



What's on?



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Fylde Mountaineering Club

The FMC Photo competition. Wednesday March 14th. At the Old Town Hall.

We would like digital photos to be e-mailed in advance to Liz Hird at drew.liz@btinternet.com by **Friday March 9th**. 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" Humour 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 1st 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.

This is the last of the winter socials at the Old Town Hall. Our thanks go to Tim who has organised a varied programme for us. Thoughts are now turning to next years programme, if you have any ideas as to what you would like let Tim know.

DAY WALKS /EVENING WALKS

We need to get the evening walks list out in the next few weeks (with the ordinary syllabus) so if you would like to lead one contact me now. We would like new people and new places as well as the old favourites.

Day walks will be advertised in What's On. If you would like to organise one let me know. We have nothing fixed for June onwards.

John

The Club Newsletter

Although the next issue is not due out until August Caroline would welcome reports of club meets and events, photographs and articles at any time. It is easier if they arrive earlier rather than when publication day is getting close.

New Members

Welcome to new introductory members :-
Myriam Grassart; Mark and Katie Roberts; Mark Lambert and Alan Bousfield.

Lapsed members

Six people have ceased to be members for non-payment of subscriptions:-

Stuart Gascoyne; David Hicks; Rae Hughes; Matthew Leeson; Rebecca Lewis and Elaine Schofield.

Editorial

There has been a good turnout on some meets recently with several fully subscribed. This shows that the meet is a success, how much mountaineering is achieved will still depend on the weather, there has always been a good social side to the meets.

Other meets have unfortunately only had three and another five members in a hut and one meet has been cancelled. When this is at huts we have hired there is cost to the club, and this calls into question that meet for next year – is it at the right time of year? Is it the right place?

We would always appreciate members telling us what events they would like us to organise or indeed for members to offer to organise an event themselves.

.....contact the Secretary or Chairman.

There was a good turn out for Clive's steak (and optional kidney) pie meet. We had three good days on the fells and the meal was better than most restaurants - five courses plus mulled wine, coffee and mints. Will it be six next time????

John

May Day weekend **Pembroke**

The trip to Pembroke is being organised as usual by **Dave Wood tel:- 01772 684969**

This popular meet will take place again on the May Day Bank Holiday starting Friday night (4th May) or early Sat morning (5th May) and returning Mon 7th or Tues 8th May. Usually we stay in comfortable houses or cottages in Manobier. At the time of writing I am negotiating with cottage owners to release their properties for a short break but the situation would be eased greatly by taking a whole week's booking, so anyone who wants to stay Fri 4th to Fri

11th May should let me know immediately. The estimated cost will be £50 - £65 per person for the 3/4 days, depending on what is available.

Pembroke regulars will know what's on offer in terms of miles of exceptional sea cliff cragging (and the tides are favourable for the weekend). Also, the coastal footpaths are superb so this is not just a meet for climbers. Over the years this meet has attracted new or introductory members, so register your interest with me soon as spaces may be limited.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2012

Saturday 3rd *Day meet, Bouldering* with Martin Dale.

Time to put away those silly spikey things and dust off the rock boots ready for some early spring action! Hopefully if the weather is kind we may even be able to get out the rope. The venue is yet to be decided but it will be Gods rock, either Yorkshire or the Peak.

Weekend 3rd. 4th. Langdale is available for members.

Wednesday to Friday 7th. - 9th. *CIC Hut.*

This event is fully booked, which is good news, however if you may be interested you can contact Darren Hartley to see if there are any cancellations.

Weekend 10th. /11th. *Cairngorms*

This meet is fully booked. It might be possible to book more beds if you are interested contact Chris Bell ASAP.

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

Wednesday 14th. **Social at the Old Town Hall 8pm.**

Photo Competition see the first item.

Friday 16th. *All day Walk Brinscall 10am.*

Meet at Brinscall, on the road by the swimming pool (ref 627 213) If the weather is good we will go onto the moors. If not a lower level walk. We may take in Darwen Tower, it is now open again with a new top section after gales had removed the old one. It is possible we will end up at the Dressers Arms for a drink and/or a meal.

contact John and June Wiseman

Weekend 17th. /18th. *Caving with Simon Fenna.*

Contact Simon for an underground escape from the weather above. Tel. 01524 771323

Weekend 17th. /18th. Langdale is available for members.

Weekend 24th. 25th. *Intro Members Meet Stair*

Come on the intro meet, walk, rock climb or do your own thing, anything you want really. You will also get to stay at the hut and meet other members and get involved with club activities. For established members its a chance to have a weekend in the hills and the evenings socialising. Contact Kevan Ebbrell

Weekend 31st. 1st. April *Ladies Meet Langdale.*

Calling all ladies – Don't forget our spring meet at Little Langdale. Contact Mary Aspin on 01253 876785 to book.

April 2012

Hot Rock Easter 2012

This has been advertised for several months and is now all sorted out.

Hut Availability over Easter

Stair available to members for the nights of Monday 2nd. of April to Thursday 12th April inclusive. Little Langdale is available to members for the nights of Tuesday 10th. April onwards

Wednesday 18th. *All day walk*

Pen-y-Ghent start at Helwith Bridge grid ref. 811695,. There is a car park and picnic site roughly opposite the pub. 10 am start. Come and climb this Welsh mountain in Yorkshire. As usual we may end up in the pub! (optional)

contact Clive Bell

Weekend 21st. 22nd. *Family meet Langdale.*

This meet is now fully booked up..... *Andy and Liz Hird.*

Weekend 21st. 22nd. Stair is available for members.

Weekend 28th.29th. Langdale is available for members.

NB the Roy Bridge meet that is shown on the syllabus for this weekend has been cancelled due to lack of support for this event.