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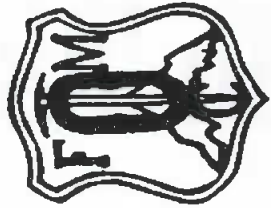
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According to Andersen Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all 4 questions wrong. But many pre-schoolers got several answers correct which conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four year old.



Fylde Mountaineering Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Refuge de la Bonhomme

One of the huts visited by some of the lady members on their recent Tour de Mont Blanc.

No doubt a report will be forthcoming for the next issue of the newsletter.

Not a great lot to show in this edition of the newsletter. Come on everybody - let's have some contributions. Someone somewhere has been out and had a little adventure. Even I managed to get to Scotland and took my better half onto Cairngorm, Ben Macdui and Ben Nevis to ensure that she would be fit enough for the Tour of Mont Blanc.

Whilst on this scottish jaunt we also helped at the Lowe Alpine Mountain Marathon. This was based at the south west end of Loch Laggan, with the overnight camp at the Cuira Lodge bothy. As usual Martin Stone had organised a "novelty" - this time a steam train to take the competitors from Tulloch to Corroir before they started! For those with internet access, have a look at www.lamm.co.uk. There's a nice link to the 9feet.com website with lots of pictures of the event. Two weeks later was another M. Stone epic, the Scottish 4000's duathlon - Glen Nevis to Glenmore via all the 4000 ft hills, cycling from Nevis range to Feshybridge. This included an option to descend Anoch Mor on the newly commissioned downhill mountain track! A few bruises so I'm told. I had a go at the last bit and nearly **** myself. It's a tempting idea, a race like this but a winning time of 12 hours or so is frightening.

We're off to Scotland again in July, this time to compete in the Scottish 6 day orienteering competition which is based in Fort William. Before that we intend to cycle/camp our way to Inverness from Glasgow on National Cycle Route 7 and end up in Fort Bill via the Great Glen Cycle Route. I might even bore you all with a report.

No page 3 picture either in this edition. Come on! let's have some contributions! I keep trying to tell everyone that although I enjoy playing with a computer I HATE typing!

Ed

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mike Tolley, hut booking secretary, is hoping to move in mid July.

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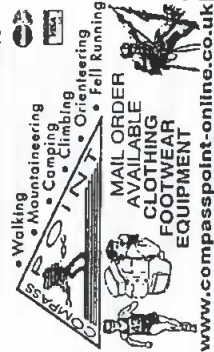
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GOOD DAY BAD DAY

The evening meets got into gear even though Martin was down under and a meets list was still trapped in a computer somewhere. A group organised to go to Anglezarke and Martin Bennett and myself arrived early. Falklands Wall was chosen as little had been done there and stars abounded. A 3 star E 1 looked really good but V S was chosen to "warm up on". This had not seen a lot of traffic, due to foot and mouth, and would require some cleaning as we went. The route was not V S but more like H V S 5b and had a sapling at half height, this took a sling then a step right, up a bit, back left and up the final top hard groove.

The sun was out and both Martin and I finished up sweaty and covered in dirt from our gardening. At this point Mike (gullible) Sissons and his unfortunate partner for the night arrived and, surprise surprise, fell for the ploy of "you want to do that route its really good now we have cleaned it". Mike set off up the first crack feet flashing and sampling every hold muttering "its not bloody V S". The sapling was reached and the sling placed but instead of stepping right Mike continued up the sapling. As the leverage got greater it creaked sagged creaked some more and then gave up and ripped itself out of the crack with Mike still attached. Ray held both Mike and the tree though the trees branches, did reach him. Martin produced his camera and photographic evidence taken. Mike was discouraged and after a few more attempts gave up, leaving Martin and I to finish off the E1 and abseil to rescue his gear. Another H V S was done, which was also very good, whilst Mike and Ray went over to Terra Cotta Wall.

The sun had now dropped so we followed the lads over to arrive as Mike reached the top and dropped his belay device which, we again rescued. Martin set off up Cottan Terra, another smart E1 and Mike tried An E3 next to it. I think he chose this route because Martin and I were yet again on hand to rescue his gear. An excellent pint was then had and the evening improved for Mike as he didn't spill much of his beer. Thanks for the entertainment Mike.

