

Carlisle Mountaineering Club

NEWSLETTER December 2011

It's that time of year that we all look forward to; Yes that's right, Membership renewal.

The Club Fees for 2012 are due on 01 Januray 2012 and are as follows:

Individual Menbers	£18.00
Family / Partner (two Persons)	£30.0
Additional Family Members (each)	£11.25
Students	£15:00

Cheques are payable to Carlisle Mountaineering Club and should be sent to Mike Tinnion along with a completed Membership Application Form.

The Membership Application Form is attached to the email with this newsletter or can be downloaded from the Club web site.

Equipment Deals

John Holden is organising a bulk purchase

deal on winter climbing kit with Dorine at Freetime if anyone wants to add stuff on.
Second hand kit.

Annette Grogan has give Dorine a pair of Scarpa Fitzroy boots size 7 which are for sale. They would be OK for an impecunious winter beginner at a super £10.00 bargain price which will go to charity. They're on Ebay (Freetime1outdoors) right now and they're in the shop to try on.

CLUB NEWS

AGM

The Club AGM was held on Friday November 25th at Morton. There have been a number of changes to the committee . The major change was the resignation of Dave Greenwood from the positions of Club Chairman and Membership Secretary and Sue Greenwood from the positions of Club Secretary.

A HUGE THANKS are due to Dave and Sue for their sterling efforts on behalf of the club, Dave especially stepped in at short notice and took on the memberships (a complex and time consuming task) and Chairmanship of the club despite having dropped off the committee, after a little gentle persuasion from Sue! They have been great ambassadors for CMC both at the wall and on meets - I think that this friendly, welcoming approach makes our club unique and I am sure it will continue as

Diary Dates:

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

they both fully intend to remain active at the wall and on the crag.

The following is Sue's report on resigning as secretary:-

The first club committee minutes that I took were in December 2004 and so I have done my 7 year stint. The committee then included Mooney, Martin West, Steve Mc Donnell, Alan Greig, Pete Botterill, Rae Mc Nab, Ray Cassidy, John Holden, Phil Tinning, Phil Wilkinson, Dave and me. Out of these the 2 Phils remain as loyal supporters. I volunteered as secretary to get involved with the result that I have had the best 7 climbing years of my life, with so many opportunities that I never dreamt of, in different areas , on different types of rock on excellent meets, weekends and weeks away. So I am very grateful to the club. With changes in communication...Website, Email, Facebook etc a modern approach is needed so I am delighted to hand over to Dorine.

I will still be a keen supporter of everything offered by the club and I am sure we will continue to be as friendly to both newcomers and old stagers. As long as we are as obsessive about climbing in al areas, at all grades throughout the year, in all conditions with great enthusiasm, we surely cannot be quite mad!

Sue

However, like all good tales there was a final twist that nobody had expected.

Dennis sprung a surprise at the recent AGM stepping aside as Honorary President and proposing Sue as a worthy successor. This was seconded by John Holden; - a popular choice I think!

Sue has commented "...Dave and I have resigned but Dennis suddenly proposed me as President, which sounded like a death sentence the way he put it, but I accepted this honour anyway.

The remaining changes to the committee are as follows:

Dorine has taken over as Club Secretary from Sue following her resignation.

Jackie has joined the committee and take over the post of Club Chair.

Tony is no longer Lectures Secretary but retains his position on the committee.

Otherwise the committee remains the same with both Phils and Mike.

The new committee following the AGM is as follows:-

Honorary President Sue Greenwood
Chairperson Jackie Jackson
Secretary Dorine Tinnion (01768 480303)

Treasurer Phil Tinning
Membership Secretary Mike Tinnion
Meets Secretary Tim Millen
Hut Secretary Clive Barnet
Lecture Secretary Vacant

Committee Members
Stewart Herbert
Tony Morley
Phil Wilkinson

The new contact number/address for memberships and general queried is as follows:

Mike Tinnion (01768 480303)
4 Oak bank
Newbiggin
Penrith

Committee Meetings

There is no committee meeting in December

The next committee meeting will be held at Morton on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30

Lecture

The lecture on 'Preparations for winter climbing' was given by James Thracker on Wednesday November 16th 2011 at Morton and was well attended drawing 23 members

James started the lecture with a brief

account of how he started in climbing and mountaineering, winter climbing in Wales and Scotland and progressing to bigger things in the Alps and side the Himalayas, but made the point that his success in mountaineering outside the UK is very much down to the skills and experience learnt here in the UK, especially in Scotland.

James then continued along similar lines talking about his experiences winter climbing illustrating this with a slide show, but arranged the subjects matter into Ten Top Tip for Preparation for Winter Climbing in Scotland.

