



What's on?



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Fylde Mountaineering Club

60th. Anniversary of the FMC October 2010

In the last issue members were invited to tell Clive or Kevan what they thought of the idea to celebrate this anniversary. Not one member bothered to give an opinion.

The next committee meeting is the 2nd November so in view of the lack of interest should we kick the idea into the long grass?

If you have an opinion please let the Secretary or Chairman know before the meeting.

Letters

Following references to the " Mick Tolley memorial plaque" in the magazine Jennie Tolley has sent the following letter:-

STAIR and the MEMORIAL PLAQUE

At risk of sounding pedantic, I would like to correct any misapprehensions anybody may have regarding Mick and the new porch at Stair/Memorial Plaque.

Mick had long championed the addition of a porch, but, given the way that decisions, planning, and implementation notoriously move slowly in the FMC (and indeed in all voluntary organisations), he was resigned to the idea that either it would be a long term dream or that it might never happen, but he raised it consistently (and perhaps boringly!) at many an AGM! Ironically his death acted as a catalyst! The idea was raised again; I and others suggested that the time was now right to go ahead.

I made a donation – which was the funds acquired from the sale of Mick's climbing gear - but the vast majority of the expense was provided by the club. This was a Club effort, supported by the Committee and many members. Whilst Mick's death may (?) have acted as a catalyst, it is not, and never was, intended to be a memorial for Mick. It is merely the implementation of an improvement, long recognised as being beneficial to all users

Similarly whilst I am very touched to know that Mick is still held in such high regard as a Special Person by so many members, the plaque newly installed in the porch is not and never was intended to be, 'The Mick Tolley Memorial Plaque'. (Many people chose to support the cost of the plaque with surplus donations being paid into the 'Club') It is a memorial to all those members from the past and also those who will be members in the future, who, though no longer with us, are remembered with gratitude by the reader preparing to go joyously into the mountains. It is a universal reminder to all going out onto the fells, of the good times shared in the past. As Colin Kirkus once wrote – 'What is important is being in the right place, at the

right time, with the right people; all else is irrelevant'. This exactly encapsulates the spirit of the plaque.

I am sorry to have taken up your time, but to me at least, it is important to express my feelings.

Jennie Tolley.

Needless to say Jennies original idea of a non specific plaque was brought to the committee and her original appeal for money made it clear that the plaque was, to use the club expression, for "absent friends". Ed.

Winter Socials

At the RIVER WYRE 7.45 for a 8 pm. Start.

Wednesday 11th November

Wednesday 9th. December

Details below. They are good shows Dave has organised, we now need a large audience.

Advance Notices

From Martin Bennet

2010 icefall climbing and ski-ing meet

The Sat 30th Jan to Sat 6th Feb 2010.

The venue is La Grave in the Ecrins region of the French Alps. This is one of the best known icefall climbing spots in Europe with many climbs from grade III upwards with approaches from 15 mins to 2 hours. Other venues can be reached from here. Ski resorts Les Deux Alpes, Alpe d'Huez and Serre Chevalier are close by car. Montgenevre too can be reached.

For more details contact Martin Bennet:-

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From Martin Dale

Ski trip - Anyone interested in a weeks skiing or snowboarding in Europe in mid January, or possibly Feb/ March, let me know.

From Clive Bell....Italy

Next years trip will be to the Dolomite, in the town of Auronzo di Cadore. This is close to the Tri Cime and to Cortina. The hotel is called Albergo Galeno (www.algeno.com) I have it on good authority that it is an excellent place. It will be about 38 Euros half board pppn. I was thinking of late June or early July. Stacks to do, climb, VF, walk or do nowt in the sun. For those who prefer sleeping under canvas there is a camp site over the road from the hotel.

If you are interested let me know and we can get things moving, all are welcome, bring your granny.

EVENING CLIMBING

Contact Darren Hartley 01253 811485 or Martin Dale 01253 772073/07717 481706 (text only) for details.

EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2009

Weekend 31 Oct 1st November. Bonfire meet Stair.

With Dave Earle. (01253 890283) Enjoy a couple of days on the hills or crags and then the festivities on Saturday night...bring your own fireworks.

Wednesday 4th November:- pub meet

Gather for a chat (beer optional) about 9pm at the Thatched House, Poulton. Martin will be there.

Weekend 7th., 8th Langdale is available for members.

Wednesday 11th. Evening Social River Wyre 7.45pm for 8pm.

PATAGONIA JOHN JENNINGS

John features on the national list of amateur photographers so his photographic skills are not in doubt. This show is more of a travelogue than a 21 day visit to one piece of rock, so gives an excellent over view of all the other Patagonian possibilities, and the trip was blessed with, by local standards, superb weather. There is plenty to see and enjoy. Dave

Thurs 12th Sept All Day Walk

Meet at the Condor Green car park 10am. (ref-457561) Walk along the old railway and back along the canal. Dave Earle

Weekend 14th.,15th. Fell Race and veggie curry Stair. The usual format book in with Andy Dunhill to reserve a bed and the meal. Those coming just for the event are welcome. It would be nice if those trying to win made a resolution that if they did win they would come to the annual dinner to receive their trophy.

Weekend 21st.,22nd. Caving weekend .

with Steve Wrigley (01524 32832) – This was advertised in the last issue as a commitment had to be made.

Weekend 28th.,29th.

Stair is available for members

Sunday 29th. Grit Sunday with Martin Dale

Dust off the bouldering mats and look forward to velcro like friction on Gods rock! Yep, hopefully! At least look forward to the bacon butty at Dick Turpins and the stinging in your hands when you clasp them round the mug of hot tea in the cafe after your efforts, and the pint in front of roaring fire on the way home!

DECEMBER 2009

Wednesday 2th December:- pub meet

Gather for a chat about 9pm Thatched House Poulton.

Dinner Weekend 5th.6th

I am still waiting for the menus but if you are thinking of staying in the hotel, then you should get ahead and book asap as the hotel is not holding rooms for us alone, in other words they are filling up slowly but surely with other guests from the general public.

To book in at the Middle Ruddings give them a ring on 017687 78436, and mention you're from the FMC.

You can also stay at Stair hut, book in with Chris Thistlethwaite on 01282 844668.

The dinner info and applications will be out as soon as I get the information from the hotel. MARK

Tuesday 8th.Day Walk 10am.

Meet at Brinscall (ref 627 213) If the weather is good we will go onto the moors. If not a lower level walk.

John Wiseman

Wednesday 9th Social River Wyre 7.45pm for 8pm.

GREENLAND GARETH PARRY

Gareth gave us a stunning show last year which was poorly attended. Give yourself a treat by coming to see some superb pictures of this awesome place. See it before it all melts away and the tide comes up to the Thatched House. Perhaps it could be your last chance..... Dave

Weekend 12th.,13th. Ladies meet Stair with Angela Lovett tel; 01772 719200

Both huts are available over **Christmas and new year** :- **EXCEPT** for Langdale from Thurs 31st Dec - Sunday 3rd Jan.

2010

Working Weekend Little Langdale 9/10 Jan.

Food provided, contact Chris Bell.

Family Meet book now

16th - 17th January 2010

Plans are now being made for our 'winter' meet.

We're hoping for snow and sledging...

However, we do have plans for a 'night hike' around the footpaths of Newlands Valley; setting off as soon as the light starts to fail.

Fingers crossed for snow.

Andy & Liz Hird

FOR SALE

40 Litre Rucksac:- Salewa Peuterey 40. original cost £75. Unused. Details etc. from Alan Bird tel:-01253 358615