

Dates for your Diaries

- 23-26 May 2008 - Dartmoor (New venue)
- 13-15 June 2008. Wild Camping , Craig Yr Ysfa, Snowdonia
- 5 - 6 July 2008. Ty'n Lon Family Meet.
- 11-13 July 2008. Lake District, Borrowdale - Hollows Farm
- 22-25 August 2008. Ty'n Lon Summer Party
- 19-22 September 2008. Llangollen. Abbey Farm Campsite.
- 3 - 5 October 2008. Pembroke.

Chairman's Note

Hello and welcome to our spring newsletter. I hope you're looking forward to the summer ahead. Once again we have a good programme of meets coordinated by our new Meets Secretary - Emma Bastock. We have already had a very successful meet in the Peak district over the May Day holiday. By my reckoning we had about 25 people attend over the 3 days. On the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (23rd to 26th May) Emma is organising a new meet on Dartmoor. This looks like it will be an interesting and popular trip. You can find full details on the enclosed sheet.

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM and dinner in March. An excellent evening was enjoyed by some 40 club members, and was enlivened by the presentation of some awards. Member of the year went to Steve Ratcliffe for the great

work he did as outdoor meets secretary last year.

This year's annual dinner was a little down on numbers compared to recent years. So for next year we would like to gather some ideas from members.



What format would you like the weekend to take? The current location has the benefit that people can stay at Ty'n Lon, but perhaps the fancy dress dinner and the "clowning around" is a turn off for some. Maybe a less formal party at the cottage would be more suitable, or a complete change of location (we could even return to holding the AGM in Birmingham again). Either way, let's have your ideas. Email them to me -

chairman@ceunant.org or speak to one of the committee.

All the best,

Kevin.

Photo Competition 2007

Thanks to everyone who entered the photo competition which was judged on the day of the AGM. The competition was a great success. Mostly because I won! It wasn't a fix honest. Here are the top 3 pictures.



First Prize - Kevin Devine



Runner up - Martin Peters



Runner up - Angus Murray

Peak District Meet - May Day 2008

For this year's Peak district meet we were based at the Eric Byrne Campsite close to Birchen Edge. The first "Krypton Factor" test was to set up Liz Asquith's base camp tent which she had kindly loaned us for the weekend. We did it in record time (just less than an hour). The site is a lovely spot within walking distance of the crag, but Mike Deft's 7:30am wake up call from the farmer began to wear a bit thin after 3 days. Regulars were pleased to discover that the nearby Robin Hood pub is much improved and very friendly.

We welcomed a good number of new and prospective members to the meet, some of whom had never climbed outdoors before. So it was great to see so many people climbing together at Birchen Edge on Saturday and Burbage on Sunday.



Meets & Events

Emma Bastock is now organising our outdoor meets programme. Details are on the website (www.ceunant.org), and full details of the next two meets are at the end of this newsletter. Emma is currently putting together the 2009 meets list. So if you have any great ideas, let her know.

Upcoming meets:-

Dartmoor - 23 - 26 May 2008

This year we will be venturing off to a new location based in the heart of the Dartmoor National Park. **Full details on the enclosed info sheet.**

Contact: Emma Bastock

Wild Camping in Snowdonia - 13 - 15 June 2008

A new location for this popular meet at Craig Yr Ysfa, by Cwm Eigiau close to Carnedd Llewelyn. **Full details on the enclosed info sheet.**

Contact: John Beddard

Family meet at Ty'n Lon - 5 - 6 July 2008

Our regular weekend especially for families young and old.

Contact: Emma Bastock

Lake District - Hollows Farm, Borrowdale - 11 13 July 2008

Camping by the river Derwent, with climbing on Little Chamonix and great walking, scrambling or biking.

Contact: Emma Bastock

Llangollen - 19 - 22 September 2008

A new meet to sample the delights of World's End, Dinbren and Trevor. With walking, biking and canoeing aplenty.

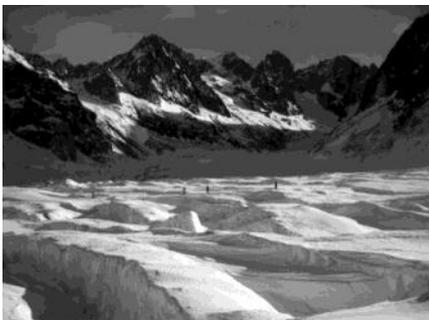
Contact: Emma Bastock

If you are a new prospective member then please let either Emma or Fiona Devine, the Secretary know before hand, not least because we appreciate that it is often daunting turning up alone. We can also arrange lifts etc and introduce you to members to pair up for climbing. This will also help to ensure that you have a good experience and sign up for lots of other meets.



Ty'n Lon Summer Bash - 22 - 25 August 2008

To celebrate 50 years since the club bought Ty'n Lon. Hog roast and a barrel of beer or two. We would also like to welcome new and prospective members to this event, and will try to set up some group climbing events for the older/wiser heads to pass on their knowledge to the younger ones (Emma will be looking for volunteers!).



