributes were made to Monty Avis, who died 20/22/2001, by Clive Martin, and Bill Towlson, with addition comments by John & Judy Sinclair in New Zealand, written for the Feb.2002 NL. The Snowdonia Green Key Initiative, launched in 2001, aimed at ensuring sustainable rural development in the area, (<http://www.snowdoniagreenkey.co.uk/>) was outlined [NL 194].

Reference was made to the Mountain Forum (<http://condesan.org/mtnforum/>) an online media with more than 18 years of activities, focus in Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) around the world. Phill & Glenys Williams spent some time in Tasmania, where they managed to climb Mt. Wellington (by the Springs route not the road!) And had a good day in the Hartz Mountains where Phill climbed Mt Hartz. Geof & Margaret Batten reported on their walking & camping travels in Patagonia. [NL 195]

Mike Parkinson wrote about the delights of horse-riding & climbing in Mongolia, where they spent 19 days in the saddle, and rarely saw any westerners. A ULGMC rock climbing 'database' was proposed by Neil Brindley, as a means of gathering information about rock climbing grades that members climb to, with the aim of being able to find climbing partners. A questionnaire was included in the newsletter asking Family members about their membership status, in order to clarify how many members are entitled to vote (voting rights were then only available to full members). [NL 197]

A request for information about Margaret Peart, a member of ULGMC in the early 1960s, was made by her husband, Tony Young, on behalf of his wife who was terminally ill. He thinks she took part in a ULMC trip in 1958 to the Dolomites, Austria & Switzerland. [NL 198]

Liz & Dave Lindsey spent 5 weeks or so in New Zealand, with more cycling than mountaineering, but their bikes suffered considerable damage from luggage handlers. Mike & Liz Parkinson had a winter walking holiday in the Canary Is. Mike Esten & Dave Lindsey joined a ski-touring trip with the Alpine Club from Andermatt to Zermatt. Meanwhile the Battens walked the calanques (fjord like inlets) between Marseille and Cassis. Sue & Mike Esten followed the 'Walserwegan' - repeating on foot the route skied by Mike et al earlier in the year. Draft changes proposed to the Club constitution were included in the newsletter. The death was announced of founder member Stella Berkeley (née Chapman) 31st August 2003. [NL 199]

Mike Warden & Mike Parkinson enjoyed a horse-trekking expedition in Mongolia, aiming to ride a circular route across the Hovsgol mountain range, across the Dharhat valley into the Siberian mountains, to meet reindeer herders and to climb a 4000 metre peak. Laura Hampton wrote appreciative tributes to fellow founder-members Stella Berkeley, and Glenys Williams, who died on 4th October 2003. Glenys was a member of ULMC where she met Phill Williams. They married in 1950 when Phill was the first President of what became ULGMC. [NL 200]

Meets 2017

Dates 2016/17	Location/Meet	Meet Leader
20 th – 22 nd Oct	Old Dungeon Ghyll, Lake District – 67 th AGM and Dinner	Keith Mott & Graham Cunningham
3 rd – 5 th Nov	Fallcliffe, Peak District – Bonfire Meet	Frances Mott
29 th Dec – 1 st Jan	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – New Year Meet	Elanor Mott
<p>Please check the website for the most up to date meet info:</p> <p>http://test.ulgmc.org.uk/meets</p>		
<p>If you would like to attend a meet, please email the meets secretary (meets@ulgmc.org). For ULMC meets, please contact Rob (robhardy.hardy@gmail.com).</p>		

ULGMC AGM

Saturday 21st October 2017

The Old Dungeon Ghyll, Langdale, LA22 9JY

Dear ULGMC members,

I write to invite you to the ULGMC AGM and Dinner 2017, taking place at:

The Old Dungeon Ghyll from 6 pm. Dinner will be at 7.30 pm.

Three courses, including coffee, will cost £25.

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

1. Email me your choices.
2. Pay electronically: **ULGMC, Acc No: 04145127, S/C: 52-30-40**

OR

1. Fill out and print the form below detailing your choices and return to me.
2. Post me a cheque made payable to **ULGMC** (address below)

Regards,

Keith Mott, AGM Coordinator 2017

**Mr K Mott – saymellon@gmail.com – Lincolns Meadow Cottage, Hales Street, Tivetshall St
Margaret, Norfolk. NR15 2EE**

**ULGMC AGM and Dinner, Saturday 21st October 2017,
at The Old Dungeon Ghyll, Langdale**

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

Name(s):

	Yes	No	Total
I/we would like to attend the AGM dinner (£25 per person)			£.....

