



Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club
Newsletter No 431 **Nov/Dec 2007**

Cover Picture: Tee shirt weather under cloudless skies in October. Meet leader Adrian Perkin in action on the aptly-named Biceps Wall (VS) at Carreg Mianog, Deiniolen Meet .

EDITORIAL

You should find enclosed AGM papers.

My apologies to anyone who received a muddled Newsletter in September. I gather I did not spot that the printer had got out of sequence with some of the pages.

The next Newsletter will not be out until towards the end of January, as I am juggling printing dates a bit.

Newsletter Editor: Debbie Wilkinson, e-mail rogeranddeborah@onetel.com Articles & letters are welcome on old fashioned paper, too.

NEXT ISSUE DUE OUT Jan 28th 2008

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.

JOURNALS

We have spare copies of the Millenium Journal and the 2004 Journal. Any member who has joined the club since these were issued is welcome to a copy. I will try to bring them to the AGM & Indoor Meets or contact me to arrange to get one.

Roger Wilkinson

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007/2008

These WERE due on October 1ST

SINGLE £25 JOINT £38

cheque (made out to LC&CC) asap PLEASE to

Hon Treasurer: Barry Walton,

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.

Winter Rock Climbing

There is a group of harder climbers who get out in the Peak or Dales most Sundays during the colder months. Meet venues and times are weather-dependent. Some weekends there is a named Meet Co-ordinator but often it is just a case of ringing round. If there is not a named meet co-ordinator please ring one of the four listed in the contacts on page 4.

<u>Nov 11</u>	<u>Dales Mountain Biking</u>	<u>Brian Evans</u>
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Meet 10.00am at Rylstone. There is unofficial parking on a gravelly area on left just after the village coming from Skipton. The ride incorporates manicured bridleway over Boss Moor to reach Mastiles Lane and returns over more recently renovated track over Weets Top. No boggy bits (well hardly any). No slippery limestone, but good fun for a late autumn day. Hope the weather is kind. About 13 miles.

<u>Nov 11</u>	<u>Lost Johns</u>	<u>Les Mottram</u>
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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.

<u>Nov 17/18</u>	<u>Dan-y-Mynydd Working Party</u>	<u>Phil Griffiths/Ken Tebay</u>
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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.

<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>ANNUAL DINNER</u>	<u>Ted Fry</u>
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TIME 7pm for 7.30 **Speaker: Richard Ransome**
Tranearth is booked, for those who want a moonlit walk and extended evening. The Dinner is pretty well full. For those wishing to sleep in greater comfort a joint taxi to Coniston can be booked. (We had one around midnight last year going back to Torver, at a very reasonable price.) Contact Debbie if you want to be part of group sharing accommodation in Coniston and taxi there.

<u>Nov 25</u>	<u>Swinsto Hole</u>	<u>Nick Bennett</u>
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An excellent abseil through trip, in Kingsdale. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:30am.

<u>Dec 2</u>	<u>West Pennine Biking</u>	<u>Brian Evans</u>
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Meet at Abbey Village 10.30. Parking along minor lane opposite the Hare and Hounds at the south end of the village. (Do not park in the pub car park). The ride is a devious circuit of Roddlesworth Woods and Darwen Moors, mainly pretty solid under wheel with some rough rocky bits near the Tower and some good descents. A shortish fun ride for a winter day with some shelter provided by the woods if the weather is unkind.

<u>Dec 8/9</u>	<u>Dan-y-Mynydd</u>	<u>Mark Adams</u>
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Last year we decided to hold our own Xmas dinner at the Welsh hut and my meet on the 8/9 Dec I'm sure will be another great success, so I hope to see you there, especially Pete & Judith who we haven't seen for such a long time (Blacky says that's his way of asking Judith to help again!)
So myself & Blacky will be at the hut for 9 ish Friday night to greet you all & down to the Kings Head for the obligatory pint or two & hopefully we'll see that rare moment of Ken at the sink, oh & some climbing/walking of course!
Contact Myself or Blacky if you're coming (only 13 beds).

<u>Dec 9</u>	<u>Giants Hole</u>	<u>John Stringfellow</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 dependant on the weather as Giants 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.

