

Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club

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Cover Picture: Matt Gordon shows just how much gear is needed to climb Central Crack (VS) at Brinham (credit Gerard Conway)

EDITORIAL

The summer issue of Summit just dropped through our door, so this is, in part, a reminder to climbers among you who have not got around to upgrading your BMC membership (I believe the cavers get a similar magazine with their additional insurance payment?). I think I have read every word of it, which is a lot more than I can say of most other climbing magazines. Two items particularly struck me.

- I was saddened to read that access to Eagle Tor has been lost because of the unmentionable toilet habits of some climbers in the owners garden! Would you turn a blind eye or 'get involved' if you saw someone risking access arrangements by their actions?
- I know we carried an article about ticks quite recently, but I was concerned to read that in the last three years the reported cases of Lyme disease have more than doubled and there are several other nasty diseases you can catch from a tick. Apparently several areas of England have recently been found to have infected ticks so it is worth taking precautions and always check for Ticks after a day out. For more information see www.masta-travel-health.com/tickalert.

On a happier note, what a lot of excellent meets so far this year. If you have not been to a meet this year, support your club and make that extra effort to be sociable in your climbing and caving. We are currently very short of offers to co-ordinate the Autumn meets so get in touch with Ken if you can help.

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Articles & letters are welcome on old fashioned paper, too.

NEXT ISSUE DUE OUT Sept 1st 2007

Please send material for inclusion in good time.

I can add small items until the last minute..

It is editorial policy to correct obvious errors in submitted material but in case of doubt articles are copied as they are received. Errors of spelling and grammar which often occur in e-mails and hastily written articles will be corrected if noticed. If you do not wish this to be done, please add "no editing please" to your contribution.

FORTHCOMING MEETS

All contact details are listed at the end. This is because when the Newsletter goes on our web site I remove such information from the 'public section', but it is available on the club section.

<u>July 8</u>	<u>Cow Pot</u>	<u>Mike Hale</u>
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Cow Pot is an interesting way to reach the Easegill main drain and Montague East Passage. The main pitch being far more satisfying than Lancaster Hole. This will be an

<u>July 7/8</u>	<u>Llanberis</u>	<u>Tony Mercer</u>
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Blackie & Sparky have taken over this meet as Tony can't make it. They have **CHANGED THE CAMPSITE**. A quieter campsite has been booked for Fri & Sat 6/7th July To find the site go from the Vaynol Arms up the Pass for ½ mile on the right hand side, room for approx 15 tents & cars -£5 ppn includes Hot showers & hot water. There is also a bunk house (Snowdon House) on the site. Pete & Sparky will be in the Arms after setting up camp approx 9pm, 8 other people already intend to go so you might like to check there is room on the site. Any problems contact Blackie 078014 35027 or Mark (Sparky) "young single ladies phone his mobile". For the Vaynol Arms 01286870284 www.vaynolarms.co.uk and www.snowdonhouse.co.uk

<u>July 15</u>	<u>Provisional venue Austwick</u>	
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No details for this meet. I'm sure people will be climbing but possibly at a different venue. Contact Ken or watch out for info on the Group e-mail.

<u>July 22</u>	<u>Stream Passage Pot</u>	<u>John Stringfellow</u>
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This is one of the classic entrances to the Gaping Gill system, and gives an entertaining SRT trip with five pitches up to 50m in length. There are many possibilities for further exploration when we reach the bottom. Meet at the Brookhouse café, Clapham at 9-00am.

<u>July 21/22</u>	<u>Borrowdale</u>	<u>Chris Wheatley</u>
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We will camp at Stonethwaite campsite in Borrowdale. This is the one at GR 268133. You turn off the B5289, go into Stonethwaite, past the Langstrath Hotel (bar meals, but you may have to prebook) then follow a rough track for about 400m. The campsite is then on a flat bit on your left next to the river. Facilities: tap and toilets, no showers, no hot water. Cost in 2006 was £3 per person. Telephone me for further information. It's in a lovely location and can be busy on fine week-ends - I suggest we pitch where the track enters the campsite. I'll be there Friday evening from about 7:00 in an orange Vango mk 2 (sloping ridge pole), probably with a portable BBQ and a few beers fighting off the midges. I'll have my mobile on - 07718 195601.

