

CRAVEN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
2018 AGM: HUT SECRETARY'S REPORT

It's been a busy year!

Since the last AGM there have been 12 hut meets

- 7 Lakes (Patterdale x 2, Thirlmere x 2, Wasdale, Buttermere and Langdale)
- 3 Scotland (Glencoe, Elphin, Crianlarich)
- 1 Wales (Snowdonia)
- 1 Peak District (Stoney Middleton)

Overall, the meets have been well attended - meet reports are posted on the website for all to see.

What's new:

- We now have the opportunity to visit two FRCC huts annually and held summer meets at Brackenclose in Wasdale and Birkness in Buttermere. Both fabulous locations and very well attended. Thanks to David Wilkinson for coordinating both these meets.
- Communal meals have been reintroduced to most meets thanks to Sylvia's inventive menu suggestions and organisation.
- Communication – a hut meets bulletin is emailed to all members every 3 months to raise awareness of forthcoming meets and places available.

Throughout the year, there's been a steady increase in the fees charged by clubs for using their huts. Hut bookings vary – some clubs allow a set number of places, others request a commitment to booking all places which can impact the cost to our members. Subsequently, hut meet fees vary but throughout the year they have been self-financing at £11/£12 pp/pn. For information, meets arranged at more expensive venues (National Trust Scotland and Youth Hostels) are cost price so we request a deposit in advance, not only to gauge interest, but also cover the cost of the deposit.

We have an affiliated membership with the Karabiner Club who owns a large hut in Deniolen, Snowdonia. This allows 4 club members to use their hut with prior notice. The hut secretary holds the key and can make the necessary enquiries / arrangements.

Thank you to all who have supported the hut meets and if anyone has any suggestions of places to visit, please let me know.

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Huts Secretary