



What's on?



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Fylde Mountaineering Club

Since John is off on his travels (yes again !) you have me this time and I'm better with numbers (you hope !) than words.

Mike Howe

From Steve Clark

Update on the club website

<http://fyldemountaineering.org>

Over the last few months, the club website has been updated and now features :

- An up to date Events Calendar
- Hut availability calendars for both huts
- An automatic feed from the club facebook page, allowing members who do not use facebook to view photos and comments posted to the club facebook page.
- The recent club magazines are now available in high resolution for online viewing on a computer or tablet.
- An online application form for new intro members. So far, six new intro members have joined the club through this system, with most now involved in regular club activities.
- A responsive layout, allowing the page to be viewed more easily on smaller devices like smartphones.

The intention is to keep working on the site to include new features that would be useful to members. We are open to suggestions and will be aiming to include :

- An online photo gallery of club activities
- An index of the club book library, with details of how members may borrow these books.

As part of the continued development of the club website, it has become clear that there is information that would be useful to have available online for

members, but not available to the general public. This would include :

- Members Handbook (including committee contact details)
- Members contact details list (telephone numbers & email addresses etc.)
- The latest 'What's On'.
- AGM & Committee meeting minutes
- Job descriptions for the committee roles, useful for those considering standing for a committee position
- Details of the reciprocal hut arrangements
- An archive location for older club records, newsletters, meet reports etc.

To enable this, we have set up and have been testing a 'Members Area' of the website. Access to this will require a login and password. For those members who may wish to make use of this facility, please send an email to our current website coordinator, Steve Clark (steve@hexan.co.uk) and he will issue a personal email invitation from which you can chose your own password.

From Chris Campbell

Themed weekend 2017 : Stair 21-23 July.

Following the successful Bentley Beetham Challenge last year, another themed w/e is planned. This year's route selection is mainly, but not exclusively, in recognition of the significant contribution to new routes in Buttermere by Bill Peascod - a coal miner from Workington who pioneered many classic routes in the valley and beyond.

The FRCC "Lake District Rock " - Wired Guide lists the following routes. By virtue of their inclusion in the Guide, they are rated.

The w/e could be called "The Buttermere Buffet "- you can pick and choose your routes although with the quality on offer it is more of a "Banquet " Like last year anyone who is "en vacances " over the w/e can contribute beforehand as can anyone who wishes to commence on the Friday. As last year a master list will be prepared for display at the hut.

Routes:

Yew Crag Knotts : The Garden Wall (S), The Chimney (VD) Harder routes are available.

Buckstone How : Classic routes - up a few gears. Groove Two - HVS 5a, Cleopatra - HVS 5a, Honister Wall (S) , Cumbrian's Climb - HVS 5a, Sinister Grooves VS 4c.

High Crag : With some of the most enjoyable routes in the valley, it is well worth an early start to make the most of the morning sun.

Ludo (HS), Nameless Route (HS), Artefact- MVS 4b, Resurrection Route - MVS 4b, Samson - HVS 5b, The Phillistine - E1 5b, High Crag Buttress - HVS 5a, Delilah - VS 4c.

Eagle Crag : Fifth Avenue/Central Chimney - VS 4c, Carnival- E1 5b, Eagle Front - VS 5a.

Grey Crag: Harrow Buttress - D, Mitre Buttress Direct - MS, Rib and Wall - D, Slabs West Route - HS, Slabs Ordinary Route - VD, Sauviter - S, Fortiter - MVS, Oxford and Cambridge Direct Route - MS, Dexter Wall - VS 5a.

Lake Distict Rock also includes a testing day out - Peascod's Ladies Day Out - see pre-amble To Buttermere & Honister Pass.

From Tony Hulme

FMC Annual Dinner.

Although it's still summer and those dark winter nights seem a long time away it's always a good idea to make plans for the winter.

The Annual Dinner is back at the Skiddaw Hotel in Keswick, on 25th November. It's a great opportunity for members old and new to get together and celebrate our extended family which is, Fylde Mountaineering club.

Accommodation will be available at Stair hut, the

Skiddaw Hotel or various hotels and guest houses in Keswick. More details will be available closer to the time but make a note in your diaries.

DAY WALKS

I'm not aware of any walks planned for July, August or beyond but these can be arranged and notified at short notice.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2017

Weekend 1st 2nd Ladies weekend - Langdale.

Pat Bennett 01524 67059.

Wednesday 5th. Evening Climbing

Earl Crag - Grid ref 988 429

Thursday 6th. Evening Walk

Langden Castle 7:00 PM Car Park where Langden Brook meets the Trough of Bowland road. SD633511 Sun, Chipping Don Nichol 01253 869950

Weekend 8th 9th

Stair is available.

Thursday 13th. Evening Climbing

Summit Quarry - Grid ref 948 195

Weekend 15th 16th. Working W/E Langdale

There will be plenty of work to do with 6 tons of 10mm limestone gravel to be laid. Most will top up the car park but I also intend to sort the rear now most of the trees and shrubs have been removed. Andy and Liz Hird

Tuesday 18th. Evening Climbing

Pot Scar Grid ref 795 678

Thursday 20th. Evening Walk

Barbon, near Kirkby Lonsdale 7:00 PM roadside parking near the church in village SD631824 Barbon Inn Darren Hartley 01253 811485

Weekend 22nd 23rd Themed rock weekend

Stair

See feature article earlier.

Chris Campbell 01768 361001

Wednesday 26th. Evening Climbing

Witches Grid ref 810 444

Weekend 29th 30th. Kettlewell

Yorkshire activity weekend. Darren Hartley

August 2016

Wednesday 2nd Evening Walk

Pendle - the summit bid 7.00PM Pendleton Hall
SD762 339 Swan with 2 necks Barrie Crook 01200 424629

Thursday 3rd . Evening Climbing

Round Barn Grid ref 728 191

Weekend 5th 6th Intro meet Stair

Intro meet and BBQ Dave Hicks.

Tuesday 8th. Evening Climbing

Warton Main... Grid ref 491 724

Weekend 12th 13th Wild Swimming Little Langdale

Come take the plunge ! Karen Hicks

Tuesday 15th. Evening Walk

Ribchester ramble 7.00PM Blackburn Road.-just outside the village SD652354 Ribchester Arms Jennie Tolley 01772 791121.

Thursday 17th. Evening Climbing

Wilton 1 Grid ref 697 135

Weekend 19th 20th Working W/E Stair

There's always plenty for you to do. Andy Dunhill

Tuesday 22nd . Evening Climbing

Ottergear ,... Grid ref 538 612

Weekend 26th "Very Long weekend" 26th for 7 nights. Portland

Portland Dorset Andy Dunhill.

Tuesday 29th. Evening Walk

Great Eccleston 7.00PM Outside the White Bull SD427402
White Bull Kevan Ebbrell 01253 794474

Thursday 31st. Evening Climbing

Trowbarrow Grid ref 481 755

Advance notice

Sept 2nd Chester Hut swap John and June Wiseman.

Sept 9th Ladies meet Langdale Liz Rawcliffe

And Nobby's Birthday Bash at Stair

And a final note for my normal job – don't forget membership renewals will be due 1 October – more info next issue !