



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Hello readers

Welcome to the first of this year's newsletters. The role of communications secretary has been vacant for a while but after the promise of beer (or did I imagine that) I offered to take on the role.

As well as compiling a quarterly newsletter I will also be keeping the website up to date with forthcoming meets. The website is "the hub of the club" and its where to find out what's happening when and where so please keep dropping into it to keep up to date with meets.

The newsletters will feature reports from committee members as well as news of upcoming meets and reports, and pictures from meets, so if you have any reports and/or pictures you'd like including in the next newsletter please send them to me.

Andy Hudson
Communications secretary

Chairpersons corner

Dear Members,

The Craven MC formed in 1978, and as with any club that has been active for 40 years, there have been fluctuations in both the quality of the activity programme and the interest of members to support events. Maintaining that interest and involvement can be a challenge for any club!

For many of us, this club has been the hub for our activities and many special friendships have developed and grown over the years. With that in mind, all the committee members who volunteered and were elected at the recent AGM unanimously share the same objective. We would like the Craven MC to blossom, and gain recognition locally as an active and inclusive club. We already have a reputation for being friendly and welcoming, and currently have a membership of just over 60 people.

Many of the committee and meet organisers have been involved for lots of years and are looking for fresh and innovative ideas from existing and new members to bring folk together.

Some excellent suggestions have already been voiced and changes are afoot! Just log on to website to see how a varied programme is gradually taking shape as Fiona Burnett (Walking Secretary), Vikki Bassek (Climbing Secretary) and Dick Winslow (Hut meets Secretary) are working behind the scenes to seek volunteers to take part in organising meets. Be warned, avoiding eye contact next time you meet them might just backfire and create some unexpected attention! Seriously though, this is your club and we would really appreciate your offers of help. All will be welcomed.

For some time the committee role of Communications Secretary has been vacant, hence the difficulty in keeping members up to date with committee minutes and the programme. This year things are going to be very different as Andy Hudson has volunteered for the role and he has some great plans.

This Newsletter is the first of a quarterly edition that Andy intends to email to all members. We hope you enjoy and welcome your feedback.

Shirley Emptage



From the Climbing meets secretary

Hi all!

Well it's already shaping up to be a great year on the crag for CMC. The Tuesday night programme is ready for you to view on the website and includes all of our usual spots and a mixture of sport, trad and grit. Let's hope for some good weather. We start off at Eastby, as is tradition, on the 2nd April.

Many thanks to everyone who has offered to lead a weekend meet, the diary is already looking good with meets scheduled locally and also in the Lake District and Stanage.

There has been talk of some additional mid-week climbing meets too which is very exciting and something I'm sure a lot of you will be interested in – thanks to Chris Heald for suggesting this.

Anybody interested in leading a meet either weekends or during the week please get in touch with me so I can check the calendar and add to the website.

You may be aware that there is a WhatsApp group used by some of the membership. This is a fantastic way for us to keep up to date with last minute meet changes and also to arrange who will be at a meet and what time etc. If you would like to be added to the group then please do let me know. It's also great for last minute arrangements for example if you suddenly find yourself free on a beautiful day – just pop a message in the group and see if anyone is up for a climb.

On that note I just want to give a little technology tip – it is possible to mute a WhatsApp group so your phone won't notify you each time you receive a message. You can just open it up and have a read of what's happening as and when you're interested in a meet. Happy to chat with anyone who needs help with this.

On a personal note, I'm really happy to be back on the committee as your Climbing Meets secretary, although I'm not around a lot of the time anymore due to my job, I adore this club and the past 11 years of my life wouldn't have been as awesome without you lot!

See you on the crag!
Vikki Bassek

Midweek meets

The Committee is supporting a trial of weekday activities for the Club, as a response to the number of members who are either retired or who are working, but maybe not full time.

We are thinking about climbing, walking and cycling, if people are interested.

So far I have proposed walks on Thursday April 11 and on Thursday May 9.

Going forward it doesn't have to be on a Thursday and it's open for any member to suggest an activity.

If you are interested in putting something forward run a walk idea past Fiona and a climbing idea past Vikki, before it's put on the website.

