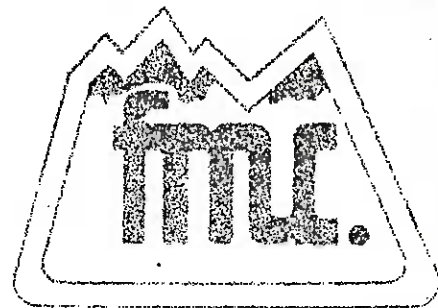


NEWSLETTER

FYLDE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB



PROVEL 3

JULY 1977

The first half of the summer climbing season has seen much frenzied mountain activity, particularly on rock, from Fylde members. In addition a flotilla of transfer decorated Dormobiles have been instrumental in Fylde domination of wild places.

Robin Norris climbed TRINITY, YELLOW SLAB, LEVERAGE (5a E1), all on Scafell. At Tremadoc he climbed PINCUSHION (E1), and the brilliant MANGOLETSI (E1). Andy Dunhill climbed LEFT WALL (5c E2) on Dinas Gromlech where Dave Sharples climbed CENOTAPH CORNER (5b E1). Andy Lewandowski made a free ascent of SKULL (5b, 5c, 5c, E3) on Cyrn Las and a similarly styled ascent of INTERLOPER in the Lakes. I believe he also climbed LAURIN (E2) and DARIUS (E2) on High Tor, Matlock. Robin Greenwood has been involved in ascents of FALCON GIRDLE, NICHE (E2), POST MORTEM (E2), MEDLAR (E2), DAEDALUS (E2), USURPER (E1) HYDRA (E2), CENTRAL PILLAR (E2), RED EDGE, and EXTOL (E2). With Dave Archer LORD OF THE RINGS (E2) was circuited. Colin Green climbed MORTICIAN on Black Crag; PENTATHOL and GAUNTLET at Gogarth; SHEAF on Cloggy; KIPLING GROOVE on Gimmer. The Editor climbed THE VOID (E3) and FIRST SLIP (E2) while Dave Sharples did DIRECT START TO LEG SLIP (5c plus). On Cloggy Dave climbed the whole of GREAT WALL (E3) (the Editor got mauled on his attempt on pitch 2). Recently, Dave settled an old score with EASTERN HAMMER (E3) on Gimmer Crag.

On the slippery white fluffy stuff Alan Bell has had a remarkable season. Donning the planks the day after the F.M.C. Dinner last December he has made ski-ing excursions, chiefly in Scotland, right up until June 2nd 1977. Final verdict on winter conditions, Scotland 76/77: ski-ing - excellent; climbing - plenty of powder snow, too few really cold days to counteract the thaws.

CHANGABANG EQUIPMENT

Since Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker's successful Alpine-style ascent of the WEST FACE OF CHANGABANG last Autumn I have obtained the EQUIPMENT LIST from Boardman which may I hope be of some interest.

TENTS

Ultimate Packer 76, modified with snow valances.

SACKS

Karabiner Haul Sacks with waist band.

BOOTS

Makalu Double Boots with Torr Sails Supergaiters.

UNDERCLOTHING

Marks and Spencers.

PILF SUITS

Javelin, Damart and home made.

HARNESSES

Troll Full Body

DOWN CLOTHING

Everest one-piece. Light weight duvets from Mountain Equipment.

OVER SUITS

C & H Nylon/Ventile, as used on Everest.

MITTS

Damart, fingerless, Dachstein and Shoddies.

ROPE

9 mil. and 8 mil. Terylene (too thin)

HARD WEAR

Clog Light Weight Crabs, Pegs, Descendeurs, and many nuts.

CAMERAS

Pentax, Olympus and Rollei 35s on the steep slopes.

ICE GEAR

Snowden Mouldings, dropped Curvers and Charlet Moser and Terroridactyl Hammers.

HAMMOCKS

Specially insulated and designed by Troll, single point suspension with aluminium spacer bars.

SLEEPING BAGS

One artificial fibre and one light weight down each - Mountain Equipment.

STOVES

On the face - Camping Gaz S.200 with propane/butane cylinder.

FOOD

On the face, American Mountain House Freeze Dried, Oxo, tinned fish, Rise and Shine, de-hydrated potato, chocolate and marzipan.

