

TUESDAY EVENING INDOOR MEETS

PLEASE NOTE This is now the LAST Tuesday of each month.

My plan is to have one or two of short presentation finishing early enough for a bit of social time. Please get in touch if you have pictures you would like to show or any other ideas for an evening – especially a good outside speaker.

Debbie Wilkinson

Tues 31st Oct

Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm Members' Activities No 1:- probably Bob Bowdler/Tony on their latest hair-raising exploits in the Alps last winter and Ali Sharman "Slumming in Huayhuash with Exodus", but this programme may change.

Tues 28th Nov

Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm Members Activities No 2 :- probably Chris Wheatley/Blackie on the joys of Winter climbing in Norway.

Tues 19th Dec

Annual General Meeting



EDITORIAL

Oops, popped in to buy coloured paper for the subs. renewal slip and came out with ½ream of blue card – they call it paper! As Roger is always complaining, I don't read the small print on labels. Anyway – don't forget to renew on your blue card or just a cheque & a note of who you are to Barry.

I've been doing the Newsletter for five years now, so it seems like time for a review. I (we!) enjoy doing it, but it takes a lot of time and compromises holiday arrangements a bit. I am happy to continue for a while, but if anyone would like to take over in the next year, please get in touch.

I've now received copies of the 50th anniversary "history" – thanks to those who responded.

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

NEXT ISSUE DUE OUT Oct 31st

Please send material for inclusion in good time.

I can add small items until the last minute,.

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

FORTHCOMING MEETS

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

<u>Sept 9/10</u>	<u>Lundy</u>	<u>John Roberts</u>
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It may still be possible to book places on the Lundy meet for 7th-12th September.

Anyone interested should contact John Roberts on 01939 261252.

<u>Sept 10</u>	<u>Long Kin East</u>	<u>Andy Homannai</u>
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A fine grade 4 SRT trip on The Allotment, Ingleborough, with a main pitch of 62m.

During rainfall the main pitch soon becomes impassable, so a descent will be dependent on the weather. There are alternatives in the area if conditions are unsuitable.

Meet at the Brookhouse café, Clapham at 9-00am

<u>Sept 16/17</u>	<u>Tranearth</u>	<u>Mike Farnhill & Hazel Waller</u>
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Rog & Debbie will be at the Pub around 9.30pm (*We may even go up to the hut & light the stove before that-Ed*). We will arrive probably some time later depending on traffic on M6. Answer machine on phone after many rings (12), will co-ordinate car shares if needed

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Les Turner

John Banks

Murray Gallagher's new mobile no.

Nick Bennet's new e-mail address.

Ted Fry's new phone

Louise Makin, please use my work email .

CONTACTS

Tranearth Hut Booking Judith Cressey

Dan-y-Mynydd Hut Booking: Phil Tucker,

Hon Sec: Carol Wrigley,

Climbing Meets Secretary: Lawrence Jordan,

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

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow, or Les Mottram

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

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

Sept 8-10	Deerham	Oct 7-8	LC&CC Vets Meet
Sept 15-17	LC&CC Meet	Oct 13-15	<i>Provisional</i> D Clark
Sept 18-20	Brighouse High Sch	Oct 18-19	<i>Provisional</i>
Sept 22-25	Vibram MC	Oct 20-22	Louise Makin (Scouts)
Sept 25	Brathay	Oct 22/27	<i>Provisional</i>
Sept 29/30		Nov 3-5	LC&CC Bonfire Meet
Oct 3	Brathay	Nov 7	Impact

DAN-Y-MYNYDD BOOKINGS

No bookings in next two months

THURSDAY EVENING CLIMBING OUTSIDE:

The last meet is (was?) on Sept 7th at Brownstones. It has been a most successful season with many well attended evenings.

CLUB BUSINESS

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

No notes received recent committee meetings

LC&CC E-MAILING GROUP - [lancsccc]

This site was set up in 2005. It currently has 41 subscribers and is well used, for last minute details, evening meets and foreign trips and those seeking partners for odd days of climbing. It is easy to 'unsubscribe' if you want to leave it. (People should be able to unsubscribe out of date email messages by sending a message to lancsccc-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com but this will only work if the email address is still active. Alternatively, they can log onto Yahoo and edit their profile email address if they have one.)

