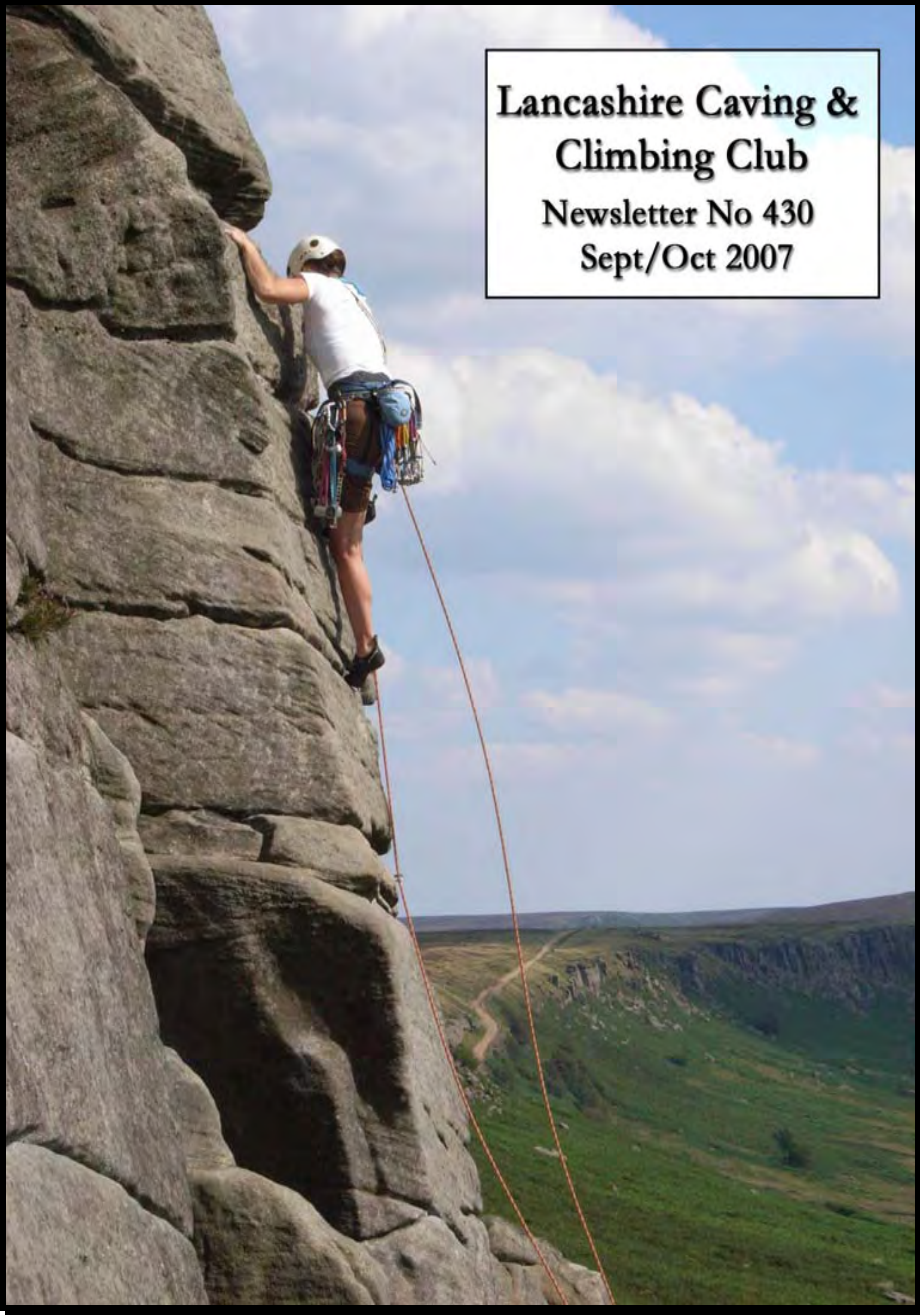


Cover Picture: Alison Athroll on High Neb Buttress (VS 4c), Stanage meet, Aug 5.



**Lancashire Caving &
Climbing Club**
Newsletter No 430
Sept/Oct 2007

EDITORIAL

You should find enclosed :-

Journal; Subscription Renewal Slip; Dinner Booking Slip.

