

Ceunant Newsletter - June'94

The New Committee

Hello again ! Sorry the newsletter is so late this year, information gathering and printing is a lengthy process as you may imagine. However, to more important things..... if you do not know yet, the '94 Committee is as follows :

Chairperson Adrian Casey/ ViceChairperson Graham Sutton/ General Secretary Julie Duggan/ Treasurer Nick Oldfield/ Hut Warden Bill Beddard/ Hut Secretary Val Beddard/ Outdoor Meets Sec Mark Helliwell/ Indoor Meets Sec Tony Millichope/ Membership Secretary Mick Carr/ Ordinary Members Henry Folkard & Joe Brennan.

Please ! if you have any queries or suggestions regarding club activities etc, contact your local committee member.

CEUNANT LIST OF SHAME

The following people have not paid their subs for 1994. If your name appears here, do your bit for the club's cash flow and send a cheque made payable to 'CEUNANT M.C.' for £12.00 (single),£18.00 (joint) to:

- Nick Oldfield, (or come to the pub on a Wednesday. I'll be there if it isn't raining.)

MARK APPEGATE RIMSKY BAILEY DAVE BALCHIN ROXANE BEETON JEFF BROWN RICHARD & SUE DALDORPH ANDREW DAVEY JAN DERBYSHIRE KEITH EARNSHAW JOHN HART HELENA HOLMES MICK JAMES DENNIS & MARGERET JORDAN CATHERINE KUHN SIMON LAMBERT ROGER LAVILL GARY MACAULEY CHARLES MADDOCKS IAN McCANN PETE & SANDY MEESE ROGER & BARBARA NEWMAN ANDREW PHIPPS PHIL ROBINS PETER SARGENT GRAHAM & KATE SPENCELEY NICK TAYLOR DAVE TONKS MAXINE WALLIS ANN WOOLEY.

HUT BOOKINGS UNTIL NOVEMBER '94

Please make note of these approaching hut bookings and remember further ones may be arranged in the future so remember to check with Val Beddard before planning a 'quiet' week/weekend away !

June 13/17	West Midlands Fire Service
" 25/26	Mr Waters . Surbiton (12)
July 2/3	MIDSUMMER FEST / E.G.M.
" 23/26	T.Poynton DoE group (20 people for saturday night)
August 22/25	White Hall Centre , Derby.
October 22/23	London M.C. (15 people)
" half term	J.Stuffin (sun/mon night)

10/14 West Midlands Fire Service

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TYN LON IMPROVEMENTS

If you have not been to the cottage for a year or so it's about time you made a visit to take a look at the improvements made recently (and still planned !) Thanks to Tony and Robert Millichope for their essential upgrade and overhaul of the cottage electrics - electrical safety is considered as a priority for members and outside users of the cottage.

We now have a new open fire grate. Many thanks to Bill for his endless patience of modifications !

Martin Jolley will shortly pine clad and create new benching for parts of the Common Room.

The roadside garden stone wall is to be rebuilt in the near future.

Our gardeners will be happy - we have a new lawnmower !

P.S. Tyn Lon needs your old/unused cutlery, crockery and utensils - Please give generously !!!

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING - TYN LON SAT. 2ND JULY 5 PM

As you may be aware, substantial funds may be available for an extension to Tyn Lon. The 'go ahead' to explore the possibilities of designs was given at the AGM in March'94. Various designs have now been produced by a sub-committee which now require the opinions of YOU - THE MEMBERS ! To this point, the Committee have decided to call an E.G.M. as soon as possible in order to be able to tender for and submit a full submission of documents to bid for funds from the Foundation for Sports and Arts (before it disappears in the forthcoming Lottery !). As we want as many people to comment on the proposals as possible, the E.G.M. will be held at Tyn Lon (deemed appropriate !) on Saturday 2nd July at 5pm - after a good day's climbing(hopefully) and before the Midsummer Fest and frolics begin. A presentation of drawings and plans will be displayed at the cottage all of Saturday. Other items on the E.G.M. agenda will include the appointment of auditors and discussions on the investigation of our current Constitution which definitely requires some timely attention.

FUTURE TRIPS

LUNDY - AUGUST 20TH '94

There are 15 places available for a week on a climbers island ! A 50% deposit of £35 (non-returnable) will be payable before a place is booked for you. For further details please contact Mark Helliwell.

THE ALPS - JULY 15TH To AUGUST 7TH

Camping at Argentiere near Chamonix. Rock, ice, mountain and sports climbing. Good restaurants and designer clothes shops are nearby (if you need them !). Perfect base for a family holiday or for starting the big 'M'. Come when you can; leave when you have to; some Ceunant members should be around at all times in this period. For further details contact Paul Hennelly :

NEW HUT FEES

From June'94, the hut fees for Tyn Lon have been amended to enable further improvements to be made at the club cottage for the benefit of members.