To join the mailing list contact Ali Sharman at a.sharman@lancaster.ac.uk, who will send you details of how to join and how to unsubscribe.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform members that Colin Spargo, a club member for some 50 years, died in June after battling with cancer for several years. Our sympathies go to his wife Joan and daughter Jill. A full obituary will be printed in the next Journal.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006/2007

THESE ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 1ST

SINGLE £25

JOINT £38

A renewal slip is enclosed for your convenience
or just send your cheque (made out to LC&CC) to

Hon Treasurer: Barry Walton,

Those who pay by Standing Order PLEASE AMEND your SO

NEW FULL MEMBERS

[Steve Martin](#),
[Tracey Miller](#),
[Rachel Fry](#),
[Richard Ginns](#),

Sept 23/24

Galloway (or somewhere else)

Ali Sharman

If the forecast is bad, I may relocate somewhere completely different so please check with me on Thursday. I'll post details by email nearer the time. Otherwise, hope to camp at Kippford which is not too far from the border and handy for the crags. Plenty of walking and biking in the area too.

Sept 24

Bull Pot of Witches

Graham Phillips

This Grade 3 pot is only a short walk from Bull Pot Farm. It has three pitches and I believe can be quite wet. Meet at Bernies café in Ingleton at 9-30am.

Oct 1

Peak/Dales?

John Banks

I plan to go wherever the weather looks best. Please get in touch during the week before. *(Please note John's address & phone in the handbook are now out of date -Ed)*

Oct 7/8

Tranearth Vets Meet

Peter Jordan

Meet at Oxen Head on the west side of Coniston Water, car parking on the lake side, at 10 am. As last year I propose to walk on the Blawith Fells/Beacon Tarn area.

Oct 8

Rowten Pot

John Stringfellow

Situated in Kingsdale, a short distance from Ingleton, this is a short but excellent SRT trip. Meet at Bernies café in Ingleton at 9-30am.

Oct 4-26

Kalymnos

Rog & Debbie Wilkinson

Eight climbers + hangers on booked so far, 6 staying at Norma's Place - contact Brian Evans for details, Rog & Debbie are staying in a studio in Massouri. If you want to join us, please get in touch. We are happy to mix & match to fit everyone into a scheme for climbing and will endeavour to help club members join up with others for shared accommodation etc. *Apparently the airport on Kalymnos is open; you fly to it from Athens, which can be reached by Easy-Jet.*

Oct 22

County Pot

Mike Hale

On a recent trip into Top Sink we failed to find the way on to the main drain and had to beat a retreat, thankful for the in-situ ropes on the entrance pitches. I think this trip will be an ideal opportunity to explore the connection from the other direction, and an exit could be made through either Wretched Rabbit or the newly opened Spiral Stairs passage. No SRT experience required for this trip. Meet Bernies café, Ingleton, 9.30.

Oct 29

Longsleddale Walk

Joyce Taylor

The route will take in Shipman Knotts, Kentmere Pike, Harter, Branstree etc. I'll decide which way round on the day. 9.45 am GMT (NB clock-change weekend) start from Stockdale GR 492053. To park, drive between the buildings to second open space on the left.

Nov 4/5 Tranearth Bonfire Meet Geoff Hibbert

I will be up at the hut on Friday evening. I hope lots of members, friends and families will be there Saturday to collect wood etc. The Barbeque will be lit ready to cook by 7pm. My current plans are for chicken kebabs and a variety of other things. Please ring beforehand so I know how many to cater for and/or bring your own food. Fireworks after dark.

Nov 5 Sell Gill Holes/Red Moss Pot? Les Mottram

~~A popular cave, with a wet and dry entrance. It can provide a good introduction to the delights of SRT, or can be done on ladders. at the Penyghent café, Horton in Ribblesdale, at 9-30am.~~

OR I may change this meet to Red Moss Pot, Birkwith area. A short pitch leads to a lengthy cave with gorgeous formations. Meet at Naked Man Café Settle at 9am
(*Better ring to make sure you are going to the correct café-Ed*)

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

INFORMATION & FUTURE PLANS

NEW ROUTING IN SPAIN (NOV ?)

See last Newsletter

Contact Tom Phillips (*see contact list above*) if you are interested.

KALYMNOS Oct 4-18

Last minute booking are often possible; see Meet Details for info.

