

Spring-Summer 2007 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary:

- Chamonix—French Alps; 30 June—14 July 2007
- Canoe Meet—Hampton Loade; 18th July 2007 at 7pm
- Family Meet—T'yn Lon; 27—29 July 2007 (Back On!)
- Isle of Skye—August Bank Holiday; 24—27 August 2007
- Langdale—English Lakes; 14—16 September 2007
- Wye Valley—Rock Rat's; 12—14 October 2007

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Well, finally this one is here!! I got so far behind with the Spring Newsletter (see page three for excuses), it's been rolled in with the Summer Edition!!

A couple of these stories may be a little old now, but for those that didn't make the events, I'm sure they will be of interest! Bon Apatite! /Ed.

A spot of gardening at Ty'n Lon

If you've been to Ty'n Lon recently you'll have noticed some mysterious earthworks going on in the garden. After years of rebuilding the tumbledown wall bordering the churchyard, Bill has arranged to have the bank dug out and the wall properly rebuilt. This will give us a larger area for barbeques and such. A couple of new picnic benches have been purchased to improve things further.

You may remember that at this year's AGM we discussed a motion to ban

smoking in Ty'n Lon. At the time we assumed that the new smoking regulations (which ban smoking in pubs and clubs etc.) would not apply to us. However, it seems that we were wrong. So After taking advice from the local council and the BMC, smoking is no longer permitted inside Ty'n Lon. We would appreciate your assistance in complying with these new rules.

All the best,

Kevin



Ceunant Photo Competition

New this year is the club Photo Competition!

A gleaming trophy, honour, and adoration will be awarded to the winner of each of the following categories:



- Mountain Action
- Mountain Landscape
- Humour

Helena Holmes – Elly – is running this years competition.

The entries will be displayed at Ty'n Lon over the weekend of the 2008 AGM and Annual Dinner. Members will be able to view them and vote for their top three.

Prizes will then be awarded at the annual dinner.

The competition is open now , and entries can be either digital photos in jpg format, prints or slides.

So, if you've got prints, simply

send them to Elly at -

Helena Holmes,
40 Florence Road,
Acocks Green,
Birmingham,
B27 6LW .
0121 624 0451

Or, if you've gone digital, please email them to :-
web@ceunant.org
marked for Elly.

Please mark all entries clearly with your name, the category, and a brief descriptive title.

Digital photos will be accepted on CD, DVD, USB memory stick, or by email.

— Annual Club Dinner 2007 —

Saturday evening, following the formalities of the AGM, it was time to do what Ceunant do best, with our Annual Dinner at the Royal Vic. {see also; *drink(v.)*; *beverage(n.)*},

The theme this year, in case the photos don't quite illustrate, was the Wild West, Cowboys and Indians! I need tell you not, as I am sure those that didn't make it can quite imagine, we had a whole host of absolute classic characters, Native Indians with their head dresses, face paint and primitive tools (read into that what you will), Ranch Cowboys, Bounty Hunters and Saloon Girls with their corsets and stockings.



I admit that the Cowboys and Indians was my suggestion, and having been informed later that this was not exactly a "new" idea, I suppose it was hardly surprising that a fair number of imaginations had run very wild this year resulting in (to name but a few)... A cowboy builder, a "Paddy" Cowboy, a knifeman, a horse.... Yes. Horse! ...and all the way from brokeback—the gay cowboy, a selection of Mexicans and a rather worryingly large number of cross-dressing saloon girls!!



Derbyshire Peak District Meet

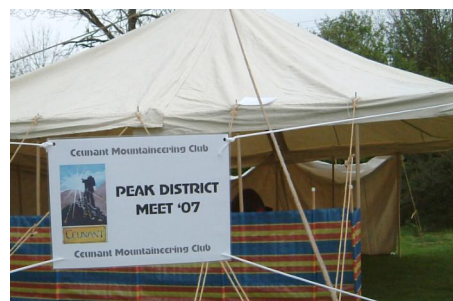
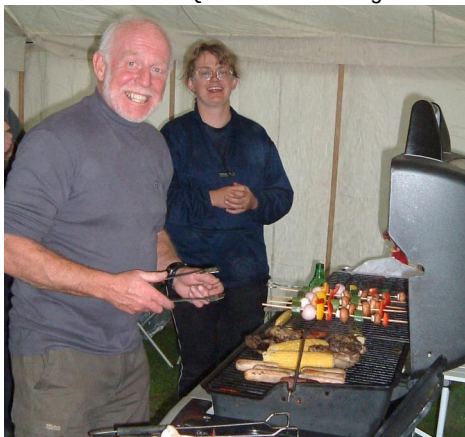
This was a new idea for this year, I think it stemmed from a text message I sent to Mark Hellewell just after Christmas saying something along the lines of, "what do you think dropping Yorkshire at May Bank Holiday for a Peak District Meet? A bit of too-ing and fro-ing of ideas and Mark agreed to Lead a new meet in the Peak District, and found a campsite near the crags, next to a pub... "Bostin"!

The weekend as a great success, on Saturday night there were in excess of 45 members and guests in and around the club marquee, with Leo inevitably managing the BBQ!

All sorts of activities were happening all over the weekend, with a vast majority climbing at Stanage and other classic Gritstone edges whilst others went out walking the excellent local routes... even a couple took to bikes... and where they got to, who only knows?... Now, I don't know how Tanker does it, but he always manages to stand proud of the crowd on a club meet! On this occasion I believe he had something to do with the biking party, now why Tanker and Kate didn't arrive back from their bike ride until gone 11pm on Saturday Night, or where they had actually been for so long, or indeed how many pubs they had stopped in along the way? To this day remains a mystery... even to Tanker and Kate. As further evidence to this theory, I hear there was an equally comical incident on the recent wild camp in Wales... but that's another story!

