

Carlisle Mountaineering Club

NEWSLETTER October 2011

Thank you to John Wood for his further update on B Gilpin mentioned in the June Blast from the Past article. John writes "You may wish to record that Gilpin Ward died on Tuesday 20 September 2011 & his funeral was held at Kirkaldy Crematorium on Thursday 29 September at 130 pm

I believe that Gilpin was the last founder member of the CMC"

West Lakes Extreme - A pioneering Extreme Sport Centre for West Cumbria.

Regen NE Copeland is currently working with Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and nationally renowned experts to look at the option of building an extreme sports centre in Cleator Moor, West Cumbria, **including** ice climbing, canyoning, climbing, children's snow room and high ropes course.

If your interested please fill in the survey by following the link. If you know of anyone else who would be interested please pass on the information and link. Survey close is 31st October 2011 so don't delay.

http://www.necopeland.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=210&Itemid=101



An early winter meet in Glen Coe has been arranged for Weekend 11th -13th November 2011. The Independent Hostel at glencoe has been booked and we have the hostel to ourselves. Cost will be £25 per person, and there are 13 places still available. Book soon and support this new meet and the club. Please send cheque or cash to Tim asap if you want to go.

Diary Dates:

October

Events

Club Meets

Sun 23th Langdale

November

Events

Sun 13th FRCC Remembrance Day Great Gable

Wed 16th James Thacker Lecture Morton 19:00

17th - 20th Kendal Mountain Festival

Club Meets

Weekend 11th - 13th Glen Coe

Fri 25th CMC AGM

Sat 28th Club Annual Dinner

Sun 27th Hangover Meet

December

Events

Club Meets

Sun 18th Pre-Xmas Meet

Mon 26th Boxing Day Meet

January 2012

Club Meets

Weekend 27th - 29th Newtonmoor

February 2012

Club Meets

Weekend 24th - 26th Roy Bridge

March 2012

Club Meets

Weekend 23th - 25th Glen Coe

CLUB NEWS

AGM

The Club AGM will be held on Friday November 25th at Morton.

Dave and Sue have registered their intentions to step down as club Chairman and Secretary respectively. These positions need to be filled at the AGM. If anyone is interested in filling either of these positions please get in touch with Dave or Sue.

If you would like to get more involved in the club there's a need for some help on the committee. You won't get a job if you don't want one but a bit of input would be welcome.

There will now be no committee meetings will be Wednesday 09 November 2011.

Lecture

A lecture on 'Preparations for winter climbing'. Will be given by James Thacker on Wednesday November 16th 2011. The venue will be Morton. Price on the door will be £2.00 per person to cover James's travelling expenses. Please come along and give a good turnout for James and the club.

Club Christmas Dinner

The Club annual dinner will be held on November 26th 2011. The Christmas dinner

menu and booking form are at the end of this newsletter and a PDF version for printing will be attached to the newsletter email. Booking should be made to Dorine. Please return booking forms **no** later the November 15th 2011.

Scottish Winter Meet Programme

Dates for the Scottish winter meets for 2012 have been arranged as follows

Weekend 27-29th January 2012.
Newtonmore. Bunkhouse has been booked

Weekend 24-26th February 2012. Roy Bridge. Tim hopes to get this booked shortly

Weekend 23-25th March 2012. Torren Cottages Glencoe. Cottages have been booked.

Club website at <http://www.carlislemc.co.uk>.

The Club also has a group on Facebook

Please send photos and details of your adventures to sue.greenwood7@btinternet.com.

FUTURE MEETS

All payments for weekend meets should be made to Tim, whose details can be found in the members booklet. All meet bookings must be accompanied by full payment to

guarantee the place. Cheques payable to Carlisle Mountaineering Club.

CLUB MEET REPORTS

Due to the joint effects of holidays and the weather, there are no Club meet reports this month

Yorkshire Limestone 26 September

Report by Dorine Tinnion

Great meet on Sunday at Moughton Nab - bolted Yorkshire limestone - after a damp start the sun came out and 6 members + friend enjoyed around 10 routes, followed by a pint of Copper Dragon at Giggleswick. Tony styling it on a 6a below!

The slideshow evening was held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 following the committee meeting. This was an interesting and informative evening although the turn out from members was slim with only 14 attending.

There were four presentations over approximately 1½ hours. Presentations were given by:

Will Coombs on his gap year on a youth project in Lungthung, Nepal

Tony Morley on his climbing adventures in North Scotland and Lundy

Tim Millen on winter climbing in Scotland – Cairngorms, Glen Coe and surrounding areas

Mike & Dorine Tinnion on the Écrins National Park and Chamonix

Sue on Weissmies (Switzerland), Ailefroide and Orpierre (France)

MEET REPORTS

Report by Sue Greenwood and Phil Wilkinson

I know we have lots of holidays but there is a lot to do in a short time! 15 days in early July followed by 15 more later in August/early Sept. Allow for quite a lot of travelling time and that gives 13 actual rock climbing days, 3 big 4.000m mountain walks/climbs, time to reach the huts and descend and no days for just ice creams. Of the 4 mountains planned, one was aborted through a bad forecast; the Weissmies (Switzerland) was achieved on a magnificent sunny day, with quite a long ridge scramble before the final beautiful sweep of snow leading to the summit; Tour Ronde (Italian/French border) was lovely until we reached the dodgy loose rocky ridge so we admired the excellent views instead as we retraced our steps on safe good snow; finally, Castor beckoned but hid itself behind a sudden vicious wind bearing icy particles into the eye, after we reached the Colle Felik (normally known as Felikjoch) (4088m). A marvellous thick white rope helped us down the via ferrata from the Quintino Sella Hut so although Castor's summit escaped us, we still had a good expedition. The wonderful climbing in France, firstly Ailefroide and then Orpierre on our 2nd holiday made up for the struggles on the granite in Switzerland. (Sort of

