

Fylde Mountaineering Club

Welcome to our new venture.

It is sometimes difficult to keep members informed about forthcoming FMC events, changes to our plans and other related activities. Our magazine is not intended to be a frequent publication, it is more a record of club activities, members mountaineering exploits and an entertaining read. Messages about forthcoming events are being sent by e-mail, but not everyone has e-mail, and it is proving to be not as reliable as it is claimed to be. The website is brilliant but that can only contain what has been sent to Dave, and understandably many people do not want such things as phone numbers or e-mail addresses on public view.

We want to encourage members to take part, we want new members to find it easier to know what is happening. Indeed we would like more active members and more younger members for local events as well as on the hill.

As an experiment the committee has decided, on a majority vote, to produce an information sheet every two months to keep members informed and in the hope that we will get more attending the events.

After a year the committee will review its effectiveness.

How it is hoped to work.

We are sending this printed version to all members, if you would prefer an e-mail version then let me know:- john.wiseman1@virgin.net. The e-mail version would be in colour, and could be with you slightly earlier.

The next one I hope to produce at the end of February so any copy to me please by the 14th Feb. 2007.

We would also print short news items, interesting gossip and advertisements. Anything that is of a more permanent interest should be sent to the editor for the magazine. The idea of this sheet is that once the months have passed it will be thrown away.

January 2007

New Year. Both huts available. Stair is the usual venue for activities and a visit to the Coledale where New year is seen in with the aid of a good firework display.

Weekend 6th/7th Little Langdale available for members.

Wednesday 10th social evening at the river Wyre 8pm. Dave Birkett will give an illustrated talk. It should be a good evening given by one of our leading climbers.

FAMILY MEET 13/14 JANUARY 2007 STAIR

Whinlatter climbing wall
beers swimming pool
bustrips derwent water hide and seek
cat bel lscafe butter merewin
trotters and friends board games
mountain biking whisky buildings
now men walking dodd wood bowder stone
good foodshops.....

**THE POSSIBILITIES ARE
ENDLESS!**

Andy & Liz Hird 01772 769337

LANGDALE WORKING WEEKEND 20/21st January 2007

After the culinary excesses of Christmas and the New Year, what better time to work off some calories and avoid the grim weather by putting some time in at the next Langdale Working Weekend? Although the hut is in a good condition, painting, cleaning, gardening and minor repairs are required.

Food (and some drink!) will be provided for Saturday night to replace the calories lost by exercise, and to increase fat reserves ready for the winter climbing season. Chris Bell.

Wednesday 24th. 9pm at the Castle Gardens for a drink and a chat. Claire Addy will be MC.

Ice climbing and other winter pastimes 25 January to 30th January – you have all had a sheet about this from Martin Bennett

Weekend 27/28 Bangers and Mash Stair.

All are welcome to the annual Bangers and Mash do 27/28 Jan 2007 at Stair. This will be the usual "Take-it-or-Leave-it-Mate" service for the meal as below:-

Starter..... Sumatgud

Main Course Succulent hand reared Saucisse de Barnoldswick on a bed of crushed pomme de Terre accompanied by haricot de sauce tomate (Heinz) and pan fried oignon. Drizzled with sauce d'oxo.

PudDunoyet with sumat poured over it.

Afters..... Depends on what is on BOGOF at the supermarket.

Bring your own drink!

Booking essential, as I need to know how much to buy. Clive tel. 01772 635306

February 2007

Weekend 3rd/4th Ladies Meet... To find out "what goes on" on these meets, though rumours do escape into the outside world, contact Libby Hacking tel. 01524 63645

GLEN CLOVA 10/11th February 2007

(From Chris Bell) After years of deliberating, the Cairngorm meet is to be held at Glen Clova. With easy access onto Winter Corries on Driesh and excellent hill walking, it should be worth a visit. The bunkhouse is attached to the Glen Clova Hotel, which is one of the more sociable Scottish pubs with decent beer. Cost is £11/night, the new "going-rate" for Cairngorm dosses.

Good climbing conditions are assured, because I am unable to attend. To reserve a place, contact **Darren Hartley**.

Weekend 10th /11th February. Stair available for members.

Wednesday 14th February. Social evening at the River Wyre 8pm. A good variety tonight with two or three presentations from within the club. The Dolomites trip, ice climbing and, with so many members on holiday in New Zealand, a few pictures from there.

Weekend 17th/18th February. Little Langdale available for members.

Weekend 24th/25th February we have a "Hut Swap" with the Chester Mountaineering Club and we will be in Llanberris for the weekend. This is a good base for walking ,climbing and

many other activities. There is the possibility of "winter conditions" which make this area a delight to be in. Contact Martin Dale.

Wednesday 28th. Feb The Annual General Meeting at the Marine Hall in Fleetwood. The documentation will be sent to members later, but for those who don't know, the selection of beers and cider in the wyre lounge bar is special.

Advance Notices

March 3rd/4th weekend A caving meet. Contact Simon Fenna for more info.

Dave Wood is planning club trip to Pembroke over the **May day weekend** (or longer? Not everyone has to go to work!) Contact Dave for more details.

History/Archive

Margaret Scott has sent a copy of the Fylde Mountaineering Club Journal 1956 – 1958 that had belonged to her father Jack Jowett to the club to be preserved in the Archives. It is an interesting read. I tried scanning it but it was not all that good so I have photographed each of the 45 pages. If anyone would like a copy on a disc as a "slideshow" or a word doc. (Or both they easily go on one disc.) let me know . Cost say £1.50 to cover disc and postage. That is less than the price of a pint, now there is a frightening thought – how much was a pint when you were 18?

I hope that you find this useful and get the urge to come on some of the events. Any suggestions or feedback will be welcome.

Cheers
John Wiseman.

And finally if you were not at the photo competition you missed a treat. Really great landscapes from a snow covered Liathach and the sunset on Skye bridge to nearer home the Coniston fells covered in snow and Slaters bridge reduced to shades of black and white by the falling snow. The drama of a storm on a beach with a passing seagull. The winners taken in magical weather on Blencathra. Action from rivers deep in the bowels of the earth. Climbers in wonderful places. The winner of the humour section – you really don't want to know.