<u>July 27/28</u>	<u>Dan-y-Mynydd</u>	<u>Joyce Taylor</u>
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A meet is a meet is a meet. Other than being in/on the Welsh mountains, I've nothing in mind so come and do your own thing - climb, cycle, walk or whatever. I plan to arrive sometime Friday pm. The hut sleeps only 12 people : to be sure of a bed phone me by Thursday.

<u>Aug 4/5 +</u>	<u>Dorset</u>	<u>Ken Tebay</u>
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I will be there for a fortnight from Fri July 27th, camping at West Fleet Holiday Farm, Fleet, Weymouth DTE 4EF. The site is near Chesil beach, 2 mls east of Chickerell and 9 mls from Portland. I had one days superb sports climbing there last year - as good as Spain (*on a good day!*). Give me a ring if you would like to join me any time in the fortnight.

<u>Aug 5</u>	<u>Gingling Hole</u>	<u>Andy Homonnai</u>
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To quote a new caving guidebook, not for the faint hearted. "Gingling Hole is the indisputable gem on Fountains Fell and offers a truly grand day out with something to please everyone". Never-the-less this is a grade 4/5 trip and is likely to be fairly arduous, including a big pitch of 62m. Meet at the Naked Man café, Settle, at 9-00am.

<u>Aug 12</u>	<u>Provisional venue Great Close Scar</u>	
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No details for this meet. I'm sure people will be climbing but possibly at a different venue. Contact Ken or watch out for info on the Group e-mail

<u>Aug 18/19</u>	<u>Buttermere</u>	<u>Dave Wearing</u>
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The camping will be on the Syke House Farm site (01768 770222) at £6 per night. Please pay at the Farm House before pitching. The Farm House is on the left as you turn into Buttermere. (There is a sign.) There is no booking, just turn up. To get to the site, drive into Buttermere and take the right hand fork past the Fish Hotel into the Planning Board Car Park. The site entrance is on the right at the far end of the car park.

There is excellent climbing on High Crag, Eagle Crag or for climbers like me, Grey Crag. All require an uphill walk. However, for those from Shropshire, Shepherds is not far away. If anyone has the urge to give me a lift there I will be most grateful Tel (*See below*) or mob. 07773 230858.

<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Diccon Pot</u>	<u>Les Mottram</u>
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A very good SRT trip to the sump of Alum pot. There are other options here, including an exchange trip with Alum pot, and also Upper and Lower Long Churn Caves are very good for beginners.

<u>Aug 26</u>	<u>Howgills Walking Meet</u>	<u>Brian Carlyle</u>
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Meet at the Health Centre car park Sedbergh GR 658921 at 9-15 am which is reached by turning right at Sedbergh from M6 direction. The walk starts at the Cross Keys GR

698971 but as the parking is limited, car sharing from Sedbergh is advisable. The route is to the Calf via Cautley Spout across to Yarlside, Randygill Top, Green Bell and back to the Cross Keys for afternoon tea. If possible let me know if you hope to attend.

Already 8 people going. Accommodation is in double studios, we can provide some useful addresses or you can book though an agent and get a package. We're always happy to climb as a three. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Roger & Debbie Wilkinson

Aug 25-30	Tranearth Families Meet	Bernie Jordan
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This starts with the August Bank Holiday week and we will stay till at least Thursday. We're looking forward to a good holiday and hoping to have lots of friends to share it with.

SARDINIA Oct 13-20

8 of us have booked flights to Sardinia in October (£55 return). If anyone else is interested contact Alison Athroll or Ken Tebay

Aug 23-28	Lundy	John Roberts
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Lundy provides one of the best sea-cliff climbing venues in the UK - a true adventure playground, with superb routes throughout the grades. On my previous 6 visits to the island, good weather has been the norm - I've ordered the same conditions for this visit but, of course, there are no guarantees!