Many Thanks to Mark and Sue for their work in organising the site and publicising the event. Thanks to Leo for the loan of the marquee, and to everyone that turned out making this what some say to be the best meet for some time.

Below: Leo on the BBQ with Liz in the background



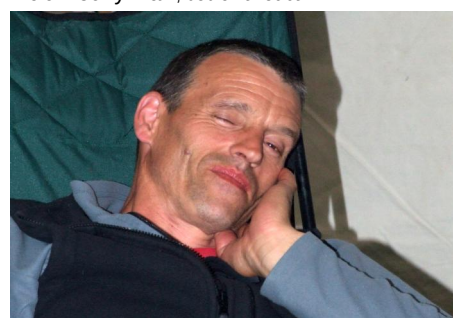
Above: Peak District Meet Club Marquee



Above & Below: Peak District Camping



Below: Sorry Mark, couldn't resist!



Provisional Membership and T'yn Lon Fee's

The committee recently discussed the issue of Provisional Members use of T'yn Lon, as any known "rules" seemed very vague if known at all.

To those whom it may concern, please be aware that Provisional Members are asked very kindly not to take Guests to T'yn Lon other than in exceptional circumstances and strictly by arrangement with Val Beddard, Hut Secretary.

We have also decided to revise Provisional Membership Hut Fee's, this will now be £4.00 per night. Members will remain at £3.00, Guest's £6.00 and Outside Bookings £8.00. This will be clearly displayed in the signing in book.



Editors corner...

I will apologise in advance to those whom this may not really be of interest, but I did say that I would give my excuses for being so late with this edition!

For those that didn't know, Hanya and I have departed the UK on a 5 month trip to Alps... in the camping-wagon that you may have spotted us in at recent meet's!

All is going very well, and we would like to thank all those that gave their support, passed on their knowledge, and gave advice and guidance from their own experience's and expeditions to aid our preparation and planning. Many Thanks! Steve & Hanya!

Outdoor Meets—News

A full programme of the years Outdoor Meets up until March 2008 is now available for download from www.ceunant.org. This was sent out via email just prior to the Peak District Meet, so many of you will have already seen it! This has in-depth details of the locations we will be visiting, accommodation, directions and climbing guides etc for every meet, so I won't be going into massive detail on this page. The programme is updated regularly so keep looking!

If you are enable to download from the site, and have not received it via email, please contact the club secretary, who will be able to arrange for you a printed copy in my absence. My apologies to those who believe, and rightly so, that the world does not revolve around the Internet, I'm sure however that you can understand the overhead of sending a 10 page full colour printed document to every member by post on a regular basis would be very un-environmentally friendly.

Unfortunately due to lack of interest, the Lundy meet has been cancelled. My apologies to those few that were looking forward to this!

Forthcoming Meets & Events

Chamonix Mont-Blanc; French Alps — 30 June—14 July 2007

Camping at Mer de Glace just outside of Chamonix. Call John before he leaves or email me if it's last minute (steve@alps2007.info) for more info. Meet Leader: John / Steve

NEW!: River Severn Canoe Trip; Hampton Loade — 18 July 2007 @ 7pm!

Always a popular evening, (be prepared to get a bit wet!) Meeting at Hampton Loade and 7pm, contact John (or Val—see meet above!) Beddard for more info. Meet Leader: John B

Family Meet; T'yn Lon — 27—29 July 2007

I had originally knocked this on the head for this year down to lack of interest, however, Emma was keen that it still ran and has agreed to organise this, please contact her directly for further details. Meet Leader: Emma Hubbard

Isle of Skye; August Bank Holiday — 3—6 August 2007

Camping at Sligachen Campsite, offers toilets, hot showers, washing machine and tumble drier. No reservation required. The hotel across the road has a large bar with a massive selection of Whiskey. Meet Leader: John Beddard.

Langdale; English Lakes — 14—16 September 2007

From our weekend base in Great Langdale, the "Magnificent Seven" crags — Gimmer — White Gill — Pavey Ark — Raven — Bowfell — Easedale & Deer Beild all lie within easy reach — less than a couple of miles. Coupled with majestic mountain scenery, challenging walks & scrambles, the Langdale Valley boasts two contrasting hostelryes - the newer Stickle Barn & the Olde Worlde Dungeon Ghyll Hotel — both just a short stroll away. Meet Leader: Tanker

Wye Valley Rock Rats Extravaganza 2007 — 12—14 October 2007

This one is a long way off but I'm giving it a mention now in the hopes that more than one person will turn up this year! Meet Leaders: Leo Davies & Mark Allen

Welcome to New Members

Mark Allen recently joined us as a Full Member, he has been to most meets this year despite a complicated re-location to Wales with which we wish him all the best!

Outside Bookings at T'yn Lon

30/06/07—03/07/07 — D of E, 03/08/07 — M Llewellyn, 14—15/09/07 — G S Exiles, 5—6/10/07 — Hastings Fell & Rock, 26—27/10/07 — Craven MC.



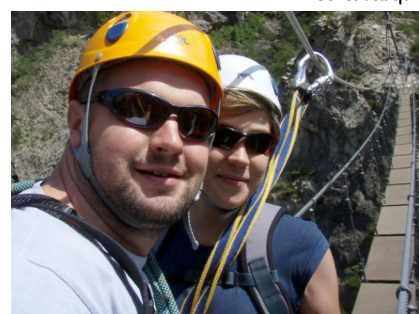
Remember I mentioned the "Paddy Cowboy"?



Striking of the Club Marquee; Peak Meet



Leo & Jacqui



Steve & Hanya Via Ferrataring in France



Can ye guess woot it is yit?