



Wadi Rum in the Summer, sent in by David Roche

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Committee members without portfolio

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. Email me: Stephan Tietz, for more details, president@ulgmc.org

Upcoming Meets

Looking for Snow?

The winter months can be a fickle lot... One minute Snowdonia is warm and wet, the next it's a metre in snow and all ice axes are out for Tryfan North Ridge. If you're a snow chaser, don't forget you're not alone! Log onto [Facebook](#) and find other nutters willing to hop in the car at the last minute for some ice-filled adventure.



28 Dec - 03 Jan, New Year Meet, Snowdonia

The end of 2017 is nearly upon us and so you are invited to ring in the new with us at Caseg Fraith.

The hut is booked from Thursday 28 Dec to Wednesday 3 Jan and we will be arranging a communal meal for one evening.

Please let me know if you are planning to come and if you want a parking space as these are given on a first come first served basis.

Elanor Mott: elanor.bookworm@gmail.com

Want to submit a report?

16th March at the latest

Editor: Heather Rumble (interim)

Email: editor@ulgmc.org.uk

Web: www.ulgmc.org.uk



<https://www.facebook.com/events/153918191913788/>



26 - 28 Jan, Peak Snow, Fallcliffe

We once again look forward to a cold and bright weekend at the end of January. I, personally, would like snow underfoot with enough warmth in the sun to do some climbing. Too demanding? I live in hope!

Keith Mott: <mailto:saymellon@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

AGM 2017

Heather Rumble

The AGM was in the Lake District this year, and a small group of us (Stephan Tietz, Mark Stitson, Pauline Owen, Rob & Francis Hardy. ULMC: Steffan Gwynn and Alex Welsh) stayed at the atmospheric YHA Conistone Copper Mines Hut. The weather was pretty poor on Saturday, with high winds and flooding forecast for the weekend. But this never puts off hardy ULGMCers, so we went for a walk around Conistone, avoiding the tops and stopping frequently for various lunches. The wind was plentiful and the sheep beautiful...



The dinner was great this year, with The ODG looking after us really well, as usual. It was sad that mobility and ill health meant that some of our usuals weren't there, but it was really great to see those that did come. Alex (ULMC President) and Steffan (ULMC Walks Coordinator) were our guests of honour and seemed to enjoy themselves. We also welcomed in a new President, Stephan, and a new Treasurer, Ian Ross, which was exciting.



Sunday was a day of bureaucracy in the Conistone Hut, with the trustees meeting taking what seemed like hours. The rest of us sheltered from the rain (which had gotten worse), chatted and made sure the hut was spick and span before leaving.

It was a good weekend, though a shame that the Lakes always seems rainy in October. Hopefully The Peak District will be kinder to us next year! We're looking forward to a change of venue; Next year the AGM will be at The Plough for the first time in many years.

Bonfire Meet

Keith Mott

An unexpectedly good turnout compared to recent years with the addition of four members of ULMC and friends. We were 15 when we sat down for dinner.

Saturday started out on the miserable side for the building of the fire but brightened up later for a walk across the hills outside Combs on the western edge of the Peak District. I thin this was the first time we had walked this area.

We returned in plenty of time to light the fire before starting on the food. There were 2 rounds of fireworks before the rain forced us indoors for the rest of the evening. Shame!

Sunday saw us split into a number of groups, some leaving to visit friends, others walking along White Edge and some climbing on Froggatt. Thanks once again go to Mark for taking the lead.

Inspired? Fancy running a new meet?

Contact the meets secretary:

meets@ulgmc.org.uk

News from Members

Wadi Rum

David Roche

No one can quite remember how Wadi Rum made it to the top of the venue list for our annual 'away trip'. At the Christmas meal a year ago the guidebook was being handed round and we were fresh from the bullet hard sandstone of South Africa, last years venue. Forty years of climbing on southern sandstone in the UK would surely be excellent preparation for the 2000 foot walls of the Wadi Rum.

November found us in Jordan, with Bernie setting off up the first pitch of a climb on the imposing east face

of Jebel Rum, a short hike up the desert hillside above the village of Rum. The first foothold he stood on broke off and it did not take us long to work out this was adventure climbing at its best, one eye constantly assessing the risks of the rock, the route finding, the gear and the descent. That is to say nothing of the guidebook interpretation, fluid requirements, sun protection and timing on the long routes. You do not need to worry about the weather!