Crossword Solution

(see previous issue)



LC&CC E-MAILING GROUP

lancsccc

Keep up to date with club activities.

contact Ali Sharman at
a.sharman@lancaster.ac.uk,
see notes in Club Business

New Blackpool Tower

There are two new Climbing Towers at Blackpool, 20m high. From the top you can see into the football ground! (*if so-minded*). All sorts of routes including overhanging and a traverse – but 'outside'. Set up with expertise of BMC. 'On the central corridor – near the football ground.' Tel 01253 349749 for details

Ted Fry

New Climbing Mag

There's a new climbing mag coming out, written by climbers for climbers! It's free of charge from climbing shops or, for a small fee, can be posted to the door. For more details visit www.gravitymagazine.co.uk

Pete Blackburne

Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club

Annual Dinner

Saturday 25th November 2006

Crown Inn Coniston Cumbria

£16 per person

Guest Speaker Julian Carradice

Team Leader Wasdale Mountain rescue

For further details and menu see enclosed booking slip

Bookings should be sent to

Ted Fry,

No later than 1st November. Cheques (made out to LC&CC) can be dated 25th November

It was great to be at Tranearth. The kids really enjoy the freedom and friends. Thanks to all who came and made it a special week.

Bernie Jordan

BAR POT Aug 20th

Three of us arranged a meet down Bar Pot, into the Gaping Gill system, on the slopes of Ingilboro'. The weather was damp and misty, but it was dry and warm underground. The Craven Pothole Club were holding their winch meet at Gaping Gill Hole, and as expected there were ropes hanging everywhere down the pots in the district.

Our descent of Bar Pot was marred by several ropes on every pitch, making our abseils awkward. We descended 50' and 120' into SE passage and proceeded on to the main chamber. This was lit up with search lights, quite impressive. Hoards of people, who had entered by the winch down Gaping Gill main pitch (365ft), were milling about. We three mounted a slope to a ladder which climbed to a well-decorated passage, which eventually led to Mud Hall, the terminus of our visit.

Following a rest and a snack we headed back out of Bar Pot. The climbs out were again awkward because of other gear hanging in our way. Eventually we reached the surface and headed back to Clapham for beers at The New Inn.

My thanks to Rick and Bill

Les Mottram

WHAT A NICE CRAG! (First of, I hope, a regular new feature)

Rog & I have been exploring crags near Edinburgh since we have been visiting our daughter there. We came upon a little gem last week. It could be a good spot to pause en route home when the Highlands are suffering unmentionable weather.

Hawkcraig, Aberdour

This is a small sea cliff (25m routes) facing south; I reckon you could climb there on a sunny day at any time of the year. It is just north of Edinburgh, 6Km from M90 North end of Forth Road Bridge and a 5 minute walk from the parking.

The crag is tidal, but some routes can be reached by abseil at high tide. It is quartz dolerite, and provides lovely sharp and incut holds and just enough cracks for gear. We did a couple of excellent VSs (*Pain Pillar* is a minor classic) and a nice S in our short visit. It is described as 'an especially nice crag for VS climbers', but there were all grades.

Details of the crag and 15 routes can be downloaded on www.scotclimb.org.uk or lots more can be found in the Lowland Outcrops guide book.

Debbie Wilkinson

Send notes on less well-known crags that you've sampled. Remember, the club constantly has new members who are not familiar with many old favorites - Ed

WINTER CLIMBING MEETS 2007

Tactics are go high, go north or go early. I'm canvassing views. Please get back to influence what is put on offer. Ideas so far are:

1) Go early to France (La Grave or thereabouts) or Italy (Aosta valley). These are great places with great food and good skiing (besides the ice).

2) Go mid-season to Hemsedal. This is further north than Rjukan. It has some long routes and really good skiing (Martin Moran goes there every year).

3) Go April (yes April or even May!) to France and stay in the Cosmiques hut and do routes on the Mont Blanc du Tacul and thereabouts. You need to be fit for this and equipped either with touring skis or snowshoes. The Cherie Couloir on the Mont Blanc du Tacul is an excellent and well-equipped introduction to the type of climbing. Other ideas are welcomed. I'll certainly be going for one of them and I might be tempted to go for two if there's interest. Besides these I'm hoping to get up to Scotland for a couple of week-ends but they are best chosen at short notice to get the best conditions.