Pay electronically (**ULGMC, Acc No: 04145127, S/C: 52-30-40**) or send a **cheque made payable to ULGMC**

Meal Options:	
Starter	
◦Leek and potato soup (V)	
◦Chicken liver and calvados paté	
◦Garlic mushrooms (V)	
◦Fillet of smoked peppered mackerel	
Main	
◦Baked ham with a demerara and honey glaze, served with traditional Cumberland sauce	
◦Darné of salmon, gently poached and served with a white wine, spinach and mushroom sauce	
◦Braised lamb henry – slow roasted shoulder of lamb served with a minted pan gravy	
◦Vegetable lasagne (V)	
A range of desserts, available to choose from on the day	
Tea and Coffee	

(V)=vegetarian








Mr K Mott – saymellon@gmail.com – Lincolns Meadow Cottage, Hales Street, Tivetshall St Margaret, Norfolk. NR15 2EE

Committee 2016/17 and 2017/18




Several of the committee are outgoing and we are looking to recruit people into these positions. If you would like to run for one of these positions, please email Heather (president@ulgmc.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Proxy voting for committee members will be available this year. This means you can nominate a club member who is attending the AGM to vote on your behalf. If you would like to do this, please email the secretary (Mike Pollitt, secretary@ulgmc.org.uk) by the 18th of October, naming the person you would like to vote on your behalf.

The nominated members outlined below are as of the publishing of this newsletter and this could change. We will endeavour to keep members updated, but please be aware that additional nominations may be made before the AGM. **Nominations for all these positions are still being received.**

Full Officers			
2016/17		Nominations for 2017/18	
	<p>President Heather Rumble Outgoing 07876690979 president@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		<p>Stephan Tietz Nominated</p>
	<p>Vice President Mike Hale 07850937386 Mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com</p>		
	<p>Treasurer/ Membership Secretary Stephan Tietz Outgoing 0798453146 members@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		<p>Ian Ross Nominated</p>
	<p>Secretary (interim) Mike Pollitt Outgoing 07717392304 secretary@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		<p>No nominations received</p>
	<p>Meets Secretary Graham Cunningham meets@ulgmc.org.uk</p>		

Officers without portfolio
YOU ?

Non-committee roles		
 <p>Jill Bennett Club archivist jill.bennett@waitrose.com</p>	 <p>Heather Rumble (interim) Newsletter editor president@ulgmc.org.uk Recruiting!</p>	 <p>Rob Hardy ULMC liaison robhardy.hardy@gmail.com</p>

Interested in joining the committee?

Here’s a brief description of the committee roles available at the moment in ULGMC.

The current committee do most of their “meetings” virtually at the moment, because we are quite geographically spread. Very occasionally, we will arrange a weekend away to discuss club issues. We all try to attend the AGM in October if possible. Each committee is different though, and finds their best way of working.

Committee Member without Portfolio

This is a role for anyone who is interested in helping out with the committee, but who doesn’t want to be tied to a specific role. CMWP’s attend committee meetings, helping make decisions on behalf of the club. They also take on ad-hoc roles to generally get stuff done – this could be a clothing order, helping out with the AGM, tidying bits of the website or just being a voice of wisdom. This role is ideal for those that think they might want to take on an officer position, but want a taster first. We also have CMWP’s who have held officer roles in the past, to offer advice and to help out.

Email Heather for more information: president@ulgmc.org

Newsletter Editor

30 hours per year

The voice of ULGMC! This role involves writing our tri-annual newsletter, as well as the occasional ad-hoc email with important information to members. The newsletter editor will usually be in contact with meet leaders and the meets secretary to encourage people to write meet reports. They’ll also liaise closely with the other committee members and hut committee to make sure all the information club members need are included in the newsletters.

This is a sporadic job, with three newsletters produced a year. It requires fairly good MS Word skills, though we've made templates to make this all easier.

Email Heather for more information: president@ulgmc.org

Secretary

An hour a month, plus committee meetings (usually one or two per year, not including the AGM)

The secretary's role is to organise the rest of the committee. This means keeping a calendar of events and reminding other committee members when deadlines are coming up. The secretary also organises committee meetings and takes notes at these and the AGM. Traditionally, the secretary has also been responsible for posting paper copies of the newsletter – however this varies from committee to committee.