It all takes place in a magical desert environment with stunning views out across the desert mountains. Our party of ten stayed in a desert camp run by a Bedouin family who found their way into our hearts with their kindness, hard work and excellent food. There are a wide range of climbs and grades but it pays to drop a grade for enjoyment purposes. The easier climbs are 'Bedouin routes', developed over thousands of years and passed down through families. Most of the major summits have a Bedouin route to the top, developed in the past for Ibex hunting. They are extremely devious and often counter - intuitive. A few forays were made without a guide but none of us made it up the routes chosen so towards the end of the holiday we used a Bedouin Guide who took us up the Thamudic route to the summit of Jebel Rum, faultlessly following the intricate route. It was a 2000 foot scramble of the first order, interesting all the way, with massive exposure. There were a few moves of 3 which he protected with a rope and two abseils on the way down.

We climbed a wide variety of routes up to HVS on the other days. The quality of the routes above the village is generally good, they are climbed more often, the route finding is easier and there are some bolt belays and rigged abseil descents. Out in the desert there is as much adventure as you want in fantastic settings and the long routes were prone to catching us out on timing. Several finishes in the dark ensured that we always packed extra water and head torches. There is no mountain rescue so you need to be self reliant, we used walkie – talkies successfully so that parties could stay in touch.

In the middle of the holiday one team climbed a 12 pitch HVS to the summit of Jebel Rum. Unbeknown to us one of them had been injured in a leader fall on one of the last pitches. With their fading mobile phone juice they told us they would sleep out on the summit and descend the next day. They were out of water. Next morning they attempted to find the Bedouin route down but the injuries made them slow and they could not effect a descent. We could not talk to them and the summit was a four hour scramble away, they did manage to get half a phone call out to their family in the UK to say they needed rescuing...



We had a stressful afternoon with forty excited villagers and I quickly got used to prefacing every conversation with my impression of a helicopter... now! Eventually the chief of police arrived who clearly had the clout required. Just before sunset a Royal

Jordanian air force helicopter arrived and in twenty minutes had plucked them from the summit, thirsty but smiling. We owe the Jordanians a big vote of thanks.

Wadi Rum will stay in my memory for a long time, it is an amazing mountain destination for a wide range of abilities. The main pieces of advice are that if you fancy the long scrambling routes take a Bedouin guide and if you are going camel riding take some padded cycle shorts...

The Ridgeway and Pennine Way

Beth Hills

This year the Hills family walked The Ridgeway in 11 days from February to August.



During the summer, the children spent two weeks at summer camp which gave us (Simon and Beth) 12 days in which to walk the Pennine Way. We caught

the train to Manchester and had a restless night listening to drunken Mancunians singing Oasis at 3am before we caught the first train to Edale on Sunday morning. We had clear skies and sunshine virtually the whole time apart from the very first night when we awoke to a river around our tent and when we were on top of Great Shunner Fell.



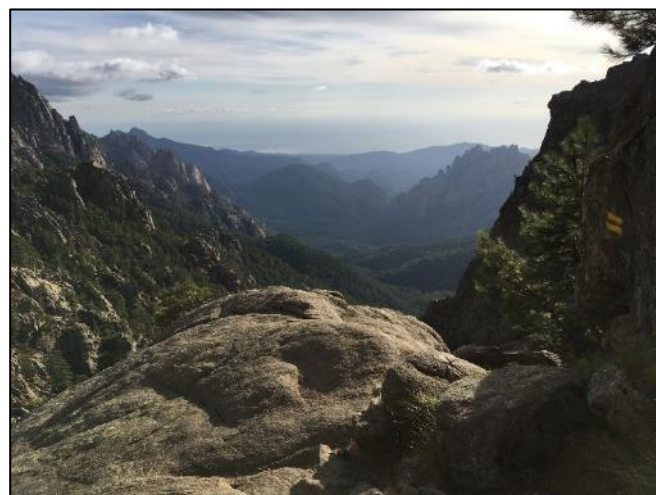
Along the GR20 Trail, Corsica

Stephen Olivant

When I was planning how to celebrate my 70th birthday, I thought of five journeys during the year using a different modes of self-powered transport. So, I mountain biked from Pokhara to Kathmandu, skied the Trolls Trail in Norway, road biked from San Sebastian to Madrid, canoed down the River Wye, and trekked across Corsica on the GR20. All the trips were highly enjoyable, but the GR20 was the best of the lot.