I've been reading the Journal with great pleasure, since it came back from the printers. I hope it gives similar enjoyment to all of you, some lovely writing and great adventures.

As always, I'm struggling with Indoor Meets just now. I presume we do want them? Some 30-40 of you turn up for most of them, but I'd love to hand the job to someone else and I do need contributors. Many of you offered ideas last year, but we need to re-visit some of them. Please get in touch.

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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.

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Hon Treasurer: Barry Walton,
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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.

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.

Sept 16	Matlock Bath	Adrian Perkin
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Mountain biking in the Peak on Saturday; those interested should phone me. Camping to be arranged. Climbing at Wild Cat, Matlock Bath on Sunday. Parking in the hidden and unadvertised (free) car park reached by turning off the A6 to New Bath Hotel between Cromford and Matlock Bath, and turning right just before the Hotel. Crag reached by turning left across A6 then to footbridge reached through "pleasure gardens". Turn right after bridge, follow zig-zag path till gap in wall leads to the crag. Meet at 10 am at the car park or later on the crag.

Sept 16	Dow Cave/Dowbergill Passage	Andy Homonnai
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I am hoping to do Dowbergill passage. This provides a link between Providence Pot and Dow Cave, and is perhaps the most celebrated and notorious passage in the Yorkshire Dales. No equipment is necessary, though there are many difficulties and route finding can be difficult. Hopefully, a good route description and past experience will sort out the latter. Dow Cave is a pleasant Grade 2, if anyone fancies something easier. Meet at the main car park in Kettlewell, on the left near the bridge, at 9:00 am.

Sept 22/23	Wye Valley (or Peak)	Pete Blackburne
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I am planning a weekend camping in Wye valley, but if no-one is interested it will be a day in the Peak. Please phone or e-mail the week before to make plans.

Sept 30	Smelt Gill Beck	John Stringfellow
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This is a grade 2 cave near Brough. There are no pitches, but at a length of 1.9km there should be plenty to explore. The trip will be weather-dependent as after heavy rain the entrance series sumps. Ring John to confirm the meet is going ahead and to arrange a meeting place. Tel: 01772 337343.

Sept 30	Langdale	Rog & Debbie Wilkinson
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If we are having the expected (?) Indian Summer by this time we will probably be climbing both days, otherwise just the Sunday. Venue needs no introduction, loads of brilliant routes of all grades. Expect to meet at 10 am in NDG car park. Bring your National Trust card for parking or maybe car share - it's about a fiver a day now. Please ring so we know to expect you, especially if weather looks poor.

Oct 3-17	Kalymnos	Rog & Debbie Wilkinson
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Eight people going so far. 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 asap if you are interested.

Oct 6/7	Grads Meet Tranearth	Sandra Handcock
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These meets used to be regular and popular, an occasion for Grads and new members to meet lots of club members. I hope lots of you will make the effort to support the meet (and see the new stove in action). Please ring for shared lifts etc. I'll hope to be in The Church late Friday evening.

Oct 13-20	Sardinia	Alison Athroll
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More than 8 of us have booked flights to Sardinia in October (£55 return). If anyone else is interested contact Alison Athroll or Ken Tebay

Oct 14	Peak ?	Phil Tucker
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No special plans so give me a ring during the week if you want to get out on Sunday

Oct 14	Birksfell Cave	Mike Hale
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This grade 4 cave is situated near Buckden in Wharfedale, and is a long trip with four short pitches. Meet at the main car park in Kettlewell, on the left near the bridge, at 9:00 am

Oct 27/28	Vets Meet (Tranearth)	Joyce Taylor
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As Peter may not be able to make it, I'm wearing his cap and hoping for a good turnout. All welcome: no age limits - just come to climb or walk or do whatever you fancy & if a Saturday walk on Whitbarrow appeals, meet at Raven's Lodge GR462853 for an 11am start. There's plenty of parking space at the foot of the scar nearby.

Oct 28	Cherry Tree Hole	Andy Homonnai
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This cave is 41 m deep and 1200 m long. As it has only a couple of short pitches and is Grade 4, I suspect there may be some tough going. The cave is on Darnbrook Fell to the north of Malham. Meet at the Naked Man Café, Settle at 9-30am.