Contact Chris Wheatley

And from Phil Tucker: You may have seen this already if you're on the group e-mail, in which case ignore. But I know that not everyone is. I've got a scanned article from Summit about ice climbs in the Ecrins if anyone is interested, 2.5Mb for the full version with a few, not particularly good photos and 700kb for a stripped down version. Get in touch if you want a copy.

ECRINS in JAN: Reply from Chris: I'm definitely for it. Best way of getting there is to fly to Turin and hire a car to get to the Briancon area (2 hours). Accommodation is likely to be apartments but I would need to have definites signed up to book reasonably early so we don't lose out on options. **BOTTOM LINE IS: get in touch to register your interest.** Lastly: DATES. Mid to late January??

MEET REPORTS

BULL POT KINGSDALE June 18

A good turn out of seven met up in Bernies for breakfast. An alternative plan was hatched by Nick Bennett and his son, and Tracy, who went off to explore Jingling and Rowten Caves. The rest of us headed up Kingsdale to Bull Pot and walked up the hill in light drizzle. At the third pitch we split up, Bill and Les taking the "wet route", Geoff and myself descending "the slot". We met up again at the fourth pitch and continued on to the fifth, where Bill and Les decided to call it a day. Bill was feeling tired having come straight from working a nine hour night shift, and Les decided he was currently too big for the narrow rift that leads to the final drop. Undeterred, Geoff and myself carried on to the bottom, where we lunched on a chocolate bar before making our way

back out. We all managed to meet up again in Bernies for chips and a brew before returning home, Geoff and myself via the Marton Arms.

John Stringfellow

ROWTEN CAVE June 26

It was a cool drizzly day with the hills shrouded in cloud, but the walk up the steep hill from the valley floor soon warmed us up. We reached the welcomed flatness of Turbary road, which we followed until we met the large open chasm of Rowten Pot. There are four or five trees growing in this on a terrace some twenty feet down. On every tree there was what looked like cobwebs covering the end six inches of every single twig. It looked very odd, like a scene from a ghost ship.

We carried on to try to find Rowten Cave entrance but initially we got the wrong field and ended up exploring Jingling Cave, but not knowing where we were at the time and fed up with crawling we decided to exit and find Rowten Cave. Eventually we found it in the same field as the Rowten Pot. We had a very pleasant trip down a meandering passageway to pop out onto the terrace with the trees in Rowten Pot. On closer inspection the "cobwebs" turned out to be a heaving mass of some sort of caterpillar – real ugly ones. The cobwebs were presumably made of silk threads. We estimated there must have been easily twenty thousand caterpillars there, a very creepy place. We exited back up through Rowten Cave and enjoyed some of Bernies flap jack in the rain. Thanks to Drew & Tracey for their company:

Nick Bennett

HEN CLOUD, July 2

The Gods and Adrian climb on limestone. Mortals climb on grit and fear that they might fall into the Abyss at any moment. Devilish hard if you are not tuned into it. I wasn't, having climbed nothing like it for nearly two years. And now we were gathered at Hen Cloud, the rock burning under our fingers like the fires of hell, and punishment awaited us. It was cool enough to begin with, as Blacky and Sparky battled their way up *Central Climb*. They jokingly sought reassurance that we would provide a top rope if needed, but we excused ourselves, none of us having brought our chauffeurs (see the historical account of this route). Others sought retribution on *Ancient* and *Modern* (which Gerard found so friendly that he used no gear beyond mid-height), and were breathless on *K2*. Even *The Arête* proved tricky, requiring a rather bold and exposed mid-height move for the grade which flummoxed a few. Shade became scarce when the sun moved round and activity waned for a while. The Lazy Trout called, but it cooled slightly and a second wind blew for final flurries on *Central Route* and *Great Chimney*, a very satisfying route. And finally we lazed, making up as best we could the lost fluid of the day. Meanwhile, the heavens to the north opened and laughed on us. Thanks to all who made this a good meet: Blacky, Sparky, Adie and Steve from the south, Rod and friend Mary, Martin and friend Rachael from the vicinity, and Mike and friend Moses, Phil, Gerard and Pete from the north.

the White Gill team managed to do *Ethics of War* and *Slip Knot* before the



Photo: Pete on pitch 3, Bilberry Buttress

siren call of real ales became deafening. On Sunday we were reduced to three and the forecast was even less encouraging. Raven Crag seemed a good choice, being close to the car, and *Bilberry Buttress* looked attractive. Pete and I shared the lead, both struggling a bit, but finding the route worth its three stars. Spots of rain anointed the third pitch, a dramatic exposed traverse, but it was still dry as we reached the sacs for lunch. More rain threatened and so we gave best, regretfully, but within half an hour persistent rain had set in, so our hesitation in starting another route was justified.

