

Fylde Mountaineering Club

Committee Notices

Discount at shops.

Your new membership card has a list on the back of those shops that give us a discount, usually on production of your membership card. Recently Cotswold in Preston gave us an FMC day where there was a special discount of 20%. Unfortunately Cotswold offered this at short notice, Clive e-mailed those he could but some would not have been aware of it. Cotswold have kindly arranged another evening for us, giving us time to tell everyone. Even so some members managed a discount greater than their annual subscription to the FMC!

Cotswold Outdoor Christmas Shopping Night for FMC members

The new Cotswold Outdoor store located on Fishergate in Preston is offering all FMC members a special Christmas shopping night on Wednesday 5th December, from 4.00pm to 9.00pm. There will be a special **20%** off the normal price of clothing and equipment. Simply present proof of membership and quote code F2094. There will also be free mulled wine and mince pies throughout the evening. For more details contact Kevin at the store on 01772 270919 or to view the range visit www.cotswoldoutdoor.com

The normal FMC discount of 15% on all items is available from all Cotswold stores (using that code).

Indoor Climbing

With the darker evenings climbing has moved indoors. Every Thursday at Preston Climbing wall, West View. From 8.00pm. (Except when a visit to another wall is planned...see 22nd. Nov.)

To find out more, or for new members to arrange to meet other club members there and be "shown the ropes" contact Martin Dale or Darren Hartley.

WHAT'S ON

The committee agreed a year ago that we should produce a news sheet for a year as an experiment. Is it useful? Are more members going on meets/socials? Do introductory members find it easier to know what is happening and who to contact? Is it a waste of time as the info. is on the syllabus? Should we continue with it? The committee will have to decide. Send your opinions as members to the Chairman (Clive) or any committee member.

Evening Social meets

Our first social meet was a success and a failure. Our speaker provided us with fascinating photographs from an expedition in the Andes, and a short preview of a recent Himalayan trip. Unfortunately only 8 members turned up, which was rather embarrassing.... Please make a note of the rest in your diaries now.

Wednesday 14 November - Malcolm Eldridge.

Wednesday 12 December Alastair Lee.

Wednesday 9 January Members Slides - with 3 or 4 speakers as we have done before.

Wednesday 13 February - David Crabtree, probably with 'The magic of the Munroes'.

Wednesday 12 March - Photo Competition

All at the River Wyre – starting at 8pm.

PUB MEETS

The first was a great success, a lot more attending than at the Social. Thanks to Claire for "reminding" and encouraging new members.

November 2007

Weekend 3rd./4th. Biking and Bonfire Langdale
Contact Dave Ball. Full details were in last month. The biking route in the rain has been e-mailed out by Dave.

Weekend 10th./11th. The Kayaking meet at Stair has been cancelled.

Andy has had to cancel this event, he is on a weekend course for work, something he can not avoid. So Stair is available for members use.

Wednesday 14th. Evening Social 8pm. River Wyre –
We have Malcolm Eldridge. Title: A personal history of climbing in Chamonix.

Wednesday 28th. Pub meet – The Wyre Lounge, Fleetwood

Weekend 15th./16th.

Working Weekend + food, Langdale

Don't sit at home wondering where summer went. Make the most of the crap weather by coming to the next Langdale working weekend. Food will be provided, in return for a day spent undertaking menial tasks. Not everyone will be expected to clean the toilets.

In addition to the usual cleaning, I plan on removing the existing gas fire, repairing the existing fire surround, fitting the new electric fire and possibly installing new

worktops and electric hobs in the kitchen. We obviously need a good turnout for this, so please let me know if you will be able to attend as soon as possible, in order to give time to buy materials and food.

Thanks
Chris.

Thursday 22nd. Evening climbing – A visit to the Kendal wall is planned. Contact Darren.

Weekend 24th./25^h. – Stair.

Fell Race and veggie curry

It's time for the annual argument about handicaps where everyone tries to persuade Mark Broughton that they really are not as fit as they are. Come & join in the fun & have a soup afterwards & Veggie Curry in the evening. Please book in with me Andy Dunhill 01434 682018 or

andy.dunhill@unn.ac.uk

December 2007

Weekend 1st./2nd. Langdale is Stair available

Weekend 8th./9th. The Annual Dinner

The Coledale, Braithwaite. Despite requests from Mark they hotel are being slow providing the menu etc.

If the details are not with this issue of What's on they will be with you as soon as possible. Meanwhile if you want to book a room at the hotel the telephone number is 017687 78272. Those wishing to stay at Stair should book in with Chris .

Wednesday 12th. Social at the River Wyre 8pm.

Alastair Lee is our guest tonight. We think the title will be:- "The Yukon".

Weekend 15th./16th. "Gentlemen's" meet Langdale -

It's that time of year again and all the fun of a gents meet on 15th December - Book now to avoid disappointment.

Clive

Weekend 15th./16th. "Ladies" meet Stair-

Contact Sue Denmark

Wednesday 19th. Pub meet – The Black Horse, Preston. M/C Chris Bell

December 22nd. To Jan 6th. Stair is available for festivities.

Langdale is available Dec 22nd. To Dec 26th.

Advance Notices

January 5th./6th.

Stair available for members.

Family Meet January 12/13 2008

I know it sounds to be a long way off but Christmas will soon be here and hey presto we're into 2008! And with that in mind the next family meet. All welcome, even those oldies wanting to bring grand children. Not planned anything yet but usually have managed to tire everybody out by Sunday night, including the parents. We even usually manage a few pints in the pub! I don't mean the kids! Please make the effort, it's important that we encourage the kids to enjoy the huts and great outdoor adventures rather than sitting in front of the telly.

Cheers

Andy

ICE MEET 2008

Regarding the meet showing on your meet card as "ColdEuroIce Jan/Feb 08" - it was decided some time ago that the venue is to be Cogne, Val d'Aosta. Travel is with Ryanair from Liverpool to Milan Bergamo. In all about 18 members and guests have so far booked flights. If you want to join the meet I've just checked the current flight cost - it works out at £48.78 per person return including all charges and hold luggage of 15kg. Contact Martin Bennett for details.

ECRINS in 2008

Why not come and climb, walk, VF, bike, canoe or sit on your bum in the sun in Pelvoux in the Ecrins national park. Loads of stuff to do and the gite we stayed in last year was very good with half board including wine with the evening meal, being about £22 pppn and self catering about £8 pppn. I was thinking of two weeks around the end of July, though we can play tunes on that. I would like to book the gite by the end of the year so please let me know if you are interested. - Book now to avoid disappointment!Clive

Bits and Pieces

(I have had an advert from Les, he wanted to sell some gear, but such is the power of the FMC website that this is all he has left to sell. – John)

FOR SALE

KARRIMOR ALPINISTE Rucksack £15.
Contact Les Ward 01772 684681

Terry Robinson wants to have a go at winter climbing and is looking to buy or loan any unwanted or extra equipment members may have. Namely, ice-axes, crampons, or even mountain boots (size 9). Contact Terry on email:

terry.robinson6@btinternet.com or phone: 01253 886726.

I hope to produce the next issue at the end of December so any copy to me please by the 14th Dec. 2007.

PS . The Llanberis meet had good weather. There was a good turnout. Climbers went to the slate quarries and the walkers to the high hills.

The Orienteering course was so challenging, with a one hour time limit (Even a fraction of one second late lost you points!). Only two elite runners completed it. 1st. was Andy Dunhill 2nd. Was Steve Wrigley, but the Hird family got a prize (chocolate lollies) for the highest scoring family. Sue and Liz organized lots of tasty food.

John W 30 Oct 2007.