<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Christmas Supper Walk</u>	<u>Barry Walton</u>
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Will start and finish at the Black Dog pub, Belmont, Bolton at 10:15 a.m.(or thereabouts). Route to suit the day but provisionally taking in Anglezarke, Great Hill or thereabouts, Roddlesworth woods, Darwen Tower Moor (or less) and back to the pub for the meal. Booked for 16:45-17:00. It will help if you can let me know you are coming, but not essential. I shall have menus as the landlady would like an idea of what we would like to eat. Fairly extensive menu at about £8. Mobile no. for last minute/emergency calls: 07962 452994.

<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Peak</u>	<u>John Roberts</u>
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At this time of the year weather is bound to play a part. Therefore I propose to leave the choice of venue until the morning of the meet & suggest that anyone wishing to attend meets in Outside café between 9:30 & 10. The likelihood is that one of the gritstone crags will be chosen but a bit of luck with the weather could see an

excursion onto limestone. If anyone feels the need to contact me beforehand the number is 01939 261252.

<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Tatham Wife Hole</u>	<u>Andy Homonnai</u>
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One of the classic caves of the dales. Varied and interesting with about four pitches which will be done by SRT. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:30am.

<u>Dec 24-Jan 1</u>	<u>Tranearth</u>	
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There is always a group of members in the hut over this period. Families welcome. Of recent years most have played a few games and shared some food then stayed in the hut to see the New Year in (rather than going to the pub). Hope to see a good crowd there this year.

<u>Jan 6</u>	<u>Peak</u>	<u>Lawrence Jordan</u>
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Climbing on grit or limestone if the weather is reasonable. Contact me a few days beforehand to find out what's planned.

<u>Jan 6</u>	<u>Birkwith Area</u>	<u>Nick Bennett</u>
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In the Birkwith area near Horton-in-Ribblesdale, there are numerous short caves and pot holes, suitable for a winter's day, and with only the odd ladder pitch. However these caves are flood prone, so please check with Nick beforehand if the weather looks dodgy. Meet at the Penyghent café, Horton-in-Ribblesdale at 10:00 am.

<u>Jan 13</u>		<u>John Banks</u>
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Climbing on grit or limestone if the weather is reasonable. Contact me a few days beforehand to find out what's planned.

<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Bruntskar</u>	<u>Graham Phillips</u>
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This area near Ribblesdale has several short caves worth exploring, notably Bruntskar and Gatekirk caves. They are relatively easy with no pitches, so are suitable for people with little or no experience. Come along and give it a try. Helmets and lamps can be hired in Ingleton. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 10:00 am.

<u>Jan 19/20</u>	<u>Dan-y-Mynydd</u>	<u>Pete Blackburn</u>
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I'll be at the hut for 9 ish Friday night to open up then go on to the Kings Head for the obligatory pint or two. Hoping for some good winter conditions by then.

<u>Jan 27</u>	<u>Silverdale</u>	<u>Rog & Debbie Wilkinson</u>
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Climbing at sheltered Trowbarrow or perhaps Warton or Jack Scout Cove (Lancashire's only sea cliff climbing) and/or a walk through the lovely Silverdale area. Debbie is likely to be walking whatever the weather, Roger is hoping to climb. Probably meet at RSPB café at Leighton Moss 10am, but please ring first if the weather is doubtful.

<u>Feb 2/3</u>	<u>Scotland /Peak</u>	<u>Ken Tebay</u>
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I'm looking to do a long weekend in Scotland if the weather is favourable, otherwise climbing in the Peak on Sunday (weather providing).

<u>Feb 3</u>	<u>Gavel Pot</u>	<u>John Stringfellow</u>
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Situated on Leck Fell, this pot has four pitches up to 30 metres. It will be an SRT trip. "A fine and underrated pot". Meet at Bernies café in Ingleton at 9-30am.

<u>Feb 10</u>	<u>Peak/Dales</u>	<u>Phil Tucker</u>
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Climbing on grit or limestone if the weather is reasonable. Contact me a few days beforehand to find out what's planned.

FUTURE PLANS

"Porky Pete's Munro Meets!"