Nov 3/4	Bonfire Meet (Tranearth)	Geoff Hibbert?
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Normal format, pub on Friday, collect wood on Saturday then barbeque and fireworks. Lots of children there last year, they had a great time. Please ring beforehand so I know how many to cater for and/or bring your own food. As judging numbers was difficult last year, would veggies please bring their own food for the BBQ. Fireworks after dark.

Nov 11	<u>Provisional</u> Dales Mountain Biking	Brian Evans
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Hope Brian will be able to organise another splendid ride -meet to be confirmed as he is away.

Nov 11	Lost Johns	Les Mottram
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This is a superb SRT trip! A long, deep cave, with seven pitches, but always easy going. The master cave is well worth the effort, with 1200m of walking to the deep sump pool. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:00am.

Nov 18	Dan-y-Mynydd Working Party	Phil Griffiths/Ken Tebay
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Hopefully a new stove to fit and many other bits and pieces. Please contact Ken or Phil if you are coming so a check can be kept on numbers.

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

Caving For caving meets ring the organiser or John Stringfellow or Les Mottram mobile 07968 285620

MEET REPORTS

LLANBERIS July 7/8.

Me & Blacky took Friday off to try & get at least one days climbing in amongst the awful weather we had been getting. So after a lot of retail

therapy in the climbing shops we drove past the proposed camp site & had to drive past again as it looked way to small, but after setting up camp we thought it looked OK for another ten tents or Adrian Dawes Marquee! We

then went into the pass & after looking at the soaking wet rock we decided HVS might be better left for another day/year & had great fun climbing *Wrinkle*. The site takes 15 tents & most of the people had managed to squeeze onto the site by the time we had returned, & then down to the Vaynol for a few beers.

Saturday was a mass ascent of Tremadog in glorious weather - summer had returned - all grades up to extreme being climbed in between the obligatory visits to Eric's Cafe. No guesses where Saturday night was spent! Sunday we went to climb in the Pass & some walked up to Dinas Mot Phil Tucker & son Nick started 1st pitch of *The Cracks* but had to retreat when the rain started. Summer over! Not sure where everybody went to, but we climbed in sunny weather on the slate, Adrian Perkins leading Blacky, Ken, Robbo, Dave Ryder & myself up *Looning the Tube E1 5b* & then we climbed *Seamstress VS 4c* before going home via more retail therapy.

Thanks for another great turn out -Adrian Dawe & Family, Adrian Perkin, Ken Tebay, Robbo (John Roberts) & Stephanie Connor, Phil & Nick Tucker, Pete Nugent, Sarah Little & Tony, Dave Wearing, Dave Ryder, Sandra Handcock, Gill Ainsworth (at pub only she was off canoeing), Griff (Phil Griffiths), John Weale, Rog & Debbie Wilkinson, Blacky(Pete Blackburne) & me.

Sparky (Mark Adams)

COW POT July 15

The proposed, as advertised trip down Cow Pot would have enabled us to get into many different sections of the Lancaster Easegill Cave system but with the weather more unpredictable than ever we opted for a visit to the high level Stake Pot (Earby) Series rather than venture into the watery Main Drain or other lower passages, especially as most of Southern England seemed to be under water at the time and there had been very localised torrential downpours in the Northern regions. I had myself been in the Main Drain of Lancaster Hole the day before and had seen evidence of recent flooding in the form of masses of peaty foam covering all the walls up to 10 metres around the sump area. The water levels in Cow Pot itself on the day were low and we rigged the pitch into Fall Pot such that we were well out of the way of any potential waterfalls. This 60m pitch is a very spectacular drop into the main chambers of Lancaster Hole with the one of the airiest changeovers that I know of in the Dales. There was evidence of recent flooding even at this high level as everywhere was very muddy and as a consequence very slippery. The high level route from Fall Pot to Stake Pot was extremely treacherous and the big drops down between the boulders were most threatening. The air was very foggy as well possibly caused by a combination of warm air coming in from outside and the foaming waters in the Main Drain 30 metres below us.

The Stake Pot Series was drier because the cooling draught blowing through it had dried out the air and mud. After a bit of bumbling around we found our way to the top of the "88 foot" pitch which is the connecting point with Link Pot and the Leck Fell caves. A turn round was decided on here and we quickly returned to a sunny day on the surface to find Geoff Dawson waiting for us. Thanks to Andy H. and John S. for coming along and to Geoff for the surface support. An interesting and informative trip.