Ty'n Lon Update

When staying a Ty'n Lon, if you choose to buy wood or coal for the fire, please don't deduct this cost from your hut fees. The £3 fee includes the cost of central heating, which is the main source of heating for the cottage. Of course we all like a real fire, and you're welcome to use wood from the store, but if there is no wood available please don't use your hut fees to buy it. Oh, and we are always happy to receive donations of wood for the fire.

Also please pay your hut fees promptly. £3 is really very good value, and it's a shame when some members have to be chased to pay even this amount of money. You can send a cheque to Maggie or Val, or pay direct into the bank account (with an email to Maggie so she knows you've paid).

New Members

We have elected three new members since March - Andrew Bevan, Daniel Ashfield and Sanna-Maija Deft. They are already regulars on meets and we welcome them to the club.

Up to 10% off

New "BMC" club membership card

Hopefully, along with your issue of Summit Magazine in March you now have your own "BMC club membership card". This little card will give you discount, usually 10%, at over 600 outlets. The full list of outlets/discounts is given in the Member Handbook 2008 which again was included with the Summit Magazine, or can be found on the BMC website under "membership services - Retail discounts". The card also has the UIAA stamp on it, so it may prove valuable when booking huts in the Alps. Please can you let me know if you didn't receive a copy of Summit (as I suspect there are a number of you) and I will chase this up.

Finally are you in more than one BMC affiliated club? If so, did you know that you can claim a multiple membership refund? Copies of the form are available on the BMC website at www.thebmc.co.uk/Download.aspx?id=204. Alternatively you can email me (secretary@ceunant.org) and I'll forward the form on to you. Why not consider gifting the refund to the Ceunant MC.

Fiona Devine - Membership Secretary

Ty 'n Lon Bookings

30/31 May - Carlisle MC.

20/21 June - Leo Davies and Jackie

27/28 June - Mountain Ventures Reunion

Mon 7th - Fri 11th July - Rawlins College. This is a mixed group of young people, and for this midweek booking only, we have agreed to offer them sole occupancy of the cottage to allow them to comply with child protection rules. If you wish to stay during this week, please camp in the garden.

12/13 July - Red Rope

3/8 August - Rawlins College youth group.

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Finally...Have you moved house recently or got a new email address? If so please forward your details to Fiona Devine, Membership Secretary preferably by email : secretary@ceunant.org.

Dates: May Bank Holiday Weekend – 23rd – 26th May 2008
Meet Leader: Emma Bastock
Accommodation: Runnage Farm, Nr Postbridge, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6SY Tel: 01822 880222

This year we will be venturing off to a new location based in the heart of the **Dartmoor National Park**. Dartmoor's granite tors are a magnet for climbers and boulderers. Set amongst some of the most dramatic scenery in the West Country they offer interesting and demanding climbs for all abilities.

Climbing: Limestone, Sea cliff and granite trad routes with famous locations such as Hay Tor, Hound Tor and Dewerstone all within 20min drive from the farm. Classic climbs include:
LIMESTONE: Chudleigh Rocks:- Oesophagus E1 5b **, Sarcophagus VS 4a 4b **, Inkerman Groove VS 4c ***, Anstey's Cove HVS 5b 5a ***, St Gregory the Wonder Worker S 4b *. **Daddy Hole:-** Diamont Rib HS 4b *, Gates of Eden HS 4b 4a ***
GRANITE: Haytor/Lowman:- Haggis HVS 5a *, Raven Gully S 4a **, **Hound Tor:-** Suspension Flake VS 4c ***. **Sheeps Tor:-** Wind Wall HVS 5a ***, Crack & Chimney S *, Mushroom Wall VS 4c **. **Dewerstone:-** Needle Arete VD **, Central Groove HS 4b 4b ***, Tower Crack VS 4b **, Climbers Club Direct HVS 5a 4c ***

Bouldering venues include Chudleigh (3 star), Bonehill Rocks (3 star), Hound Tor (2 star) and Vixen Tor (2 star) again all within easy reach by car from the farm. **Sports** routes from 6a to 7c can be found at Torbryan Quarry and some other selected quarries in the region.

Campsite: 2 meadows alongside Walla Brook. Toilets and showers. **Dogs allowed under control**. Small fires and BBQs are permitted. Two pubs within walking distance in Postbridge village. £4.50 per night adults. Children 3-12 years £3.50 per night. See www.runnagecampingbarns.co.uk for further info.

Directions: Approx 20miles from Jn 31 of M5. For full details, please email emma_bastock@yahoo.co.uk

Maps/Guides: Ordnance Survey OL28 Dartmoor, Explorer 110 Torquay & Dawlish, Newton Abbot. South Devon & Dartmoor Climber's Guide.