6 members are booked on to the island for the above dates. It would appear that the camping is fully booked but if anyone else is interested in joining us, there is a possibility of cancellation, etc. For further details 'phone me.

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

Sept 2	Disappointment Pot	Nick Bennett
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Another of the now many entrances to Gaping Gill. There are five pitches, which will be done by SRT. A flat out crawl and duck should provide additional entertainment. Meet at the Brookhouse café, Clapham at 9-00am.

Sept 2	Provisional venue Widdop	
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No details for this meet. I'm sure people will be climbing but possibly at a different venue. Contact Ken or watch out for info on the Group e-mail

Sept 8/9	Clapham	Geoff Haigh
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I will be camping at the Dalesbridge, Austwick, near Settle. LA2 8AZ from Friday night. Dalesbridge is situated on the main A65 between Ingleton (6 miles) and Settle (5 miles). It is close to the village of Austwick but the entrance is from the main A65 road. Cost is £4.50 per person per night for camping.

I will be visiting the pub in Austwick - The Game Cock Inn - Friday evening. Look for a maroon Kia Sedona YE55ZRY / Hymer caravan or antique Blacks Mountain Tent depending on the forecast.

FUTURE PLANS

KALYMNOS Oct 3-17

MEET REPORTS

Ireby Fell Caverns April 29th

Unseasonably glorious sunny weather and the Three Peaks Fell Race, what a good day to spend underground! Still, the panoramic views from Leck Fell on the walk to the cave were stunning and the prospect of an interesting day down a classic pot soon had us down the entrance. A lot of stabilisation has recently been done in this cave by various local people. The entrance and first pitch have been considerably worked on to resist collapse and this has also revealed another route down the entrance series. This "Bubbles Route" was left for another day.

The dry conditions meant a straight forward rig down the pitches which were easily passed and a splendid romp down twisting canyons had us quickly in the impressive main passage of Duke Street (named after Settle high street) where it is possible to stroll three abreast along to the sump. This passage feels as though it is a remnant of a major trunk route through the underground Dales but it has so far eluded any attempts to connect it to other caves. Descent magazine has recently printed an article about efforts made to drain this sump and provide a dry way through to the extensive passages beyond and possible connections. There was plenty of evidence of this work but unfortunately the sump was full on this occasion. I feel that we will soon hear of some major extensions

down Ireby Fell. The trip out was equally enjoyable and the sun still there to greet us at the entrance. Les was especially pleased with the trip as he kept muttering that his days down caves like these were over. No evidence of that.

Thanks to the five who turned up. A good trip in a good cave.

SLUG (Mike Hale)

Anglesey May 5-7

The originally planned Arran meet had been cancelled due to lack of takers. As it transpired it would probably have attracted more than the 5 who turned out for the Anglesey venue. So a big thanks to Dave, Sandra, Ken (& family) & Stephanie for making it to the meet.

Strong winds & threatening weather precluded any ideas of getting on the big crags & all 3 days were spent on Holyhead Mountain. Saturday saw Ken & I breathlessly trying to keep pace with Dave "Roadrunner" Wearing, he of the traditional garb & ethics. ("A cam? What's a cam?"). Sandra arrived on Saturday evening & drew the short straw, to partner the Roadrunner on Sunday - both teams managed 3 routes before rain called a halt. Stephanie arrived on Sunday night & was lucky enough to attach herself to the slow team on Monday - again the rain called a halt in the early afternoon.

John Roberts

Birthday Bash

Tranearth May 12/13

The compulsory Friday night (3am) lock in resulted in a lot of very fragile heads Saturday morning & beyond midday when a good crowd went to Wallow Barrow, delicately climbing a range of routes before the obligatory pint or two down the road & then onto Ken & Griff's 60th Birthday Bash. 45 LC & CC members with another 10 partners joined Ken plus His family members & eventually Griff at the Church House Inn for a slide show & gifts, which I have to say was very disrespectful of certain members taking the P**S out of these two old farts! Bring on the next Do - Pete Nugent (June) & Mark Adams (August) 50th I say.

Pete Blackburne

I am sure Ken and Griff will join me in thanking Pete and John Roberts for organising this fantastic party, particularly for all the effort they put into the slide show and speeches Ed

Skye May 26-29

Several groups of climbers and mountaineers congregated at Glen Brittle campsite on Saturday with ambitions to scale the heights. Sunday was clear and bright and the Skye ridge beckoned! Ken and Blacky's team made for the Cioch area while Dave Ryder and Shaun Taylor made for the ridge. Dave Wearing, Bernie, Phil Tucker and Sandra climbed up Window Buttress and on to the ridge. The views were spectacular on all sides.

On Monday we woke to find a sprinkling of snow on the Cuillin and despite squally hail showers first thing, the day brightened up allowing us to go with the boys up through Coir' a' Ghrunnda (David, 5 and Daniel, 8) and on to Sgurr nan Eag (Peter and Edward). The views inspired us to carry on to Gars-bheinn.

Tuesday and Wednesday were fairly wet but this did not stop Dave and Pete from climbing the Inaccessible Pinnacle. On Thursday, we all had to leave the campsite (early!) to make way for a festival so Sandra, Pete and Dave went to Sligachan. They climbed Sgurr nan Gillean, Am Basteir and Bruach na Frithe. On the Friday, Sandra and Dave climbed Masco. -the scrambling was a bit of a sandbag but the scenery was fantastic. Pete took the boat from Elgol to Loch Coruisk in preparation for celebrating his birthday.

We drove up to Torridon and walked up Beinn Alligin. Sarah Little and her boys joined us at the youth hostel and we all went for a coastal walk on the Friday.

Thanks to all who turned up (Pete, Gerard, Sandra, Phil Tucker, Dave Wearing, Ken, Dave Rider, Shaun Taylor, John and Stephanie, Blacky, Sparky, and Sarah Daniel and David Little).

The Jordan Family

Long Kin East / Pillar Holes May 27

The meet was supposed to be Long Kin East on the Allotment on Ingleborough but because of a threatening weather forecast, heavy

downpours, and the risk of flooding on the big pitch the three who turned up in Bernies decided instead to visit some newish extensions to Pillar Hole on Andy's suggestion.

The entrance part of Pillar Holes is nicely "P" hangered in the modern style, but the extension which is beyond a pitch up and then some blasted squeezes is strictly old style. The squeezes required some pushing from below and pulling from above to get me through. A popping noise from my chest at one point sounded odd and has resulted in painful breathing all last week. Very poor belay bolts meant a dodgy bit of rigging to get down the next 30m pitch and the next few tiny rifts got smaller and smaller. We ground to a halt head to toe in a narrow tube with a way on down a tight slippery rift with no usable belays. It looked as though the people who dug and explored the extensions must have either free climbed the drops or are still down there. We were not happy with the situation so went no further but considered returning with a bolting kit.

I have since spoken to someone who claims to have surveyed that part of the cave and said that it was not any better or bigger beyond the point we got to so I won't be taking my bolting kit down there. Thanks to Andy and Nick for an interesting trip and the pushing and shoving. It didn't rain heavily either, anyway not in the Dales.

Slug (Mike Hale)

Brimham June 3

I had thought little of it at the time, but in retrospect the 'Brimham welcomes hard Yorkshire bastards' sign as we drove in perhaps should have given a clue to the essential character of the place. The first thing to mention which is actually *true* is that the parking at the NT car park is now £4.50 per day for cars. Perhaps best to avoid, if not an NT member.

Seven of us in total: Steve Prior, Karl Lunt, Tony Madden, Matt Gordon, and I'm counting Mike Hall and Ian Athroll, although we only bumped into them late in the proceedings. (I heard later that Cath Brannighan and Geoff Duxbury had stopped by; Cath's knee is slowly on the mend, apparently, but they were only walking on this occasion.) The weather was fine, hazy sunshine, quite a few tourists about. I'm no geologist, but it's clear even to me that weird geological stuff has happened here: fantastical-shaped megablobs of rock everywhere, which people come to gawp at and play on. It was a little hot for gritstone climbing, the consensus seemed to be, although pleasant otherwise.

Starting at the Cubic Block area, Karl and Tony started the way they meant to go on, on an E1 (5b), *Stone Wall*, which Steve said looked 'bold and scary'. Tony made me climb the classic *Rough Wall*/VS 5a, which I think I only managed to get up because I was trapped in a cat's cradle of (good) protection and couldn't get back down again. Steve told me he wanted to climb *Lancet*

Crack on Cleft Buttress (VS 5a), but later it emerged that this was because he had climbed everything else he felt he could do. It wasn't one I would have chosen: fluorescent green, overhanging and absurdly strenuous, though with good protection. He somehow persuaded Matt to lead it as well later. I led the very pleasant *Square Root* (HS 4b) on Cubic Block. Steve also led a very traditional chimney-type climb, *The Belfry* in the Happy Days Area (S 4a), with very rounded exit, again very strenuous. Rejoining Karl and Tony, I gather they had climbed *Minion's Way* (HVS 5b), one of the three-star classics of the place, an overhanging jamming crack. I tried to lead *Right Hand Crack* (VS 4b) but gave up halfway, as I *wasn't* trapped this time, it had been hardish, looked harder higher up and looked like it needed big gear. Matt took over and I was relieved I hadn't gone any further, a rounded exit as hard as anything else on it.

Coming away, the awful realisation dawned on Matt that he had successfully climbed nothing harder than VS all day, having earlier worried Steve and myself by getting most of the way up *Central Crack* (VS 5a) on the magnificent Cracked Buttress without bothering with any runners.)

I think various pieces of advice in the guide are correct: big friends are useful (preferably 'one pulling from the top and one pushing from the bottom', in one route description); exits do tend to be rounded and unhelpful (Matt proved this by falling

off something which should have been easy for him, by misjudging the finishing hold); it is somewhat confusing and the path to the house is probably the best way to orient yourself, if unfamiliar with the locale. There's any amount of stuff here, it seems likely that pretty much everyone would find something to suit them. It's worth mentioning that descents can be tricky: about to set off up something easy, Steve pointed out that I would have to come back the same way. Finally, a real shocker: Tony and Karl left before Matt and me.

Thanks very much to everyone who turned up.

Gerard Conway

Ogwen June 9-10

Me & Steve drove up Friday Night to find Roger & Debbie already set up close to the toilets (obviously for Roger's benefit!) (*I'm not sure if I like or even understand that comment - Ed's spouse*) Another 10 members arrived that night. Sorry Rog & Deb for ending you to the wrong pub. Another 10 members turned up Saturday morning in glorious sunshine. Alison & Ian drove round to Llanberis Pass, Shaun & Darryl slogged up to Cloggy while the rest of us enjoyed a great day doing classic routes on Tryfan. A late finish resulted after Steve jumping across Adam & Eve & me thinking for ten minutes on not to jump across! Adrian Dawe & partner Viv got drunk at their BBQ waiting for us while we all went to the pub for grub.

Sunday was again a glorious morning & Ken decided to drag some of us over to the Slate Quarries (Bus Stop). Thankfully it started to rain before I got onto the Extreme climbing! Blacky & son Jordan went up the North Ridge of Tryfan & onto Bristly Ridge while the more sensible of the club went to Idwal, rain stopping play in the afternoon. Back to the Tyn-y-Coed for drinks & stories before heading home.

Thanks for a great turn out again to everybody (too many to name). Hope to see as many at Llanberis

Mark Adams

Roaring Hole June 10

It was a beautiful warm summer day, and we were perspiring heavily by the time we reached the entrance. This did not immediately ease, due to the strenuous nature of negotiating the boulder chokes. Several short ladder descents and a traverse protected by an in-situ rope eventually led to a low wet bedding plane, where we rapidly cooled off. This leads to the final pitch, which drops directly into a sump. After dipping our toes in the deep pool, we headed out, and emerged back in the heat.

