

CEUNANT MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Season's greetings.

What an eventful year it's been, an AGM and two EGM's. We lost and found all our money and somebody wants to give us £69,000 to do up the hut - it's a funny old world!

The EGM overwhelmingly supported the Tyn Lon improvements, and following that meeting a lot of work has been done and continues to be done in organising the project. The lottery has now given formal approval for the grant and has increased it by about £4,000 to cover the additional work needed for the disabled access to the ground floor. The intention is to close the cottage immediately after Easter and aim to complete the work by the end of September. Alternative accommodation may be available during this time; more details at a later date. A progress report will be made at the AGM which will be on 25 March and in Birmingham for a change.

The dinner will be on 21 February at the Vic and the theme will be Cowboy Builders! Don't blame me, I wanted fetish!

Due to changes in the constitution made at the 1996 AGM there are now some pretty draconian penalties for late payments of subs. Also in 1998 we will have no surplus on the cottage account so it is of special importance this year for everyone to pay subs promptly. In addition it makes the Treasurer's job a lot easier if he does not have to chase late payers.

The year ahead will no doubt be as interesting as the last with the cottage improvements being a major issue. However it's intended to run as full a programme as possible of indoor and outdoor meets.

All the best for the New Year.

EGM 22 OCTOBER 1997

64 members voted for and two members against in favour of acceptance of the various grants for Tyn Lon extensions. A copy of the outline plans upon which detailed drawings are being developed are enclosed with this newsletter and a sub committee has been formed with Jim Brady as Chairman together with Joe Brennan, John Pettet, Roger Stanton and Bill Beddard contributing their various skills. This sub committee will be answerable to the Main Committee and in turn the full membership for the management and control of the construction process including liaison with the financing bodies.

Joe Brennan was interviewed by the local press and cable TV. We understand a video is available of his TV interview negotiable direct. The newspaper article/photograph showing his delicate piano-playing hands is reproduced below.

Lottery grant funds cottage facelift



BMC

Enclosed for members' attention is a reproduction of a BMC Summit article on failures of screwgate karabiners used in conjunction with a Figure-of-Eight while abseiling. Unfortunately, the Club receives only one copy of Summit magazine from the BMC; but given the large membership of our Club we are attempting to obtain more copies for distribution to individual members.

TREASURER'S NOTE

Enclosed herewith is a Statement of Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 1996 prepared by Martin Peters and audited by J Brady and A Mynette dated 10 December. Members do not need reminding of the problems with the failure of the previous Treasurer to prepare any accounts and the other problems ensuing therefrom, and it is of great credit to Martin Peters, and particularly to Tony Mynette, that it was possible to produce any accounts for 1996. Well done chaps, keep up the good work!

OUTDOOR MEETS

Enclosed herewith is a list of outdoor meets up to October 1998 prepared by Mark Helliwell. Given that Tyn Lon will be closed to members for the majority of the summer it is hoped to expand this list nearer the dates.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION/ANNUAL DINNER

Details and return slips to be sent to the Treasurer are enclosed herewith.

Members who have attended annual dinners for other mountaineering clubs last year inform us that the quality of the food at the Vic has increased very considerably and can be fairly described as *Welsh cuisine*. I'm not quite sure what that means but they all said they enjoyed it very much! The circular omits to mention that fancy dress is obligatory, and given the construction activities at Tyn Lon the Committee has decreed that the theme this year will be cowboy builders. See you in your donkey jacket!

Credit card type membership cards will be available to all members on receipt of payment of annual subs. Don't forget that at the Annual General Meeting in 1996 the membership agreed that all subscriptions shall be payable by 31 January and any member who had not paid by 31 March would be liable to a surcharge of 50% of the annual subscription.

SHOP DISCOUNTS

For those members who are not aware Climber and Rambler at Betws-y-Coed offer a 10% discount on all goods purchased up to the value of £180 gross value; with a 20% discount on purchases exceeding £180 gross value. We are attempting to improve these terms.

Cotswold Camping in Betws-y-Coed and other parts of the UK now offer us contract rates and members will generally find that this equates to between 16% and 17% on all purchases.

Generally, flashing your Ceunant membership card will get you 10% discount in any outdoor equipment supplier.

ARTIFICIAL AID

For those older male members who do not wish to lose their seat at the pub:

