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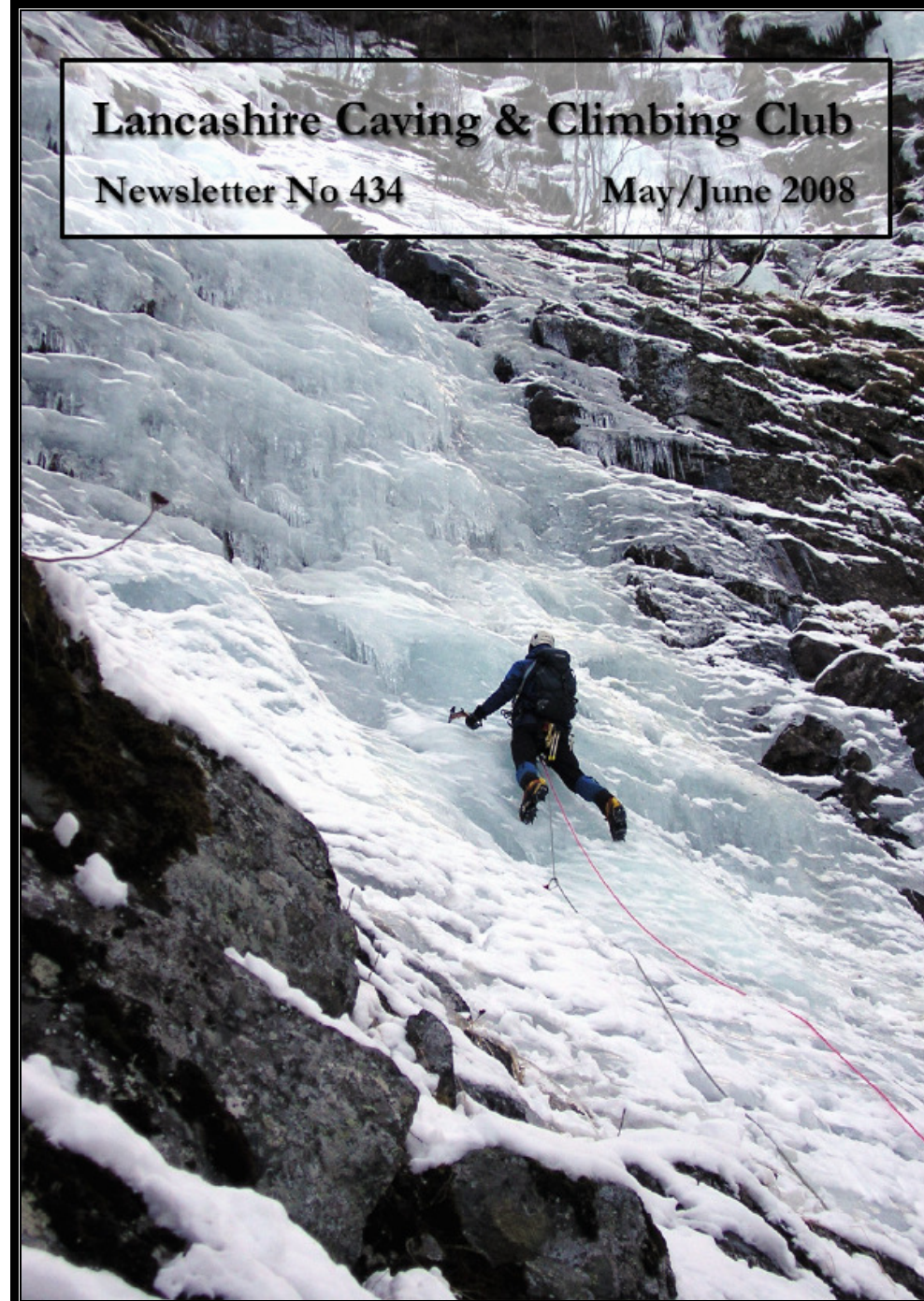
Meet venues may be changed in the event of bad weather. Please ring meet co-ordinators to let them know that you are going on a meet.