enjoyable but challenging. We did best on one called Donald Duck!) Why has no-one mentioned Orpierre before? We discovered it by chance on a wet day in Ambleside, browsing through the foreign section books and now I find that lots of people have been there, keeping it secret! Absolutely fabulous place, so much to choose from and all within reach of the camp site. Unspoilt atmosphere and charming old village. Cannot wait to go back. Temperature in late August just right once you got up on the rock. Good single pitch and multi pitches of all grades. We were enjoying La Jungle on the dominating Quiquillon when we were rained off on the 5th pitch; abseiled down; lunch and then it was dry enough to do 3 more single pitches. (Can't imagine that at Quayfoot!) That was our last day; the weather broke (but only for 2 days) so we headed for



home, forfeiting a final climbing morning reluctantly. Anyway we certainly haven't done it all. Hope to see you there next year. We just missed Mike and Dorine who were there earlier. Forgot to say : added attractions are splendid large toads on the campsite. They must be old as Tony Morley saw them when he was very young, in the early 1990's.

Sue Greenwood and Phil Wilkinson

10 things to do before a VS climber hangs up his rock shoes! - A personal view from Phil Wilkinson.

Part One: Mittafluh- Sud Kante

Where?	Grimsel Pass, Bernese Alps
How Long-	50m, 10 pitches
Rock-	Gneiss; 1 st class, good holds on solid rock
Grade- (UK)	V.S. 4c (one pitch) mostly 4b
Gear-	Fully bolted, but rather spaced hence light rack
Approach-	40mins from car park
Nature of climb-	What appears as a huge slabby face is actually more featured, with each pitch having its own identity.
Pleasures-	On the grade 3 pitch, you get a full 50m of V.D. climbing on perfect rock.
Crux-	The last pitch: steep moves to avoid an overhang, then more delicate moves lead to easier

- climbing and a race to the top.
- Tip- Keep a rope handy for the exposed scramble that leads from the top of the climb to the start of the path that goes to the summit of the Mittafluh.
- Descent- A grassy path through rocks to some awkward down climbing and 2 abseils, best enjoyed without the threat of an oncoming storm!
- Reward- Knowing that at least for one day you are not on the desperate granite slabs further up the road!

Next Month: Palavar Les Flots

Carlisle Mountaineering Club - Christmas Dinner booking form

Queens Head Inn, Tirril

Date 26th November 2011 (Sat)

7pm for 7.30pm

Name(s)
Telephone number
Email

Starter

	Tick	(use for 2nd person)
Homemade butternut squash soup <i>served with warm bread roll & butter</i>		
Smoked haddock on a rarebit crouton <i>served with a whole-grain mustard sauce</i>		
Smoked salmon & avocado mousse <i>served tomato salsa</i>		
Chicken liver & cracked black pepper pate <i>served with brown toast</i>		

Main course

Roast crown of Cumbrian turkey <i>with chipolatas wrapped in bacon, homemade sausage-meat stuffing & gravy.</i>		
Griddled Cumbrian lamb cutlets <i>cooked to your liking; served with a port, redcurrant & mint reduction</i>		
Parsnip, cranberry & chestnut loaf <i>served with a Cumberland sauce</i>		
All above dishes served with new & roast potatoes & fresh vegetables		
Oven-baked cod fillet on parsley mash <i>served with a prawn, cream & dill sauce & fresh vegetables</i>		

Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding <i>with brandy sauce & cream</i>		
Lemon & lime cheesecake <i>made with a biscuit base & served with cream or ice cream</i>		
Hot chocolate fudge cake <i>served with cream or ice cream</i>		
Duo of local cheese <i>with local chutney, grapes & biscuits</i>		

Coffee & mince pies

Choose two courses for £ 15.50

or

Choose three courses for £ 18.95

Cheque enclosed for £

Completed forms with payment are required by 15th November

Return forms to: -

Dorine Tinnion

4 Oak Bank

Newbiggin

Penrith

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01768 480303, 07775 833226 or dorinetinnion@hotmail.co.uk

Cheques payable to Carlisle Mountaineering Club

Carlisle Mountaineering Club, Weekend Meets 2011			
BST starts 27/3 and ends 30/10			
Date	Venue	Contact	Tel.
September	25 th	Buttermere	Tony Morley 01228 524767
October	9 th	Shepherds	John Holden 07776 296120
	23 th	Langdale	TBA
November	13 th	Rememberance Day, Great Gable	FRCC
	11 th - 13 th	Glen Coe Independent Hostle	Tim Millen 07825 419666
	25 th	AGM	
	26 th	Club Dinner	Dorine Tinnion 07775 833226
	27 th	Hangover Meet	Phil Wilkinson 01228 522614
December	18 th	Pre Xmas Meet	Joe Miller 07990 680237
	26 th	Boxing Day meet	Carlisle Club
January	27 th - 29 th	Newtonmore	Tim Millen 07825 419666
February	24 th - 26	Roy Bridge (TBC)	Tim Millen 07825 419666
March	23 rd - 25 th	Glen Coe Torren Cottages	Tim Millen 07825 419666

Carlisle Mountaineering Club, Evening meets 2011			
BST starts 27/3 and ends 30/10			
Date	Location	Contact	Tel.