Slug (Mike Hale)

BORROWDALE July 21/22

Sandra, Dave, Pete and I arrived on a glorious Friday evening, a local weather window in the Northern Lakes amid a sea of rain elsewhere in the NW. James and Martin arrived early Saturday morning and we all went for walks in blustery, but mainly dry conditions. Unfortunately, Pete straining his back while tying his shoe laces and had to retire to his tent for the day. Some had intended to climb later on Grey Crag high above Buttermere, but the weather closed in just as we arrived so we carried on quickly to get a few beers in the valley. We met up with ex-member Penny Webb in the Langstrath Hotel and had an a la carte meal together in a private dining room to round off the day. Sunday was brilliantly sunny. Sandra and Dave went for another walk, James and Martin climbed on Sergeant Crag Slabs and Pete and I

climbed on Shepherd's Crag, and finally lounged in the sun at the tea shop until the early evening. Thanks to all who made the weekend a success.

Chris Wheatley

MARILYN POT July 14.

Andy Hommonai and myself drove to Clapham on a damp, miserable morning and carried three bags of rope up to a new pot close to Bar Pot in the Gaping Gill area. Marilyn Pot has a circular concrete entrance covered with tin and wood sheets. The first pitch is 20 metres and has two narrow sections (which I easily passed). Below is a blasted crawl which leads to the top of the aven before the third pitch in Disappointment Pot. Care was taken descending this 20 metre abseil as it was very loose at the top. Much waster was experienced on the final journey to the last pitch of 14 metres, passing short drops of 8 and 9 metres. Even with careful rigging by Andy we still got a soaking halfway down this last descent. From here we followed the stream down boulders to a chimney descent, which led to the junction with Henlers Master Cave. We entered this long, high, wide cavern containing a rushing stream and eventually reached the sump at a depth of 110 metres. We explored a dry side passage for quite some time, and then began the journey out. We stopped for a bite to eat at the foot of the aven before making our way out.

The only serious incident was when I was getting off the top of the aven pitch: I dislodged a largish rock

which fortunately missed Andy. Getting the rope bags up the entrance pitch was awkward. Soon we were back on the surface, on a clear and sunny evening, and it was a fantastic walk back to Clapham. Thanks, Andy, for a brilliant potholing trip.

Les Mottram.

DAN-Y-MYNYDD July 27/29

With 8 in residence & 7 people calling in at different times, this meet was rather like an open-ended house-party. Ages ranged from 20-80 & took in long-standing members & 2 graduates, a cross-section of the club in other words. The weather was dry and peaks bagged over the weekend included Cnicht & the Moelwyns, Moel Hebog, Allt Fawr & Moel Farlwyd with *Slack, Kirkus Direct, Crossover, Pinky, Orang-Outang & Bent* the routes climbed & I think I can say a good time was had by all - Pete Blackburne, Brian Carlyle, Phil Griffiths & companion, Dennis Gower, Mike Hendrick, John Llewellyn, Moses Lungu, Adrian Perkin, Anne Pilkington, Ian Richardson, John Roberts, Barry Walton & John Weale.

Footnote This was a 1st visit to Dan-y-Mynydd (Below-the-Mountain in English) for some of us and the general opinion was that it is an asset to the club so thanks to those involved in taking the project forward

GINGLING HOLE Aug 5

On a beautiful Sunday morning myself and John Stringfellow drove up to The Naked Man café in Settle to see if anyone else had turned up to do Ginging Hole but after quite a while waiting nobody had. Not to be put off by the lack of cavers the two of us headed off up to Dale Head. When we got up there and looked at all the heavy tackle sacks we decided to do something else which would require a little less gear. We decided to go down Outsleets Beck with only two pitches. Inside the cave water levels were quite high and pitches very wet. We got as far as the duck but unfortunately the passage was filled with foam, indicating a severe flood, so we decided to head out. Nevertheless, a very good trip, but drier conditions needed.