Roger Wilkinson

FAMILIES MEET Aug 12th - 20th

We had a lot of good company and a very busy time. The meet involved:

Climbing on Wallowbarrow and Dow

Bouldering on the Pudding stone

Mountain biking to Grizedale (the Selby boys)

Orienteering in Grizedale

Walking up Coniston Old Man (a first for Stephen, Drew and Saskia)

Swimming in the lake

Exploring the slate quarries and Johnson's Deep

Cooking marshmallows and toast over the fire

Playing games – mostly Chess, Jenga and Monopoly

Bird watching– the swallow's aerial acrobatics were fantastic and we saw the buzzards and heron.

think we all enjoyed it; ours was a sensationally good route, with magnificent situations, and with a pleasant degree of difficulty. The weather was good except for a very strong wind. The guide said it was an 'atmospheric' route: perhaps that's what it meant.

Mark Adams, grad Adrian Dawes and their friend John came up on the Sunday and reported a good day on perfect dry rock at Tremadog (doing *Creagh Dhu Wall* at Craig y Castell and *One Step in the Clouds* at Craig Bwlch y Moch)

The Llyn Gwynant campsite seemed very good, there was actual hot water for the washbasins and showers; boats could be hired; campfires were allowed (but not radios). The setting is extremely attractive, with several crags in the immediate neighbourhood, and I think opinion generally was that it was an excellent site. Thanks very much to everybody who attended.

Gerard Conway

LANGDALE Aug 5/6

The weekend was dull (weather-wise, that is) with the threat of rain hanging over the proceedings. However, this didn't prevent seven turning up at New Dungeon Gill on Saturday. Apart from the MCs, Pete Nugent, Stephen Croft, Sandra Handcock, Steve Prior and Gerard Conway appeared. Low cloud swathed the higher crags, though the forecast said it would lift. However, we weren't that convinced so hedged our bets and set off for White Gill. It was decided to call in at Upper Scout Crag on the way, where *Routes 1, 1.5 and 2* were climbed. Despite the forecast the cloud remained in place, but the White Gill option was pursued by Pete, Gerard and me, while the others decided that the charms of Scout Crag were irresistible. Rain threatened again, but

IBBETH PERIL July 7

The cave entrance is in the streambed of a beautiful little ravine just to the side of a waterfall above a very deep pool. We were glad to get underground as it was a real scorcher of a day and after a short crawl we entered the main chamber. The chamber is of very impressive dimensions, the floor being made up of huge collapsed slabs that used to be roof! Which was slightly thought provoking. We crawled through boulders at the far end hoping to find a pitch down to a sump only to find another equally large chamber (not on the survey). Then we realised we had done a complete 180° and come back out further down in the main chamber. We then explored down through boulders by the waterfall, climbing down the best part of 30 feet of jammed blocks. (I guess the chamber was originally a wide bedding, then every so often a new layer of rock would drop off the roof to take its turn in being eroded). We found a passage with a nice solid roof that led off down to a sump. We still couldn't find the confusingly named "upstream downstream passage" that leads to Ibbeth Peril II. According to the survey and description it seemed to go right under the main chamber and back under or past the entrance. The book and the cave just didn't make much sense. We tried to find the entrance to Ibbeth Peril II on the surface - only 50 feet away - but this is well known for being difficult to find - we didn't. Thanks to Drew, Tracey and Rachael for an excellent day out:

Nick Bennett.

LITTLE HUT POT July 16

On a glorious Sunday morning five of us met up in the café at Horton-in-Ribblesdale and after a hot walk up we were soon at the entrance, which isn't far up the main track leading up to Pen-y-Ghent.