Paul Strickland and I booked a self-guided two week GR20 trek with Corsica Adventure, who are based in Ajaccio and employ a few English staff to liaise with clients like us. We were delighted with their helpful

pre-trip advice, route notes, route maps and accommodation arrangements.



The GR20 follows the main mountain chain running in a rough diagonal across most of the island. It is about 190k end-to-end and includes quite a few 2,000 metre cols with some easy scrambling on a couple of ridges. On some exposed slabs, there are fixed cables or chains for protection, and we found them very reassuring during one wet morning. The route is well way-marked and dotted with refuges/campsites at about a day's walk apart, so it's easy to navigate and plan a trip. Cicerone publishes an excellent up-to-date guidebook with lots of useful information by Paddy Dillon, although that is written in north-south direction and we found it impossible to read back-to-front and ditched it to save weight.



Corsica Adventure's guided treks run from South to North (opposite way to most group treks) and our self-guided trek was routed this way too. We found

this direction gave a build-up during the easier first week to the higher mountain stages in the second week, the sun was behind us and not in our eyes all day, and we were travelling contra-flow without others trekkers in sight for long periods.

We carried our own tent and camped outside the refuges because some of the buildings are infested with bedbugs... my wife threatened divorce if I brought any home with me. Spraying our sleeping bags with a bedbug specific insecticide, keeping everything in a couple of large dry bags at night, and packing a cat flea collar in our rucksacks worked a treat. We are still married.



Our trip was in early September and the weather was mostly sunny and kind to us when we were on the move. However, it was very windy and rainy during a couple of nights and we needed warmer clothes than Paddy Dillon's guidebook suggests. Camping without a good insulated jacket and three-season sleeping bag would have been very uncomfortable.

We met friendly and interesting people from many countries at mealtimes in the refuges. The first question from every French, German and Dutch trekker we talked to was "Why did your country vote for Brexit?" so that was a great ice-breaker!

We were pleased to find there weren't too many people on the trail, so we could experience the route for ourselves. Every day on the trail was a delight, with

the route taking us through a wide variety of landscapes - from valley bottoms with clear streams splashing across glades in oak forests; past groves of huge lario pine trees in the higher valleys; and up to jagged bare rocky ridges with airy drops and stunning views of the coast. I had to fight the temptation to take a photo every few minutes. But the best images of the GR20 are the ones that I conjure up in my head every night when going to sleep. I hope they stay with me for ever.



The ROC and Original Mountain Marathon

Heather Rumble

Autumn is mountain marathon season, so Stephan and I have been busy breaking ourselves on the hills. For those that don't know, mountain marathon's are (usually) two day events in mountainous regions, where participants race for two days with their camping kit. We usually do score class races, which means visiting checkpoints worth a certain amount of points in a specified time. So the distance and terrain varies and navigation is very important.

For the ROC in September we were joined this year in the South-West Lakes by fellow members Sam Hardman (solo) and Mike Hale (partnered with his wife).

One of the things we love about mountain marathon's is in getting to explore new areas that we would never

have otherwise visited. This was no exception this year, with the ROC taking place in the South West Lakes, starting at Whicham Mill, with Harter Fell at the very North-Eastern tip of the competition area. This area is characterised by tussocky grass and blanket bog, so was pretty challenging terrain.

Saturday was pretty foggy, making nav quite tricky. Stephan and I fell into the classic trap of moving too fast with not enough care with our compasses, being overtaken by walkers paying more attention! But by the time we had gotten to Hesk Fell, we realised we'd been moving pretty well and visibility was much better, so we picked up the pace and took in some of the checkpoints under Great Worm Crag. This nearly turned out to be a huge mistake, as the terrain back to the overnight camp was seriously boggy. I kept falling over, which sparked cramp in both legs every time. Stephan also walked straight into a waist deep blanket bog, which was a bit hairy. But we kept pushing, and got back only a couple of minutes late.

Stephan and I used to make a point of not going the same way back on day two, but as we have gotten more competitive, this has sort of gone out the window. So, realising points mean prizes, we went basically the same way on day two. It paid off though, as we were the first mixed team. Our first win, brilliant! Sam and Mike also did really well, though we're not sure if Mike's wife will ever come on a mountain marathon again... !



