

## EDITORIAL

Winter is nearly over - I know some have been climbing on rock as well as ice through the cold season and the cavers continue to meet - its warmer underground! But meet reports are brief and this is a slimline Newsletter.

The new committee is getting stuck into business, such as what to do with an under-used library. I heard that other clubs have donated their books to National Institutes.

And a new look at Meet arrangements now managed by Ken has produced a vibrant start to the year. The committee decided a full year in the Handbook was just too far ahead so only major events are to be listed there. I was reminded that the club used to have bi-annual 'Meet Cards' before the advent of the handbook. So I have unilaterally decided to try one for the first 4 months from March. Please let us know if this is useful innovation, and a suitable design.

Please get in touch with a member of the committee if you have views on these or other topics.

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**NEXT ISSUE DUE OUT May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Mar 10/11</b>	<b>Tranearth</b>	<b>Ken Tebay</b>
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I will be in the Church House, Torver, about 9-30pm but I will be camping down in Torver. Please ring to say you are coming.

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Peak/Dales</b>	<b>John Banks</b>
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Depending on the weather, I plan to climb in the Dales or Lake District. Please give me a ring a few days before when the forecast is available.

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Giant's Hole</b>	<b>Andy Homonnai</b>
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This is one of the classic caves of Derbyshire. It is hoped to do a round trip, which has no pitches. This trip will be dependent on the weather as Giant's is an active stream cave, which should not be entered in flood, or if the weather is doubtful. Meet at the main car park in Castleton at 9-30am.



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**Newsletter No. 427 March/April 2007**

<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Attermire Scar, Yorkshire Limestone</b>	<b>Karl Lunt</b>
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There is usually somewhere facing the sun/out of the wind here if it isn't actually wet. Plenty of steep limestone of all grades to guarantee a good drubbing for everyone. You can even take your own souvenir holds home from some routes. *Moonshine*, HS, is a must at the grade and even has 2 pitches - bring your big cow bells though. Plenty of scope for grade arguments too. Now I have been told that the weaker-willed just cannot handle my hard line approach to dawn starts and climbing until exhaustion/dark sets in. In view of this I will allow assembly at the Naked Man in Settle at 9.30 am so that the likes of Tebay (if not hiding in Norway, the great soft jessie) can come out to play as well. For those not in the know the Naked Man is a cafe in the central square not a gay bar - sorry if that disappoints anyone but this is Yorkshire after all.

<b>Mar 30/Ap 1</b>	<b>Tranearth</b>	<b>Lawrence &amp; Bernie Jordan</b>
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Weather permitting, we will be at the hut by 9.00 on Friday for a weekend of walking and climbing. Give us a ring if you are coming.

<b>Ap 2</b>	<b>Corky's Pot</b>	<b>John Stringfellow</b>
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This is a new way into the Gaping Gill system only opened up a couple of years ago. It has six short pitches, interspersed with horizontal passages and a final drop of 40 metres into Far East Passage. A combination of ladders and SRT will be used. Meet at Brookhouse café, Clapham, at 9-00am.

<b>Ap 6-9</b>	<b>Easter in Pembroke (St David's)</b>	<b>Ken Tebay</b>
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We will be camping at the *Glan-y-Mor* camp site about 1/2 a mile from St David's. (From St David's, go along the A487, east for 1/4 of a mile, turn right down towards Caerfai Bay - the site is the first on the left after 1/4 mile.) I will be down early Thursday evening, in a white Merc camper van, and will be staying down a few more days, weather permitting. There is plenty to do for everybody at all grades and it is well worth making the effort to travel down, if only for the obligatory BBQ Saturday night. I will try to book a spot on one of the fields for a few tents, so let me know if you are coming if possible, so I can tell the proprietor how many tents to expect.

<b>Ap 15</b>	<b>Standing Stones SE 037053</b>	<b>John Roberts</b>
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Where the A635 from Greenfield ceases to rise, levels out & turns left across the moor to Holmfirth there is a lay-by (SE 039061). Cross the road & walk southwards & after 10-15 minutes the top of the crag is reached. The rocks are hidden below & are out of sight until the last moment. The crag is South-facing & gives climbing throughout the grades, the best quality being found on the mid-grade routes. Lack of knowledge re local cafes means the meet leader will be at the lay-by no later than 10 -

hopefully! If I don't see you at the lay-by I'll see you on the crag, for some quality climbing - not necessarily by me!