Email Mike P for more information: secretary@ulgmc.org

Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Thirty minutes a week, plus committee meetings (usually one or two per year, not including the AGM)

This role is the nuts and bolts of the club – the person that processes the club membership applications, takes their money and updates our status with the BMC. With most people paying by direct debit now and a set of really good accounting spreadsheets, this role takes just a little bit of work, on a regular basis. Good MS Excel skills are useful in this role.

Email Stephan for more information: members@ulgmc.org

President

Thirty minutes a week, plus committee meetings (usually one or two per year, not including the AGM)

The President's main job is to keep the committee working smoothly and the members happy. Sometimes this can be tough, with conflicting needs from members, an increasingly strained relationship with the BMC and all clubs finding it hard to recruit. But it's also an opportunity to take the club in new and exciting directions, exercise problem solving skills and make a real difference to how people access and enjoy the mountains. It's not a lot of admin work, but it does require diplomacy and organisation.

Email Heather for more information: president@ulgmc.org

ULGMC Huts

Fallcliffe



Lead Trustee

Mike Hale

Mikejhale+ulgmc@gmail.com



Trustee

Keith Mott

saymellon@gmail.com



Hut Warden

Dave Morley

trylinedave@live.co.uk

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

pollitt@talk21.com



Trustee

Mark Stitson

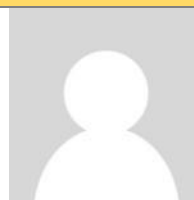
mark@stitson.com



Hut Warden

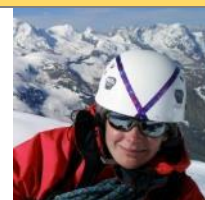
Phil Tarr

p.tarr@gold.ac.uk



Hut Sub-Warden

Sally Brown



Hut Booking Secretary

Sam Hardman

casegfraith@gmail.com

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.

Wifi Network: CasegFraith; Password: Tryf@n917

Strictly limited to 8 parking spaces.

To book the hut or check availability, visit:

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

ULGMC AGM Agenda 2017

Draft Agenda

The 67th Annual General Meeting of the University of London Mountaineering Club (ULGMC) will take place at 6 pm on Saturday 21st of October 2017 at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, Langdale

1. Apologies for absence

2. *Adoption of the agenda

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

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

4. Finance

- a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2016
- b) *Adoption of the 2016 accounts
- c) *Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2018
- d) *Authorisation for expenditure of funds 2018

5. Other reports

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

6. Programme for 2017

- a) 2018 meets programme
- b) *Date of next AGM

7. *Election of new committee

- a) President (currently Heather Rumble - retiring, nominations received for Stephan Tietz)
- b) Vice-President (currently Mike Hale)
- c) Secretary (currently Mike Pollitt – retiring, no nominations received)
- d) Treasurer/Membership Sec (currently Stephan Tietz – retiring, nominations received for Ian Ross)
- e) Meets Sec (currently Graham Cunningham)
- f) Committee members (none current)

8. *Other elections

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

9. *Review of constitution

10. Any other business

*** means a decision is required by the AGM**

MINUTES OF THE 66TH ULGMC AGM (unadopted)

22 Oct 2016, Royal Oak Hotel, Betws-y-Coed

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Carol Bristow, Geof & Margaret Batten, Mike & Liz Parkinson, Jill & Mike Bennett, Tim & Caroline Marshall, John & Rosemary Bevis, John & Joy Parsons, Stephen Olivant, Edwin Byron Davies.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Sam Hardman. Accepted by consent

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Proposed: Elanor Mott, Seconded: John Coote. Accepted by consent

Noted that Keith Mott has volunteered to run next year's AGM in the Lake District.

4. Finance

a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2015

ST reported on the club's financial performance. Last year the club obtained funding from the BMC for the webpage and general marketing, which is not yet all spent (as the money was received at the end of the year). In 2015, the club made a surplus of £384 and is in good financial health. Scrutinisation of the accounts for 2013 & 2014 has not yet been completed. Mark Stitson will scrutinise 2015 accounts.

b) Motion to accept the accounts presented (noted accounts have not yet been scrutinised):

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Janet Hellen. Accepted by consent

c) Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2017 – unchanged from 2016. Noted that the BMC subscription rates are unchanged.

Proposed: John Coote, Seconded: Sue Esten. Accepted by consent

d) Motion for authorisation for expenditure of funds 2017

For the expedition fund, only one application received in 2016 but not accepted as it did not meet the criteria. It is proposed to continue to expedition fund into 2017.