The Original Mountain Marathon (OMM) takes place a month later, when the weather is usually more challenging. This year was the 50th Anniversary and it took place in Langdale (a bit annoying as the AGM had been there just the week before, but we had to work in between!). We were joined again by Sam Hardman, this time teaming up with her Mum.

Saturday's weather was horrendous, in the top running for the worst I've ever experienced on a mountain marathon. It poured down all day, visibility was terrible and for most of Saturday I couldn't feel my fingers or toes. We weren't the only ones finding the conditions challenging though – every checkpoint was surrounded by confused people, trying to see the little orange marker through the sheets of rain.

Sunday made up for Saturday though, with brilliant sunshine all day. Our route took us under the South-East of Scafell Pike, along the River Esk through the large hanging valley there. It really was stunning and we were both feeling good thanks to the weather slowing us down on Saturday.

All four of us finished pretty respectably, our ULGMC grit putting us ahead of the fair-weather runners. I was really impressed that Sam and her Mum were still smiling after Saturday's onslaught! Definitely a testing weekend, but still great fun.



Fancy joining us?

We have several emails throughout the year from members that want to get into fell running and mountain marathons. In fact the mountain marathon

contingent of ULGMC is getting bigger every year. So if you are interested in joining us, or would like some advice on how to start, send us an email (heather.rumble@gmail.com). And if you feel like joining us on any of the events below, sign up and let us know!

Dates	Event
27 th -28 th Jan	Marmot Dark Mountains
5 th -7 th May	Great Lakeland 3 Day
26 th -28 th Sep	ROC Mountain Marathon
23 rd -25 th Oct	Original Mountain Marathon

The Hollies

Keith Mott reminisces about a favourite stop on the way to climbing meets...

The Original Greasy Spoon(?)

Now, it is fair to say that over the last 40 years or so most things have changed, some out of all recognition. This is no less true of Hollies, a truck stop on the A5 just east of the M6. I cannot say for certain when the first greasy breakfast was served at this establishment but it was certainly popular when I first visited in late 1980 or early '81 being driven there by Monty, Bill or Sid.

In those days, like Dr. Foster, you took your life in your hands when you crossed the carpark with the size of the potholes. I would not be surprised if a few half shafts had not been broken on smaller vehicles over the early years.

The entrance, in those days, was a single door on the road side of a rather plain white building. The queue for the food formed just inside and the counter stretched some way on the left hand side. The food was kept in heated bins a la fish and chip shops. Peas, beans, tinned tomatoes, bacon, sausages and other staples of a high calorific meal were available 24 hours a day and, I believe, 365 days of the year. I have,

certainly never found it closed. Eggs were cooked to order and the tea was bottomless. Meals often overflowed the large plates and prices were really low.

I was even taken there once in a police car after been found walking the road from Wolverhampton station very early in the morning. I am sure it was 1982 when Monty was away skiing. After the meal I camped by the reservoir on the other side of the M6. I was picked up hitch hiking the next morning by a father and son in a white Cortina Estate. When they asked me where I was going I said north Wales. They said where, I said Snowdonia, they said where, I said Ogwen Valley, they said where, I said Caseg Fraith. Thanks to Les and Martin Bailey for the lift! They were not even staying at the hut that time. It was a few years later that Les started staying more regularly at the hut.

Sometime later Hollies made rooms available to overnight stoppers. This required bringing the toilets inside. Prior to that time the gents, at least, were accessed from outside. Those of a sensitive disposition will be spared any more details. Just like the separation between those who have and have not completed the ski run/climb/river section/storm at sea there are those of us WHO WERE THERE!

Of course, there is also that divide BC and AC, before and after children. There was a period between the end of the '80s and about 2000 when visits to Hollies were few and far between. When we did return it became an instant hit with the family. The menu had changed completely even going as far as offering salads! There is now a large video display board with the offerings. They even serve alcohol.

The hazardous parking area has been tarmacked with a separate section for smaller vehicles. There is now a second door onto the parking area. You now place your order at a short counter which is then brought to you at your table. You can watch TV and connect to wi-fi. Of course, my family are only so keen on this

place since smoking has been banned. Sid, and some others, may not have been so keen.