The pot was very dry apart from the odd static pool. One of the highlights was descending the second pitch which is a superb shaft of around 30m, after which there is one more short pitch and then the sump. We all had a pleasant trip back to the surface and then on to the pub for some liquid refreshment. Thanks to John, Slug, Nick and Richard for turning up.

Andy Homonnai.

BORROWDALE July 22/23

I arrived at the campsite just as it was going dark and discovered just how busy the Lakes can be in July. It was difficult to find enough room to pitch a tent but eventually I managed to squeeze my Quasar into a tight space.

Saturday was one of those hot sunny days we have become accustomed to but a search of the camping areas failed to reveal any other LCCC members. However, all was not lost; I had arranged to meet Graduate member Gill Ainsworth and she duly turned up at the appointed time.

We decided to seek out some shade on Shepherd's Crag and started with *Brown Slabs*. Our early start ensured that we were the first there and also made it easy to find a parking space at the Lodore Farm café.

Next we did a route called *Shepherd's Delight* on which we encountered loose rock, plenty of vegetation and two areas covered in giant ants. Once in belaying mode there was no escape – the ants soon found our exposed ankles and started to bite them. I will definitely not be doing this climb again, but Gill seemed to think it was something of an adventure.

After a substantial lunch at the café we set off for Black Crag to do *Troutdale Pinnacle* but realised that we were short of time and decided against this. However, Gill practised leading the first pitch whilst placing runners and then worked on improving her abseiling techniques.

Gill was going windsurfing on Sunday but two other members had arrived at the campsite on Saturday: Sandra and Gerard.

Sandra went mountain biking with Caroline, and Gerrard and I went back to Black Crag. After wasting an hour due to wrong information from nearby climbers, we eventually found the start of *The Mortician* (HVS).

I used virtually all my rack of gear on the big pitch, expecting the route to become easy after doing the so-called crux. Luckily I managed to get a reasonable belay below a second roof and brought Gerard up. Rather worryingly, we started to get a few spots of rain. Gerard went on to produce an excellent lead and I found it hard to second the upper section of the final "jamming" crack. Where are the jams? The final pitch of *Troutdale Pinnacle* seemed a stroll after what we had just done.

Graham Phillips

TRANEARTH July 8/9

I got to the pub to find Val and then Lawrence arrived soon after. The forecast being not too great we decided to play it by ear and see what the morning brought. So after a few pints we set off to the hut.

The morning was a bit overcast and with Val off tending to a tree, myself and Lawrence set off for Raven Crag (Walthwaite). For those who have not climbed there, it is a good quality crag, not overly blessed with pro, but with some good routes. We did *Route 1(S)*, *Route 2 (HS)*, and *Enterprize (VS)*, then with rain threatening, we went for a play on the boulders just out of Chapel Stile.

When we got back to the hut we found a damp looking Gerard waiting. After we'd eaten and the weather very wet, Lawrence forced us all to the pub, where we met up with Sandra.

The morning after dawned wet, Sandra set off to meet up with friends, Val set off home, to watch the tennis, Gerard went off to get some of the Wainwrights he hadn't done and Lawrence set off home to nurse Bernie.

So thanks to everyone who turned up on not the greatest forecast.

John Banks

WHITESCAR CAVE July 30th

The weather was very warm, so it was a delight to get underground in the cool.

Eight of us led by 'Slugs', enjoyed a fun trip. We first toured the show cave, as far as the "Battlefield Chamber", then made our way to the barrier beyond which was the cavers' playground. We entered the deep water, where we had to swim (good job we were in wet suits). Beyond this, some gorgeous streamway led to "Big Bertha", a large block of stone and a boulder choke. Much fun was had finding our way past this to a lengthy passage with fantastic formations on the roof and walls. A large pile of boulders was negotiated to the passage beyond and eventually another lake, which we had to swim. Slugs, however, found a high level route via some scaffolding tubes and avoided the cold water.

Sometime later we reached a low wet passage and sump. This was our terminus. We retreated back up the passage a short way for a rest and a Mars bar. Eventually we made our way back. We took Slug's route, avoiding Swifts Lake. Passing Big Bertha was easy. The final swim into the show cave was torture (it was very cold).

We were held up for a time in the show cave by hordes of tourists who looked at us with worried expressions.