Andy Hommonai

STANAGE Aug 5

This was an unadvertised meet arranged at the last minute via t'Internet when Ken's house fire led to his backing out of his meet. The weather looked much better in the Peak, so Hathersage was the meeting point. Driving down the M6 from a dismal Cumbria we suddenly crossed one of those lines on the weather map when the sun came out and the temperature rose. As we drove round the M60 at 9am the car thermometer reached 24°C, a level we hadn't experienced since April! When we reached the crag we were pleased to find that there was a stiff breeze which served to provide perfect

midge-free climbing conditions. High Neb was the chosen spot, but our hopes of finding a less busy part of the crag were dashed. Nevertheless, queuing for routes wasn't a problem.

There was a good turn out from far and wide for this meet - John Roberts came from Salop, introducing two potential new members; the Athrolls and Matt Gordon from Colne; Mike Hendrick from Scouseland; Tony Mercer and Pete Nugent from Cheshire; and we came from the North.

For two oldies who haven't climbed much on grit for a few years, it took most of the day to reach the dizzy heights of a VS, but there is a good range of route grades at High Neb to keep most people happy, though Tony and Ian went off to Stanage End in search of boulders. Several ascents of *Eric's Eliminate* and *Twisting Crack (S)* were enjoyed, along with the unthreatening slabs of *Tango Crack (VD)*, *Tango Buttress (HS 5a - unusual grade)* and *Limbo (S)*. As the sun got to work on un-trained muscles, harder things like *Rinty (VS 5a) (JR)*, *Inaccessible Crack (VS) (PN, RW)*, *Blurter (HVS 5b) (MG)*, *High Neb Buttress(4c) (AA)*, *High Neb Edge (E1 5b) (MG)* and *Sogines (HVS 5a) (MG)* were all completed with greater or lesser degrees of style and elegance. No-one did *Quietus* or *Kelly's Overhang*, a big disappointment for those in the one-and-nines, but there was some consolation when a non-member took a spectacular winger from the former, ripping several bits of gear.

All-in-all, a most enjoyable day, rounded off with adjournment to the Scotsman's where much of the world was put to rights over a jar.

Roger Wilkinson

BUTTERMERE Aug 18-19

The meet started early on Friday with Pete Nugent, Roger and Debbie Wilkinson and myself meeting up at 10.00am in Gatesgarth car park in Buttermere. We headed up to Grey Crag in sunshine, which as we gained height, soon turned to cloud and eventually drizzle. However, as we reached the crag things did dry out enough to do some climbing. Roger and Debbie did *Mitre Buttress Direct VD* and *Oxford and Cambridge Direct Route MS* with a new variation finish. Pete and I did a decidedly slippery *Harrow Wall VD*, before being joined by one of my UKC mates, Andy Sutton, for *Slabs Ordinary Route VD*. To finish Pete and Andy did *Dexter Wall VS*, a good effort in the prevailing conditions.

Once we were all on top of the crag we bumped into Geoff Dawson, who was walking the Buttermere Red Pike - High Crag ridge. Whilst Andy and I nipped down to pitch our tents, Roger, Debbie and Pete walked along the ridge to Scarth Gap and down to complete a successful mountain day. Later on in the pub we were joined by Phil Tucker, Ali Sharman and Sandra Handcock. The pitching of the tents was done in

drizzle and unfortunately that was to



Photo: Guest Andy Sutton leading Dexter Wall with Pete Nugent belaying.

continue almost unabated until Sunday morning. On Saturday morning those who had camped, Phil, Ali, Sandra, Andy and myself, walked the Red Pike - Haystacks round in pretty foul conditions. Geoff went for a lower option and circumnavigated Mellbreak, spotting a family of red squirrels en route.

In order to try and add a little interest to a miserable day, I led the party to Warnscale Head bothy on the slopes of Haystacks. This is the nearest thing to a Scottish bothy in the Lakes and well worth a visit, if you can find it! A plod back along the shores of Buttermere and through the tunnel brought us back to the village and a welcome brew. Much to our relief the rain stopped on Sunday morning, although it remained pretty

claggy all day. Geoff, Ali, Sandra, Phil and I, deciding it was a non climbing day, went for another walk. Using the two car trick we set off from Lanthwaite Green and walked over Whiteside and Hopegill head. Later at Coledale House, we thought we had had enough pleasure for one weekend (it had started raining again) and so descended via Whiteless Pike to Buttermere.