<http://www.transportcafe.co.uk/truck-stops/the-new-hollies/>

We will, of course, be stopping there on our way up to Caseg at New Year in preference to the service station on the M6 toll and possibly on the way back as well. For those of you who may be considering a visit Thursday is curry night!

Club News

Remembering

It is with deep regret that we announce the deaths of several ULGMC members in the last few months. Thank you for contributions to these paragraphs from ULGMC members, especially Mike Esten and John Hampton.

John Bevis passed away in September this year. He was a long-standing member of the club and was actively involved in club management, serving as Treasurer in the 1960's and 70's and club President for five years from 1992.



Laura Hampton also passed away in September. Laura was one of the founding members of the club, instrumental in setting up the huts. She was also an accomplished mountaineer. She also served on the committee, taking on the roles of Secretary and President between, from the 1950's to the early '80's.

John Coote also recently passed away, in November this year. John was a distinguished physiologist, specialising in high altitude medicine. He will always be remembered by the editor for being a very vocal supporter of the club in recent years and for taking a very touching, personal interest in those of us hampered in our mountaineering abilities by altitude sickness.



All three of these members will be sorely missed.

AGM 2017

Please see the [AGM Minutes](#) for a blow by blow account.

Presidents Report

Stephan Tietz

I am only just starting to settle into my new role as president. I am glad that I have the privilege of living with the previous president which allows me to ask for advice when needed! I would like to take the opportunity to thank the AGM (and the wider membership) for putting their trust into me and I would also like to thank the outgoing committee members:

- Heather Rumble has been on the committee for 9 years. She started as meets secretary before becoming president in 2012. Her key achievements are an update of our constitution and to support the wider membership to rebuild our relationship with ULMC and the huts. She will continue as interim newsletter editor for the time being.
- Mike Pollitt is an ex-president of ULMC and became our secretary 4 years ago. He has helping us behind the scene as well as ensuring we have AGM minutes. He became the lead trustee for Caseg Fraith in 2015 and is continuing to help the many volunteers involved in running the hut.
- Robby Pineda stepped down as member without portfolio after a year in the post. He will be most missed for running a number of meets including this year's Alps trip. I hope that our paths continue to cross.

This number of people exiting the committee also highlights an immediate challenge for the club and my new role. The committee is currently the smallest it has been for 8 years. Apart from myself, there is Mike Hale as (vice president) who will step down at the next AGM, Ian Ross (as newly elected treasurer) and Graham Cunningham (as meets secretary). The position of secretary is currently vacant and there are no committee members without portfolio.

I am not hugely concerned at this stage as we have members running meets, we have streamlined a lot of the club admin and many of our previous committee members (Sam Hardman, Mark Stitson, Keith Mott) are now running the huts! However, we will need to have some of the more recent members who joined the club become more engaged in the day to day running of it!

I will voice some of my ideas and ambitions over the coming months. They will mostly centre around expanding our cooperation with ULMC, help Fallcliffe to become financially more viable and review if there are ways of improving the governance of this club for

the next generation of crag climbers, ski mountaineers, hill walkers, ice climbers, wall climbers, fell runners, ...

On this note, I would like to remind you to renew your membership over the festive season and look forward to see you in the New Year out in the hills to work of any over-indulgence that might have occurred!

If you do have any comments or queries, please email (president@ulgmc.org.uk) or telephone (07984 583146, evenings and weekends).

Membership Sec & Treasurer's Report

Stephan Tietz (outgoing) and Ian Ross (incoming)

As agreed at the AGM, Stephan will help newly elected Ian to prepare the accounts for 2017 to ensure a smooth and swift transition.

Please, take a few minutes to read the AGM minutes. We will only summarise the headlines here. The membership of the club continues to be stable. We have seen a small increase in membership to 180 members (with 3 outstanding payments). The percentage of churning of membership has slightly increased, but it looks like we have the highest proportion of active/younger members we have seen in c20 years. Unfortunately, that isn't fully reflected in meet attendance and political participation. The club continues to be in good financial health and the AGM has approved to renew the Expedition and Training fund (£200 or £400 if used for the Alps meet).

This leaves us with only with one more thing to say: **Please, renew your membership now.** As usual, you can send me a cheque (payable to 'ULGMC'), make a bank transfer (acc no 04145127 and s/c 52-30-40) or set up an authorisation for a Direct Debit: <https://dashboard.gocardless.com/api/paylinks/0QNYCBJ71A> (and I will add you to a payment plan).

