



Dates for your Diaries

June 2009

- 13 - 14 June 2009. Wild Camping at Dow Crag, Lake District
- 17 June 2009. Evening Mountain Bike Meet
- 15 July 2009. River Severn Canoe Meet. Hampton Loade
- 20 - 31 July 2009. Hot Rock Trip. Arco, Italy
- 15 - 16 August 2009. Cloggy wild Camping. Snowdonia.
- 12 - 13 September 2009. Abbey Farm Campsite. Llangollen.
- 19-20 September - Novice Climbing Course
- 10 - 11 October 2009. Wye Valley. Cherry Orchard Farm, Newlands.
- 24 - 25 October 2009. Rockall Cottage, Roaches.

Chairman's Note

Welcome to a rather late spring newsletter. I'm writing this in the midst of holiday preparations. Next week we're off to the south of France and a few days in the Pyrenees. I hope you have been making best use of the spring weather – who knows if it will still be around when you read this! The club meets programme seems to have been going down very well this year. It's good to see so many members (old and new) attending the meets. With so many people climbing and walking together it always makes for a great atmosphere. We enjoyed a visit to the Grampian Club hut in Glen Etive over May Day, and the Spring Bank Holiday trip to the Peak District was as popular as ever – though being woken by the farmer collecting camping fees at 6:30 never gets any easier! You can find photos and reports from these meets and more on the website www.ceunant.org.

The monthly informal meets at Ty'n Lon have also been well attended. Remember, the third weekend of each month is a good one to choose for a trip to Snowdonia as you will usually find a group of club members there. It's not just for new members, everyone is welcome.

Speaking of new members, we have been very successful in attracting new people to the club over the past year or so. All of whom seem to be very keen to contribute to the activities of the club. Some are already serving on the committee. It's a very positive sign for the future.

Hope you enjoy the summer.

Kevin.



Summer Evening Social Meets

Mountain Bike Meet 17th June 7PM

The annual biking meet will again meet at the layby near the old Stewponey and head off to take in some of the local village pubs finished by a ride along the canal in the dark. Don't forget your headtorch!!!

River Severn Canoe Meet 15th July 7PM



The ever popular race on the River Severn is back. Who will get to the pub first and avoid getting a drenching! Meet at the car park at Hampton Loade and paddle down to Arley where a short hop over the footbridge miraculously brings us to the pub! The cost is £9 per person. It helps if we know in advance if you are attending so we can ensure there are enough canoes for everyone.

News from the 2009 AGM

- **Annual membership fee increased from January 2010**

The Annual General Meeting took place as usual in March. Thanks to all those who attended. We had a good discussion around club finances. BMC affiliation fees have risen this year, along with general administration costs and together eat up almost all of the annual membership fee. In the light of this the membership expressed a wish to increase annual membership fees to £25 from January 2010. This was ratified by the committee at our first meeting of the year, so please could you take a moment to update your standing orders to £25, this will save a lot of effort come January.

- **A new committee elected**

After the best part of 20 years as hut secretary Val Beddard decided to step down at the AGM. I'm sure you'll join me in offering our heartfelt thanks to Val for all the work she has put in over the years. She has certainly made my time as chairman a good deal easier. Helena Holmes has agreed to take over from Val, and I'm sure you'll offer every support in her new role. Please remember to send your hut fees directly to Maggie or Elly with a note indicating what they are for.

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Emma Bastock was awarded the "Member of the year" award in recognition of the tremendous work she has put in leading the meets programme and bringing new members to the club.

Following the AGM we had a very enjoyable party with food prepared by Aled, and entertainment from the Dukes. Next year's AGM will be held on **Saturday 20th March 2010**. Once again, let me know what you thought of the format of the AGM weekend and what you would like to do next year.

Fire Safety

A recent re-inspection by the North Wales Fire Service gave Ty'n Lon a clean bill of health. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. We still need to keep on top of our fire safety responsibilities as we can expect regular inspections.

Copies of the fire safety instructions and other safety notices are posted on the notice board in the hall way at Ty'n Lon. Do take time to familiarise yourself and your guests with them.