DATE	TITLE/VENUE	Accom	ACTIVITY	MC
May 2-5	Buttermere Bank H	Camp	Climb	Dave Wearing
May 11	Lost John's Pot		Cave	Les Mottram
May 11	Froggatt		Climb	Alison Athroll
May 17/18	Northumberland	camp	Climb	Bernie Jordan
May 25	Disappointment		Cave	Andy Homonnai
May 24-26	Scotland Bank H	camp	Climb	Pete Blackburne
June 1	Curbar		Climb	Tony Madden
June 8	Large Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
June 7/8	Tranearth	Hut	Climb	Roger Wilkinson
June 14/15	Wasdale	camp	Climb	John Shaw
June 22	Giant's Hole		Cave	Tom Towers
June 20/22	Transnowdonia	hut	Climb	Adrian Perkin
June 28/29	Llanberis	camp	Climb	Steve Martin
July 6	Grange Rig Pot		Cave	Nick Bennett
July 6	Chew Valley		Climb	Richard Ginns
July 13	Millstone		Climb	Gerard Conway
July 20	Cherry Tree Hole		Cave	Mike Hale
July 19/20	Clapham		Climb	Geoff Haigh
July 26/27	Mid Wales Tanat Val	Camp	Climb	Pete Blackburne
July31-Aug10	Jersey	Camp	Climb	B & L Jordan
Aug 3	Cloggy		Climb	John Roberts
Aug 3	Dow cave/Dowber		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Aug 9/10	Gogarth		Climb	Mark Adams
Aug 17	Black Rocks		Climb	Phil Griffiths
Aug 17	Lakes Mines		Cave	John Stringfellow
Aug 23-31	Families Meet	Hut	Climb/play	B & L Jordan
Aug30-Sept7	Jersey	Camp	Climb	Pete Nugent
Aug 31	Burbage North		Climb/boulder	G Conway/R Ginns
Aug 31	Diccon Pot		Cave	Les Mottram
Sept 7	Laddow		Climb	Ken Tebay

Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club

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Date of Next Meeting 10th June at the Black Dog, Belmont.

NEW FULL MEMBERS

John Weale, #
Moses Lungu,
Steve Crossley

REJOINED

Bill Coyne,

NEW GRADUATE MEMBERS

Paul Lewis
Julie and Shaun Livesey,
Simon Fife

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Newsletter Editor has a new e-mail address rogeranddeborah@live.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Murray's phone numbers have been wrong in several handbooks and newsletters. Unfortunately this correction has been received too late for this year's handbook WHICH WILL NEED CORRECTION.

Murray Gallagher .

Geoff Haigh has a new e-mail address

Phil Tucker has a new WORK e-mail address. His other details are unchanged.

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

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

May 2 - 5	LC&CC (B Holiday)	May 23 - 26	LC&CC (B Holiday)
May 9 - 11	TAG	June 13-15	E Yorks MC
May 16-18	Staffs Uni	June 6-8	Joint CC/LC&CC
May 23 - 26	LC&CC (B Holiday)	June 13-15	E Yorks MC

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

May 16-18	Vibram MC		
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LC&CC CONTACTS

Chairman : John Shaw

Hut Booking Sec.: Phil Tucker,

Hon Sec: Alison Athroll

Climbing Meets Secretary: Pete Blackburne, e-mail blackymounts@yahoo.co.uk

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

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow,

<u>May 17/18</u>	<u>Eskdale</u>	<u>Bernie Jordan</u>
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There is plenty of climbing at all grades; and good walking too. We aim to camp on Friday night at the site near Boot. Please let us know by Thursday 15th if you intend to come so that we can finalise arrangements.

<u>May 25</u>	<u>Disappointment Pot</u>	<u>Andy Homonnai</u>
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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

<u>May 24/25</u>	<u>Glen Coe</u>	<u>Pete Blackburne</u>
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We will be camping in or near Glencoe. Lots to do round there. For campsite details and arrangement of lifts please contact me or check lccc mail.

<u>June 1</u>	<u>Curbar</u>	<u>Tony Madden</u>
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Gritstone climbing to suit everyone. Well protected crack lines, bold slabs, awkward pods and lots of bouldering, (bring your mats). Curbar will definitely test your grade. I aim to be at the crag for around 10am, suggest meeting around the Avalanche Wall area. Anyone wanting directions or lifts, ring me anytime

PS Anyone who's got any large friends 5's and above, bring 'em for Karl

Also **please ring to inform me you are going or leave messages** on the club e-mailing group, don't want to be there on my own. In case of really bad weather, there's loads of mountain bike routes to be had. I will organise a challenging MTB route if anyone is interested. See you there.

<u>June 7/8</u>	<u>Tranearth JOINT MEET CC</u>	<u>Roger Wilkinson</u>
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Hoping for a good turn out for this first (I think) joint meet with the Climbers' Club. Meet as usual Friday evening in the Church House or early Sat. morning. If there is anyone who'd like to organise a barbeque for the Sat evening please let me know. Looking forward to the high crags being in condition by then, so maybe an opportunity to do some classics on Dow with new friends.