Please email, if your contact details have changed or fill in the attached renewal form. For the time being

you can send checks to: Stephan Tietz, ULGMC Membership Secretary, 1 Braishfield Road, Havant, PO9 2HS.

The membership fees for 2018 are unchanged despite the BMC increasing their affiliations costs: £20 for single membership, £35 for joint membership and £9 to add BMC liability insurance for children. There are discounts for non-UK residents of £10.50 as the BMC insurance doesn't cover them.

For any other comments or questions, please email (members@ulgmc.org.uk). Also, don't hesitate to contact me if you are planning on booking huts for meets and need to put down a deposit.

Merchandise

We 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



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:

- a. If for some reason you cannot use the booking form, the hut warden can be contacted via: fallcliffe@ulgmc.org
- b. 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.
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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.

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 and email address and choose a username and 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 log in 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.co.m.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

Meets 2018




Dates 2016/17	Location/Meet	Meet Leader
29 th Dec – 1 st Jan	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – New Year Meet	Elanor Mott
26 th – 28 th Jan	Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District – Peak Snow?	Keith Mott
TBC Feb/Mar	Scotland – Winter Mountaineering	TBA, please email asap if interested
9 th – 11 th Mar	Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District – Joint ULMC Meet	Mark Stitson
29 th Mar – 2 nd Apr	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – Easter Meet	Heather Rumble & Stephan Tietz
25 th – 28 th May	Trevedra Farm, Sennen – Cornwall Camping Meet	Keith Mott
15 th – 17 th Jun	Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District – Peak Summer Meet	Mark Stitson
TBC Jul	Alps Trip	Rob Hardy, please email asap if interested
27 th Jul – 3 rd Aug	Dorset Coast – Dorset Camping Meet	Keith Mott
24 th – 27 th Aug	Caseg Fraith, Snowdonia – August Bank Holiday	Graham Cunningham
19 th – 21 st Oct	The Plough, Hathersage/ Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District - AGM	Graham Cunningham
2 nd – 4 th Nov	Fallcliffe Cottage, Peak District – Bonfire Meet	Elanor Mott
28 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>		

Committee 2017/18

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Officers without portfolio

YOU ?
Recruiting!

Non-committee roles		
		
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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 Stephan 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 Heather for more information: secretary@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 Stephan for more information: president@ulgmc.org

ULGMC Huts

Fallcliffe



Lead Trustee

Mike Hale

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Trustee

Keith Mott

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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

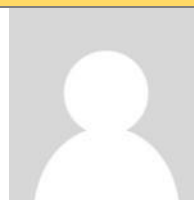
mark@stitson.com



Hut Warden

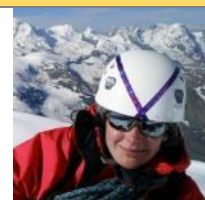
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Hut Sub-Warden

Sally Brown



Hut Booking Secretary

Sam Hardman

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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.

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>

MINUTES OF THE 67TH ULGMC AGM (unadopted)

21 Oct 2017, Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale

Heather Rumble in the chair

1. Apologies for absence

Ian Chuter; Mel Owen; Sue and Mike Esten; Trefor and Patsy Owen; Mike Warden; John Coote; Sue Darling; Tim and Caroline Marshall; Ian Ross, Trevor & Janet Hellen, Mike Hale, Sam Hardman, Liz Parkinson, Andy & Elena Charalambous, Neil Brindley.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Francis Mott, Seconded: Elanor Mott. Accepted by consent

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain. Accepted by consent

List of honorary members to be prepared by Heather & Jill Bennett next year. Accounts from 2014 & 2015 have not been scrutinised yet and this will be done ASAP.

4. Finance

a) Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts 2016

ST reported: most of the income comes from membership fees. Membership relatively stable: currently 182 members. The accounts were presented. Annual dinner expenses is for ULMC president, hut warden and hire of the room at the Royal Oak. A surplus of order of £150 is expected for 2017. The accounts for 2016 have not yet been prepared and will be scrutinised along with 2014 & 2015 by Mark Stitson.

b) Motion to keep donations at same level as last year (£316 in total)

Proposed Elanor Mott, Seconded Joy Parsons. Accepted by consent

c) Motion for authorisation for expenditure of funds 2018

The £200 for 2016 & 2017 (ie.. £400 in total) was used to subsidise two mountain guides for the Alps trip. Propose £200 expedition & training fund, which the committee can increase to £400 for the Alps trip.