Thankfully it was only a short walk back to the car, and off to the pub for a welcome pint.

John Stringfellow

Malham/Trowbarrow June 17

Four climbers made the meet and braved the bad weather to climb one route in the rain *Terrace Wall* VS 5a' I reckon this route would have

stopped many VS leaders even in dry conditions but we did it. Stood at the top of the cove, looking at the black clouds above us, drenched, we could see clear skies in the west so off we went to Trowbarrow were Murray and his mate Simon didn't waste any time on *Coral Sea*, *Jean Jeanie* and *Hollow Earth*, while I held the rope for Karl's route X, but a dodgy hold that broke off gave him a good 10 foot fall. Later Karl, on another route X, was rewarded with a new route to his name (I believe he called it *Flash* E2 5b and well worth the grade). Then we finished off on *Cracked Actor*, and got to the bottom at 8:30pm where Murray and Simon said they were going to do another route. All in all I think we rescued what was forecast to be a bad day.

Thanks team for turning up.

Tony Madden

Wasdale June 23/24

An excellent turn out despite the lousy forecast. In the event, though Saturday looked like rain from the word go and therefore persuaded the whole party to head out towards Gable for a mass scramble, ever the optimist Pete Nugent carried his climbing gear and despite the cold wouldn't be dissuaded from stopping to climb on Kern Knotts. As Intrepid Meet Leader I volunteered to join him and a happy(!) time ensued following VS in my walking boots- a salutary lesson if ever there was one, especially when one considers that *Kern Knotts Crack* was put up in 1898.



Photo: Pete Nugent on KKC (Credit John Shaw)

The rest of the party enjoyed an energetic day Threading the Needle, Sphinx Gully, etc over Gable and Kirk Fell.

Sunday dawned wet and a slightly reduced number walked up past Piers Gyll and over Scafell Pikes. Whilst damp on and off, it was warmer and we drove home in the sunshine.

Thanks to my wife Beryl, daughter Rosie, Sarah and Tony, Pete, Dave Wearing (a special mention for his motivating enthusiasm), Gerard, Roger and Debbie.

Ps: I felt relieved to see the *Innominate Crack* we climbed was actually originally done in plimsolls, if the picture in the Wasdale Head Inn can be believed.

John Shaw

ACCESS AND THE CRAG ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTH WEST

From Les Ainsworth (BMC area access negotiator.)

This is an abbreviated version of an article circulated to climbers on the Internet. Please contact me if you would like to see the full version Ed

When I started climbing in the mid-sixties there were only nine climbs in Lancashire described in any guidebook. Now, in the area covered by the recent reprint, there are well over 3,000. This is a valuable recreational resource for climbers in the North West, but unfortunately, many of the climbs and crags in our area need constant attention in order to prevent them becoming overgrown.

Whilst past performance on maintaining our crag environment may have been poor, I am very pleased to note that there have recently been some very successful clean ups during which large numbers of climbers have spent a couple of hours of their time to improve the climbing at several crags. Those that participated appeared to enjoy the work and felt that they had contributed to improving Lancs climbing. The results have been impressive *Crags worked on are listed below*. Egerton: Wilton 2 Warton Pinnacle

Crag: Please play your part and don't just leave it to others.

1. Keep to access arrangements: Otherwise, the few selfish climbers spoil it for the rest of us. *For example, access at Witches is again in doubt.*

2. Don't leave litter: Even biodegradable items such as banana skins or orange peel take several months to disperse, so please take ALL your litter home. Better still, *pick up some extra.*

3. Clean as you climb: By far the easiest way to keep climbs clean is to remove small bits of vegetation before they take hold. So, if you come across a muddy ledge, or a bit of vegetation on a hold, remove it, or give your second a tight rope and whilst he clears it...

4. Come along to one of our clean up days: *No more planned at the moment.*

5. Do your own clean up: There are several things that need doing in the area, including route clean ups and litter drives. However, please do not undertake any major works, or the removal of any trees that are more than 4" in diameter, without first talking to me, so that I can get the landowners consent.