<b>Ap 15</b>	<b>Simpson's Pot</b>	<b>Graham Phillips</b>
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Any climbers who fancy a change, this is a good one to do. It is one of the classic abseil pull through trips of the Yorkshire Dales. You walk up the side of Kingsdale to the entrance and then descend down about eight pitches and through some wonderful passages to emerge almost at the side of the road. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9-30am.

<b>Ap 21/22</b>	<b>Dan-y-Mynydd</b>	<b>Phil Tucker</b>
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I will open up the hut around 8pm then go on to the later. Please phone to let me know you are coming - I may not go in bad weather. Phone for information and to share lifts.

<b>Ap 28</b>	<b>Swindale</b>	<b>Rog &amp; Debbie Wilkinson</b>
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Swindale is a great little crag on the extreme east of the Lakes, easy of access being close to the M6. There are quality routes across the grades, including some three star classics. *The Fang* must rank as one of the top MVS routes in the District and *Kenel Wall* is a must at a somewhat easier grade. The big problem is parking near the farm - very limited. Please share cars, and/or meet up with the MCs at the car park on the right in the middle of Shap at 10 am so we can double up. Give us a ring if you're coming, especially if weather looks doubtful.

<b>May 6</b>	<b>Aqua Mole</b>	<b>Les Mottram</b>
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A superb though relatively short SRT trip, with three pitches, the final one 60 metres to a sump. The pothole is located close to the Turbary road in Kingsdale and is only a short walk. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton at 9-30am.

<b>May 5-7</b>	<b>Bank Holiday on Arran</b>	<b>John Roberts</b>
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Though Glen Rosa is usually the preferred camping spot, I intend to camp at Kildonan, on the south of the island. The site is adjacent to The Kildonan Hotel and has good facilities and the advantage of a bar close to! This site will not be viable for anyone who intends to go as a foot passenger on the ferry since it is roughly a half hour drive round to Glen Rosa. But I'm sure that any "split" can be minimized and that meeting up with each other will not be a problem.

As for the venue - wonderful scenery, climbing and walking. I intend to be on the island no later than Saturday a.m. (5<sup>th</sup> May) - even the previous day if I decide to tag an extra day or two on to the holiday. It is advisable that anyone attending the meet should book the ferry (from Ardrossan) ASAP. Apologies for the scant details but should further info be required give me a call on 01939 261252.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

I have booked the Church House on Sat the 13<sup>th</sup> May for a Birthday Party for me and Phil Griffiths. Tranearth has also been booked and there is camping at the pub at £5 per tent. I am also trying to book the school house next door to the pub. Anybody posh can stay at the pub at £30 for B&B. We will put on a hotpot supper and a veg dish, cost ~£6.50 but me and Phil will make a contribution to reduce the cost. Those with children will be welcome. See you soon, Ken.

### MEET CONTACT DETAILS

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## INFORMATION & FUTURE PLANS

### SPAIN: MARCH 26 -APRIL 6

A group of 8 (only 4 climbers so far & happy to share ropes with an odd number) are going to Spain ( Costa Blanca) March 26 - Ap6 There is still time to join us.

Debbie & Roger Wilkinson

### ARRAN Early MAY BANK HOLIDAY 5-7 MAY

Late decision to have break on Arran. See meet details on previous page.

John Roberts

### SKYE Late MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May

We have the week off and intend to go to Skye. This is dependent on the weather so give us a ring beforehand if you are considering coming. We may move to another part of Scotland mid week.

Bernie and Lawrence Jordan

### TRANEARTH FAMILIES MEET Sat 25<sup>th</sup> -Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Aug

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.

Bernie Jordan

### AUSTRIA SUMMER 2007

I will be undertaking an extended hut to hut tour of approximately 3 weeks during September (see last Issue). If any members are interested please get in touch.