I am thinking of the Southern Munros (less driving) & staying in pubs/hotels/B&B. May do an easy snow/ice route to the top(s) if conditions allow!! Possible dates; w/e 24 & 25th November (or weekend after) or w/e 8 & 9th December (or the weekend after). Contact Pete Nugent if interested

Rjukan Ice Climbing Feb/March

There are 10 people already booked to go Rjukan Wed 27th Feb for 1 week. If interested contact Mike Hale.

Scotland Half-Term Meet

I'm planning to take my family to Scotland for some winter experiences over a weekend plus a few days in February. If enough people want to join us we can book a whole Youth Hostel. I need a commitment from anyone wishing to join us before the end of January. (Chris gave me Feb 22nd - 24th but my local half-term is Feb 9th - 17th so check dates when you contact him. Ed)

Chris Jackson

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

Sunday Climbing in the Winter Ring one of those below for last minute plans

Lawrence Jordan: John Banks

Ken Tebay : Pete Blackburne

MEET REPORTS

HOWGILLS August 26th

A glorious day found the Howgills at their very best and it was good to have Joyce and Sandra with me to share the enjoyment.

Despite having just returned from Austria's snowy Otztal Alps a day in the Howgills was very satisfying and tiring.

Brian Carlyle

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY FAMILIES MEET TRANEARTH

Something approaching fifty people turned out to make this a memorable week. Some families were even represented by three different generations! Quite a bit of climbing got done by both adults and children. Dow, Wallowbarrow, the slabs above Goat's water and Black Crag above Wrynose Pass all saw teams of varying ages. Quite a bit of walking, fishing, orienteering and general playing also got done. Thanks to everyone who came and made this a very enjoyable meet.

Bernie and Lawrence Jordan

YORKSHIRE Sept 8/9

Friday night at Dalesbridge, not far from Austwick, saw Geoff, Sarah and Tony with Daniel and David encamped. A visit to the Gamecock ensuring the meet co-ordinator got lost. Saturday morning Karl arrived to force the others, kicking and screaming, onto Yorkshire Limestone. At Twisleton the sun shone down on the righteous! Sarah, Tony accompanied by David and Daniel, climbed various routes including *Bay Wall (VD)*; whilst Geoff was being dragged up *Priority Corner (S)*, *Superiority (VS)*, *Sickle Direct (VS)* and *Thornton Wall (VS)*. John Shaw arrived to rescue Geoff from further embarrassment, and led *Evening Star (S)*, and promptly followed Karl on *Serenity (VS)*. Beryl arrived from her walk just in time for a chat. The grades given are in 1985 mode, and may have been changed

That evening Gerard, Nick, Norma and Bert with Sammy joined us on the campsite. Thanks to Gerard for the lift to the pub. Sunday morning Bernie came along to give impetus to the team. Geoff couldn't take any more and went home. The rest headed off to a chilly Ash Tree Crag near Clapham and climbed a number of routes including *Ash Tree Crack (MVS)*. Bert deserves a mention putting in a very creditable performance on *Wobbling Wall*.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the best foreign meet of the summer.

Geoff Haigh

DOW CAVE/DOWBERGILL PASSAGE Sept 16

Six of us met up in the café in Kettlewell on a grey drizzly Sunday morning. At the parking spot Les and Geoff opted for the shorter trip of Dow Cave and the remaining four of us would have a go at the through trip from Providence Pot to Dow Cave. The good thing about this trip is that no tackle is required. Inside, the entrance passages drop down steadily climbing down in boulder-filled chambers and a shortcrawl to pop out into the Dowbergill Passage. This end of the cave is very enjoyable in a big tall stream passage with easy traverses but as you get about halfway through the route is less obvious and more strenuous with some awkward climbing up and down fixed ropes. The last climb down Hardy's Horror which avoids the 1m free dive is particularly strenuous and has you hanging on for dear life. At this point the traverse of Dowbergill Passage is over, with just a short section of large rift passage and you are in Dow Cave. It took us around 3½ hours to complete the traverse - a thoroughly enjoyable trip. Thanks to John Stringfellow, Tom Towers and Nick Bennett for joining me.

Andy Homonnai

SHORNCLIFF Sept 22

Hopefully the two meet arrangement went OK. Sunday forecast looked wet, but turned out OK so we decided on climbing Saturday at Shorncliff. Myself, Robbo & Steve Martin met Darryl & Heather at Tintern Abbey & then "the longest walk in" (Robbo's words) to Shorncliff crag.

