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Fylde Mountaineering Club

Committee Notices

Membership cards are being posted to those people who have paid their subscriptions and have not been given them.

Thank you for renewing your FMC membership. Once received please sign your membership card in the strip provided and take advantage of the discounts offered by the shops. Please contact Martin Dale if any shops should be added or deleted.

Some people still have not paid and they are reminded that subs were due on 1 October. There are 3 easy ways to pay - bank transfer, standing order or by cheque to the treasurer.

The committee wishes you an enjoyable year ahead and would be glad of suggestions for future meets or events.

Mike Howe, Treasurer

THE FMC MAGAZINE

The last issue of the magazine that we received was in the spring of 2007, with meet reports up to October 2006. Since then the editor has had a number of "disasters" that have led to the non-appearance of the magazine. We now know that when his laptop was stolen all material from 2006 and 2007 went with it.

The editor has recently sent out an e-mail magazine, using recent material, prior to his having it printed and distributed.

The Committee discussed the situation and John Wiseman volunteered to produce a magazine in December or January, and Mike Howe one three months later. Andy Hird volunteered see to the printing and distribution.

If any member has sent in an article or meet report that has not been published could they search their computers and if they still have it e-mail it to johnandjune.w@btinternet.com

Indoor Climbing

For details of forthcoming events contact Martin Dale or Darren Hartley.

Evening Social meets

Our first social meet was an outstanding success. A large audience turned up to hear one of our own members, Henry Iddon who has had a project, backed by the Wordsworth Trust, to photograph the Lakes from the hill tops at night. Henry told us the history of photography in the Lakes and showed his own work. A very enjoyable evening, it was good to hear the "behind the scenes" story of the project.

. If you missed it you can always buy his book.

Future Socials

Wednesday 12 November – Kevin Thaw:- Filming on Everest and things either side.

Wednesday 10 December Three stooges:- see below.

Wednesday 14 January Bill Birkett. Scafell Portrait of a Mountain.

Wednesday 11 February - Gareth Parry "Trango 08 Eternal Flame"

Wednesday 11 March – Members Photo Competition judged by our own Dave Earle

All at the River Wyre – starting at 8pm.

PUB MEETS

These winter meets are starting again this year. Socials are the second Wednesday of the month Pub meets are usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, but Decembers is earlier. From 9pm onwards.

NEW... All day walk for the retired and those with a day off. See November 11th.

November 2008

Weekend 1st./2nd. Bonfire Night Langdale

Come and celebrate Bonfire Night a few days early with Fireworks and Food at Little Langdale on the 1st of November (It would help create a better display if everyone brought a couple of decent fireworks with them).
.... Kevan

Weekend 8th. /9th. Caving

This weekend is open to all and sundry who want to get underground. As ever, we'll do trips that are suitable for the people who turn up. Please contact me on 07876 653910 or evenings 01524 771323 or simonfenna@btinternet.com if you're interested.

I've not booked accommodation yet - so I'd like info **SOON** please if you want a doss Friday & or Sat night. It's been bloody wet recently - but we will only go safe places so don't worry. Added interest is that apparently Clive IS going to come along.

Simon - Le Chef de Speliology

Tuesday 11th. Day Walk

Whitbarrow. 10 am meet at the parking area beyond the farm off the A590 map ref.461854. Contact John Wiseman.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 12th. Evening Social 8pm. River Wyre –

Kevin Thaw will present a show entitled " Filming on Everest and things either side". This sounds as if it should be a fascinating evening.

Weekend 15th./16th.

Working Weekend + food, Langdale

Come along and help look after your hut. Nothing too taxing is proposed, but the weekend is made much easier and more sociable the more people come. Food (and a few drinks!) will be provided for Saturday night, and Ibuprofens for breakfast on Sunday. It isn't all toilet cleaning, you know.

Anyone with experience of dry stone walling would be especially welcome!

Weekend 22nd./23rd. – Stair.

Fell Race and veggie curry

The race is on Saturday morning with the aim that we all arrive back at 12 to make an exciting finish. There will be soup after & a selection of veggie curries in the evening. Please give me a call (01434 682 018) if you want to book in or if you only want to come for the day. The emphasis is on fun not speed & although a few do take it very seriously most contestants couldn't run if their life depended on it.

Andy

Wednesday 26th. Pub meet – The Black Horse Preston with Chris Bell. From 9pm.

Weekend 29th./30th. Kayaking. Langdale

We have a kayaking meet planned at Langdale. The usual deal for meets, however with a couple of additional requirements.

I plan to paddle the Brathay (grade 2+) on Saturday with a more adventurous river on the Sunday. The final plan will depend on water conditions and the interest/ability of those wanting to come along. For all those interested you MUST have some fairly recent paddling experience and ideally have some if not all your own kit. I can source a variety of kit, including boats, through the Outdoor Adventure Group but will need advance notice. The Brathay and certainly Sunday's experience will not be for complete beginners who would experience paddling for the first time on still water.

I've asked a number of paddling friends to help over the weekend and we will decide on the final plan once we can gauge numbers and abilities. Please do not be offended if I feel it inappropriate for you to paddle on a particular river, it is for your safety and that of others, and conditions can also make a considerable difference to the experience.

I'd encourage those interested to give me a ring and we can have a chat, last time we had a great time doing something rather different for many people in the club, there might even be the opportunity for post paddling libations!

Andy Hird

Sunday 30th. Grit Sunday

Contact Martin Dale

December 2008

Weekend 6th/7th. The Annual Dinner Saturday 6th.

At the Middle Ruddings, Braithwaite. Details should be with you soon.

Wednesday 10th. Social at the River Wyre 8pm.

A Southern Hemisphere theme to the evening as Dave Wood was climbing in Australia this year . Dave Earle has photos from Peru and I will show some of New Zealand's "Great Walks" .

Weekend 13th./14th. "Gentlemen's" meet Langdale -

Come to Little Langdale from where we can travel to the big city for comestibles and a little libation (Ambleside, nosh and booze).....Clive

Weekend 13th./14th. "Ladies" meet Stair-

Contact Liz Rawcliffe.

Wednesday 17th. Pub meet – The County, Latham. M/C Clive Bell. From 9pm.

December 22nd. To Jan 6th. Stair is available for festivities.

Langdale is available Dec 22nd. To Dec 26th.

Advance Notices

January 3rd./4th.

Stair available for members.

Family Meet January 10th./11th. 2009

Contact Liz Hird.

Cold Euro Ice Meet 2009

31st. January to 7th. February (optional return on the 5th. Feb. Accommodation will be in either gite d'etape (posh hostel) or apartments. This will be booked once numbers are known ie when people have booked their flights and let me know. We will stay either in La Grave or l'Argentiere la Bessee, both are good centres for ice and skiing.

Full details are in the sheet attached with this issue.

I hope to produce the next issue at the end of December so any copy to me please by the 14th Dec. 2008.

John W 28 Oct 2008.