Allan Hartley

### KALYMNOS (Possibly Oct 10-24)

Flights are relatively cheap at the moment so we will probably book quite soon. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Roger & Debbie Wilkinson

## MEET REPORTS

*OOPS.. This is to remind you of sunshine and warm weather.*

*Sorry Blacky, you just missed the Sept Newsletter, then got forgotten - how could I!*

### BANK HOLIDAY MEET Aug 26/27 2006

I'll start with apologies firstly to anybody who wanted to go to the Welsh hut, but with this being a bank holiday weekend and probably the last camping holiday of the summer (looking at the forecast), active members along with myself wanted to take advantage, though as we travelled up through all the rain I was beginning to have my doubts!

Ken and family had spent Friday night at the very busy and rowdy Valley of the Rocks campsite Ken claims it was others making all the noise! Mark Adams travelled up with me and the tribe and was pleased to see the sun shining once on Anglesey,

and after squeezing onto the campsite Mark, Ken and myself got 3 routes done on Holyhead Mountain in fine sunny weather. Tony Madden decided not to come up as it was p\*\*\*ing it down on the mainland! (Rained all day in the pass).

We met up with Pete and Judith on the campsite who had been kayaking that day (forgot where) and Pete Nugent conveniently turned up when the first bottle of wine was opened and the Bar-B-Q was alight which went on well into the night but still didn't compete with the rowdy campers one of whom I had to wake the next morning while he slept snoring in the men's toilets hanging onto the toilet base!

Sunday was another bright sunny day. Ken and Pete Nugent chose *Wen*, while Mark, me, Pete, and Judith decided on *Britomartis*, which had a really wet start due to us arriving late

(usual Lancs meet standard) and high tide at 1 o'clock. The rusty pegs on the belay still work - they stopped Mark from going for a swim as he slipped off the wet rock! Robo and Steph met us at the campsite after a day on Holyhead Mountain, Robin Hodgkinson put his tent up and joined us in Trearddur Bay Hotel after a day's climbing in the wet with Adrian Perkin. Judith would like to put on record that I left before last orders and had been drinking lemonade and lime!

Monday was again a sunny day but unfortunately I had to take my tribe home. Ken also travelled home, Pete and Judith again went Kayaking while Pete, nursing a hangover, helped Robin achieve his ambition by doing *Dream*.

Excellent weekend, hope everyone else was able to miss the terrible wet weather.

Blacky

### CHRISTMAS SUPPER WALK Dec 17

Another success (I hope). The weather was fine, an interval in the bad weather. A little mist and cold on the summit of Ingleborough made it an ideal spot for lunch, but as usual, apart from about three devout followers who shivered their way through lunch there, the remainder ignored my non-existent authority and dined below the summit and out of the wind. With the safety of the majority in mind I had to lunch with them. Shame. Leaving the summit and mist the weather became warmer and sunnier and we proceeded to our next stop at Thieves Gate above Crummack Dale for more nosh and to make sure

they didn't get back until it was just about dark.

Thanks to all who came. You don't give up do you? Twenty and one dog walked. If you were there you know who. We dined at the Helwith Bridge Hotel and I hope everyone enjoyed both walk and meal as much as I did. --See you next year.

Barry Walton

### DAN-Y-MYNYDD Jan 20/21

Myself and Steve Martin met Ken and grad Dave Ryder in the Kings Head (after cleaning up the mess the family of mice had left in the hut). Come one o'clock it had become apparent that we were not going to be thrown out, and so we forced our way from the Tap!

Saturday morning was wet & cold but after a big cooked breakfast at the train station we hit the rock, introducing Dave to leading his first VD (*Kirkus's Climb*) and then his first Severe (*Block*). A good fill of food/wine and beer plus poor weather outside kept us in the hut for the night.

Sunday was again wet and windy. I optimistically chose *White Streak* for Dave to lead his first Hard Severe, which resulted in us showing Dave the finer art of RETREAT after struggling up the slab of the first pitch in a hail storm :-(! We warmed up back at the hut with a brew and then returned home. Thanks to Ken, Dave and Steve Blacky

### NOT DYM! Jan 27th

*Adrian sent a report of his lonely weekend at Dan-y-Mynydd BUT it has been stolen by the Journal editor!*

Firstly, huge apologies to Adrian Perkin who spent the weekend up at the Welsh hut on his own (apart from the family of mice!) due to my one brain cell translating Adrian's words of "I'm out of the climbing circle living in Norwich" to "he won't be climbing - could I arrange the meet"! I did arrange the meet - for the Peaks! Sorry Adrian.