<u>June 8</u>	<u>Large Pot</u>	<u>John Stringfellow</u>
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The last time we visited this pot, we had to retreat due not having the right gear with us, so I am keen for another trip. After the awkward entrance series, there are two ways on. Red Herring series follows the stream down a number of short pitches to a sump. Turning left after the entrance series, leads through further awkward passages to Colossus pitch, and the link with Rift Pot. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:00am.

<u>June 14/15</u>	<u>Wasdale</u>	<u>John Shaw</u>
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I plan to camp at Church Stile Farm site, at Nether Wasdale. Campsite is much quieter than the National Trust at the top end of the lake as it is a busy time of year. Nether Wasdale is at the south-west end of Wast Water, a tiny village with the campsite and 2 pubs both of which do

food (*did last year anyway*). Approx 2.5 hrs drive from Manchester puts you in there with all the classics on Gable, Scafell etc. from diffs through to extremes. This valley is steeped in history, e.g. the Napes Needle VD which you can do handstands on to emulate the pioneers if you feel sufficiently brave/foolish.

I now discover that **due to planning restrictions you have to book in advance**. Ring either 01946 726 252 or via website <http://www.churchstile.com> Lots of pretty pictures and location instructions too. If you get there after 2100 let them know in advance because of child protection laws they have to lock the gates. I'll be in one of the pubs or my small green Terra Nova tent with bright yellow LCCC pendant on the Friday night, silver Subaru estate (sorry Karl). Please let me know if you are able to come.

June 22	<u>Giant's Hole</u>	<u>Tom Towers</u>
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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.

June 20/22	<u>Transnowdonia</u>	<u>Adrian Perkin</u>
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The format for this requested repeat is as for previous years. Meet Friday evening in a lay-by next to a public house in Tal y Bont in the Conway valley on the B5106 GR 766687. After any drinking it is hoped there will be a volunteer to ferry us 4 miles up into Cwm Eigiau for the final 2 mile walk to the Rugby MC bunkhouse GR 713638. Then, over Saturday and Sunday, the route should accumulate some 3000' of V Diff climbing, some 20 miles of footing it, a bivouac somewhere above the Idwal Slabs and a mug of tea in Pete's. Hopefully, before setting off, there will be logistics in place, again probably involving a volunteer, for re-uniting exhausts with their vehicles. In previous years the minor infringement of dumping surplus gear at Pen y Pass has been reluctantly tolerated. And, again for non-purists, there is a total of 3 cafes one can slink into: all of which sell bacon butties. In the past the most demanding sections have been found to be the downhill bits off Pen yr Olwen and Snowdon itself, and, of course, waiting for Ken to brew up at the bivouac stop.

June 28/29	<u>Llanberis</u>	<u>Steve Martin</u>
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No info on this meet yet. Contact Steve.

July 6	<u>Grange Rigg Pot</u>	<u>Nick Bennett</u>
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This pot is located 400 metres from Gaping Gill, and has about six short pitches. Now also has a connection to the nearby Paysank Pot. Meet at the Brookhouse café, Clapham, at 9-00 am

July 6	<u>Chew Valley</u>	<u>Rick Ginns</u>
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I plan to hold the meet at Dovestones Edge (SE O27040) in the Chew Valley, classic mountain grit and one of the less visited of the valley crags. Lots of routes to go at from mod to the high extremes. Due to the apparent lack of a nearby cafe (if anyone knows any differently let me know!) I'll be at the Binn Green picnic site off the A635 at 10am from where the crag is reached in 30 minutes or so - or meet at the crag at 11am. My mobile is 07815 413550. There is scope for LC&CC Newsletter 434

At a recent BMC meeting the BMC Civil Liability Insurance Cover was reviewed in some detail [See P12](#)

Dinner Meet

Ted Fry confirmed that the date for the Dinner Meet is the 29th November 2008 and that the meets list needs updating.

Dan y Mynydd Hut

A letter expressing concern for the state of the flue & double glazing was received from member Adrian Perkin. The committee agreed that the flue needs to be sorted properly so that the fire can be used safely and that the windows would also be replaced. Arrangements are being made for this work to be completed at the earliest convenience.

LC&CC Handbook

The LC&CC handbook is currently being updated. Any changes need to be brought to the attention of Brian Evans who is preparing the handbook.

'Couples' membership

The LC&CC web site states that 'couples' membership is available, but new members are currently not offered this option and are required to pay £25/person.

Only one newsletter and journal is sent out for couple's membership, which saves on costs.

The definition of 'couples' membership was discussed and agreed as being '2 people residing at the same address' and it is more appropriate to call it joint membership.