We see it as an addition to the weekend activities and will monitor how things go, to make sure it doesn't detract from the weekend programme.

Cheers
Chris



From the walking meets secretary

After a gap of a couple of years the above position has been filled by yours truly and I desperately need your support if as a club we are going to make the walking programme a success.

You can all help in two ways:

- Support the walks and come along.
- Or offer to coordinate one.

On the first point we have put together some new walks for the programme. Not just weekend walks but mid week too. Yes for all those people who have perfected the life/work balance or something similar mid week walks are now available. So here goes,

Thursday 11th April Crummockdale
Saturday 13th April Littondale
Thursday 9th May Whernside and its Tarns
Saturday 11th May Howgills
Saturday 15th June DJB special
Saturday 13th July Lakes

Full details of each of the first four walks are now on the website with further details to follow on the last two, but at least you can keep the dates free as they are bound to be top notch.

On the second point I would greatly appreciate you emailing me if you would like to coordinate a walk. I am looking for a volunteer at this stage for either Saturday/Sunday of the weekend of 27/28th July. If you can't do this date but can help out in the future please please let me know. We are a self led club so your input is hugely important if we want to put on an active programme to attract new members and so ultimately secure the future of our club.

A document called CMC Guidance Notes for Walk Coordinators and Group Members has been put on the members section of the website and I would ask everyone to have a look at it.

One last point when advertising walks if you don't want your phone number to go on the CMC programme which is also linked to Facebook please could you make sure your phone number is up to date on the CMC Members page.

Fiona Burnett



From the hut meets secretary

Firstly, let me introduce myself. Dick Winslow. I am the new Hut Meets Sec elected at the recent AGM. I hope to meet all of you on a meet in the next year or so.

Shirley has done a great job of this role in recent years and has now moved on to another role although I think we will see her on plenty of hut meets. She has left us with a good group of Huts ready booked and a few gaps that we can fill.

I say we, meaning those of us who want to put some ideas forward and/or get involved in running one or more meets. Please contact me to discuss any ideas you have, whether it is for a specific date or more generally for the future. Whether it is for a hut location, a mountaineering trip that requires accommodation or an idea for a communal meal. I guess we will have a communal meal available for those who want it on about half the meets.

My available time is slightly less and more randomly available than it was when I did this role a few years ago. Whilst I enjoy chatting about past and future meets, please get your bookings in by email as soon after the opening dates as you know that you want to attend the meet. I will confirm your place as soon as I can and can get online. Please make it absolutely clear whether your email/phone call is an enquiry or a booking.

Forthcoming Meets

18-22 April 2019 Easter on Arran. All places filled at the National Trust Bunk House

May 2019 For several years we have held large week long meets to different locations in the Scottish Highlands in May. The previous committee wisely decided not to book one this year as it would be very closely following the Arran meet in April. However, some of us need our Spring Munro Fix and hopefully the odd 500m long climb. I will be in the highlands for at least a week sometime between 5 May and 20 May with Torridon/Fisherfield/An Tealach in mind. There is a variety of accommodation including huts/hostels/tents etc. If you might be tempted by any of these things, please speak to me.

8/9 June 2019 A camping meet in Borrowdale. In one of the UKs premier locations for the mountains whether walking or climbing. Stonethwaite is a favourite campsite with all the necessary facilities and not expensive. A day climbing meet also planned to coincide. Meet organiser Dick. Please let him know if you are attending but no booking required. If you need space in a tent one can be found.

28/30 June 2019 Tranearth Hut Meet. GR SD 281957. Near Torver, Coniston.

Well placed for the Coniston Fells and for climbing on Dow Crag.

A lovely quiet location and a few years since we visited.

We have places booked. Cost £11 per night.

Bookings open for members on 1 April and non-members on 15 April.

Some members are hoping to extend the meet to include the 27 June.

<https://lancashireclimbingandcavingclub.co.uk/club-huts/tranearth/>



September 2019. We usually aim to have a meet in the later part of September, but nothing booked so far and I am unable to commit to attending. So now is your chance to suggest a location/hut and coordinate the hut on the date, leaving me to do the admin of booking the hut and taking members bookings to attend. Contact me with your ideas please by the end of Easter.



