



CRAVEN

MOUNTAINEERING
CLUB

E-NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021

WALKING CLIMBING HUT MEETS

 **BMC**
AFFILIATED CLUB



Well its been 18 months plus since I sat down and put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) to update you all on whats coming up on the Craven Mountaineering Club calendar. It's been for some a long time since we've been able to get out on meets and whilst the pandemic is not yet over we are least now able to move on considerably in terms of planning meets and can look forward once again to getting out there and meeting up with friends and new members.

Whilst we have a selection of meets including Climbing, Waking and a Hut meet that takes us through to October we do however have some gaps in the calendar and we are particularly short of walking meets in the upcoming program, so please contact Dick Winslow if you would like to co-ordinate a walking meet either at the weekend or midweek.

If you would like arrange a climbing meet please get in touch with Kara Heald. If you've not co-ordinated a meet before please contact the relevant person and they'll talk you through what's involved...and it's not a lot!!, the venue and date is up to you.

October sees the re-introduction of hut meets and for our members that haven't been on a hut meet before then please read on.....

If the idea of staying in a 'hut' doesn't sound very inviting ...think again! Imagine a place that's close to the best hills and crags. A place to get clean and warm after a long day outdoors. To cook, sleep, and chat about the events of the day. Huts can be:

Your basecamp for adventure

Beds or bunks in dorm type rooms

Places to cook together and socialise in shared areas

Huts are quirky, unique, and excellent value, so you can have an amazing weekend away without breaking the bank. BMC affiliated clubs are able to hire out huts from each other, allowing members to explore more of the UK. Ready to head for the hills?.....Get on a CMC Hut meet

Andy Hudson
Communications Secretary

From the chairperson

'Hard upon the heels of "Freedom Day" the BMC issued a update

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/clubs-huts-meets-and-current-covid19-restrictions>

which removed all restrictions on outdoor meets, indoor meets and car sharing. Any further guidance is up to clubs to determine in the light of their local circumstances. The committee is currently dealing with this and the results will appear on the club web site.

The weekly climbing will continue in a similar manner to previously and a schedule has already been published. Bookings for hut meets are in hand and it is intended that walking meets will also be arranged to complete the club's range of outdoor activities.

Finally, a specialist team has been appointed to visit local hostelryes to determine a suitable destination for a Christmas walk.'

Roy Bradley

HUT MEETS – Starting UP, The Position at 26/07/21

It has been a long time since we were able to hold any Hut Meets but the recent relaxation of regulations means that it is no longer illegal for multiple households to be accommodated in the same hut. So, we are going to try out some ideas for hut meets.

I do not pretend that things can be just as before. Some club huts are currently only for members of the club owning the hut. Some are not yet taking bookings. Some are very small and lacking ventilation. Some are booked up for some months. Some members are keen to get back in huts and some of us would be but are still very wary about the Covid-19 risks. You may also remember that I became hut sec in the absence of other volunteers and I only undertook to organise a core of meets leaving spaces in the programme for other members to offer meets that they can coordinate.

At the recent committee meeting we decided to try a bit of camping and at least one hut where we could keep numbers down whilst maintaining a viable meet. (Socially and financially). We accepted that the number of people in a hut must be restricted and that suitable precautions should be used by all. Clearly nobody should attend if they have Covid symptoms or a positive test. We now have notes on precautions for climbing and walking meets. These will be relevant to hut meets but so will advise from Hut Operators. I have made some investigations for dates that I could coordinate meets and now have the following new meets in the programme:-

1 Lakedistrict Camping Meet 10 – 12 September 2021. This is intended to be in Eskdale. Members to book their own camp site places or other accommodation. I have booked a place at the National Trust Site in Eskdale.

2 Hut Meet at Tranearth. 8 – 10 Oct 2021. Ideal for walking the Coniston Fells and Climbing at Dow. This 30 bed hut is booked by the club and we will limit numbers to 15 Max.

3 Hut Meet at Little Langdale (Provisional) . 10-12 December. A booking has been requested by the club and we await formal acceptance. The hut has 16 beds but we will limit numbers

Full details will be on the website soon. There are gaps in the programme where members could volunteer to coordinate a hut or camping meet. It will be easy to arrange accommodation for mid-week meets and a few are possible for some weekends.