Moving on quickly - I met up with Robbo at Shrewsbury and the weather got increasingly worse the further north we got with rain, wind and snow on the tops. We met Ken and Gerrard and Karl Lunt and Tony Madden and Robbo's friend Paul at Outside, Hathersage.

After the usual lengthy debate we finally moved to Lawrencefield, where we managed to climb grades from VD - HVS in the wind and rain. Not sure what what Karl and Tony were climbing - HVS+ I would imagine. We were joined by more friends of Robbo's - Roger followed me up a wet Nova watched by Nicky who decided enough was enough and forced us into the Millstone Inn for beverages.

Again apologies to Adrian for my lack of edgemication & thanks to the hard core keeping the meets going.

(I forgot to mention Geoff Hibbert was also on the scene somewhere - talk of Ulysses E6 6b!\*(!\*) )

Blacky  
*As a 'fine weather climber' I am constantly amazed at what you guys get up to. Thanks for the meet reports Blacky, keep them coming. Ed*

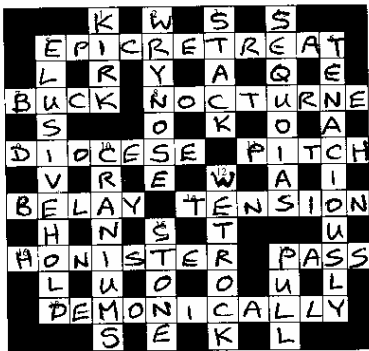
### MEREGILL HOLE Feb 18

Four members turned up at Bernies ready for a day's caving. There was no set venue as Birksfell cave had been cancelled due to access not being permitted at this time of year. My proposal to do Meregill was accepted, and four was a good number to carry the large amount of ropes and tackle needed. The Aven entrance was found to require a short thrutch to reach the first pitch head, but from there onwards, it was an enjoyable SRT descent down six pitches to reach the master cave. We followed the master cave for around 500 metres down impressive water sculpted passages, and when the roof lowered to the point where flat out crawling in the water would be required to make any further progress we decided to call it a day. The outward journey was laborious but uneventful, and we finally arrived at the surface in the dark, after seven hours underground.

A superb trip, certainly one of the best in the Dales. It must have been a major undertaking when it was first explored in 1908 by the Yorkshire Ramblers Club. Thanks to those who came along, Nick Bennett, Andy Homonnai and Tom Towers.

John Stringfellow

**Cryptic Crossword Solution (see previous issue)**



**Journal**

I am just starting the editing process - if you have a contribution to make, could you please do it soon and/or let me know to expect it.  
Thanks.  
Roger Wilkinson, Editor

**CLUB BUSINESS**

**NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Points of interest from the minutes of the January Committee Meeting  
HUTS

- A 'new' hob donated by users of Dan-y-Mynydd has been transported there and fitted.
- Roger Wilkinson is to compile a 'Tranearth Maintenance Manual'.
- The local electrician at Tan y Grisiau is to be asked (*has subsequently agreed*) to make monthly visits to Dan-y-Mynydd to comply with insurance requirements.

**MEETS**

Following discussions at the AGM the committee agreed the following points:

- The format of weekly meets should be retained.
- There should be more meets in huts other than LC&CC huts.

- There should be a rolling meets programme (3 to 6 months ahead with some exceptions) primarily broadcast through the newsletter
- Only key meets should be recorded in the handbook (the AGM, the annual dinners, the bonfire meet, significant holiday meets)
- The climbing and caving meets programmes should be co-ordinated so as to make it easier for cavers to attend key climbing and other meets.

**MEETS CO-ORDINATOR**

Lawrence Jordan reiterated his desire to stand down as due to injury he is not able to climb at the moment.

**HANDBOOK**

- The 2007 handbook is being compiled. Anyone with address etc corrections should notify the Membership Sec. Sandra Handcock. Corrections noted in the Newsletter are automatically forwarded.

**FUTURE BUSINESS.**

The following items will be discussed at the next meeting.

