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Weekend Meet
12 – 14 October 2007

Wye Valley Rock Rats

Leo Davies
Mark Allen

Outline; This year the Wye Valley meet is hosted by new Meet Leaders Mark Allen and Leo Davies. They have investigated a campsite close to the crag, which I believe will be different to the one most have been to before down there... so please pay attention to the location and directions. Although primarily a climbing meet, the location lends it's self to excellent walking and paddling opportunities, or just yet another good social!

Directions; M5, M50, A40. A446 south from Monmouth, turn left to St Briavels, then B4228 south. Turn off at Grid Reference 554 085, signed to a 4x4 centre. The campsite grid reference is 547 008.

Meet Info Flyer; is available for this meet, giving full details of the campsite, climbing and arrangements, please download a copy from the website or request a printed copy from the Meets Secretary.



Work Meet
2 – 4 November 2007

Work Meet & Bonfire Party

Steve Ratcliffe

Outline; Following last years celebrations for 50 years of the Ceunant Mountaineering Club, this year the Work Meet will mark 50 years of Ty'n Lon! As usual we will hold the Annual Work Meet on the Bonfire Night Weekend, being the 2nd–4th November.

Accommodation; The club will cover Ty'n Lon hut fees for anyone who comes along to help with the jobs on Saturday.

Work Meet; Unfortunately Bill will be away this year, despite plans for an even bigger party than usual, so I will be heading up the work efforts on Saturday in his absence – so bring your scruffs and your paint brushes! I am waiting for a list of jobs that need doing from Bill, but I suspect some work on tidying up the garden following this summers project will be required, along with continued progress on the wood store renovations. We are looking for a volunteer with an SDS hammer drill, some 10mm steel wire cable (preferably plastic coated), some chemical-cement bolts and a shackle kit to work on the "beer-ferrata" project as outlined in the diagram at the bottom of the page...

Bonfire Party; In the usual fashion I will be organising a bonfire party on the Saturday Evening—food, fireworks and beer for a fiver, everyone welcome! We will be cooking up Jacket Potatoes with Homemade Chilli and all manner of other fillings, including something for the veggies, all followed by a famous camp-trifle. A barrel of beer will of course be laid on.



CEUNANT MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Saturday
24 November 2007

Navigation Workshop

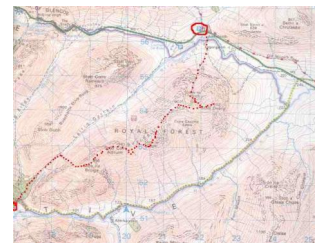
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Outline; In place of the mountain biking weekend we will be running a navigation workshop at Ty'n Lon for those interested in brushing up on their mountain skills. We will look at many aspects of navigation in the mountains, from bomb-proof classic techniques, to the evolved selection of electrical gadgetry available today.

A generally informal programme with a mixture of practical workshops and informative tutoring if required. The emphasis will be on providing a good opportunity to share ideas, methods and experience's with the intention of everyone involved at least learning something!

Contact; If you intend to join us for this workshop, I would appreciate it greatly if you could let met know that you are coming, and what you hope to get out of the day. This will enable me to prepare the most suitable programme for all involved. You can contact me by phone on the number above, or email me; steve.ratcliffe@hotmail.co.uk.

Meet Info Flyer; is available, giving more details of the intended programme.



Weekend Meet
14 – 16 December 2007

T'yn Lon Trimming Party

Hanya Gilbert



Come and join us at T'yn Lon for the weekend! We will be getting the hut cleaned, tidied and spruced up for the festivities of Christmas and New Year... erecting the tree, dangling some lights and sprinkling some trimmings around.

Meet in the Vaynol on Friday night! We will be holding a Grand Cook-Off on Saturday Night, everyone preparing a small "Tapas" style dish for a big buffet feast!

Climbing at the Beacon Centre on Sunday or cragging should, heaven forbid, the weather be good enough!

Bring some wine and beer and enjoy a nice relaxing weekend!

N.Y.E Weekend
28 Dec '07 – 1Jan '08

New Years Eve Party

Steve Ratcliffe

I'm sure you all heard about the events of NYE last year, if not; check out the front page story of the Winter 2007 Newsletter! We will be embarking on a similar, equally perilous and highly adventurous journey of some description, planning will of course take place in the pub the night before, at around the hour of 10.45pm, just when everyone is in the right frame of mind!



New Years Eve is Monday, we regularly have a group dinner in the evening, which varies from a buffet to a full roast, this is usually a group decision over the weekend by those that attend. The rest of the evening/night/following morning will be seen out in the Vaynol – don't forget your fancy dress!

Sunday 6 January 2008

Peak District Winter Walk

Tanker
Martin Jolly

An excellent turn out last year to this meet usually organised by John Cole. Tanker and Martin will be planning our route this year, as John will be away on holiday! Exact details are as yet undecided, but will be released nearer the time on a Meet Info Flyer. Expect to meet somewhere in the Peak District at 10am, the walk is usually around 10 miles and likely to involve numerous pub stops, so put it in your diary!

Weekend Meet
25 – 27 January 2008

Scottish Winter Mountaineering

Clive Higgs
Steve Ratcliffe

Outline; We will spend Friday and Saturday nights in the CIC Hut, located at the foot of Tower Ridge on Ben Nevis (shown opposite). You are required to book your place on this meet, as there are only 6 available – a full payment of £15 per person will be required at time of booking which covers your accommodation.

Logistics; We will arrange to meet at a suitable time on Friday afternoon for the approach walk to the Hut - full details of time and place, and exact plan will be published later this year in the Meet Info Flyer. We understand that it is likely to be difficult for everyone involved making the meeting time on Friday afternoon, you will need Friday off work if you don't want to be walking into the hut in the dark, and possibly in less than pleasant weather conditions.

Insurance; We would always recommend that you take out adequate insurance for your climbing activities, although this is especially relevant on this meet. A package such as the BMC's Alpine & Ski cover will cover you for Scottish Winter conditions and the activities you are likely to embark during this meet.



Sunday 17 February 2008

Mountain Walk

T.B.C

As many people tend to be busy in February with Skiing Holidays and the like, we plan to go for a day walk rather than a full weekend away. I am still looking for a volunteer meet leader to plan and lead a day walk, somewhere reasonably accessible to the midlands. If you are interested, please get in touch with me ASAP with brief outline of your plan. If all else fails I will organise something, so for purposes of filling in your diary assume that a walk will be planned for this day!

AGM Weekend
14 – 16 March 2008

Annual Dinner & AGM

Val Beddard

The AGM will be held in the Dining Room at Ty'n Lon on the Saturday Afternoon as usual, an agenda will be available following the last committee meeting prior to this weekend. Any changes of Committee positions will be voted and matters raised on the Agenda discussed – all members are encouraged to attend.



Val has booked the Dinner at the Royal Vic again this year, following two successful years here, the Committee's view was very much "if it aint broke, don't fix it"! A late bar and music license have been organised, so we can't get hoofed out early this year! A theme has yet to be decided, so keep your eyes open for the meet info flyer that will be sent out nearer the time. Booking is as usually essential, and please get these in on time to Val or myself, menu to follow.