We currently have no meets booked in 2022 before May. I hope that we can arrange some but want to see how things are working before we make any further commitments.

Three longstanding meets have been re-arranged from 2020.

- A) Skye Hut 7th May 2022 for 7 nights
- B) Plas y Brenin bunk house. 1 – 3 July 2022
- C) Starkey Hut, Patterdale for December 2022

I would love to hear your views of what we are aiming to do, your concerns, what else you want and particularly what you are keen to arrange.

Hope to see you on a meet soon.

Dick

Keep up to date with meet updates on the day with our WhatsApp groups.

If you would like adding to these groups please contact the following people...

Climbing WhatsApp group: Kara Heald
Walking WhatsApp group: Andy Hudson



UPCOMING

EVENTS



Please visit website for more information on these meets regarding Covid19 as well as any new meets/information.

Upcoming Meets

August

Attermire Escarpment (Sport climbing)
August 3 @ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Please see website for further details.



Giggleswick South Climbing
August 10th @ 4.30pm-9.00pm
Please see website for further details.



Deer Gallows Climbing
August 17 @ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Please see website for further details.



Fountains Fell and Knowe Fell Walk
Sunday August 22nd
Please see website for further details.



Witches Quarry
August 24 @ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Note: Maximum 10 cars in car park and ensure gate is closed.
Please see website for further details.



September

Crummackdale
September 1 @ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Please see website for further details.



A Howgills Circuit including the Calf with optional Black Force Scramble
Saturday September 4th @ 10:30 am - 5:30 pm
Please see website for further details.



Ilkley Rocky Valley
September 7 @ 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Please see website for further details



LAKE DISTRICT TWO DAYS MEET – ESKDALE

September 10 - September 12
A two day trip to the Lakes for walking and/or climbing.
Please see website for further details.



Giggleswick North
September 14 @ 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Please see website for further details.



Ikley Cow and Calf
September 21 @ 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Please see website for details.



Eastby
September 28 @ 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Please see website for further details.



October

TRANEARTH HUT MEET – CONISTON
October 8 - October 10

A great hut in a super location for walking all the Coniston Fells and for climbing especially on Dow Crag.



The first hut meet for 18 months. We have this lovely large hut booked and will restrict numbers to about 50% occupancy.

Please see website for further details.

New members welcome.

A little piece about and a welcome to some of our newer full members.

Ray Sharples

Ray has some fifty years of climbing experience starting in The Peaks and North Wales with favourites such as Cloggy and Gogarth. University life introduced him to the Scottish mountains and mountaineering trips including Greenland, Kishtwar and Peru, before a move to Australia where he started windsurfing and scuba diving. Returning to the UK in 1990 saw Ray return to climbing and occasional mountain biking, and being partially retired likes to get out midweek when he can.

Steve Boy

Originally from Shropshire, Steve and his wife Amy moved to Yorkshire three years ago. Steve has always enjoyed the outside life surfing, mountain biking and climbing with his more experienced friends. Since joining the CMC, Steve has been getting out every couple of weeks, climbing outside and doing his first trad leads.

Alex Currie

Alex is 28 years old, lives and works in Ilkley and has been climbing for just over a year, mainly bouldering due to the restrictions. He enjoys all aspects of climbing including both sport and trad and is look forward to meeting many more CMC members over the coming year.

2021 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: Roy Bradley

General Secretary: John Brayshaw

Treasurer: Michael Faulkner

Communications Officer: Andy Hudson

New Members Secretary: Andy Barton

Walking Meets Secretary: Dick Winslow (keeping chair warm until further notice)

Climbing Meets Secretary: Kara Heald

Hut Meets Secretary: Dick Winslow

Social Secretary: Position not filled

Climbing at the Olympics

Whilst Craven Mountaineering Club members seem for some unexplainable reason to have been overlooked for Olympic selection for those that would like to watch the debut of this event at the Olympics please click below for more info.

[Click here for more information](#)