Joint membership for 2 people at the current rate of £38 per annum is to be started next October. Members who choose this option will only receive one copy of the newsletter and journal.

Promoting Membership

The promotions evening at Awesome Walls, 12th March Stockport was attended by 12 members.

We had a display stand set up with a variety of information which attracted a fair amount of interest and several people took away membership forms, meets cards and club info. At least 2 people have since joined. Awesome Walls Staff were supportive and have kept hold of some flyers and other info about the club for anyone enquiring in the future. The evening seemed worthwhile as a stronger link was forged with Awesome Walls and the LC&CC made its presence known to other climbers. The dozen or so LCCC members who attended had a good evening!

It was suggested that we arrange other promotions evenings at other walls next winter.

Club T-Shirts in a fetching Stone blue colour have been purchased (S, M, L, XL). They are for sale at £5. The T-shirts were available for the promotions evening and all the members who attended purchased one which made it easy for wall users to distinguish the LC&CC members. If you would like a T-shirt, contact John Shaw or Alison Athroll.

Kindred Clubs Forum

J Shaw asked whether the LC&CC should get involved with the Kindred Clubs Forum. This is an informal gathering of the bigger clubs to talk about issues of concern. One of its objectives is to provide a mechanism for lobbying the BMC. The committee felt that at this moment in time there was no obvious advantage to getting involved with this forum.

Membership Secretary and Climbing Meets Secretary

K Tebay has been co-opted as Membership Secretary.

P Blackburne has been co-opted as Meets Secretary.

Caving Rope

A 125m caving rope is being purchased for use by members.

benefits are available if the Club Membership is upgraded Full BMC Membership. Many active climbers in the club do this.

It is important that our members are aware of the following:-

- If a member's main activity is climbing, hill walking or mountaineering and on occasions they partake in other outdoor activities, such as mountain biking or caving they will be covered by the Civil Liability Insurance.
- If a member's main activity is other than climbing, eg caving, they are not covered by the BMC's insurance when caving.
- It was recommended by the BMC that cavers seek insurance through the British Cavers Association (BCA). (John Stringfellow has just renewed the Club Subscription to the BCA : some landowners require that cavers belong to this organisation.) Individual cavers need to be aware that personal insurance is also required.
- Members who live overseas are not covered by BMC insurance.
- All committee members are also covered should the club be named in an action (as the committee could be personally liable this is an essential safeguard)

Notes from Committee Meeting 8th April

Web site

Actions are underway to pursue a partnership between LCCC web site and the web site www.extremerock.co.uk. This web site is owned/run by two of our members - Adam Richardson and Geoff Hibbert. Geoff and Adam came to the last committee meeting to discuss this potential partnership.

The benefits were discussed as follows:-

Members would be able to contribute to the web page, posting photos, articles and other contributions and entering into forums. It was felt that this would create a type of community web site which would be more dynamic and interactive than our existing web site.

The club newsletter could be sent to members' emails saving on paper and postage.

Club subscription payments could be set up by members, easing the collection of payment.

The internet is a preferred choice for many people when searching for information - it was felt that this type of partnership gives LC&CC exposure to a wide audience, hopefully with a view to attracting more members.

This partnership and a new LC&CC web site would be set up free of charge to LC&CC with just a £150/year charge for server maintenance. We currently pay approx £95 for our existing web site each year.

All members with an email address would automatically be subscribed as members of www.extremerock.co.uk and would have to unsubscribe if they wished.

www.extremerock.co.uk would benefit by having increased membership and publicity.

LC&CC web address would remain the same as it is currently.

Reduced rate - Awesome Walls, Stockport

J Shaw has negotiated a concessionary rate for all club members at Awesome Walls, Stockport on a Thursday evening (50p reduction). Club members need to show their LC&CC membership card to receive this concession.

BMC Civil Liability Insurance Cover :

walking or scrambling - indeed an ascent of Wilderness Gully East is always a possibility in the case of inclement weather - a 150m mod - with a pack it would make excellent alpine training!

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC

FUTURE PLANS

Jersey (A) 31st July -10th August MCs: Bernie & Lawrence Jordan:

For those that need/prefer to go in the school hols.

We're travelling by ferry and staying at the Beuvelande camp site. We've checked tide times and these dates are ideal for climbing. We also hope to do some cycling.

Contact Lawrence & Bernie or Shad for more details.

Families Meet Sat 23rd- Sun 31st Aug MCs Bernie and Lawrence Jordan

We're looking forward to spending the last week of the summer holidays at Tranearth. We had a great time last year, just enjoying the freedom of Tranearth and the company of good friends.