Proposed Rachael Mott, Seconded Frances Mott. Accepted by consent

c) Agreement on membership subscription rates for 2018 – unchanged from 2017. Noted that the BMC subscription rates are increasing by £1 (£13.75 to £14.75). Noted that there is a possibility that membership fees will increase in future years

Proposed: Michael Parkinson, Seconded: Pauline Owens. Accepted by consent

5. Officer's Reports

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

HR gave her final report as president. HR gave her history in ULGMC: after joining the club, MS arranged for HR to join the committee. She became president in 2012. In terms of being president, diplomacy and strategy have been important. A key success is that numbers at meets have increased: up to 40 people at Caseg. New members have found us from various places. The strengths of ULGMC are that we are a nationally known club with stronger links to ULMC in recent years; have two great huts and are doing more mountaineering meets. The challenges the club faces are the need to make more use of the huts and bring members together at the huts. The opportunity for the club is that climbing is becoming a more popular sport but the challenge is to get people used to climbing on plastic to climb outdoors. The threats to the club are getting people to take on committee roles; low attendance at the AGM and losing members to bigger London clubs: most of members are based in London & South East.

HR's advice to the new committee is don't be afraid to make difficult decisions. HR thanked: people who attend the AGM, for their support, in particular Bill Bristow, the Battens, Jill Bennett, the committee (Tim, Sue & Keith for introducing HR to club and the more recent committees). HR gave her best wishes to the future committee.

Toast of thanks to HR proposed by Joy Parsons.

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

5c. Membership Secretary (Stephan Tietz, ST) Covered under treasurers report

5d. Meets Secretary (Graham Cunningham, GC) Covered under item 6

5e. Hut wardens / trustees.

MP reported that at Caseg main change for the year has been fencing off of the car park. This is because the farmer wanted to put cows in the field around the hut. National Trust kindly agreed to put a fence in place (at their expense). The Fallcliffe hut continues to be capably managed by Dave Morley.

BMC Wales report from Trefor Owens given by Geoff Williams

1) Mend the mountains campaign was successful in 2017 and will be carried forward in 2018. Work will be performed on the top end of the Watkin path. There is a £1 million campaign for work on the Carneddau. Off road motorcycling is a problem on the Moelwynns. New hydro schemes are proposed

2) Welsh government considering making all footpaths open to cyclists. HR passed on concerns of people in club to the BMC

Discussion on the Welsh Government plan to make the countryside pay

6. Meets programme for 2018

GC needs leaders for mountaineering meets (winter in feb/Mar, Alps in July). Draft meets program is available.

The date for the next AGM is 20 October 2018 at the Plough Inn, Hathersage

Proposed: Frances Mott, Seconded: Stephan Tietz. Accepted by consent

7. Committee Elections

a) Vice-President: Mike Hale (MH)

b) Meets Secretary: Graham Cunningham (GC)

Proposed: Geoff Williams; Seconded: Joy Parsons. Carried unanimously (17)

c) Secretary: no nominations. HR thanked MP for his 4 years as secretary

d) Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Ian Ross. Proposed HR Seconded MP. Accepted by consent.

e) President: Stephan Tietz (HR).

Proposed Mike Hale, Seconded Mark Stitson. Carried unanimously (22)

8. Other Elections

Scrutineer of the accounts: Mark Stitson.

BMC Rep: Trefor Owen (Wales)

ULMC rep: Rob Hardy

Proposed: Geoff Williams; Seconded: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain. Carried unanimously (20). One abstention

HR proposed a vote of thanks to Jill Bennett as archivist. HR will continue as newsletter editor

Proposed: Diane MacCloud-Cullinain, Seconded: Stephan Tietz

9. AOB

HR announced deaths of members in the past year: John "Bev" Bevis; Laura Hampton; Humphrey Berkeley; Milne Anderson; Alan Hooker. HR gave obituaries: John Bevis passed away recently and was treasurer and president. Laura Hampton was one of the founding members of the club and was instrumental in setting up both huts (including being hut warden at Caseg)