From the hut meets secretary

25/27 October Don Whillans Hut Meet. GR SK 007622. Built into the Rock of the Roaches. Rockhall near Upper Hulme. Whilst it is the place to stay for climbing on the Roaches and an experience not to be missed it is also a good spot for walkers with a chance to have a day on the dark and a day on the white peak.

We have 12 places booked but need adequate numbers early to avoid paying for empty beds. Cost £24 for two nights. Bookings to Dick open for members 28 Aug and 3 September for non-members. The meet coordinator will be Michael Faulkner.
<http://www.donwhillanshut.co.uk/home>



Diary Dates

November 8th-10th 2019: Little Langdale (16 places) Cost £24 for two nights. Bookings Open Members 3 September and 10 September for non-members.

December 13th-15th 2019: Stair Hut (20 places). Cost £24 for two nights accommodation. Bookings open Members 23 September and 30 September for non-members.

January 24th-26th 2020: Burns Night at Gritstone Smithy (9 places)

February 28th-1st March 2020: Crianlarich (8 places)

Easter 2020: Provisional booking in Braemar

May 2020: Confirmed booking 10 places. SNT Bunkhouse Kintail 23/30 May 2020. £20 per person per night. Bookings open 23 April 2019 with 50% deposit.
<https://www.nts.org.uk/Holidays/Specialist-properties/Base-Camps/>

2019 Committee

The committee welcomes input from members and if you have any questions or would like to co-ordinate a meet please contact the relevant committee member. Full contact details are available in the members area of the website.

Chairperson: Shirley Emptage

General Secretary: Martin Heming

Treasurer: Michael Faulkner

Communications Officer: Andy Hudson

New Members Secretary: Andy Barton

Walking Meets Secretary: Fiona Burnett

Climbing Meets Secretary: Vikki Bassek

Hut Meets Secretary: Dick Winslow

Social Secretary: John Ward



Below is a list of upcoming events.
Please visit website for full details

APRIL 2019

Tuesday Night Climbing – Eastby Crag
April 2 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dales MTB Ride
Sunday April 7 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
YDNP Car Park, Grassington
Meet organiser: Andy Barton

Tuesday night climbing- Witches Quarry
April 9 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday walk – Crummackdale Skyline walk
April 11 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Meet Organiser: Chris Heald

Saturday Walk 13th April – Littondale
April 13 @ 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Meet Organiser: Fiona Burnett

Tuesday night climbing- Ilkley (Quarry)
April 16 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ilkley Cow and Calf

Easter meet : NTS Shore Lodge Bunk-house,
Brodict Castle, ARRAN
April 18 - April 22

Wednesday night Climbing – Giggleswick South
April 24 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Climbing at Stanage Popular
Sunday 28th April
Meet Organiser: Dave Wynne

May 2019

Climbing at Robin Proctors Scar
Sunday May 5th
Organiser: Chris Heald

Climbing at Attermire
Monday May 6th
Organiser: Chris Heald

Wednesday night climbing – Pot Scar
May 8th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Pot Scar

Thursday Walk – Whernside and its tarns
May 9th @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Organiser: Chris Heald

Saturday walk 11th May – Howgills
May 11th
Organiser: Fiona Burnett

Tuesday night climbing – Ash Tree Crag
May 14th 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Ash Tree Crag

Climbing at Raven Crag, Langdale
Sunday May 19th
Organiser: Shirley Emptage

Tuesday night climbing – Giggleswick North
May 21 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday night climbing – Almscliff
May 29th 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

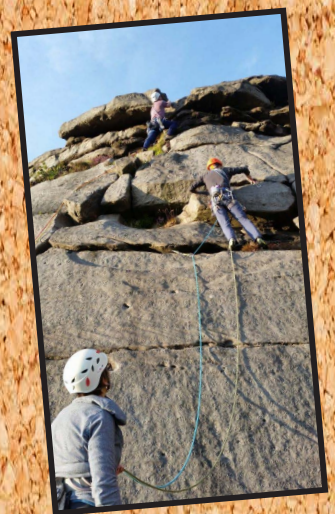


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