The new fees are as follows ;

MEMBERS	£ 1.50
PROVISIONAL MEMBERS	£ 2.00
GUESTS OF MEMBERS	£ 2.50
OTHER CLUBS	£ 4.00
COMMERCIAL (BUSINESS RATE)	£ 8.00

BITS AND PIECES

At the '94 A.G.M. it was decided that the club library would be disbanded with donated books offered back if the owner can be traced, and the remaining stock valued and sold to the highest bid at a Ceunant auction (details to follow in the next newsletter). However, it seems that there are still some books 'at large' within the club. If you do happen to have one could you please return it to a committee member as soon as possible - Many Thanks.

'Did you Know ?' that the Ceunant card will give you discounts in Alpine huts, hence there is no need to buy a BMC Reciprocal Rights Card.

Can members please remember to sweep/mop floors, wash-up/clean kitchen and take out/tie up the rubbish on a regular basis when using Tyn Lon - even if it means getting up earlier to help the usual 'cleaners' after a members get together !

NEW AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE !!!!

New Members :

Jonathon Haine

Paul Collis

Danny O'Keefe

Provisional Members

Gerald Adams

Paul Green

Derry Machin

Tim Slater

Fiona McIntosh

Vicky Whittle

Richard Harris

MAY SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CORNWALL MEET

The plans for Eskdale went a little a little awry but getting up excellent routes in spite of large quantities of clotted cream, HSD bitter and sunshine provides just the sort of character-forming experience the Ceunant is all about. So Cornwall it had to be.

About 20 of us crawled out of our tents on Saturday morning, found each other in the mist and generally agreed that we'd had a quick and easy journey down. By mid-morning, the mist was lifting, the committed had set off to go cragging and an artistic contingent joined us later after a spiritually uplifting visit to the Hepworth sculpture garden and the new Tate gallery at St. Ives.

The granite at Sennen was glowing in the sun as the Ceunant set about it. Everyone got some satisfying climbing done. Lee led his first severe, letterbox, Roger did "proper rock climbing" for the first time and your chairperson, Ade, got a frenzied six routes under his belt.

Sunday dawned bright and clear and the party diverged somewhat. Julie, Tony, Roger and Zena felt the urge to assault Commando Ridge en masse and had a great time. Some went to Kednjack and found the scenery and the quality of the routes stunning; Saxon especially. James Walker, being characteristically supportive of the less experienced climbers in the party, arranged a thrilling experience at Sennen.

On a blustery Monday, a small group went off to tackle Right Angle at Gurnard's Head. A brilliant plan the final belay is less than 5 minutes from the pub. However, the waves were reaching the top of the crag!

Of course, everyone spent some time on the main cliff at Bosigran over the weekend and classics such as Ochre Slab, Black Slab and Little Brown Jug were enjoyably ticked.

It was good to see new members Lee and Tim actively involved and possible new members Laura and Darrel are threatening to join if future meets prove to be this good. James, Hills and that savage bitch Bella had furthest to travel but they got there as usual. If you didn't you missed a meet that was everything the advance publicity promised.

Sue Traynor

MAY WHITSUN BANK HOLIDAY - PEMBROKE

The best attended meet yet (for several years I think!) of approximately 28 people. It turned out to be a successful two centre meet at St. Petrox and the Orchard at Bosherton (for the smelly ones!).

The weather? What can I say? - SUPERB!! The slabfinders party eventually found Bow Shaped Slabs after an initial reconnaissance trip and 'hogged' it successfully for half a day covering all possible routes. Full marks for stamina to Sue for finishing a hard lead after clocking up a big airtime descent. Many of the 'hard' climbers covered equally hard routes - St. Govan's, Trevallen, Bosherton Head etc, whilst others of us were just happy to climb in the sun at Saddle Head and Crystal Slabs, I'd forgot how hard some of the grades were - or is it me? The walkers in the group had the best views around the coast and Lily Ponds. They were sunburnt just like the rest of us after covering substantial sections of the coast path as usual the end of day (and sometimes midday for the weak minded ones!) "Mecca" was Mrs. Westons Oldy Worlde Cafe with stomach linings dissolved instantly by her famous tanning tea!

A polish lad gave people a bit of excitement when he tried to jump Huntsman's Leap - at the wrong place! Lucky for him, he survived with only a broken wrist! (Paul Collis - a new member of the Club jumped it later successfully - with a rope attached just in case!).

Finally a party of eight travelled to Tenby for a sunny/away from the crowds location, on some fun slabs until 7pm to end a perfect long weekend - P.S. can somebody please tell Gary to rope up when climbing!! Next time you're on the way back from Pembroke check out the Newlands Inn at Surprise Surprise! Newlands, just out of Monmouth - the food is mouth watering plus free house ales and country wines speciality.

