

# CEUNANT NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1993

## Membership Update

First and foremost, the Committee would like to welcome its new and prospective members to the Ceunant M.C. ;

### **New Members:**

**Andy Ring -  
Jan Lewis and Julia Roskams**

**Roger Stanton -**

### **Prospective Members:**

**Tony Tohill -  
Chris Williams -**

**Robert Millichope -  
Adrian Wilkinson -**

**Ann Woolley -  
Fred Hall -**

**Danny O'Keeffe -**

**Paul Collis -**

A big "thankyou" to all members who have extended a warm welcome to newcomers.

## Membership List

Are you getting your Ceunant mail ? ( Spot the Trick Question ! )

The Ceunant Membership list is in the process of having a major overhaul.

Do you know of any existing, new, prospective or prospective prospective members not getting it ? YES ? - then please inform the Committee or send in your new bits of information to Julie Duggan,

## Tyn Lon

The more observant members amongst you may have noticed the new gas tank in the back garden of the cottage. It will remove the need to heave the heavy gas cylinders around and hopefully prove cheaper ( the tank is free for a start ! ).

Bookings for the cottage in the next few months are as follows;

A reminder from the Committee -

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WASH UP AT TYN LON !!!**

( Was that in big enough letters Val ? )

### **Ceunant Members Achievements**

This is a new addition to the newsletter, but one that the Committee hopes will prove popular. Every year our members climb to new personal and team heights. This year has certainly been no exception with many notable achievements :

**Phil Robins** - Right Wall ( E5,6a ) Cromlech, North Wales  
London Wall ( E5,6a ) Millstone, Peak District  
several Spanish nightmare routes with Henry Folkard !!

**"Charlie" Whitehouse** - Tower of Babel ( Arches National Park ), Leisure  
( at Gunnison Canyon ), Superslab ( Eldorado ) USA  
Sarah Whitehouse - Maxines Wall and Serenity Crack  
(Yosemite ) USA

**Bill Beddard** - Cemetary Gates ( E1,5b ) Cromlech.( P.S. also a grand  
daddy!)

**Mick "shiny head" Carr** - Void (E3,6a) Quiet Waters (E4,6b) Freeblast  
USA(5.11,b) Sorcerers Apprentice USA (5.11,b) P.S. hob  
nobbing with Paul Williams & Co.

**Alison and Fred Hall** - Lucky Streaks(5.10b), Bolt Run(5.10d) USA and  
S.S.Special(E2 5c),Foil(E3 6a), The Grasper(E2 5c),North Wales.

**Dennis Jordan** - Devils Tower( USA somewhere)accompanied by Ollie and  
Feli.

**John Owen** - 80 mile race, 40th out of 800 runners ( + new addition to  
the family, a boy )

**Ceunant Treking Branch** - Wind River Range National Park, Wyoming.

**Tony Millichope** - Unfortunate weather in the Karakoram ( mainly snow  
and diarrhoea !!! , maybe he can reminisce with Sooty's tales of  
foreign food ! )

**Graham Spenceley** - tried to land in the garden at Tyn Lon, but those  
pesky power lines frightened him off ! P.S. Kate and son  
Alex are apparently enjoying themselves 'down under', where father  
will join later in the year. Good luck and Keep In Touch !!

### **Other bits of juicy news.....**

Vice Chairperson Adrian had a slight problem with his now ex-abseil rope....namely the sheath snapped ( must be the weight of his extra muscles !!! )

Nick " I always try to land on my left foot now" Oldfield, as you can guess, has crumpled his right ankle. Hard Severe 1 Nick 0.

Sirch " what the \*\*\*\* was that ?" Morris has fully recovered from the automobile accident and will install a ' beam me up Alison' device into his next vehicle !

### **AGM '94 and Club Dinner**

Its that time of year again lads and lassies when we must decide THE VENUE. There were many favourable comments regarding the timing and location of the joint AGM and Dinner last year and many wishes to return there again - can we please have your comments and suggestions ( in writing if possible ) sent to the General Secretary ( Julie Duggan ) by the end of October please.

### **Mountain First Aid**

Would any member be interested in attending a basic course in First Aid held at Tyn Lon ? If so, please inform any Committee Member so that we can collate numbers.

### **Magazine Submissions**

Thank you to all members who have already submitted their literary pieces, however, as you know, we want more for the future issues. There is no excuse, on these coming cold nights, curl up in your favourite armchair with pen and paper and reminisce for us all to enjoy (or on the other hand, do it in the pub !)

### **Government Proposals on the Padog Bends, A5, North Wales**

The Welsh Office proposes to selectively 'upgrade' the A5 between Chirk and Llandegai, which will have serious consequences for the landscape, wildlife, farming and local communities along the A5. A 50mph target for lorries along the whole length of the A5 is the Government's aim in order to grab the EEC monies currently available.