- The future of the library. (*We hear that other clubs have donated their libraries to suitable institutions*)
- Review of the 'dogs in huts' rule.
- Means to promote membership

**NEW MEETS CO-ORDINATOR**

Since the committee meeting, Ken has offered to take over co-ordinating the meets list allowing Lawrence to resign. Thanks to Lawrence for doing an excellent job over the last few years.

Please make Ken's takeover easy by offering to do some meets in the coming year.

**NEW FULL MEMBER**

Gillian Ainsworth, Lancaster Tel 01524 846230 Mob 07799 811944

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Bob Hampson (*Sorry Correction*) e-mail is [triplebbbooks@merseysidemail.com](mailto:triplebbbooks@merseysidemail.com)

Val Stork has moved to France, but does not yet have a permanent residence. Her e-mail is [valyork@yahoo.com](mailto:valyork@yahoo.com)

David & Jean Llewellyn.

Martin Evans

Ken Talbot

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Climbing Meets Secretary: Ken Tebay, [ken\\_tebay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ken_tebay@yahoo.co.uk)

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

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow, [john\\_stringfellow@beeb.net](mailto:john_stringfellow@beeb.net)

**TRANEARTH BOOKINGS**

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

Mar 1-4	Wrekin (working party)	Ap 2-3	Impact
Mar 9-11	LC&CC	Ap 13-14	J Griffiths
Mar 16-18	Craven MC	Ap 20-22	LC&CC
Mar 27	Impact	Ap 26-29	A Batterley
Mar 30 Ap1	LC&CC		

**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

Mar 2-4	LC&CC	Mar 16-18	Phil Griffiths
Mar 9-11	Barts & Royal London A. C.	Ap 20-22	LC&CC

**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 M 07960 978 874

Geoff Dawson

Murray Gallagher M 07929 661 403

April 19	Denham	May 17	Troy
April 26	Wilton 3	May 24	Egerton
May 3	Anglezarke	May 3	Witches
May 10	Wilton 1		

**For Sale: Chairman's Ski Kit**

Complete Ski Touring kit: Dynastars 4\*4 Skis, Skins, Harscheissen, Fritschi touring Bindings, Scarpa Denali Touring Boots Size 8. The Skis are just 6 years old, well regarded early carving type. Boots approx 4 years old, skins new. All equipment in excellent condition, original cost in region of £800. Offers considered in range of £100 to £200. 1 may split.

Contact John Shaw, 01204 847404, or [john@jshaw.co.uk](mailto:john@jshaw.co.uk).

**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
Mar 10/11	Tranearth	Hut	Climb/walk	Ken Tebay
Mar 18	Peak/Dales		Climb	John Banks
Mar 18	Giant's Hole		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Mar 26	Attermire		Climb	Karl Lunt
Ap 31/M 1	Tranearth	Hut	Climb/walk	L & B Jordan
April 2	Corky's Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
April 6-9	EASTER Pembroke	Camp	Climb/walk	Ken Tebay
April 15	Standing Stones		Climb	John Roberts
April 15	Simpson's Pot		Cave	Graham Phillips
Ap 21/22	Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut	Climb	Phil Tucker
Ap 27/28	Swindale		Climb	Rog& Deb Wilkinson
Ap 29	Ireby Fell Cavern		Cave	Mike Hale
May 5-7	MAY BANK HOLIDAY Arran	Camp	Climb	John Roberts
May 6	Agua Mole		Cave	Les Mottram
May 12/13	Tranearth Birthday		Social/climb/walk	Tebay/Griffiths
May 13	Pendle Trip Crossing		Walk	Jack Wood
May 13	Smelmill Beck Cave		Cave	John Stringfellow
May 20	Staden Quarry		Climb	Tony Mercer
May 26-29	MAY BANK HOLIDAY Skye	Camp	Climb/walk	L & B Jordan
May 27	Long Kin East		Cave	Mike Hale
June 3	Brimham		Climb	Gerard Conway
June 10	Roaring Hole		Cave	John Stringfellow
June 9/10	Ogwen	Camp	Climb	Tony Mercer
June 17	Malham		Climb	Tony Madden
June 24	Gaping Gill		Cave	Andy Homonnai
June 23-24	Wasdale/Borrowdale		Climb	
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	
July 21/22	Borrowdale/Wasdale	Camp	Climb	