The day was rounded off with a (*well-earned, I think* - Ed) drink at the Ribblehead. Thanks to those who turned up: Slugs (Mike), Matt, John, Rick, Nick, Tracey, Rachael and me (the Mole)

Les Mottram

TREMADOG July 29/30

The Jordan clan - Lawrence, Bernie, Peter and Eddie - went down ahead of me on the Friday and enjoyed good weather on that day, doing things aquatic on the lake by the campsite. On the Saturday I climbed with Lawrence at Tremadog proper (i.e. Bwlch y Moch): we only had time to do *Shadrach* and half of *Meshach* when it started pouring with rain. Lawrence returned to the bosom of his family and a trip to the nearby Copper Mine Museum, which they found interesting - although Bernie went on a Mountain Experience feature at the museum involving ascent of an actual outdoors mountain, which she wasn't really expecting, and therefore got soaked. Phil Tucker turned up after we had set off to Tremadog, missed us there, and went to walk the Nantlle Ridge. I headed for Tryfan, a shortish drive away.

On the Sunday it rained first thing and promised (misleadingly, as it turned out) more of the same, so - along with Mike Hendrick and his friend Moses, who turned up around 9am - Bernie, Phil and I set off to do the classic *Outside Edge*, a 3-starred mountain-type V Diff at Cwm Silyn out towards the coast (Grid Ref SH 517501), after a refuelling stop at an agreeable café in Beddgelert. Mike and Moses actually did *Ordinary Route*, an adjacent climb: Moses led some pitches, which he seemed pretty relaxed about, even though he has only very recently begun leading on single-pitch. I

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. This list may differ from, but supersedes, the Handbook programme.

DATE	TITLE/VENUE	AC	ACTIVITY	MC
Sept 9/10	Lundy	camp	Climb/canoe	John Roberts
Sept 10	Long Kin East		Cave	Andy Homannai
Sept 16/17	Tranearth	Hut	Climb/walk	Mike Farnhill & Hazel Waller
Sept 23/24	Galloway	camp	Climb/walk	Ali Sharman
Sept 24	Bull Pot of the Witches		Cave	Graham Phillips
Oct 1 st	Peak/Dales		Climb	John Banks
Oct 7/8	Tranearth Vets Meet	Hut	Climb/walk	Peter Jordan
Oct 8	Rowten Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
Oct 4-18	Kalymnos	studio	Climb/walk	Rog & Deb Wilkinson
Oct 22	County Pot		Cave	Mike Hale
Oct 29	East Cumbria		Walk	Joyce Taylor
Nov 4/5	Bonfire Meet Tranearth	Hut	Play/climb/walk	Geoff Hibbert
Nov 5	Sell Gill Holes/Red Moss		Cave	Les Mottram
Nov 11/12	Working Party Tranearth		Work/climb	Roger Wilkinson
Nov 19	Dales		Mountain Bike	Brian Evans
Nov 19	Roaring Hole		Cave	Geoff Dawson
Nov 25/26	Annual Dinner	Hut/pub	Eat/walk	Ted Fry
Dec 3	Lancashire		Mountain Bike	Bernie Jordan
Dec 3	Knock Fell Cavern		Cave	Mike Hale
Dec 10	Peak/Dales		Climb	Lawrence Jordan
Dec 17	Christmas Supper walk		Walk/Eat	Barry Walton
Dec 17	Smelt Gill Beck		Cave	John Stringfellow
Dec 19	Annual General Meeting			
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Dec23/Jan2	Tranearth New Year	Hut		
Jan 7	Peak/Dales		Climb	Lawrence Jordan
Jan 7	Short Drop Cave		Cave	Graham Phillips
Jan 14	Peak/Dales		Climb	John Banks
Jan 20/21	Scotland/Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut/YH	Winter Climb?	Pete Blackburne
Jan 21	Cow Pot		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Jan 27/28	Scotland/Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut/YH	Winter Climb?	TBD
Feb 4	Peak/Dales		Climb	Lawrence Jordan
Feb 4	Mere Gill Hole		Cave	Geoff Dawson
Feb 10/20?	Norway/Alps	Chalet	Winter climb/ski	Chris Wheatley
Feb 18	Birks Fell Cave		Cave	Mike Hale
Feb 19/20	Deiniolen	Hut	Climb/winter?	Tony Mercer

