



# What's on?



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## Fylde Mountaineering Club

### Apathy rules ok.

In the last issue our Chairman Clive asked for members to give him their opinions as to what to put in the syllabus next year. Committe members and those that run regular meets/trips have already given their views. Replies from the rest of the membership was one. (thanks for that offer) – **Clive would still like to hear your views**

Years ago in the photo competition many members entered **slides** and **prints**. Now its so easy to send a digital file, and we see lots members with cameras, yet the number of members who sent something last time was lower than days of old.

### AGM 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Formal notice.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. of February and you are reminded that any proposals that you may wish to be considered have to be with the Secretary six weeks prior to the meeting. Therefore proposals must be submitted in writing (paper or email) with the proposer and seconders names no later than Wednesday 12th of January. **Keve.**

### Subscriptions.

Thanks to all those who have renewed. Of your subscription of £20 your BMC affiliated membership is £11.75 leaving £8.25 for the FMC. Joint members pay another £10 and the club sends £11.75 for their membership to the BMC.

### The FMC Photo competition.

#### Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. At the River Wyre

This year the judge is from a local photographic club. We would like digital photos to be e-mailed in advance to Liz Hird at [drew.liz@btinternet.com](mailto:drew.liz@btinternet.com) from now on but **by Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Liz will acknowledge their receipt so get in touch if you don't get a reply. Please name your pictures Landscape 1 "your name" Action 1 "your name" and so on.

If you don't have broadband then you may bring them on the night, but please be there before 7.45pm. Prints and slides may be sent in advance to Andy Hird and they will be digitalised. ( By 1<sup>st</sup> March please) These arrangements should enable **all members** to enter. One of the winning pictures may appear in the next Newsletter - now there's fame !

You may enter up to three pictures in each category:- Landscape, Action and Humour. Pictures should have been taken in the last year. Don't delay .... get sorting your entries out now and sent in.

### Advance Notices

#### Easter Trip 2011

The Easter trip next year will be going to **Spain** and people need to let me know asap if they want to join us for what will be another excellent trip. Caroline Webb

Here's a bit wot I forgot

#### French Alps

Just started thinking about next summers outing. Going back to the Ecrins for climbing, via ferrating, walking or just lazing on that fat bottom. Probably first two weeks in July. Staying in La Blanche again or camping near-by. You do not have to stick to the two weeks just come and go as you wish. If you are interested let me know.

Clive

**:Climbing Towers, Blackpool** FROM:-John Bubbins, Leisure Development Officer, Blackpool Services.

Just to inform you that from January 2011 and for the winter period, the Climbing Towers will be opening on a booking only system. This is due to the low numbers we normally receive at this time of year. The general procedure for any casual climbing will be to call and pre-book 2 hour time slots at a cost of £5 per climber (with a minimum of 4 climbers per booking).

I am not sure of your club usage at present but if you would like to make any arrangements for Thursday evenings at any time during the winter please let me know. We do require a minimum of £20 per two hour slot to open the Towers but in the case of the FMC I would be happy to allow an unlimited number of FMC members during this two hour period and for this price.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

1. CAMP rock climbing harness size small £15
2. BUFFALO big face shirt size 38 £50

Les Ward 01772 684681

#### EVENING CLIMBING

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

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## January 2011

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. January :- pub meet

The Grapes. Wrea Green. Gather for a chat (beer optional) about 9pm . Dave Wood will be there.

### Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>.,9<sup>th</sup>. Family meet Langdale.

This was advertised in the last issue. Liz and Andy Hird are the coordinator

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Evening Social River Wyre 7.45pm for 8pm.

The crest of the Pyrenees. Walking in the high mountains in summer and ski touring in winter the Pyrenees has a lot to offer. Dave gives us a photographic tour.

### Weekend 15<sup>th</sup>.,16<sup>th</sup>. Winter Meet Stair

Come and get some Lakeland snow on your boots, though it might have come a little early. **Kevan is now the person to contact.**

### Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>., 23<sup>rd</sup>. Working weekend and food Little Langdale. ..

I'VE GOT A NEW CHAINSAW!!! Come along and see how much carnage can be created in the guise of felling the dead tree in front of the car park.

Jennie Tolley is providing food. Let me know in advance of you are coming so we can cater accordingly.

Chris Bell

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. All Day Walk.

In the Warton/Silverdale area, starting at 10am from the small Warton Crag Car Park GR 498724.

Afterwards to the "George Washington" for a drink and a pub grub for those who wish to partake. (*Starting the new years day walks in style! ed.*)

Claire Addy tel. 01253 899282

### Weekend 29<sup>th</sup>.,30<sup>th</sup>. Stair available for members

## February 2011

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>.. February:- pub meet

Gather for a chat about 9pm The White Bull, Great Ecclestone, with Christine Moylan.

### Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. Mountain Biking contact Dave Ball.

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Social River Wyre 7.45pm for 8pm.

Quiz night with Barrie Crook. Barrie has thought of questions, about half to do with Mountaineering and the rest what he euphemistically calls "general knowledge". Come along and "enjoy" the evening.

### Weekend 12<sup>th</sup>.,13<sup>th</sup>. Lagangarbh

This years Lagangarbh Meet moves back this year to the usual dates of Sat 12th & Sun 13th of February, the winter is in full swing at the moment so lets hope it lasts long enough for good conditions to prevail in Glencoe. If you are interested in Winter Climbing/Walking there is loads to go at, please drop me an e-mail at djhartley25@aol.com to reserve a place. Anybody interested in extending their stay at Lagangarbh if weather conditions/commitments allow please let me know, however like me I am sure you will all want to rush home to your sweethearts with red roses!!  
Darren

### Weekend 12<sup>th</sup>.,13<sup>th</sup>. Stair is available for members.

**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>.,20<sup>th</sup>. Rhydd Ddu** hut swap with the Oread club . After the Spartan conditions at the Derbyshire hut this one is luxurious, large and warm, and the hills could be full of snow and ice. **Alan and Angela Lovett** have taken over this meet. Contact them , it is quite likely that the meet will be extended to include more days eg. Thursday to Sunday inclusive. Book with them in good time and let them know how long you would like to stay, as we will have to ask Oread if we can stop extra nights.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. AGM River Wyre.

The River Wyre Hotel, 7-30 pm prompt. Come and have your say or volunteer for the committee. Have you any fresh ideas for the club? Don't forget any proposals are to be with the Secretary by 12th January. Chairman Clive

### Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>.,27<sup>th</sup>. Sausage Meet Langdale

Once again we have the Big Banger Bash at Stair, come and fight off the winter chill with all the tasty calories. The menu will consist of all the usual take it or leave it choices. Come hungry!

Book early to avoid disappointment..... Clive Bell

## March 2011

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pub meet The Thatched House Poulton.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Day meet, Brimham rocks with Martin Dale.

"Forget all that snow and ice, time to dust off the rock boots and creak into action out on the grit on this day meet to one of Yorkshire's premier gritstone crags. It's an amazing jumble of boulders and outcrops with climbs and problems to suit all abilities. Yes, if its warm enough we could even get the ropes and cams out!"

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Social "The FMC Photo Competition"

### 12<sup>th</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>. March 2011, Cairngorm Meet

Lairds Bothy, Kingussie has been booked again. If they don't have Orkney Dark Island on at the Lairds, we might even get some climbing done. Ice virtually guaranteed (Come to daddy!)

**Can anyone who booked in whilst at the club dinner remind me again, as the evening is a little hazy.**

Chris Bell