

FYLDE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

GOOD AND BAD

Many meets are busy some full to overflowing with good natured people enjoying themselves. Some working weekends have very few members there. Is it too much to expect those members who use the huts or go on meets to give up some time for their club? Something like one working weekend every two years? Do we say "up the fees and employ contractors to do the work?" Come to the AGM and have your say.

The numbers of members at some winter socials could be better, There is a considerable variety of topics, some of which should appeal to all members who live in the area. We have regulars who live on the other side of the A6 and local members who never come. Why? hopefully these people will come to the AGM and say what they want from their club.

The committee have the task of deciding the syllabus for the next year. last year we had few suggestions from members. What do you want? Tell us.

The FMC has to be organised and run. Last year the AGM had difficulty in filling each post. Why are more newer (younger) members not coming to the AGM and volunteering to help? Why are more members not saying what they want the FMC to do? The AGM is the one formal business meeting of the year and it deserves the full support of members.

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PEMBROKE MAY 94

THERE ARE ONLY 25 CHALET PLACES AT DAVE WOODS MAY DAY MEET. THESE WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, ON RECEIPT OF THE FULL £25 FEE FOR THE 3 NIGHTS.

OVERFLOW CAMPING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE WITH USE OF THE FACILITIES.

THOSE WISHING TO STAY THE FULL WEEK SHOULD INFORM DAVE.

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MINUTES OF THE 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held Wednesday 10th February 1993
at the River Wyre Hotel, Skippool, Poulton-le-Fylde

The following "signed in" :-

Martin Dale, David Cundy, Peter Roscoe, Rhona Giles, Peter Horsley, Claire Addy, Jidith Swift, Mark Harding, June Wiseman, John Wiseman, Les Ward, Barrie Crook, Rebecca Hargreaves, Frank Towne, Ian Evans, Jenny and John Parker, Mike Penn, Carole Webb, Steve Wrigley, Cherry Earle, John Bailey, David Wood, Don Nichol, Peter Hope, Kevin Hindle, Dave Earle, George Parker, Kath Fielding, Pam Ruthven, Dave Ball, John Hickman, Garry Bird, Phil Caley

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Libby Hacking, Alan Bell, Derrick and Ida Smith, Christine Ikin, Mike Howe, Jenny Tolley, Henry Iddon, Eric Greenhalgh, Garry Standage, Chris Thistlethwaite, Paul and Irene Taylor, Jerry and Barbara Senior, Phil and Janet Morris, Iggi Moore, Nils Tremmel

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted after being proposed by David Earle and seconded by Rebecca Hargreaves.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting was informed on various Little Langdale matters. The Chairman indicated that the back door is now an effective FIRE ESCAPE. Plaster board is to be fitted to doors. A demidifier had been priced. Despite an early decision by the retiring committee to opt for plastic windows no progress has been made and now wood is being favoured.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Another fine year for mountaineering achievements with many rock and ice routes completed at home and abroad.

Hut meets to FMC huts had been well attended but some meets to other venues were not well attended and the club had lost money. The committee had worked well. John Parker retired after 2 meetings (and many previous years) and Barrie Crook had been coopted as Secretary in his place.

The chairman expressed his thanks to the departing members. Some members had helped the overworked John Tattersall with the newsletter. He thanked Mark Harding for his excellent organisation for the Dinner.

John Bailey will shortly be paid to fit various new fires, cookers and showers in the huts. We seemed to have ample numbers of fridges. There is a shortage of members available for working weekends.

A Blackpool Climbing Wall will happen in 1994.

Interesting meets have already been arranged for the coming year including Lundy and Pembroke.

The Chairman concluded by wishing all members a good and safe year on the hill.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted after being proposed by George Parker and seconded by Mike Penn.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark Harding was concerned that income from outside bookings for both huts was less in 1992 than 1991. Dave Cundy produced a graph to show that the trend was a rising one!. John Wiseman said that bookings by mid week parties were less.

Not much had been spent on the huts during 1992, but there were forthcoming big expenditures.

The Dinner had made a loss of £187 as planned due to cost of disco and 2 Chester MC guests.

Nobody knew why subscription income had risen by 50%.

The minutes were accepted after being proposed by Mark Harding and seconded by Dave Wood.

7. BOOKING SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted after being proposed by John Tattersall and seconded by Judith Swift.

8. HUT SECRETARY LITTLE LANGDALE REPORT

Dave Earle considered Don Nichol's choice of music to be a contributory factor in poor attendances at working weekends!.

Don Nichol had very recently discovered and treated dry rot.

The minutes were accepted after being proposed by Jenny Parker and seconded by Dave Cundy.

9. HUT SECRETARY STAIR REPORT

A notice saying the fire door must not normally be used was questioned. It was agreed that the custodian should open it regularly. Storage radiators were not working. John Bailey was to service professionally.

Jonh Wiseman had been informed by Jerry Senior (who oversaw last re roofing in 1982) that the covering should be good for 20 years.

The minutes were accepted after being proposed by John Wiseman and seconded by Don Nichol.

10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted after being proposed by Dave Earle and seconded by Mike Penn.

11. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dave Earle was concerned about the low attendances on Wednesday socials. Rebecca Hargreaves commented that all events were publicised in the Newsletter and fact sheets. Pam Ruthven suggested a fact sheet displayed in both huts. John Parker considered the first Autumn social was important to get members into the routine. Rhona Giles would not attend on principle because of the Conservative Club venue. John Tattersall thought we had to climb too many stairs!. To be discussed further in Any Other Business.

It was agreed by all that Rebecca Hargreaves had done an excellent job.