WASDALE CAMPING: MAY 20-22

R W REEVE

Although the venue was shown as Brackenclouse on the syllabus this meet reverted to the adjacent camp-site, through lack of initial support. Incidentally Brackenclouse hut was practically deserted as the Fell and Rock were on one of their Scottish Meets. Like last year brilliant sunshine was enjoyed on both days and Dave "Boots" Earle set a cracking pace with a marvellous "round" of Ill Gill Head, the Scafells, Great End, Styhead, Great Gable, Kirkfell, Pillar, Steeple, Red Pike and Yewbarrow. Phil Caley, Martin Dale and "Banjo" Gibbin visited East Buttress and Esk. Leverage was one of the climbs completed. On Sunday Sue Reeve and Barbara Sealey slid into bikinis somewhere near Hollow Stones and climbed the great snow gully of Deep Ghyll, "... without front points" they boasted on their return.

Climbing snow gullies facing outwards ... well I never thought of that!

Guy Duxbury is first past the tape on the race to the Island of Mull. Taking advantage of a pre-dawn start Guy made good time to Glen Coe, turned right, zoomed through sleeping Kinlochleve and he-he-he chuckled Guy I'll beat the first Ballochulish Ferry and saw this bloody green bridge spanning North and South Ballachulish. No one had told him.

Scottish Islands 77 part i

Ken and Shirley Martin escaped (?) to Rhum. They found a route called FYLDE CRACK - any offers. They also noted that the school parties were pretty bad this year.

Frank Lord with Dorothy and Fred Wilson toured the Paps of Jura.

Kieth Locket and Fred Snalam landed on Barra but were forced to abandon ship when they landed on Mull. They were enjoying a quiet rest-holiday with a small party of sailing devotees from the Blackpool area.

A monster team of Fyldonians filled Ardalanish Bay Field over the Whit holiday on Mull. Brian and Janet Wilkinson, Allan and Christine Bell, Guy Duxbury, Mike and Jenny Tolley, Derrick and Ida Smith, Gordon and Annette Heywood, Dougie and Marian Brown, Rick and Sue Reeve and Mary and Gordon Aspin, all joined together in this circumlittoral position. Great amusement was had in building evening bonfires on the shore and with plenty of Bod-Cans, a little sherry, plus Gordon's bottle of whiskey, the group laughed and sang and gradually, as the night wore on, began to resemble in appearance, if not in song, the Black and White Minstrals. Other amusements included M.T.'s ascent of Ben More; beach explorations by various parties; sea canoeing; R.R. yachting with G.A.; trips to Iona, etc. etc. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves despite two days of gales; conclusion: must do it again.

Arran saw F.M.C. members in two sites - camping Glen Rosa and hotel Glen Cloy. G.F.'s gentlemen team joined/led by Barbara Sealey did two ridges, the ladies stuck to the Glens, the lads tackled the slabs. The exPost Office bikes, it was found, had been replaced by a smaller wheeled bike which did not seem to "disappear" as often. A wild Sunday night led to hasty striking camp by half of the campers but their departure from the island was delayed until 7.20 p.m. the first boat of the day! The weather abated for Brodick's Jubilee bonfire in the evening but the dance and barbeque was held in the hall.

THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL CLEAN UP SNOWDONIA CAMPAIGN THIS SUMMER.

A supply of bin bags will be available adjacent to the sites listed. Please take one or take your own and clean up a bit of Snowdonia. Official dumping sites will also be available. Remember, we have no official rights of access to the crags but keeping the place tidy must go in our favour in any disputes and is generally more pleasant all round any way.

LOW ROADSIDE CRAGS

<u>Ogwen</u>	Milestone Buttress	<u>Llanberis</u>	Craig Ddu
	Little Tryfan		Clogwyn Y Grochan
	Braich Ty Ddu		Carreg Wasted
	Boulders around Ogwen		Dinas Y Gromlech
	Cottage		Dinas Mot & wings
	Tin Can Gully		Boulders around Cromlech
			Bridge etc.