It had been raining during the night and made the rock a little greasy in places but that didn't deter us hardened Southern contingent, though myself & Robbo only managed two routes before the call of the pub to watch the England rugby match.

Thanks to the above for an enjoyable day in the Wye & to John Banks for coordinating the northern meet.

Blacky (Pete Blackburne)

BIRCHEN EDGE Sept 21

I somehow managed to volunteer to run the alternative meet for Northerners who couldn't make it to Blackie's meet down south. So Lawrence Jordan, Chris Jackson, Rick Pinches, grad Daniela Sangiorgi and myself arrived at Outside for the usual bacon butty and to decide where to go. The best bet was looking to be the east, so after dismissing Lawrence's suggestion of Curbar as too hard, we ALL decided on Birchen. I'd tried to have a meet there in January but been snowed off(!), so, after texting Rog & Debbie we were off for Birchen Mk II.

We all started the day on Trafalgar Wall area, where there are some great slab routes. After a while R & D turned up, with the question "Will it stay dry?"

"Of course, it never rains on my meets, snow, yes, hail, yes, but never rain".

Many routes were done - here are just a few. If I missed a good lead, I'm sorry, but here goes. Mass ascents of the classic *Sail Chimney*, (S 4a) - great fun; Chris on *Porthole Direct* (VS 4b); Rog on *Captain's Preogative* (HS 4c). Many more routes were done, but special mentions go to Rick for his lead of *Emma's Dilemma* (S 4a) and Chris's lead of *Victory Crack* (S 4a), both VERY stiff for the grade especially if, like me, you can't jam, much to everyone's amusement.

By about 4pm everyone seemed to have had enough, so we retired to the Robin Hood for a pint, the beer of choice being Banks's Bitter. Now how many MCs provide their own brand of beer for a meet? Thanks for everyone who turned up and made it a very enjoyable day.

(John kept his rain-free record intact - just - as it was raining steadily when we emerged from the pub -Ed)

John Banks

LANGDALE Sept 29/30

A promising weather forecast saw this meet extended to a week-end, with a goodly number turning up to camp at the (well-appointed but costly) NT site. Members came from as far as Herefordshire and Shropshire, and including those who only came for one day there were well over twenty members in attendance.

On Saturday morning, if you hadn't heard the forecast, you'd have thought it was going to stay rather grey and gloomy with cloud-shrouded fells all day. It did. Dave Wearing and grad Steve Crossley nevertheless hot-footed to Gimmer when most were just poking their noses out of their tents. They returned a little chastened, I thought, admitting that the weather had been a bit character-forming. Ian & Alison Athroll settled on a walk up to Black Crag (Wrynose) where conditions were similar. Most of the rest of the party were more sensible (or wussy) and settled on low sheltered crags, such as Raven, where a lot of good classics were done. Matt Gordon and Gerard Conway shared leads on *Bilberry Buttress* (VS) though Matt managed to avoid the fun of the scary traverse by just going straight up. Pete Blackburne and Sparky Adams did the same route, but did the proper finish, from which Blackie emerged with his eyes out on stalks. Most were satisfied with slightly easier options, with routes like *Original*, *Evening Wall*, *Revelation*, and *Centipede* seeing a lot of traffic, though Matt and Gerard managed to complete the somewhat esoteric *Kneewrecker Chimney* (HVS).

Sunday dawned a lot better, and most set out for Gimmer. Although the sun only made intermittent appearances, conditions were fairly benign for what was, for some, their first visit to that wonderful crag. Sparky and Blackie got second place in the queue for the classic *Gimmer Crack* (VS); Sparky was so overwhelmed by the air of history and the ambience of the route that he let Blackie lead it all! I think they