JULES

INDOOR MEETS 1994

- Thursday 16th June. * Evening Climbing Meet.
Black Rocks - Cromford, or Willersley if its wet
Pub: "The Boat" Matlock Bath.
- Saturday 2nd July.
(note new date) Tyn Lon Barbecue & General good time. (see outdoor meets list)
Bring your own food & barbecue it in the garden
Ample portions of Beer & Cider laid on.
Be there or be Square !!!
PLEASE NOTE.
There will be a £2.00 surcharge on everyone's hut fees
for Saturday night and a £2.00 charge on any drinkers
not staying at the cottage.
- Thursday 14th July. River Severn Canoe Trip.
Hampton Loade to Arley, above & below the water !
Places are limited to 28 so let me know soon if you intend
to come.
Cost has yet to be finalised but will be approx. £6.50 each.
- Wednesday 14th September. Bring & Buy Sale.
"The Queens" Get rid of last years colour/model onto
some other unsuspecting soul.
- December. The last "do" of the year so lets have some suggestions.
Beer & Skittles ? but perhaps a new venue would be
more popular ?
- Autumn/Winter 1994/5.

I am trying to arrange a joint slide presentation with the West Bromwich MC. So if any of you have any slide collections and would be interested in giving a presentation then let me know.

Also we will again attempt to organise a mountaineering 1st Aid course. It would be based at Tyn Lon over a weekend and involve a total of 24 hours work with a 1 hour exam at the end. The course is recognised by the St Johns Ambulance, The Mountain Leader Training Board, and is a requirement of the British Mountain Guides Assoc.

Cost will be £25 - £30 each. (approx 20 pints or the cost of a friend !) If anyone is interested let me know A.S.A.P. as it will require 15 to 20 people to make it viable and will have to be arranged several months in advance.

Tony Millichope. Indoor Meets sec.

EVENING CLIMBING MEET ,
THURSDAY 16th JUNE 1994,
BLACK ROCKS - CROMFORD OS Ref 293558 (Willersley if its wet OS Ref 296570)
PUB - "THE BOAT " - MATLOCK (on the left as you drive into Matlock from south)

SERIOUS GRITSTONE CLIMBING OF ALL STANDARDS.....Paul Nunn:

GUIDE BOOKS:
ROCK CLIMBING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT
DERWENT GRITSTONE

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THE WASDALE MEET JUNE 17-19

Wasdale Head, the birthplace of British rock climbing, where in 1886 Walter Farry Haskett-Smith solved the Napes Needle (... "we classed ropes with spikes and ladders as a means by which bad climbers could go where only the very best climbers ought to be") is to be the location for our next outdoor meet.

The valley is traditionally the finest centre for rock climbing, with grades of all difficulty on good rhyolite rock. The routes are generally well protected and possible in wet weather. It should be noted that routes on Pikes Crag and on the S. West face of Great Gable dry very quickly and face the afternoon sun.

England's most rugged and precipitous mountains are clustered around the head of this dale which boasts England's highest peak, deepest lake and smallest church, providing many 3 star climbs, walks and scrambles. Some classic climbs worth mentioning are:-

(NOTE: THESE ARE ALL THREE STAR ROUTES AND ARE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBURG! WASDALE POSITIVELY BRISTLES WITH CLASSIC OUTINGS)

Central Buttress. 400'. HVS. *** 'Probably the greatest classic climb in the Lake District' (Originally described as 'probably the hardest route in Britain': British Mountain Climbs. 1937)

Moss Ghyll Grooves. 260'. HS. *** 'of outstanding interest'

Moss Ghyll. 400'. S. *** 'A route for all seasons, which can be ascended in any conditions by many variations'

Botterill's Slab. 290'. VS. *** 'A compelling line'

Woodhead's Climb. 150'. MS. *** 'One of the best climbs in the area at its grade'

Thompson's Route. 150'. VD. *** 'A route of exceptional impact'

Moss Ledge Direct, Hereford's Slabs, Jones Arête from Hopkinson's Cairn and Jones Arête Proper 310' MVS *** 'One of the finest outings of its standard in the Lakes'

Tophet Wall. 265'. S. *** 'A superb climb'

Rib and Slab Climb. 300' S. *** 'Fine open climbing on clean rock enjoyable even in the wet. One of the finest slab climbs in the Lakes'

North West Climb. 445'. MVS *** 'A fine climb even in wet weather'

Please Note then, that you don't have to be climbing E3's to enjoy Wasdale.

- CAMPING : WASDALE HEAD HOTEL. SITE OPPOSITE HOTEL. OS. REF: 186087 £1.50 Per Person/Night.
- GUIDEBOOKS : ROCK CLIMBING IN THE LAKE DISTRICT (CONSTABLE)
SCAFELL ESKDALE DOW (F&RCC)
PILLAR ROCK (F&RCC)
ST BEES HEAD (SPORTS CLIMBING TOPO) FROM TARNFLAT FARM HALL.
- PUB : WASDALE HEAD HOTEL.
- MEET LEADER : PAUL & VAL HENNELLY TELEPHONE: 021 707 2377 TO ARRANGE LIFTS WANTED/OFFERED.