



# What's on?



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## Fylde Mountaineering Club

### The Annual General Meeting

Wed February 24th

7.15pm Pie 'n' Peas

8.00pm Meeting commences

*Your club needs you!!* This is your chance to influence the future direction of **your** club!! Come and have **your** voice heard and make a difference. This is an opportunity for individual members to put something into the future of the F.M.C. Come early and enjoy pie 'n' peas with your pre meeting pint.

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

Another F.M.C. year has nearly gone by with the A.G.M. due on the 24 February, 2016 at the Town Hall, Poulton. Any proposals for the A.G.M. need to be sent in writing to the secretary, Rob Lewis, not later than six weeks before the date of the meeting, together with the names of the proposer and seconder. E-mails or letters are equally acceptable, so Rob can be contacted either at [roblewis48@btinternet.com](mailto:roblewis48@btinternet.com) or at 88 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 6SE. The final date for submission of proposals is Wednesday 13 January, 2016.

All committee posts are filled by election at the AGM. Nominations for any position may be sent to the secretary before the AGM (E-mail or letter with the name of proposer and seconder and confirmation that the candidate is willing to stand. By 17<sup>th</sup> Feb please.) As usual nominations may be made at the AGM itself.

*(As a reminder according to the club rules nothing can be decided at a general meeting unless all members have been notified that the item is to be discussed 14 days before the meeting. So if you have any proposals don't wait until the AGM get them put on the agenda. Ed.)*

### Club Magazine.

Deadline to get articles/reports in the February issue of the Magazine is January 18th. That's just three weeks to go.

The editors email is [roy-turner@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:roy-turner@blueyonder.co.uk). He would very much appreciate your articles.

### Winter Socials

All at the OLD TOWN HALL, Poulton le Fylde 7.45 for an 8pm. Start.

There have been three events so far this winter and if you attended you will know how interesting and enjoyable they can be. If you missed them you still have chance to attend our final three events or better still why not invite someone you know to these very special events. Steve Longworth

### Wednesday 9th. March – New Look Photographic Competition:

A reminder for members to sort out their entries ready for the comp which is a celebration of where we have been or what we have done in the last year.

In the landscape and action categories they should be a record of what you saw, unenhanced by clever computer programmes. This is to create a level playing field so any member could win.

We also need a good audience to be the judges of the first two categories and to laugh loudly if they are amused in the humour section. Last year it was quite a fun night.....John

All you need is a pen and an opinion about the photographs on offer.

Entries to John Wiseman for this new format event.

(Max. 3 photos per person per category - no entries on the night please as I will have to prepare the entries in advance and get a number letter on to each one) Please add your name and the category to the file and send with a note of where the photo was taken (or something about it, what it is etc.) to [johandjune.w@btinternet.com](mailto:johandjune.w@btinternet.com)

## [Member info](#)

An updated membership list will be sent out in January so this is the last opportunity to update me with any recent changes. If you don't have a membership card it probably means you haven't paid the right amount so get in touch now. [mikehowe50@hotmail.com](mailto:mikehowe50@hotmail.com)

## [The Club Syllabus](#)

We are starting to put together the syllabus for 2016/2017. If anyone wants to suggest something new or to lead a meet please let me know. We need ideas! Clive. [ring@the3bells.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ring@the3bells.fsnet.co.uk)

## [The Club Website](#)

A lot of work has gone into this recently so check out the new improved website at

<http://fyldemountaineeringclub.org/>

## [ADVANCE NOTICES](#)

### [4 - 6 March 2016](#)

#### **CIC Hut**

Probably fully booked but it's always worth letting Darren know if you are interested. This is not an easy place to get bunks in.

Darren Hartley

### [11<sup>th</sup> - 13 March 2016](#)

#### **Ullapool**

A house has been booked to provide accommodation and enable us to explore this area of NW Scotland. Easy access to Assynt, An Teallach, Beinn Dearg, Sutherland make this a great chance to explore the area. House will be available to stay in for the following week if you like. Evening jollities provided by the FBI, scene of Andy Hird's recent Lush of the Year downfall.

Limited places available but another house available to book if there's enough interest so contact Chris Bell for further info.

### [Easter 2016](#) **Hot Rock**

To date only 1 person has contacted me regarding this trip, suggesting we go the middle 2 weeks of April which seems a good idea to me. I'm still suggesting Calpe again but as always I'm open to any venues that interested folk are keen to visit. As little interest was shown last year, a shame as 4 of us had a superb time, I'll take it that this will again be the case for 2016 if no one else contacts me before the end of January and will cancel the FMC trip. A few of us will be going somewhere and we will sort ourselves out in order to get the best deals ie accommodation and flights etc.

Chris This

## [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

**From the 7<sup>th</sup>. January there will be Evening Climbing every Thursday at Westview Leisure Centre followed by post climb beers at The Bitter Suite.**

### [January 2016](#)

**26 December to 9<sup>th</sup> January** Stair is available for Christmas and New Year.

**Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>,10<sup>th</sup>.** Langdale is available as well.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Social** – The scenic wonders of Iceland

Dave Bibby makes a welcome return to thrill us once more with breath-taking photography of this strange and wonderful island world. As usual this is followed by sandwiches and a chance to catch up with other club members.

**Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> .17<sup>th</sup> Working weekend at Stair**

All welcome & food provided. This is usually a convivial weekend and it's not all work. However Andy can usually find plenty of jobs to do but don't be late – there's always the toilets to clean !

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Indoor climbing meet**

Manchester climbing centre

For further info, contact Tony Hulme

**Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Family weekend, Langdale**

Drew and Liz Hird are leading this and it's fully booked but day visitors are welcome.

**Weekend 30<sup>th</sup>,31<sup>st</sup> . Stair is available.**

### [February 2016](#)

**Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Langdale is available**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Social**

Emma Twyford will be talking about her climbing exploits. As usual this is followed by sandwiches and a chance to catch up with other club members.

**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>. Cairngorms**

Rucksacks Bunkhouse in Braemar has been booked for the weekend, giving access to the back of the Cairngorm range. We've had some epic weekends here in the past, including a particularly eventful trip to Lochnagar and the 21 stone party in Braemar. Get in touch with Chris Bell if you're interested.

**Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Stair is available.**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Indoor climbing meet**

Awesome walls

For further info, contact Tony Hulme

**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. Caving meet**

Contact Simon if you're interested. [simonfenna@btinternet.com](mailto:simonfenna@btinternet.com)

**Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Langdale is available.**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. AGM The Old Town Hall, Poulton. See above.**

**Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> .28<sup>th</sup> Winter walking at Stair**

If we get some cold weather this could be good. If not wellies may be in order ! - Martin D

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the editor and his stand-in. John Wiseman sunning himself in the southern hemisphere would like to thank meet coordinators for getting information about meets to him during the year