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## Fylde Mountaineering Club

### Welcome .

This is the issue, which is of least use as the syllabus etc. has just landed on your doormats, and there are few changes. However look a Tuesday 22nd May.

We hope that you have put the meets that you want to attend into your diaries and will keep those dates free. We despair of members who say "If I had known that meet was on I would have come" and then look blank when it is pointed out that they had a syllabus months ago.

### Distribution of this issue.

If you have received this by post but would prefer an e-mail version then let me know by e-mail from the address you want What's on to go to. (this is so I have an accurate e-mail address for you)

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The e-mail version would be in colour, and could be with you slightly earlier.

Hopefully all those who asked for an e version have got it instead of the printed version. If not let me know again please.

The next one I hope to produce at the end of June so any copy to me please by the 14<sup>th</sup> June 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.

### May 2007

Bank holiday weekend 5<sup>th</sup>./8<sup>th</sup>. **PEMBROKE**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Evening climbing – Brownstones.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Evening Walk - Fairsnape Fell with Clive Bell.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. Evening climbing – Denham Quarry.

Weekend 12<sup>th</sup>./13<sup>th</sup>. Chester MC hut swap

Their hut at Llanberis is excellent and the area offers

scope for good climbing and walking. It's nice to have access to a different area. Contact Bill Clarke.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Evening climbing – Trowbarrow.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Boozy Bike Ride 6.30 pm Thatched House.

Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>./20<sup>th</sup>. Cragging with Martin Dale at Stair.

Don't be put off by the title. Martin will organize the crags and the pint afterwards but if you would prefer some more gentle exercise you will still be welcome.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. . Evening Walk – Garstang with Geoff Bellingham. The grid reference for the starting point in the pub car park just south of Garstang should have been 494 447 not as printed, I made a typing error. Those with GPS technology might like the more precise 49422 44746

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Evening climbing - Anglezarke

Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>./27<sup>th</sup>.

Little Langdale is available for members

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>. Evening climbing – Bridestones.

### June 2007

Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>./3<sup>rd</sup>. Mining meet Alston.

June the 2/3 is the mining meet, let me explain, Peter Lewellyn is club expert on the history of mining and frequently leads groups literally down into Britain's deep and dark industrial past. So why not give it a go. Give him a ring to find out more. From Peter himself:-

"I am planning to camp in Alston. The camp site is behind the garage, through the scrap yard and is situated between the town's playing fields and the train station. Better than it sounds and the loos are unique.

Eat/drink in the Angel pub in Alston on the main street.

The mining trips are variable depending on who is there, but could include an abseil through trip from

Smallclough to Rampgill Mine and a visit to the ballroom in Smallclough Mine. For those not familiar with these mines, the underground colours are better than anything you will see in a cave and some of the stone arching is really something.

There are also large 'flats', where lead and zinc have been mined away. It will also probably be a little damp underfoot, with in places water; as frogs say 'knee-deep'.

There are also interesting industrial heritage walks and visits in the area for those not wishing to go underground.

For anyone not camping and misses us at the camp site or pub the meeting point is at the car park in Nenthead, not far from the Miners Pub at 10.30 each day."

Peter Llewellyn

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**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.** Evening Climbing- Egerton

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.** Evening Walk- Pendle with Clive.

**Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.** Intro members Langdale.

Mike Penn is running this and would like a good mix of introductory and established members. Junior members are welcome as well.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.** Evening Climbing- Hutton Roof

**Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.** Hut to Hut

June 16/17 is another chance to do the hut to hut, omitted last year because of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For those who have not done this before the format is:

Meet at Little Langdale Friday night, set off Saturday morning and walk to Stair, spend Saturday night at Stair and walk back on Sunday.

Blagging a lift back on Sunday is allowed for wimps. Some mug (probably me) will take sleeping bags etc. to and from the huts by car, thus only a minimum of gear has to be carried. Any route can be followed the shortest and easiest is about 16 miles. Some wimp of wimps turn up and do their own thing and meet the rest of us in the evening. Come and give it a go or come and be a wimp.

Clive

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.** Evening walk with Kevan to Clough Pike

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.** Boozy Bike Ride 6.30 pm Thatched House.

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>.** Evening climbing – Robin Procter Scar

**Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.** Ladies Meet, Stair.

Contact Pat Bennet.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.** Evening climbing – Crookrise

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>.** Evening climbing – Foredale Quarry

**Weekend 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup>.** Big Crag, Langdale.

With Chris Thistlethwaite

## Advance Notices

**ECRIN FRANCE, July.**

Come and join the merry throng in the Ecrin (France) for fantastic walking, climbing and via ferrata'ring. I think there is alcohol as well. You can camp or do half board accommodation. Arrive and depart when you want. I am aiming to be there 30th June 'till 13th July – sunshine guaranteed. Clive

## Bits and Pieces

Welcome to a new introductory member Ralph Wood ( Who has already come on a weekend at the hut ) and welcome back to Kevin Stevens.

While many members spent Easter on the "hot rock in Spain" meet others went on the Roy Bridge meet. This was memorable with Alan bringing the sunshine – 6 days of it, Phil brought the Plague and Darren led his keen team doing two days mountaineering in one. All will be reported in depth in the next magazine.

One event that might not be reported in the magazine ..... On the intro meet recently it was so hot that we sat on the hillside and chatted, soaking up the sunshine. Then we heard a familiar noise, Clive had started snoring, so we packed our rucksacks and crept away quietly.

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.

The first evening walk attracted a good mix of members and the first time in living memory that the life member Donald Duck arrived early (5 minutes) rather than late or very late! The rain stopped at 7pm and the sun came out. A good start to the season.

A reminder:- For meets on the syllabus book in with the meet coordinator. If you wish to use the huts at other times book in with the booking secretary.

Cheers

John Wiseman