both got their moneysworth! Debbie Wilkinson and Gerard did *Asterisk* (MVS) - a good lead by Gerard in the rather Spartan conditions before the sun reached the NW face - and the ever-fresh *D Route* (S). An all-girl rope of Gill Ainsworth, guest Helen, and newcomer Daniela Sangiorgi made a day out of *Herdwick Buttress* (VD, but has some tough sections) and *Oliverson's Crawl* (VD). This was Daniela's first trad multi-pitch climb, and I think it made quite an impression. Not quite like single-pitch bolted routes in the Italian sunshine. Meanwhile, it must be recorded that Geoff Dawson, his rope held by Bernie Jordan, managed to lead a V. Diff (*Ash Tree Slabs*). I thought I'd never write a sentence like that, but, to be fair, this was Geoff's first lead after a year or more laid up with an injury. Meanwhile, Matt led me up the recently discovered *Detour* (VS), and after lunch we teamed up with Bernie to do *Gimmer Crack* (one pitch each) as Sparky and Blackie had (almost) done with it. Highlight of the day, achievement-wise, however, was certainly Alison's lead of *Whit's End Direct* (E1). I'm sure I've missed out lots of other people's adventures - I've just recalled that Dave and Steve did a fine ascent of *Introduction* (MVS) - and I can only apologise for forgetting details of some people's efforts.

Any road up, this was a really good meet, and it only remains for me to thank all those whose company made it special (which isn't meant to imply that some people's company didn't). I hope it still seemed worth the effort to those mired in the M6 car park on the drive south.

Roger Wilkinson

STANAGE Oct 14

We decided to meet up at Outside as the forecast for east of the Pennines was better than the west. All in all 5 people made the trip (Sarah and Tony, Gerard, Mike Hendrick and myself). Unfortunately the weather hadn't read the forecast and it was a bit damp and misty for most of the day though it didn't really rain until Sarah was leading. After a leisurely breakfast we opted for Stanage as we thought it might dry out better in the breeze. However, most places were pretty damp and in places greasy. Nevertheless we had a good day and despite Sarah's damaged arm (she can't remember how she did it but it was nothing to do with the wine she assured me) she made a good lead of a deceptively easy looking route. Tony and Mike followed her up and both paused for thought a number of times as the bridging was a bit greasy. Also the climbing seemed to have released a trapped nerve and improved her arm. Mike reinforced his reputation for enjoying damp, greasy and obscure climbs, this one appeared to involve a helmet jam as the key move.

Thanks to all for making the effort and making it an enjoyable day.

Phil Tucker

BIRKS FELL CAVE Oct 14

This cave is included in a new guidebook of selected caves entitled "Not For the Faint Hearted" so it was with a bit of trepidation that I arrived in Kettlewell on

Sunday morning ready for the trip. I actually have a rather large and detailed survey of the cave possibly from the original exploration, and when we opened it in the cave that morning it covered the whole table and the cave consisted of one passage which started one edge of the sheet, stretched to the other edge then turned on itself and went halfway back. Navigation was not going to be a problem, it's just that it goes on a bit. Another plate of beans on toast was called for.

After dropping off the permit at the farm, the four of us marched around the hillside for a bit before finding the entrance. The cave follows the stream from the sink almost to the resurgence in the valley floor which makes it an exciting watery trip. The guide book also suggests that if you find this cave uninteresting or dull then perhaps caving isn't for you. There is some of everything in this trip apart from big pitches. The entrance rifts are followed by a flat out crawl followed by a crawling canal and the break through dig and duck to the first pitch. Then things get a bit bigger and various chambers are entered and then left as the streamway is found again below the boulders. At one section known as the Flume there is a series of cascades which were quite sporting and would be quite difficult if the water levels were any higher. Two sections known as the Wet Bedding Caves were easily passed with the names being more scary than the reality and then we were into the Grand Gallery which was an easy section of walking streamway with the well decorated Whitehall and Perfection Oxbow at the end. This is followed by the Cascade Pitch which could be very daunting as the whole stream crashes over the lip of this narrow canyon with nowhere to hide on the descent. Fortunately, it is only about seven metres deep so it is possible to bridge over most of the deluge on the descent although thoughts about the return remained in our minds for the rest of the trip towards the bottom. A bit further on and we came to the change in passage direction which had marked the edge of the sheet on the survey. This is known as Elbow Corner and from here onwards the cave changes character. The rock is much darker and the passages riftier giving it a gloomy atmosphere. It had taken us about 5 hours to get here and Rick was starting to think about his new fiancée. We pushed on through a tight section known as the Thrutch but Rick thought his marriage might not even start if we were much longer so we called it a day and started back out. The Cascade was not as bad as we thought it might be and things went well until the Block was returned to. The way in consisted of a letterbox squeeze above a 3 metre drop. The return required a foot in a tatty sling to step up and then the squeeze. I got my chest in the letterbox when my foot came out of the sling. Rather than an uncontrolled drop back I thrashed my legs around and Geoff put his head in the way and using that combined with a horrible thrutch I forced my way back through. A few trips ago I broke a rib in a squeeze but this time I though I ruptured something judging by the pains in my gut. Fortunately, they subsided rapidly and we put a rope over the top for Rick. There were no other problems on the way back to the surface and we emerged about 7pm after a good ten hours underground. Rick dashed off to save a call out and Geoff, John and I retreated to the Kings Arms for a well deserved pint. An excellent