The following are things that need doing for which we have permission. However, could you please give me feedback if you do any of this work: Anglezarke: Clean up of Whittaker's Almanac after rockfall.

Removal of tree that is hanging on the cable in Supai Corner.: Moving cut down wood below Left Walls and forming habitat piles. Clean up of tops above Nowhere Man. Lester Mill: Removal of saplings at foot of climbs. Wilton 1: Removal of sapling at foot of The Prow.

6. Replace rusting pegs: Many of the pegs that have been placed in the Lancs quarries are now decades old and some are paper thin, but it is difficult to keep track of these.....So, if you come across any such pegs, it would be really helpful if you would either return and insert a replacement peg, or else let me know that replacement is needed.

NEW CLIMBING SHOP IN BOLTON

Alpine Extreme Ltd 254-258 Bolton Road, Westhoughton, Bolton

We are an outdoor shop recently opened in Westhoughton. We sell outdoor clothing and boots, climbing and camping equipment with many accessories and if we don't have what you require in store, we try our best to get it for you! We are interested in introducing ourselves to local climbing/walking groups and with that in mind are offering a 15% discount on all purchases to members of these groups until the end of June 2007. *(Offer extended to the end of July)*

We also offer a free loyalty scheme with a constant 10% discount and many special offers.

To find us, follow the A6 through Westhoughton until you come to traffic lights at the White Horse Tavern. Turn down by the pub and almost immediately on your left you will see the Merlin Petrol Station. We are there on the back of the forecourt and there is ample parking.

CHILD PROTECTION

Following information circulated by the BMC with regard to recent Government legislation the committee recommends that all members behave with circumspection when children (under the age of 18) are on meets or using the club huts.

In Particular

Any club member bringing a child (that is not their own) to a meet is deemed to be 'in loco parentis'. As such they are responsible for acceptance of sleeping arrangements etc

Any club member using Tranearth when an outside group including children is there should use the Members' Room

ANNUAL DINNER: PRIZES?

Nov 25th Church House

There have been frequent suggestions from various members of the club that the format of the Dinner could be varied, Buffet/Barndance/weekend at YH. etc

With the Church House under new (excellent food) management the committee decided to support the new owners, but it has been suggested that we make the dinner less formal, with some spot prizes.

I have been 'volunteered' to co-ordinate this.

PLEASE HELP.

Make note of anyone doing anything worthy of a 'prize' and let me have your ideas

Any offers to provide suitable prizes would also be welcome.

Debbie

CLUB BUSINESS

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Points of interest from the minutes meeting on May 22

- **Child Protection:** Following discussion on information from BMC, the committee recommended that club members be informed about problems related to bringing children on club meets (see box on page 9). This information will also be sent to other groups using Tranearth.
- **Fire Safety in Huts:** Roger reported that the work recommended by a Kendal firm could cost £4000. Further information on the need for such large scale work is to be sought. A survey will be carried out at Dan-y-Mynydd.
- **Library:** there was a brief discussion about the club archives, what should be kept, where and how. A full discussion on the library was again deferred.
- **Dogs:** Letters relating to this issue pointed out that the matter was discussed and settled at an AGM recently. The matter will be reviewed in Sept before the next AGM
- **Secretary:** various names were suggested but no one is currently available. Phil Tucker is acting as temporary secretary.

Steve Prior (NB New Address) e-mail steveprior18@msn.com

NEW GRADUATE MEMBER

CliveRawes

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rachel Fry My mobile number is the same

Chris Jackson is no longer living in Christchurch New Zealand, he is back at his old UK address. w (same email address)

Moses Lungu Mob 07931 319443

Steve Prior see above

Stephanie Connor has a new e-mail address Stephanie.Connor@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk

Alan and Aida Sutton's e-mail address is aidaandalan@yahoo.co.uk NOT alanandaidda@yahoo.co.uk

Harold Newman new e-mail is harold197@btinternet.com

Barry Walton new e-mail address, this one works! barry.walton725@btinternet.com

Roger & Debbie Wilkinson have a new mobile (which works at their home) 07919 021106.