A thoroughly damp weekend but we did manage to avoid Keswick climbing wall. Thanks to those who came, for their endurance.

Dave Wearing.

LUNDY Aug 23-28

At the end of the stay Steve - a Lundy virgin - "complained" of sensory overload. Such is the Lundy experience, especially for a 1st time visitor. Once again a small band of members - Blacky, Sparky, Steve, Stephanie & myself - enjoyed glorious weather during their 6 day sojourn. (The group numbers were almost doubled by the attendance of 4 friends). By the end of the stay, all members had experienced at least one of those magical Lundy moments i.e. breathing a huge sigh of relief & contentment on topping out from some of the routes.

Steve, guided (I use the word loosely) by Sparky, took in the likes of *Diamond Solitaire*, *Albion*, *Eclipse & Roadrunner*, all amongst the best VSs on the island - or anywhere else for that matter. Highlights were Steve's lead of the tough *Roadrunner &*

Sparky's lead of the majestic top pitch of *Eclipse*.

Blacky (leading) & Stephanie also excelled on *Roadrunner* as well as allowing me to share *Eclipse* with them. Also in their company the meet leader managed to achieve his personal ambition by dragging himself up *Immaculate Slab (HVS)* - their support was much appreciated.

A good few other classic but more amenable routes (e.g. *Devil's Slide*, *Battery Rib*, *Quadratus*

Laborum) were also enjoyed by the various partnerships.

To top it all a different kind of Lundy Experience (3.8% ABV) helped towards convivial nights in The Marisco Tavern, culminating in a last night celebration of Sparky's recent 50th & my "nowhere near 60th". Thanks to all for that - & thanks for the excellent company throughout the stay.

John Roberts

TRANEARTH

For some years now a group of outdoor enthusiasts from Wrekin Housing Trust at Telford have used Tranearth as an occasional base. Two of them, Dale Heaton and Dave Pritchard, put a lot of effort into planning the extension for Dan-y-Mynydd (in recognition of which they were elected to Honorary Membership). Earlier this year a number of the group



volunteered to run a working party at Tranearth. Members visiting the hut since will no doubt have noticed a number of improvements, including roof repairs, guttering replacement, window sill repair, plastering of kitchen ceiling and shower improvement. Now the final piece of the jig saw is in place - the new stove (generously donated by the Wrekin boys) is in place, replacing the much loved pot-belly stove. The old stove could have continued for a while, except that coke to burn in it is now unavailable, and the smokeless fuel we now have to use did not burn well in it. On behalf of the whole membership of the club I would like to offer sincere thanks to Dale, Dave and the Wrekin team for all their efforts. In recent years it has not been easy to carry out a lot of specialist repairs to the hut using volunteer club labour, and the Wrekin team's efforts have been very timely.

ANNUAL DINNER: 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

Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club

Annual Dinner

Saturday 24th November 2007
Crown Inn Coniston Cumbria
£12.50 per person

For further details and menu see

ENCLOSED BOOKING SLIP

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a.sharman@lancaster.ac.uk,

- **Memership Promotion:** Various ideas were considered - a poster and business cards will be produced. Local shops and climbing walls will be approached. It was noted the web site and personal approaches to possible new members has produced a good number of promising grads and new members over the past year.
- **Secretary:** Geoff Dawson has agreed to be secretary.
- **Dinner:** see advert and enclosure.

NEW FULL MEMBER

Dave Wearing,
Sarah Little 2
Dave Ryder

REJOINING MEMBERS

Debbie & Tony Powell,

NEW GRADUATE MEMBERS

John Weale
Roger Brown, 1
Nic Bassnett
Darryl House

CONTACTS

Hut Booking Sec.: Phil Tucker,
Hon Sec: position vacant, contact Chairman, or Phil Tucker or Debbie Wilkinson
Climbing Meets Secretary: Ken Tebay,
 Offers to co-ordinate meets and ideas about future meets are welcome at any time
Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow,

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

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

Sept 8-9	Chamois	Nov 16-18	J Griffith
Oct 2-4	Leeds MC	Nov 23-25	LC&CC Dinner
Oct 6-7	LC&CC Grads		
Oct 26-28	LC&CC Vets Meet	Dec 1-2	Royal Vet College
Nov 2-4	LC&CC Bonfire	Dec 7-9	Coventry Uni
Nov 9-11	Duddon Scouts	Dec 14-16	Loughton MC

DONATION

The LC&CC has often had the benefit of artistic talent among members. The latest example, a splendid painting of the Moelwyns done by Ian Richardson is now on an upstairs wall at the Welsh hut. Aka Ricky, he generously brought it as a gift to the club when on the recent meet there.