A copy of our guidelines for the use of Ty'n Lon is included on the back of this newsletter. Following these few simple points should ensure everyone has an enjoyable and safe stay.

Facebook

You've probably heard of Facebook (the online social networking website) and may have dismissed it as just a craze amongst those with nothing better to do than sit in front of a computer. But it turns out it's actually a really good way to keep in touch with friends. Thanks to the efforts of Emma Bastock, the Ceunant now has a vibrant presence on Facebook. With over 40 members, you can check out photos (and post your own); get meet details and share your news. It's simple and free to join at www.facebook.com, then search for Ceunant Mountaineering Club.

A visit to Ty'n Lon 40 years on

A few months ago I had an email from Hugh O'Neil. Hugh was a member of the club in the '50s. He helped develop the old Ceunant cottage and also did some of the work on Ty'n Lon when the club bought it in 1958. He wanted to stay at Ty'n Lon for a couple of nights with old friends Philip and Joy McMahon, also former club members who now live in Canada. It will be interesting to hear what they made of the place today. I'll let you know in a future newsletter. If you remember Hugh, and would like to get in touch again just ask and I'll pass on your details.

Novice Climbers Course

19th – 20th September 2009 - Ty'n Lon

A weekend course, for club members covering belays - fixed and running, general climbing skills, abseiling and rope work. The course will be run by an AMI qualified instructor.

We have applied to the BMC for funding for this course as part their initiative to support clubs in attracting novice members. If successful we would look to organise more courses in future covering more advanced techniques. Let us know what subjects you'd like to see covered.

Contact Emma Bastock for more details and to reserve your place.

New Members

Over the past 3 years we have welcomed 25 new members to the club. Since the last newsletter please welcome - Natalie Davies and Mark Heritage who have been elected as full members.

If you would like an up to date membership list please get in touch with our secretary Fiona Devine (secretary@ceunant.org)



Ty 'n Lon Bookings

Expect to see the following clubs making use of Ty'n Lon over the next few months:-

19/20 June - Gordon Orme Running Club

26/27 June - Carlisle M/C

3/4 July - Red Rope London.

11/12 July - Solihull M/C

See the website for an up to date list of outside bookings.

WHEN STAYING AT TY'N LON

- 1) ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN IN the cottage Hut Book as soon as possible on arrival.
- 2) Members are responsible for their guest's fees and behaviour.
- 3) Members are allowed to bring TWO GUESTS with them at any one time. Permission must be obtained from the Hut Secretary to exceed this number.
- 4) When leaving the property make sure all the doors and windows are locked.
- 5) It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that it is left clean, tidy and undamaged.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 6) NO SMOKING inside.
- 7) No portable stoves or candles to be used.
- 8) Keep the routes to the fire escapes clear. In particular, members taking mountain bikes up to the cottage are asked to refrain from leaving them in the hallway.
- 9) Pets are **not** allowed upstairs or in the kitchen (whilst people are cooking and preparing food). Remember to clean up after your dog in the garden!
- 10) The committee retains the right to ban individual untrained or aggressive dogs.

WHEN IN THE HUT

- 11) Clean up and clear up after yourself as you go along. Use the appropriate storage areas for food, gear, drying clothes etc. so that there is space for other people. Even if you are the only party in the hut, remember that others may arrive at any time.
- 12) Wood for the fire can be bought locally. Smoke and heat detectors are fitted. Fire extinguishers are provided. Keep fire doors closed, and check the fire before retiring for the night.

WHEN LEAVING

- 13) Rubbish bag to be emptied every weekend and placed in the wheelie bin located at the front of building adjacent to the front door. All glass bottles and cans to be taken for recycling.
- 14) Clean surfaces and hobs, wash dishes and put them away, mop kitchen and bathroom floor, clean toilets and sinks, Hoover living room and upstairs as necessary.
- 15) No perishable food to be left.
- 16) Turn off the heating and hot water at the switches beside the front door.

**ANY NEW RULES OR AMENDMENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER,
ON THE WEBSITE & ON THE CLUB NOTICE BOARD AT TY'N LON.**

**ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CURRENT
HUT WARDEN OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.**