The hut is booked from 22nd Aug (Bank Holiday weekend) to 31st Aug. so there is plenty of time if you can only make a few days. Hope to see you there. You can phone us or just turn up.

Jersey (B) Sat 30th Aug- Sun Sept 7th MC: Pete Nugent.

We now have 6 people booked on this trip. 5 people are flying with Easyjet from Liverpool or there are flights from other airports such as Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester & Southampton.

We will be staying at the Bleu Soleil campsite in a 6 berth pre-erected tent

[<http://www.bleusoleilcamping.com/>], rather than take our own tents. The campsite has a selection of 4 & 6 berth tents, so we can adapt our booking if anyone else wants to join in. Basic travel and camping costs are coming in at under £200/pp for the week. The tides are generally good that week. Please contact Pete for further info (eg ferry booking, other accommodation) if you are interested in joining the trip. Brilliant climbing - good range of grades, beautiful locations, excellent granite, relatively easy descents. However, tidal range is extreme so take care not to drown! Guidebook "Jersey Climbs" see <http://www.jerseyclimbs.com/>

Kalymnos October MC's Ian & Alison Athroll

We are planning on going 2nd/3rd week. Will be looking at booking in May some time. Probably staying at Philoxenia. . email:alison_athroll@hotmail.com

October Half Term Sat 25th Oct - Sat 1st Nov MC's Bernie and Lawrence Jordan

We're hoping to organize a climbing holiday during half term week, somewhere sunny and sporty (possibly Kalymnos). Anybody interested give us a call.

Been climbing in Spain?
Borrowed two Costa Blanca guide books ?
I can't find mine. Adrian Perkin

MEET REPORTS

RJUKAN Feb 27 - Mar 5th

Fourteen members headed off to Rjukan again to enjoy the delights of the ice. A late arrival in Torp airport followed by an interesting drive through the back lanes of Norway (courtesy of Sparkie's Sat Nav) saw us all arriving safely at the Hyttebe Cabins.

Early explorations showed that the recent warm weather had taken its toll with many of the falls having collapsed including *Lipton*, *Saborfossen* and *Rjukanfossen*, all routes on people's tick list. However, there was still enough to go at.

Some highlights of the trip were the steep ice pillar of *King Kong WI 5* (Blackie and Ken), *Trappfoss WI 4*, a lovely 4 pitch route in the Upper Gorge (Phil Tucker and Mike; Bill Stephenson came to grief on the approach to this when he was hit on the arm with a large block of ice; after leading the 1st pitch he retreated in pain to find later he had a broken arm). *Fabrikkfossen WI 3* the classic 7 pitch route above the town saw ascents from Ken, Dave Ryder, Blackie and his brother Phil, Sparkie, Steve, Aida, Griff and John Weale.

Kong Vinter WI 3, a lovely route in a lovely setting, also saw ascents from most of the team. Steve at last claimed *Nye Vermorkfoss WI 5* which saw several retreats last year. Mike and Nick accompanied by Phil Tucker returned to Mael (the scene of their epic descent from 2 years ago) to climb *Isroser WI 3*, a great 4 pitch route in a very atmospheric setting made more so by the collapse through the day of the neighbouring waterfall. And they even made it back to the car before dark. Several of the team also climbed the largest mountain in the area *Gaustatoppen*, others spent a day skiing, while Bob Bowdler spent a lot of time cross country skiing after climbing during the day (he had

brought the skis over from England so was going to use them).

Finally, the famous Rjukan waterslide competition saw a new champion when on the last day Phil Blackburne pipped his brother Blacky for the title with an impressive 7.12s descent after Blacky had led most of the week with his 7.3s.

Mike Hall

GIGGLESWICK, March 2nd

The sun blazed down from a cloudless sky as I stretched to clip the belay. Lowering back into the welcome shade of the trees I made a mental note to apply some more sun cream to my reddening shoulders Upon awakening I decided that I'd better get over to Settle to lead my meet. Despite the council trying to trap us with cones in the central square a small, determined bunch proceeded to the crag to make the best of a somewhat mixed day: Pete Cosgrove, John Shaw, Ian & Alison Athroll and prospective members Shaun & Julie Livesey plus little Ben. At times it threatened rain but there were odd moments when the upward view of white rock against a blue sky could almost be taken for Spain - you had to be quick to look though as the wind whipped the bright patches overhead. No big numbers to brag about - 6a+ was probably as good as could be expected given the conditions. It never quite got cold enough to sound an all-out retreat but no-one managed to last until sundown and we had the crag almost to ourselves - odd since there were probably few viable outdoor alternatives. Pete moaned about how cold it was - you should blow that hot air onto your fingers Pete! To cheer him up we finished at Sector Swallows Nest where the route names all have an Eiger-theme. John had the misfortune to let his foot stray onto a bolt just as the likely "owners" (for it was Dave Musgrove and Nigel Baker) stood watching. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day