Joyce Taylor

JOURNAL

Unless you've already received it by hand, your copy of the Journal should be found enclosed. I hope you'll find it an enjoyable read. New technology in the printing trade has improved the picture quality, with one exception, for which the blame is entirely mine. I offer my apologies to Karl for the indifferent reproduction of his excellent slide, which resulted from an error on my part, not discovered till after printing. Sorry, Karl.

The file is open for the next (2008) Journal. My attempts to gradually get back to the correct timetable means that you only have a bit over a year to get in your contributions, so don't delay, act today (or at least in the near future).

Roger Wilkinson

CLUB BUSINESS

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Points of interest from the minutes meeting on July 10th

- **Huts:** A risk assessment has been carried out at Tranearth and further quotes for the necessary work requested. A contractor has been engaged to fit the stove donated by the Wrekin group. *(the fire is now fitted see page 11)*

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

Sept 7-9	Durham Uni Caving	Nov 17-18	LC&CC Working Party
Nov 9-11	Landloper MC	Dec 8-9	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 H 01942 322 991 M 07960 978 874

Murray Gallagher H 01613 441 109 M 07929 661 403

LAST TWO EVENINGS

Sept 6	Stanworth	Sept 13	Brownstone
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TUESDAY EVENING INDOOR MEETS

As always I am looking for help and ideas for these meets.

Please get in touch if you can help. Debbie

Tues 2nd Oct: Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm

Members Slides. + Social

I'm sure many of you have tales to tell and pictures to share. A digital projector (and a slide projector on request) will be available. (Preferable) Please get in touch with Debbie before hand so the evening can be planned and possibly a second one in February.

Tues 6th Nov: Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm

Outside Speaker / slide show/ provisionally booked.

Tues 4th Dec: Black Dog (Belmont)

AGM

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
Sept 8/9	Clapham	Camp	Climb	Geoff Haigh
Sept 16	Dow Cave/Dowbergill Passage		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Sept 16(+15?)	Wild Cat (+biking)	Camp?	Climb/ride	Adrian Perkin
Sept 21/22	Wye Valley (or Peak)	Camp?	Climb	Pete Blackburne
Sept 30	Smelt Gill Beck		Cave	John Stringfellow
Sept 30	Langdale Possible weekend		Climb	Rog & Debbie Wilkinson
Oct 3-17	Kalymnos	Studio	Climb	Rog & Deb Wilkinson
Oct 7	Tranearth Grads Meet		Climb/walk	Sandra Handcock
Oct 13-20	Sardinia	Studio	Climb	Alison Athroll
Oct 14	Peak District??			
Oct 14	Birksfell Cave		Cave	Mike Hale
Oct 21/22	Deniolen	Hut	Climb	Adrian Perkin
Oct 27/28	Vets Meet Tranearth	Hut		Peter Jordan
Oct 28	Cherry Tree Hole		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Nov 3/4	Tranearth Bonfire	Hut		Geoff Hibbert (TBC)
Nov 11	Dales Mountain Biking		Bike	Brian Evans (TBC)
Nov 11	Lost Johns		Cave	Les Mottram
Nov 17/18	Dan-y-Mynydd Working Party	Hut	Work/Climb	Phil Griffiths/ Ken Tebay
Nov 25	Swintsto Hole		Cave	Nick Bennett
Nov 24/25	Annual Dinner	Hut/Pub	Social	Ted Fry
Dec 2	Peak			
Dec 8/9	Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut	Climb	Mark Adams
Dec 9	Giants Hole		Cave	John Stringfellow
Dec 16	Christmas Supper walk		Walk	Barry Walton
Dec 23	Tatham Wife Hole		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Dec 23	Peak		Climb	John Roberts
Dec 24-Jan 1	Tranearth			