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Hon Sec: position vacant, contact Chairman, or Phil Tucker or Debbie Wilkinson

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Offers to co-ordinate meets and ideas about future meets are welcome at any time

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow, 3or Les Mottram mobile 07968 285620 or

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

Tranearth is often booked at short notice by commercial groups (especially mid-week). Please do not assume Tranearth will be empty.

July 2	Brathay	July 18	Impact
July 3	Pete Cosgrove	July 27-29	Outdoor Instructors
July 6-8	Francis Outdoor Club	July24-Aug 30	
July 10	Brathay		

DAN-Y-MYNYDD BOOKINGS

Dan-y-Mynydd has limited space and no members' room, so the hut is not available for members when there is an outside booking

July 13-15	Forest of Dean Caving Club	July 27-29	LC&CC Meet
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THURSDAY EVENING CLIMBING MEETS

One or more of those shown on contact list (below) should be there if the weather is fine, usually from 5pm to dusk. Last year I don't think the club missed a fine Thursday evening throughout the summer. For unsettled weather definitely ring around 3:30pm on the day to check that someone will be turning out. Grades from V Diff upwards.

Bob Bowdler H 01942 322 991 M 07960 978 874

Geoff Dawson H 01772 336 828

Murray Gallagher H 01613 441 109 M 07929 661 403

July 5	Wilton 1	Aug 16	Anglezarke
July 12	Farleton	Aug 23	Wilton 1
July 19	Stronstrey Bank	Aug 30	Egerton
July 26	Hobson Moor	Sept 6	Stanworth
Aug 2	Witches	Sept 13	Brownstone
Aug 9	Wilton 2/3		

MEETS LIST

Meet venues may be changed in the event of bad weather. Please ring meet co-ordinators to let them know that you are going on a meet.

DATE	TITLE/VENUE	AC	ACTIVITY	MC
July 1	Attermire		Climb	John Banks
July 8	Cow Pot		Cave	Mike Hale
July 7/8	Llanberis	Camp	Climb	Mark Adams
July 15	Austwick		Climb	Contact Ken
July 22	Stream Passage Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
July 21/22	Borrowdale	Camp	Climb	Chris Wheatley
July 27/29	Dan-y-Mynydd	hut	walk	Joyce Taylor
Aug 4/5	Dorset	Camp	Climb	Ken Tebay
Aug 12	Great Close Scar or Dorset?		Climb	See group e-mail
Aug 12	Gingling Hole		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Aug 18/19	Buttermere	Camp	Climb	Dave Wearing
Aug 19	Diccan Pot		Cave	Les Mottram
Aug 26	Howgills		Walk	Brian Carlisle
Aug 25-30	Families Meet Tranearth	Camp	Climb	Bernie Jordan
Aug 23-28	Bank Holiday/ Lundy	Camp	Climb	John Roberts
Sept 2	Disappointment Pot		Cave	Nick Bennett
Sept 2	Widdop ??		Climb	Contact Ken
Sept 8/9	Clapham	Camp	Climb	Geoff Haigh
Sept 16	Gavel Pot		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Sept 16	Ilkley ??			Contact Ken
Sept 22/23	Wye Valley	Camp	Climb	Pete Blackburn
Sept 30	Smelt Gill Beck		Cave	John Stringfellow
Sept 30	Langdale			Rog & Deb Wilkinson
Oct 3-17	Kalymnos	Studio	Climb	Rog & Deb Wilkinson
Oct 13-20	Sardinia	Studio	Climb	Alison Athroll
Oct 7	Dales??			
Oct 14	Wye Valley	Camp	Climb	Pete Blackburn
Oct 14	Birksfell Cave		Cave	Mike Hale
Oct 21	Dales??			
Oct 27/28	Vets Meet Tranearth	Hut		Peter Jordan
Oct 28	Cherry Tree Hole		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Nov 3/4	Tranearth Bonfire	Hut		

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