MIKE TOLLEY

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

The correct answer is: The Elephant. The Elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross, but it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

The correct answer is: You swim across. All the Crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

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The May Ladies Weekend 22.4.01

Due to circumstances beyond our control the venue for this meet had to be rearranged. The weekend was shortened to one day and an infrequently attempted route was chosen that had such exciting appeal that Angela's husband Alan, Steph's husband Pete and Jenny's husband Mike (desperate or what!) joined Pat, myself and their wives to become honorary ladies for the day.

We all met for breakfast at Pat's Cafe where we were treated to full English breakfast served on bone china plates with fresh orange from crystal glasses, this exclusive establishment must certainly score a five star rating for quality, presentation and ambiance. So exclusive is it that bookings are by invitation only.

Having spent some time working on the route I felt it necessary to lead this walk myself, something that all ladies would agree seldom happens, but the duty of meet leader is one not to be undertaken lightly. Our walk started at a windswept, sparsely populated area that was eerily devoid of all trace of either cattle or sheep, a grim reminder that we must stick to the designated route.

The weather did not favour our expedition, I think we could safely describe the drizzle as incessant, although we were treated to a dry interval of approximately 20

mins at 2.15pm. which made us all feel very happy.

Along the way we met several groups of happy hikers who like us were making the most of this opportunity to stride out in the fresh bracing air, others called friendly greetings to us from the shelters they had found to have their picnic lunches. We were tempted by precipitously steep slopes along the way but Mike thought it would be rather foolish to attempt them without the correct equipment, on this occasion we decided that 'discretion was the better part of valour' and resisted the challenge. Despite the inclement weather we enjoyed a pleasant walk with wonderful views for miles around. At one point a friendly fisherman advised that our way ahead was blocked and told us of an alternative route to take that would get us back on course, how friendly the locals are in this area. We were delighted to find a wonderful little cafe at lunchtime that made excellent fish 'n chips that were irresistible (breakfast had been at 8.30 and we had walked a long way) and we felt we should help the tourist industry by giving them our custom. Great Britain Plc. is not closed. The day concluded as usual, with a well earned pint of beer before we made our way home after a good companionable day.

As usual on ladies weekends we enjoyed a good natter about anything and everything that has happened since we last met, and

swopped interesting new internet addresses. The honorary ladies were O.K. but one of them decided he was going to lead even though he knew that on this occasion it was my job. A real lady wouldn't do that! I think I can safely say that a good time was had by all, we missed our Yorkshire friends and also our friend Sue who is convalescent at the moment and decided on this occasion to give it a miss.

2001 summer fun

I've included Henry's programme (what's left of it) again in an attempt to provide as much information as possible in these days of F&M

July >>

Thurs 26th	Trowbarrow	A. Hird	01772 769337
	Walking TBA	J. Wiseman	01253 826594
Tues 31st	Frogsmouth(Near Runcorn)	M. Dale	01253 772073

August >>

Wed 8th	Crow's Nest (Near Heptonstall)	M. Sissons	01253 857929
Thurs 16th	Angiezarke	M. Dale	01253 772073
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	Walking TBA	J. Trevorrow	01253 739116
Tues 28th	Wilton 1	M. Dale	01253 772073

May I apologise for the late arrival of the summer social planner, I felt it was better to wait until a picture emerged on access to locations. Here's to a golden summer. Queries contact Henry Iddon tel: 07976 375013. Climbing locations are areas open as of 15.05.01, daily updates available at www.thebmc.co.uk 0161 445 4747. Contact meet leader for venue changes or new FMC website at www.fyldemc.org.uk

Intro Members Weekend - Stair - 29/6/01 to 1/7/01

To date this has been the best attendee meet this year. A pity only on into member attended, Paul Flux, and he left early due to feeling unwell. Sixteen members and two grandchildren made a compiment of nineteen.

The weather was changeable but improved in both afternoons and evenings so the late risers had the best conditions!

The majority of people climbed on low crags; Fat Charlies Butress in Langstrath having many ascents.

Gallons of beer were consumed, mainly in the Swinny (Quelle surprise. Ed).

It was good to be back in the hillas although climbing is still limited by F&M and pleasing to have the hut almost full.

Les Ward

A little executive quiz sent to me by email

A Test for Professionals

The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a "professional".
The questions are not that difficult.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

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2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Wrong answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator.

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant, and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.

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