<u>Beddgelert</u>	Clogwyn Y Wenallt Clogwyn Y Bustach Craig Y Llyn Carreg Hyll Drem Carreg Alltrem (Dolwyddelan)	<u>Tremadog</u>	Craig Pant Ifan Craig Bwlch Y Moch Craig Y Castell Craig Y Gesail Borth Y Gest Quarry
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<u>Moelwynion</u>	Craig Yr Oen Clogwyn Y Bustack	<u>Crafnant</u>	Craig Y Dwr Clogwyn Yr Eryr
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MOUNTAIN CRAGS

Ogwen Valley All climbs from the Heather Terrace
Glyder Fach Bochlwyd Butress
Glyder Fach, Main cliff
Cribin Facet
Idwal Slabs
Twill Du & Clogwyn Y Geifr
Nameless Cwm area

Carneddau Llech Ddu
Ysgolion Duon
Craig Yr Ysfa
Carreg Mianog

Snowdon Massif Clogwyn Du'r Arddu
Cyrn Las
Craig Rhaeadr
Crib Coch
Crib Y Ddysgl, Clogwyn Y Person
Lliwedd
Craig Aderyn.

<u>Mynedd Mawr</u>	Castell Cidwm Craig Y Bere Cym Silyn	<u>Cader Idris & District</u>	Cyfrwy Craig Cowarch
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SUMMIT & PATHS

Snowdon
FYG track
Miners
Crib Coch - Crib Y Ddysgl Ridge
Lliwedd
Watkin Path
Rhyd Ddu path
Snowdon Ranger

Nantlle Y Garn & Ridge

Moelwynion
Llynau'r Cwn and environs
Llyn Yr Adar " "
Cnicht
Ridge from Croesor - Cnicht -
Llyn Yr Adar
Moelwyn Mawr
Cwm Orthin & lake side camp site
Track from 635 490 - Llyn Llagi

Arenig Fawr

Rhinogs

Llanberis paths
Glyder Fach - Siabod
Glyder Fawr
Bristly Ridge
Tryfan
Y Garn
Cwm Idwal paths
Llynau'r Cwn
Pen Yr Oleu Wen
Carnedd Dafydd
Carnedd Llewelyn
Drum
Path connecting the ridges & summits.
Aber to Ogwen.
Foel Grach Refuge & environs
Pen Yr Helgi Du

Cader Summit
Path from Dolgellau (North)
Path from South (Tal Y Llyn env.)
Ridge West - East
Llyn Y Gadair and env.
Llyn Cau & env.

BUSINESS NEWS

The Committee wish to remind members of the necessity of booking hut accommodation with the Booking Secretary and to advise that now extra sleeping accommodation has been provided sleeping on the floor at either hut is officially frowned upon.

New Members

Mr K Whiteside, Mrs D Westby, accepted as full members.
Mrs Stan Stevenson is welcomed into the Club.

Please note Dave Sharples' phone number is GARSTANG 2956 and not as printed in Syllabus.

New address and telephone number

Douglas BROWN, 28 Buckingham Drive, Read, Burnley, Lancs.
PADIHAM 76460. (STD code 0282)
Peter LATIMER, 23 Parklands, Bramhope, Leeds LS16, 9AH.
ARTINGTON 842435 (STD code 0532)

Just to remind you that Vags Booking Sec. is ANDREW BARNES,
36 Langdale Rd., Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside, L63 3AW.
Phone 051-334-5413.

Chris and Anne Heald are, as Brian would say, "heavy into" cold bivouacs on top of Welsh Mountains. What a performance to keep warm, though.

Robin Greenwood has resigned his position on the Club Committee.

Fylde M.C. and Chester M.C. have negotiated an agreement that entails reciprocal rights of huts. Members rates will therefore be applicable to both clubs at any of the FYLDE/CHESTER huts.

CHESTER M.C.: The Hut is on the road leading up to Cloggy. Turn left opp. Royal Victoria Hotel, continue steeply, hut on the right just before first animal road gate. Well appointed and situated.

Family Meet at Stair: proves to be very popular with members; advance overbooking. See this journal for future arrangements.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

August 3rd	Beacon Fell. Walk with Ski Club - drinks at Plough, Eaves.
August 20/21	Ladies Meet, Stair, Leader F Ruthven.
August 24th	Disco, Rangers.

Editors address for meet reports etc. Rick Reeve, 16 Dover Road, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 5TH.

The replacement door at Little Langdale should be installed soon. Check with Dave Walton before using Hut!