trip in a very good cave despite not getting to the bitter end. We didn't feel faint hearted anymore just faint arms and legs.

Mike Hale

SARDINIA - Oct 2007

In the end, 9 of us headed out to Cala Gonone on 13 October. It would have been 10 if John Tebay - who had successfully managed to transfer Ken's flight ticket for a mere £7 - had managed to find his passport. We debated all week - was that due to the fire, or the Tebay gene?

Anyway, we arrived in the early hours of Sunday morning and Cenza (whose 2 apts. we stayed in) confirmed that no shops would be open until Monday. Fortunately she came to the rescue with biscuits, cheese, bread, milk and wine (cheekily requested by Mike H, but enjoyed by all) from her larder to keep us just about fuelled for the first day of climbing.

The weather was gorgeous all week (some of the team would say it was too hot at times), even though there was supposed to be a storm for 2 days mid week. A plethora of routes were climbed by the keen posse and most people climbed every day. For the sake of the reader's interest we decided to each pick our favourite route of the week to give an overview for others thinking about sampling the Sardinian rock (go to end).

Many of the areas local to Cala Gonone were visited - Budinetta, Biddirscotti, Margheddie, La Poltrona, Flintstones, Cala Fuili. Pete N and Tony M also visited Lainetta (south west of Dorgali and about an hours drive from Cala Gonone), which they reported to be in beautiful and peaceful surroundings on perfect rock.

Each night there was, as is usual for any meet I've attended, frivolity and much beer drunk (and a little wine) and hours of entertainment from the eccentric, but lovable bunch who shared the 2 small apartments. Our total trip cost was significantly reduced by taking it in turns to cook in on 4 out of the 6 evenings. Each meal was superb and a special award goes to Mike, John and Sparky for the 4 course extravaganza, expertly prepared, cooked and presented with waiter service. A personal award from me also goes to Pete for producing 2 bottles of beautiful Italian fizzy stuff which made up for the fact that he ate my first course at the restaurant later in the week quicker than I could say "Hey Waiter, where's my ravioli?".

Our favourite routes:

John Banks - Banane al cioccolato 5a, Fuili: Fun & tasty (with the added bonus of a white bikini clad (just) babe). Heather House - Yabadabadoo, Flintstones: Her first 5c. Darryl House - Senza nome 5b Margheddie: Scarily thin for a big lad, but really enjoyable. Mark 'Sparky' Adams - Cime Tempe-stive 5c, La Poltrona: His favourite because he found it easy, but John Banks struggled (!)"

Ian Athroll - 6a, Biddirscotti: Thoughtful, devious moves, lay-aways, nice long route (not like a sports climb!) Alison Athroll - Psykika 6b, Margheddie: Magnificent 30m

rib of rock - superb varied, sustained, technical & unpolished rock in a fantastic setting. Mike Hall - F**k 5b, Biddirscotti: Cool cave at the top and a great atmosphere. Tony Mercer - Murruda (a.k.a. Ooo needs monkey fags) 6b, La Poltrona: Delightful wall climbing, overhanging technical challenge, beautiful surroundings.

Pete Nugent - Ciao ciao Sardegna 5c/6a, Lanaitto: Huge, satisfying jugs!