The Committee has sent objections to the scheme to a local MP Lynn Jones, who in turn has forwarded it to John Redwood, Secretary of State for Wales. A rather large document was received by the General Secretary recently entitled " A5 Pant Padog Approaches, Statement of Results of Public Consultation and Reasons for Secretary of State's Choice of Preferred Route ".

Anyone who wishes to help by carrying out traffic counts on the A5 for the A5 Consortium( formed in March to further opposition to the Welsh Office proposals for the A5 through the National Park ), should contact Mrs Jenny Nickson, Consortium Action Committee Secretary on Tel.

## Outdoor Meets Autumn/Winter '93

The next outdoor meets are as follows;

**The Gower Peninsular**, South Wales - Oct 15-17 Low rainfall, sunny aspect, masses of routes of all grades. Rich in flora, fauna and pubs. Great classic, good, bad and ugly crags. Non tidal crags for those averse to helicopters. Tick three of the four S's. Campsite at Pilton Cross £2 per person per night. Take A4118 to Port Eynon, before P.E. take R turn to Rhossili (B4247) at SkurEdge village. Campsite on left hand side after 2 miles  
**North Pembroke**, South Wales - Nov 19-21. No, not the dripping gabbro of St Davids Head but the sunny, south facing slabs of the seven Southern Bays. Quick drying, not too tidal, here there is everything from the nice to the extremely nice. these user friendly crags include; Porth Clais, Porth y Ffynnon, St Non's Bay, Caerfai, Belly Buttress, and much more. Site to be confirmed. Sue Traynor.

**Patterdale**, Cumbria. Jan 28-29 1994. John Pettet has booked up Bowder Stone Cottage in Borrowdale ( the Northumbrian M.C. hut ). There are 12 places available at £3.50 per night. Hopefully there might be some elusive snow !! Please send your cheques payable to Ceunant M.C. to Nick Oldfield, or John Pettet as soon as possible. First come , first served !

**Xmas / New Year** , Dec 24 or 26 or Jan 3. It is hoped that the club will be able to organise a meet to a sunny climate. Suggestions are; Spain-El Chorro / Alicante, Tenerife, Sardinia, Corsica. Cost max £250 including accomodation, flight and car if you are interested please contact either G. Sutton or as **soon as possible**.

### T-Shirts



Having problems thinking of Christmas present ideas ? ..... well here is the answer - a classy coloured T-Shirt with the recent competition winning logo emblazoned on the front. ( Size of logo as seen above.)  
For only £5.50 you too can **promote** the club.

**Convinced ?** .... then send your cheque to Nick Oldfield or any Committee Member made payable to ' Ceunant Moutaineering Club ' TO ARRIVE BEFORE 31ST OCTOBER 1993.

## Hut Bookings

23/10 Weekend London M.C.  
15&16&17/11 Week Mountain Ventures

## New Birmingham indoor Climbing Wall

Finally, a bit of good news for Brummie climbers ..... a new wall !  
Yes, it's big and coming soon to Aston, Birmingham. Located on A.B.Row, ( near to the Pot of Beer ), it is currently being constructed on a grand scale but unfortunately it does not look like it will be finished for a few months yet. However, we will keep you posted.

## November 5th Bar B Q / Fire work Meet

There will be jolly japes and a serious caper at Tyn Lon. Sorry no bonfire due to the appearance of a large white cylinder that contains enough gas to turn Nant Peris into the N'Gorro-gorro crater. Bring your own beer and as many fireworks as you can eat.

P,S Anybody found singing the grass will be mown down by Henry ( Blade Runner) Folkard-The Director's cut!!

## Work Meet

A work meet will be held the weekend after ( 13/14th Nov), for obvious reasons. As per usual all those participating will benefit from free lodgings at Tyn Lon.

## Indoor Meets

**Beer and Skittles Evening - Thursday 9th Dec - 7pm**  
**The Fountain Inn, Adams Hill Clent.**

Due to popular demand there will be a beer and skittles evening on the above date. Food will be provided , the choice will be Chicken, Scampi and a vegi' option, all beautifully presented in a genuine antique handmade Clent basket, can you please state your preference at the time of buying your ticket. Prizes will be offered to those exhibiting the greatest skill with their balls-or is it bowls!

All this for the astoundingly low price of £5.00 per member. For those who have never had the pleasure, come along !

**Slide Evening - 8:30 pm.**

It is intended to hold a slide evening upstairs at the Queens Tavern on **Wednesday 1st December 1993**, so anybody wishing to show off pictures of themselves in extremis or simply embarass friends (unbeknown to victim) get looking for those shots now!!!!!!