

## Happy New Year

### What's on?... the future

At the last committee meeting it was decided that What's on? is a useful endeavour so it is to continue.

However we will be on our "summer holidays" from later this month so **Mike Howe** has kindly agreed to step in and edit What's on? For the next two issues ( issue 8 – March April and issue 9 – May June)

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Could all those who are due to lead meets send in an advert (and explanation) for the meet to Mike.  
Anyone else who wants an announcement or advert to go in What's on should send it to Mike.

It will save the club time and money if you can take What's on by e-mail. The advantage for you is that you get What's on in colour! If you now take a printed version and would prefer an electronic version please send me an e-mail asking for this to be done.

### From the Secretary

#### Annual General Meeting

This will be held at the River Wyre on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 starting at 7.30pm.

Any motions for the AGM should be with the Secretary by the 16<sup>th</sup> January and contain the names of the member proposing and seconding the motion. The agenda and any motions requiring a vote will be circulated to members at least 14 days before the AGM. No motions may be accepted at the meeting. (As stated in the Club rules)

Contact Kevan by e-mail:- [ebby.clan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ebby.clan@tiscali.co.uk) or by post.

Kevan's address is 47 Victoria Street, Lytham, Lancs FY8 5DB.....**not as given in the Syllabus...***(the difference being the number of pints Clive had to buy him before he said "yes" to becoming Secretary.Ed.)*

**Stair** – Plans for the porch extension to Stair have been completed and approval has been granted for some time now. However efforts to find a builder who is willing to take the job on at a reasonable cost is proving very difficult. Our thanks go to Andy Hird and Chris Bell for their past and ongoing efforts on our behalf.

### New Year Message from the Chairman

Don't forget to come to the AGM. This is your chance to have your say and air any new ideas you might have. There are vacancies for Treasurer, Social secretary and committee members. So if you fancy doing something for the club come and volunteer. The jobs are not that difficult, even you can manage them

### From Little Langdale hut custodian

#### Langdale Working Weekend - November 2007.

A good weekend with 11 people turning out, no doubt helped by the grim weather. Loads of work got done including removal of existing gas pipes, hobs and, eventually, worktops followed by the fixing of new worktops and electric hob. Tiling was also undertaken in the kitchen and large shower.

The old gas fire was removed and the original fireplace opened up in the lounge. A new electric fire was installed, although this does appear to have shrunk somewhere between B+Q and the hut. Seems to give out enough heat though. Much cleaning and painting was also done, together with foraging outside the hut. As usual, communal food was provided on Saturday night, followed by an evening of brandy, cigars and discussing politics at the 3 Shires.

Many thanks, again, to all those who came along and worked extremely hard. The place has been given a real lift and all the works were done to a surprisingly good standard. We'd better look after it.

**Discussions were also had with the owners of the right hand cottage, about car parking outside of their cottage. Apparently, the agents refunded one of the couples staying at their cottage (£600! How I laughed!) because they couldn't park outside their cottage, as it was blocked by someone staying at our hut. This appears to be an ongoing issue, so please make sure that parking is always available here when we are using our hut. It seems that some of their clientele are not as open to negotiation as those staying in the other 2 cottages. They also complained about noise from our hut but, as I pointed out, they did buy a cottage next door to a climbing hut...**

**Chris Bell**

## January 2008

**Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.** Stair available for members use.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Evening Social 8pm. River Wyre –**

**Walking the GR5** with Peter and Gillian. **Ecrins 2007** with Clive Bell (or the Ghost of Clive Bell) and **New Zealand** with Mike and Carole.

**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. Family meet Stair.**

There could be snow, great for the kids and the young at heart. Will there be enough to make an igloo? Contact Liz Hird for details.

**Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>. /20<sup>th</sup>. – Stair.**

**Steak and Kid night**

Come to the gastronomic summit of the year at Stair, 19th/20th January. There will be a choice of either Steak pie or Steak & Kidney pie for those who don't like kidney. The pies will be freshly constructed by Stair pie chef (me). In addition there will be a delicious starter for starters and wonderful pud for finishers.

Bring your own plonk!

Clive

*(There is no mention of Cheese and B (with grapes) or coffee and mints which may give Sue the chance to reclaim the title of Gastronomic ??? of the year at her meet. Ed.)*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Pub meet – Trawl Boat Inn, St Annes with Avril and Jon. ( contact no. 01253 739116 )

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>. /27<sup>th</sup>.** Langdale available for members use.

## February 2008

**ICE MEET 2008** There is a good group going on this ever popular meet.

**Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Yorkshire Grit** - contact Martin for details.

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**Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup>.** Ladies Meet. I have had nothing about this meet – contact the meet coordinator Liz Stephenson – telephone number is on the syllabus.

**Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. Cairngorm meet....NEW DATE**

Due to an administrative error on our part, Lairds Bothy in Kingussie has been booked for 8-9th February 2008 instead of 15-16<sup>th</sup>. as shown in the syllabus. I have contacted the bothy and tried to re-arrange it, but they are booked up for the 15-16th February, so we are stuck with this date. All we need is Snow:- Contact Chris Bell if you would like to go.

**Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. Llanberis**

Chester MC swap – This is on the syllabus as my meet but we are on our hols. I have not found anyone willing to take over. Anyone wishing to go should arrange with Chris Thistlethwaite to get a key – give enough time for him to post

it to you. Martin also has a key, but is on the Ice Meet so it may be harder to organise.....John W.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Social at the River Wyre 8pm.**

- David Crabtree, probably with 'The magic of the Munroes'

**Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>. /17<sup>th</sup>.** Stair is available

**Weekend 23<sup>th</sup>. /24<sup>th</sup>. Caving;-** Contact Simon Fenna

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**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.** Annual General meeting

## Advance Notices

**March 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** Working weekend Stair..... and after the work is done Andy and Christine will provide you with food.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>.9<sup>th</sup>** Mountain Biking Langdale – more details next issue. Contact Dave Ball .

**Wednesday 12 March** - Photo Competition

A night not to be missed but it does need you to start thinking now and have your entries sorted out. Prints or slides ( real or digital).

**Pub Meets:- March 26<sup>th</sup>.** The County Hotel Lytham with Clive Bell. **April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The Bay Horse Thornton with John Wiseman

**Easter....HOT ROCK**

Probably Murcia 1st week (5th April onwards) as there is still areas of rock untouched by the FMC, then inland Andalucia 2nd week (12th onwards). Of course unless others come up with a more interesting and / or exciting idea.....Chris Thistlethwaite

**July 2008 in the Ecrins**

The trip to Pelvoux in the French Ecrins National Park is now being booked. We aim to be there 12th July to 26th July. You can come and go on dates to suit yourselves. The earlier you book the cheaper the air fare will be. Get your name on the list.  
Clive

## Bits and Pieces

A reminder that indoor climbing is at Westview on Thursday evenings from 8.00pm. Any out of town meets will be discussed ad hoc.

The CIC hut is booked up,(12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March) however places are available for Lagangarbh. (15<sup>th</sup>. to 16<sup>th</sup>. March)..... Darren.

Martin has been involved with the new Malta Guide book, which is now out. Contact him for more details.

Have a very merry new year  
John W Dec 2007.