while he was a mature student at Bangor University which meant he had to monitor himself carefully when out on the hill. He married Jean Macdonald who was also a member of the Club and a climber for a time. They both loved to go to Scotland in their camper van with Jim and Bertha Rostron and Aida and me when we were doing the Munros. On one occasion David heard Jim and me discussing the hills we were going to do that day and thought there were going to be four of them but in the end was pleased that there were only two as Jim and I were pronouncing the Gaelic names differently! Sadly David had to go into sheltered accommodation in South Wales near his son and daughter-in-law when he was no longer able to look after Jean and she was in a nursing home in Stockport. All those that knew them will remember them and miss them.

Alan Sutton

A Get-Together: In Memoriam Jean and David Llewellyn

Date: Friday June 13 (Wasdale meet weekend)

Time: 12.30 onwards.

Venue: The Ship Inn, Sandside, Milnthorpe.

Snacks and meals available. All welcome: spread the word. There's no need to book but let me know by Monday 9th phone 01539 722750 if thinking of coming so that I can give the landlord some idea of numbers. If you would like a walk beforehand, meet at Milnthorpe Bridge GR 489813 at 10.30.

Joyce Taylor



YOUR JOURNAL EDITOR NEEDS YOU.....

to write something for the 2008 edition, because if you don't, who will? Editing the Journal is fun, but it's a lot more fun if the editor has some material to edit. A story (true or not), a poem, a picture, an account of your doings - anything welcome.

From Adrian Perkin: Robin Hodgkinson, fellow member of the Lancs, wishes it to be known that it was not a real tree that he claims to have overtaken in the recent London marathon. It was in fact a person dressed to resemble a tree.

Robin finished with a creditable time of 4 hours 15 minutes and 28 seconds. With his sponsorship money he hopes to send a cow to Africa but currently he doesn't quite have enough (should anyone care to contribute). However, all may not be lost, for meanwhile, Robin is attending and evening class in prosthetics, to be followed by grazing trials on Winter Hill.

CLUB BUSINESS

BMC INSURANCE

LC&CC is affiliated to the BMC. This means that all club members have *Club membership* of the BMC and benefit from BMC Civil Liability Insurance Cover. Fuller insurance cover and other

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the Winnat's Pass was memorable in itself. Thanks to Murray Steve, Ged, Paul, Geoff, Yvonne and Tanwen for a great day out!

Pete Nugent

NICK POT, April 13th

On a Sunday morning four of us met up in the café at Settle. After a bite to eat we headed up to Alum Pot Lane where we decided to walk up from. After a bit of a walk we located the entrance which is just off the main track up to Ingleborough. Out of the four entrances we chose Thornbers which is the most popular. This has a fine 24m pitch down to where the stream is met. After a very short section of passage the stream cascades down the vast main shaft. This is where we headed off along the left wall to the Traverse in the Gods route. This gives a dry descent. At the end of the traverse a short pitch is descended on to a comfortable ledge overlooking the main shaft. This gives a 70m pitch to the bottom, quite a draughty spot. Thanks to the people that came along - John Stringfellow, Geoff Dawson and Nick Bennett.

Andy Homonnai

ROACHES April 13th

Steve, Sparky, Ken, Dave (Ryder), Roger (Brown), Dave (Wearing), Geoff (Graham) and 'self braved the elements on Saturday. A cold wind & frequent showers meant that the protagonists restricted themselves to the lower grades, seeking out a few hidden gems on the Skyline area. (Though Roger &

Dave climbed 4 "biggies" in the Sloth area). Performance of the day belonged to Steve, with a good lead of the strenuous *Thru* (HVS). Suffice to say that we were glad to get into the warmth of The Three Horseshoes at the end of the day

Sunday was a different matter altogether, the weather being particularly kind to us. Despite Dave W., Geoff & Dave R. not being in attendance the numbers present swelled to 17. The action was varied: Steve & Sparky (suffering from the previous night's excess) set out on Crack & Corner to emerge at the top some 2 hours later, having climbed many new variations in their bid to escape!!; The irrepressible Blackie soloing up to HS at breakneck speed; Paul & Roger quietly ticking off several long classics including the bold *Central Route* (VS); Tanwyn showing Geoff the meaning of neat footwork on the Skyline routes; Ian despatching numerous boulder problems (including one I wagered he would not manage); Alison & Simon (a new member) waltzing up many routes. Steve "Bedspring" Crossley taking his first lead fall on the brutal L-hand finish to *Damascus Crack*, being partnered by the "beer-gremlined" Ken; Finally the rock athletes (Karl & Tony) sauntering up their usual array of minor desperates, notably *Humdinger*(E1) and *Commander Energy* (E2). And some of us made it to the pub, too!