Proposed: Geoff Williams, Seconded: Sam Hardman. Accepted by consent

5. Officer's Reports

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

HR welcomed Laura Dempsey as President of ULMC. Over the course of the year, the club has continued to try to improve recruitment, including joint meets with ULMC. In particular, there has been development the Alps trip, which in 2016 had 14 participants (50:50 mix ULMC:ULGMC). Much of the membership base is around London, so some meets have been held around London (walks & socials). The website has been worked on, including the hut booking system. The website will be slowly migrating to a more up-to-date version. HR intends to step down from the committee next year.

The BMC attempted to rebrand to Climb Britain and useful feedback was received from members which was fed back to the BMC. The BMC subsequently reversed the decision to rebrand. Indoor climbers would identify well with the name Climb Britain but hill walkers would be offended. Noted that the BMC is starting a hill walking section and that the Summit magazine includes 50:50 hill walking – climbing articles. There was general comment that the BMC need to be clear as to what their aims / strategies are and that the "Climb Britain" issue has highlighted the disconnect between clubs and the BMC. There was discussion about BMC area meets. In the London area, ULGMC is one of the ten biggest clubs.

5b. Secretary (Mike Pollitt, MP) – no report

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST)

Membership is 166 (slightly down from 175 from last year). Reminder that direct debit is available to pay membership. ST discussed the desire to engage members on the committee, including "silent" members who use the huts but do not come on meets. ST intends to step down as membership secretary next year.

5d. Meets Secretary (Graham Cunningham, GC) GC reported that it was easy to fill the meets list for spring and summer months but there were some gaps in Autumn. GC would be delighted to hear from people about new meets. GC thanked Janet Hellen and Frances Mott for taking on regular meets.

5e. Hut wardens / trustees. MH announced that Mike Parkinson and Mike Warden were stepping down as trustees and were being replaced by Mark Stitson and Keith Mott. MP thanked Mike & Mike for all of the work they had done over the last 20+ years. Sam Hardman had been booking secretary since 01 Jan 2016.

Mike Hale, MH reported on Fallcliffe cottage. Mostly the hut has had a good year. The issue of the retaining wall remains, which will be investigated with a surveyor. Two quotes have been received in order £15-20k and there will be a fundraising campaign for the wall. MH would like to renovate the toilet and shower facilities at Fallcliffe.

Phil Tarr (Caseg Warden) reported on Caseg Fraith. The water supply problems in early 2016 were caused by a small piece of plastic stuck in the ball valve; if anyone knows where inlet pipe is please let PT know. Relations with farmer at Gwern Gof Isaf have improved largely thanks to the parking permit scheme: calls have reduced from every two weeks to only one since January.

There was a vote of thanks for all those involved / previously involved with the huts, Proposed: Heather Rumble, Seconded: Frances Mott. Accepted by consent

5f. BMC Area Meetings

Trefor Owen (Wales Region). BMC meetings had discussed litter, such as spray paint and bottles at the top of Snowdon. On Cadair Idris, less useful cairns are being removed. Some big rockfalls have occurred in the quarries and there had been some access issues with First Hydro. The BMC Mend the Mountains campaign had done some work at the upper end of the Watkin Path. There is a Welsh government proposal on access is a Scottish type access arrangement. Noted that there were over 150 hydroelectric proposals are in the area: issue of the scheme themselves and the getting the electricity to the grid.

6. Meets programme for 2017

HR thanked SH & GC for putting together the meets program and to meets leaders. Keith Mott thanked the Battens for running the Cornwall meet since ~1987. A letter of thanks will be written to Margaret Batten.

The date for the next AGM is 21 October 2017 at the Old Dungeon Ghyll in the Lake District. Rooms in the ODG hotel are reserved for the club.

Proposed: Keith Mott, Seconded: Sue Esten. Accepted by consent

7. Committee Elections

- a) President: Heather Rumble (HR)
- b) Vice-President: Mike Hale (MH)
- c) Secretary: Mike Pollitt (MP)
- d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Stephan Tietz (ST)
- e) Meets Secretary: Graham Cunningham (GC)
- f) Member without portfolio: Robbie Pineda

All committee considered together. Proposed: Geoff Williams, Seconded: Sue Darling. Carried unanimously.

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer of the accounts: Mark Stitson. Proposed: Elanor Mott, Seconded: Sue Darling

BMC Reps: Trevor Hellen, Trefor Owen, Geoff Williams

ULMC reps: Rob & Francis Hardy

9. AOB

HR had been newsletter editor and thanked the contributors. Next year HR will produce a list of honorary / life members for AGM minutes as no definitive list has been found.