The lecture had audience participation with prizes donated by Haglofs (thanks to Vicki) which were awarded during the lecture to



James Thracker

those who could name the mountain, crag or climb.

A big thank you to James for coming to Carlisle and giving the lecture to the club. Also a big thank you the Vicki, Tim and Tony for their part in arranging the lecture. As usual a considerable of behind the scene work goes on to provide the club events and should be recognised.

If members have any suggestion for future lectures, either people they would like to see or subjects they would like to have a lecture on, please contact the Lectures Secretary when this post has been filled. In the mean time, please let the club secretary know of any ideas in the first instance or failing that any of the committee members.

Club Christmas Dinner

The Club annual dinner was held on November 26th 2011. There was good craic as usual at the dinner - a lot of catching up is done by members - some from afar and it is always a pleasure to see old friends and spin a few yarns! The Queens Head at Tirrill were as welcoming as ever, with a delicious meal in characterful surroundings - the beer is excellent too - well worth a visit after a winters day on the fells - there is a cracking log fire. It is always a surprise to see how well your climbing mates scrub up!

FUTURE MEETS

Pre Christmas meet Sunday 18th December

(great excuse to avoid Christmas shopping) will be a warm up easy snow/ice climb or a fitness building winter walk/scramble depending on conditions.

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.

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

Cost of the 2012 Scottish Winter meets has been set at £25 per person per meet.

Tim is now taking bookings for all the Scottish Winter meets.

In the spirit of the time of year, what could be a better present for that climber in your life.

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.

Bookings are open to Members up until three weekend before a meet. After this remaining places are also open to family and friends of members.

Club website

<http://www.carlislemc.co.uk>.

The Club also has a group on Facebook

Please send photos and details of your adventures to Dorine at dorinetinnion@hotmail.com.

CLUB MEET REPORTS

Glen Coe Early Winter Meet 11th-13th November

Report by Stewart Herbert



Churchdoor Buttress

A rather warm early winter meet made sure

that no winter climbing was possible; 11°C at the Glen Coe Independent Cottages.

13 members met in the cottage on Friday night and made plans for Saturday in front of a roaring wood fire.

Conditions on Saturday morning were no different; warm, windy, dry and wet under foot.

Phil W and Will went to Polldubh where climbing conditions were ok, with them completing eight routes during the day.

David Hall went to climb a couple of Munros in the Grey Corries.

The rest went in two teams to do Crypt Route (V Diff ***) on Bidean Nam Bain Church Door Buttress, but this turned out to be very wet and slimey and proved too daunting even for the better climbers in the groups. Crypt Route was eventually abandoned in favour of some walking and scrambling to the Monroe tops of Bidean Nam Bain and Bidean Nam Bieth.

On Sunday, following Phil and Wills success, Martin, Martin, Charlie and Peter went to Polldubh. Phil and Will went to Tower Ridge on the Ben and the rest went to the Ice Factor in Kinlochleven for two hours of climb on ice.

Hangover Meet 27th November 2011

Report By Phil Wilkinson

Wow! What a day! The Club Dinner was an enjoyable evening, which included a few words from our new president, Sue Greenwood, but the Hangover Meet the next day was even better!

Sue and I headed for Warton, near Carnforth and managed 6 routes on the Upper Crag. These ranged from VD to VS and amounted to all of 45 metres of interesting, varied climbing on the walls, grooves, overhangs and flakes on clean, bone dry rock, even after the storms of the day before. Intermittent sunshine prevented cold hands.



Warton Crag

The only disappointment was that we failed to meet up with Mike and Dorine as planned due to problems in finding both Warton and then the crag. Without a guide book, they

could not locate the crag but had a good walk instead. We also had a good walk in the woods before realising that we had passed the crag as footpaths are numerous and the one finally leading up is very indistinct. In Kalymnos there would be a blue sign!

We had the crag to ourselves. What`s new?!

The Crag

Upper Warton, near Carnforth.

A nice little 8m high crag with a very amenable micro climate for early or late in the year, worth recommending for anyone desperate to avoid another day at the wall inside.

Carlisle Mountaineering Club, Weekend Meets 2011			
BST starts 27/3 and ends 30/10			
Date	Venue	Contact	Tel.
December	18th	Pre Xmas Meet	Dorine Tinnion 07775 833226
	26th	Boxing Day meet	Carlisle Club
January	27th - 29th	Newtonmore	Tim Millen 07825 419666
February	24th - 26	Roy Bridge (TBC)	Tim Millen 07825 419666
March	23rd - 25th	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.