Walking: Walking on Dartmoor is excellent. For the less demanding walker there are car parks from which brief, pleasant excursions can be made. For the more hardened explorer many miles over hard ground can be tramped in challenging conditions. Sources for walking routes: www.richkni.co.uk/dartmoor or why not walk some of The Templar Way. Below are 2 examples of walks in the area:

Postbridge CP - Broad Down - Longaford Tor - Powder Mills (Walk ID: 3593) 8.5miles moderate

This varied moorland walk to the north and west of Postbridge leads up by a Bronze Age settlement, where you visit two very different Bronze Age graves, right up to Broad Down which overlooks the wild and desolate northern moors. From Broad Down you loop around and visit five tors, some overlooking the West Dart River before descending to walk through Powder Mills then back along the northern edge of Gawler Bottom to return to the car park once again across new access land at Archerton.

Haytor - Boundary Stones - Tors - Emsworthy (Walk ID: 4658) 5.9miles moderate

A varied walk around Haytor Down, with one section offering challenging navigation across difficult ground. From the high points on this walk there are superb views across South Devon to Teignmouth and the English Channel beyond. The route encompasses a wide loop around Haytor Down and Black Hill visiting all the major points of interest en route. All the large tors are visited, plus two un-named on OS maps, the quarries too are included as well as the medieval Emsworthy Farm and fields and associated bronze age enclosures and hut circles.

Full details of these walks and others in the area will be available from Emma Bastock at the meet. If there is somewhere you'd particularly like to visit, let me know and I'll see if I can find a walk for you.

Cycling: A map of graded mountain bike routes is available from the park authority at www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk. There are plenty of cycling opportunities including a 14.6m moderate ride out of Postbridge, the Hound Tor Route 20m graded Moderate or a 17mile Easy ride starting from Meavy. Other routes can be found in the guide book from www.bikemaps.co.uk

If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact Emma on 07841 482469. Hope to see you there.

Wild Camp Meet – North Wales

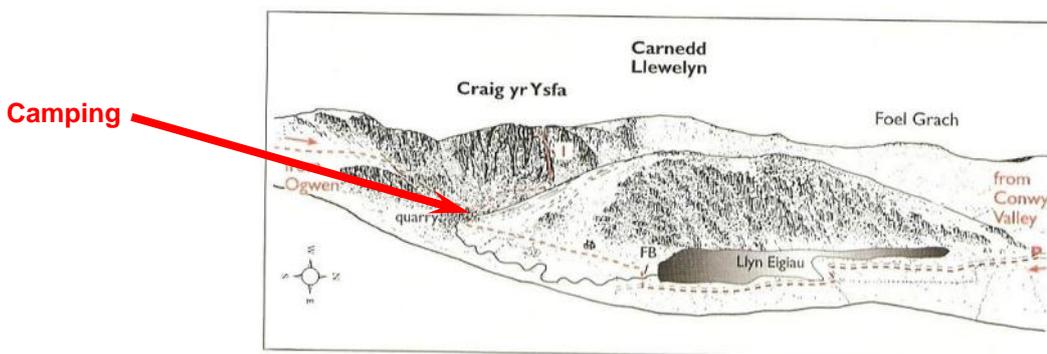
Dates: 13th – 15th June 2008
Meet Leader: John Beddard
Location: Craig Yr Ysfa, by Cwm Eigiau – Carnedd Llewelyn

Map ref 702635 – OL17 Snowdonia Explorer 1:25000

Carnedd Llewelyn (1064m) is the highest peak in the range and occupies a key position at the junction of the two major Carneddau pathways. Craig Yr Ysfa is a large rambling crag which faces north-east and sits high up on the flanks of Carnedd Llewelyn. This remote and atmospheric crag is home to some of the best classic Welsh mountaineering routes on offer.

Climbing: Total of 71 climbs listed in the full guide book across all the areas of Craig Yr Ysfa. Classic routes include: Amphitheatre Butress*** VDiff, Great Gully*** VDiff, Mur Y Niwl*** VS, Girdle Traverse of the Lower Amphitheatre Wall*** E1, Aura*** E2, The Grimmett** VS, Pinnacle Wall** S, Plumbagin** E1, Nether Climb* S

Campsite:



Directions: Via Cwm Eigiau. From Tal y Bont on the B5106 between Conwy and Llanrwst, follow a road rising westwards out of the village (not the road to Llanbedr-y-cennin) for about 5km. Park at the roadhead at the entrance to Cwm Eigiau (GR:732 663), taking care not to obstruct the gate. Walk along a rough track to the Llyn Eigiau dam and cross the outflow. Continue by the lakeside track and follow it through the cwm to its terminus at ruined quarry buildings.

Maps/Guides: Ordnance Survey OL17 Snowdonia Explorer 1:25000. Rock Climbing in Snowdonia – Paul Williams, Ogwen and Carneddau Climber's Club Guide.

Walking: Craig Yr Ysfa Amphitheatre scramble – grade 2, the Carnedd ridge, the Northern Ridges Pen Llithrig y Wrach to Foel Grach retuning around Llyn Eigiau or explore the Southern Ridges taking in Carnedd Dafydd, Pen Yr Ole Wen, Y Braich, etc.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact either Emma on 07841 482469 or John on 07765 681792. Hope to see you there.