Alison Athroll

CHERRY TREE HOLE Oct 28

On a wet Sunday morning four of us met up in the café in Settle ; owing to the bad weather we decided to go down Darnbrook Pot instead of Cherry Tree Hole. Up the fell there is an old shooting hut and the pot is only a short distance away. At the entrance there is an 11m restricted ladder climb which lands you in a narrow stream passage. When everyone was down we had a look upstream first, which is fairly well-decorated and after a short distance ends in a sump. Back at the ladder again we had a look downstream which slopes steadily to a series of entertaining cascades, the last one looking very wet indeed. Fortunately a traverse on the right hand wall got you down safely into a massive boulder-filled chamber. We descended very steeply to the bottom of the chamber where a small hole descends through a dubious-looking boulder choke to rejoin the stream again in a handsome-looking passage. Unfortunately the stream sinks away in the floor and the passage ends in a couple of digs down in the boulder floor where the stream can be heard flowing into the unknown. A short but entertaining trip. Thanks to John Stringfellow, and Tom Towers for joining me and my brother Paul (who went for a walk on the surface).

Andy Homonnai

Annual Dinner TORVER

7pm for 7.30

Saturday 24th November 2007 Fully Booked

Speaker : Richard Ransome

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CLUB BUSINESS

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Points of interest from the minutes meeting on July 10th

- Huts: A fire risk assessment has been carried out at Tranearth and the necessary work (mains-linked fire alarms & emergency lighting, new fire extinguishers is in hand). A risk assessment will be carried out at Dan-y-Mynydd
- Library: The possible auction of the library will be discussed at the AGM with a view to making progress with the plan in 2008/9

REJOINING MEMBERS

Bill Stephenson

NEW GRADUATE MEMBERS

Steve Crossley

Daniela Sangiorgi

Tony Fordham-Skelton

CONTACTS

Hut Booking Sec.:

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

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TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

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

Oct 26-28	LC&CC Vets Meet	Dec 7-9	Coventry Uni
Nov 2-4	LC&CC Bonfire	Dec 14 - 16	Loughton MC
Nov 9 - 11	Duddon Scouts	Jan 4 - 6	Scarlett Group
Nov 16 -18	J Griffith	Jan 18 - 20	Wrekin
Nov 23 - 25	LC&CC	Jan 25 - 27	York Alpine Club
Nov30Dec 2	RCVS	Feb 1 - 3	Duddon Scouts

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

Nov 9-11	Landloper MC	Nov 30/Dec2	Rhythm Thieves
Nov 17-18	LC&CC Working Party	Dec 7 - 9	LC&CC

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 4th Dec: Black Dog (Belmont) 7.30pm AGM

Tues 5th Feb 2008: Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm

Slide show to be arranged.

Tues 1st Mar 2008: Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm

Slide show ; LUNDY THROUGH THE YEARS John Roberts

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
Nov 3/4	Tranearth Bonfire	Hut		Geoff Hibbert
Nov 11	Dales Mountain Biking		Bike	Brian Evans
Nov 11	Lost Johns		Cave	Les Mottram
No17/18	Dan-y-Mynydd Working Party	Hut	Work/Climb	Phil Griffiths/ Ken Tebay
Nov 25	Swintsto Hole		Cave	Nick Bennett
Nov 24/25	Annual Dinner		Social	Ted Fry
Dec 2	Dales Mountain Biking		Bike	Brian Evans
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	Hut		
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Jan 6	Peak		Climb	Lawrence Jordan
Jan 6	Birkwith Area		Cave	Nick Bennett
Jan 13	Peak/Dales		Climb	Mark Adams(?)
Jan 19/20	Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut	Climb	Pete Blackburne
Jan 20	Runtscar		Cave	Graham Phillips
Jan 27	Silverdale		Climb/walk	Rog Wilkinson
Feb 2/3	Scotland /Peak		Climb	Ken Tebay
Feb 3	Gavel Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
Feb 10	Peak/Dales		Climb	
Feb 17	Dan-y-Mynydd		Climb	
Feb 17	Smelt Mill beck		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Feb 24	Scotland / Peak		Climb	Chris Jackson
Mar 1	CAVERS' DINNER		Cave	Les \Mottram
March 2	Peak/Dales		Climb	
Mar 9	Peak/Dales		Climb	
Mar 16	Peak/Dales		Climb	
Mar 16	Carlswark Caverns		Cave	Tom Towers