A good day in good conditions at the best of all gritstone crags - thanks to all for making it a good meet.

Robbo (John Roberts)

especially Ben who managed to get a little leg-humping action in and then spent much of the day tied to a tree. Before anyone writes to their MP Ben is a beagle - bad boy Ben!

Karl Lunt

KENDAL AREA WALK Mar 2nd

Even low level routes can make a good day's walking and this one was no exception with plenty of variety - river banks, lanes, woodland, limestone escarpment and dicing with death crossing a dual carriageway. Sandra, Brian and I enjoyed the day.

Joyce Taylor

TRANEARTH WORKING PARTY Mar 8/9th

About ten people turned up for this meet and gave the hut a good going over. A whirlwind in the form of new member Steve Crossley cleaned the kitchen more or less single handedly (sorry to anyone else involved if I got this wrong). Lots of painting and general spring cleaning saw the hut looking much better for our efforts, so on behalf of all members and users of Tranearth a big thank you to all who came. On Sunday the party broke up a bit as some went cycling and there was an abortive trip to Dunnerdale (ask Dave Holmes for the details!). Returning from the latter I was overtaken on the track by a couple of paramedics carrying a defibrillator. When I asked where they were going, they said "Tranearth". My heart sank as I knew that two members, both in their fourth quarter-century, one of whom was working on live electricity, were at the hut. Soon the air ambulance landed next to the track, where an unfortunate member of a walking group was being given CPR (which I heard later was, sadly, unsuccessful). I arrived at the hut to find Joyce and Bert still upright and

looking hale, hearty and rosy-cheeked. Phew!

Roger Wilkinson

BRIMHAM, Mar 15th

The forecast was not very encouraging and so plan "B" had been developed...from the Car Park, walk over the moors and down along the river Nidd, a few beers in Pateley Bridge and thence back to Brimham. Unfortunately, **adverse weather conditions**, forced a rethink. The rock was dry, there was no wind and the sun was trying to break through. We reverted to plan "A" and did 3 routes on the Cubic Block before moving onto Maloja. Geoff Graham honed up his jamming technique on the 3 star *Right-hand Crack* whilst Graham Phillips decided to test out his new "bionic" shoulder on the 5a offwidth at the top of *Central Crack*. Fortunately, it began to rain before any serious injury could occur and he escaped up the 4b variant. We scuttled off to Pateley Bridge for some well earned beers and fish & chips. Thanks to Geoff & Graham for a good day out.

Pete Nugent

ALMSCLIFF Mar 16th

As per the forecast, at 10.00 a.m. it was cold, windy but dry. I was joined by Karl Lunt and Tony Madden and we warmed up on a few boulders. I should have heeded my own advice and dropped a grade or two for the first route of the day.....I retreated off *Pram Pushers Paradise* (VS, 5a) by finishing up *V Chimney & Traverse* (HVD). We went onto the upper crag, bouldering between routes such as *Traditional Eliminate* (HVS, 6a), *Traditional Climb* (VS, 4c), *Demon Wall* (HVS,5b). Ian Makin made a guest appearance and we did *Birds Nest Crack* before retreating to the warmth of the Square & Compass at North Rigton.

David and Jean Llewellyn.

Very sadly David died on the 1st April after years of suffering with diabetes and Jean, his wife died on the 8th April after many years with Alzheimer's disease. David became a member in 1955 after a chance meeting with Ricky (Ian Richardson) on Kinder and Jean was a member for many years. They both contributed greatly to the development of the Club and Tranearth and joined in many meets. David was a pretty good climber, having ascended Cenotaph Corner with Ron James in the 1950s with the meagre equipment of those days. He was diagnosed with diabetes

Whilst it was cold, it was good for bouldering. Rick Ginns & pals enjoyed their bouldering at Almscliff and have vowed to return. There was a group doing problems right of *Demon Wall* up to V6 so it was ability & motivation rather than the weather which was the determining factor! Somewhat bizarrely, we met up with a group of 18 year olds from Hereford. We tried to recruit them as members but it would seem that the overtures of Messrs Lunt, Madden & Nugent were insufficiently attractive!!

To finish off the day, Karl returned to *Pram Pushers Paradise* and had to admit defeat....please note for any future visit!!!

Pete Nugent

PS A little snippet from Karl.....

As my last route of the day I decided to do *Pram Pushers Parade* - the VS on Lower Man you started on. Classic Yorkshire sandbag! I got out on that upper break filling every slot available with a friend and got to the point just left of the crack where you are supposed to pull up. At this point you are all on your arms having hand-traversed above an overhanging wall only to be faced with a belly flop and grovel onto a sloping slab. I couldn't face it and retreated (still at least marginally composed) back to the start of the traverse where I compounded my folly by trying to top out over the bulge. This was even worse. I gave up, sagged onto the gear and lowered off well-whipped - at least all the Yorkshiremen had gone home by then. Tony managed to lead it (the direct over the roof). I don't know how many excuses I could have used but it's a long time since I got clobbered by a VS (even a Yorkshire VS).

EASTER in PEMBROKE Mar 21-24th

Ken, Dave (Ryder) & Siobhan, Darryl & Heather arrived on Friday and managed a

few routes at Saddle Head, up to Hard Severe. Blackie, John and Stephanie made it down on the Saturday morning to a windswept camp site at Buttylands - at least all the tents stayed put! Though very windy, once one dropped down beneath the cliff top conditions were pleasant enough. Saddle Head was again the chosen venue, the highlights being Darryl leading Heather up a couple of stiff Severes for her 1st ever outdoor/sea cliff routes. John managed his "project" of *Pink 'Un* (VS 5a) whilst Dave was rightly pleased with his first (big) sea cliff lead of the superb *Sea Mist* (HS). Blackie also attempted to lead *Breaking Wind* (E1 5b) but gave best after a couple of moves - John (able to top rope the route) thought it to be a major sandbag and worth E3 5c

Sunday morning saw all present trying their hand at slack-lining with varying degrees of success & a great deal of mirth at some of the attempts. The rest of the day was spent at Bow-shaped Slab where heavy showers meant ascents of *Bow-shaped Slab* (HS) & *Bow-shaped Corner* (HS) were done on wet rock. John and Heather spectated whilst all the others extolled the virtues of the two routes, particularly the Corner.

Monday saw early departures from all except Blackie, Stephanie and John who were rewarded with good climbing and weather at Rusty Point. The unusual "excrescences" of *Rusty Slab* (HS) were enjoyed by all; the claustrophobic *Sea Tube* (VD) proved a fun outing; and finally Blackie excelled with a superb lead of *Bake that Dude* (E2 5c) - a bold technical slab.

So, despite high winds and the Sunday showers, an enjoyable and productive trip for all.

John Roberts

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RIVELIN April 6th

People that did not venture on this meet have missed what can only be described as a sublime experience. The day dawned clear and cold with a couple of inches of fresh snow. There was not a cloud in the sky. The drive to Hathersage was splendid, the visibility was fabulous and the covering of snow lent an air of majesty and grandeur to the familiar landmarks of the Peak. In time, we assembled at Longlands Cafe where the usual crap service was evident. [We really must find a better meeting point.... 3/4hr for a breakfast! Cintra's is just a few yards away and is much better, or we could also consider the Pool Cafe].

In order to maximise exposure to the sun, we opted for Rivelin which faces south and was sheltered from the northerly breeze. A dusting of snow graced the birch trees beneath the crag. As we geared up, the occasional cloud provided welcome break from the ferocity of the sun's rays.

Murray Gallagher and Steve Crossley opened their account with ascents of *Jonad Rib* (HVS,4c) and *Jonathans Chimney* (VS 4c). Pete Nugent teamed up new members Ged Barlow and Paul Burgess and we warmed up on *Face Climb 1* and *Face Climb 1.5*. PN then led *Croton Oil* (HVS 5a) in sunshine and snow flurries. We honestly regretted not packing sun screen as we surveyed the splendour of the snow-capped hills from our warm, sunny and windless vantage point from atop the Rivelin Pinnacle. Geoff, Yvonne and Tanwen Haigh the joined the fun. Tanwen (aged 6) followed Geoff up *Rivelin Slab* (Mod) whilst the other teams did *Wilkinson Wall*, *Left Edge*. PN felt particularly exposed on *Left Edge Slab* (E1,5a) as a rather intense snow flurry added interest to the crux moves. The weather had begun to deteriorate and Geoff Haigh completed *Angle Crack* in a full scale blizzard. At 4.30 pm we retreated to the comfort of the Anglers Rest, Bamford and watched the snow flakes fall. My trip back in the blizzard through