The minutes were accepted after being proposed by John Parker and seconded by Dave Wood.

12. NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

John Tattersall had received 3 articles since the last Newsletter 4 months ago.

The minutes were accepted after being proposed by Dave Wood and

seconded by Dave Cundy.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- ME CHAIRMAN - Martin Dale was proposed by Mike Tolley and seconded by Mark Harding and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- JOHN H VICE CHAIRMAN - John Hickman was proposed by John Wiseman and seconded by John Bailey. Mark Harding was proposed by Judith Swift and seconded by Mike Tolley. Mark Harding was elected on show of hands.
- JUDITH S. SECRETARY - Barrie Crook was proposed by Don Nichol and seconded by Mark Harding and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- MICK T. BOOKING SECRETARY - Cherry Earle was proposed by Dave Earle and seconded by George Parker and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- JOHN W. TREASURER - John Wiseman was proposed by Mark Harding and seconded by John Hickman and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- TREV. A. LITTLE LANGDALE HUT CUSTODIAN - Don Nichol was proposed by Dave Earle and seconded by Phil Caley and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- DON N. STAIR HUT CUSTODIAN - Dave Cundy was proposed by Dave Wood and seconded by John Wiseman and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- CLAIRE A. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Claire Addy was proposed by Don Nichol and seconded by Barrie Crook and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- STEVE W. NEWSLETTER EDITOR - No full member was willing to stand. Steve Wrigley, an introductory member about to become a full member was proposed by John Tattersall and seconded by Dave Cundy and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- REBECCA H. SOCIAL SECRETARY - Rebecca Hargreaves was proposed by Kath Fielding and seconded by Frank Towne and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.
- GEORGE P. AUDITOR - George Parker was proposed by Mark Harding and seconded by Cherry Earle and there being no other nominees was accepted unopposed.

THE 4 REMAINING COMMITTEE POSITIONS had nominees, proposers and seconders as follows:-

	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
MARK H.	Judith Swift	Mark Harding	Mike Tolley
CHRIS B.	John Hickman	John Wiseman	Tom Knowles
LESLIE W.	Dave Wood	Mike Penn	Mike Tolley
FRANK T.	Kevin Hindle	Mark Harding	Garry Bird.

Each departing committee member was thanked, particularly John Wiseman who supported by June Wiseman had done a magnificent job over the years.

14. FUTURE CLUB POLICY

14.1 WORD PROCESSOR

Mark Harding thought a cheap machine for about £200 would be useful for assisting the Newsletter editor. The meeting reached a new technological high with expressions like PC and Hard Disc being thrown in. It was agreed to let the committee decide with

advice to leave for another year.

14.2 SUBSCRIPTIONS

After much discussion John Hickman proposed changing the base for the annual subscription to October 1st. This would facilitate providing the BMC with a complete list of members on January 1st required for third party insurance purposes. Clare Addy informed the meeting that this year only 86 members could be listed on January 1st. The motion was seconded by John Tattersall and accepted by the meeting.

The above lead to a discussion on rejoining fees. If members have not paid by January 1st they are not members until a rejoining fee of £5 has been paid. This motion was proposed by Don Nichol and seconded by Les Ward and was accepted by the meeting.

14.3 VENUE FOR SOCIALS

Rebecca Hargreaves reminded the meeting that the Conservative Club allowed us to store the screen on the premises. The committee will review moving or otherwise.

The committee will consider replacing the screen which was donated by Peter Blakoe.

14.4 HUT SMOKING POLICY

Claire Addy wanted to ban smoking completely and proposed this and was seconded by John Hickman. After much discussion the motion was defeated.

14.5 CLUB INSURANCE POLICY

Peter Roscoe requested a copy of the BMC policy and the Chairman agreed to provide him with this.

14.6 CLUB RULES

Peter Roscoe reminded thw meeting that the rules (not the Constitution) would have to be changed to allow October 1st subscription start. This was proposed by John Wiseman and seconded, by Judith Swift.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 POT HOLING EQUIPMENT.

It was agreed to pay £45 for pot holing equipment.

15.2 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION BY BANKERS ORDER

Members were reminded to change the start to October 1st.

15.3 LADY CONTACT

Jenny Tolley did not want to remain on the syllabus.

Secretary's Report

There have been 8 committee meetings since the AGM. The attendance figures are as follows:-

M Dale	8/8	M Harding	6/8
J Wisemam	7/8	B Crook	5/8
C Addy	7/8	C Earle	6/8
D Nichol	5/8	D Cundy	6/8
J Hickman	8/8	D Wood	6/8
K Hindle	6/8	S Wrigley	8/8
R Hargreaves	5/8	J Swift	6/8

5 meetings were held at the Tory Club, for the others we are indebted to Martin Dale, John Wiseman and Claire for opening their houses to us.

When present I have written the minutes, many thanks to Judith Swift and Kevin Hindle for taking them in my absence.

Unfortunately the CIC hut has not been booked for March 1994. Although I originally enquired in October 1992 this was too early and I forgot to rewrite in April 1993 and nobody reminded me.

It is important to write in April in order to book the CIC Hut for the following winter, perhaps somebody will remember in future.

Over the last 6 months I have worked away from home more or less entirely and it is hard to do the job properly and be an active member. Any serious applications for the position will be considered at the AGM.

Barrie B. Crook

Membership Secretarys Report

The total membership at the end of 1993 stood at 189, comprising 8 honorary life members, 170 full members and 11 introductory members.

The change in the subscription year, which now runs from the 1st of October to the 30th of September has proved extremely successful. The majority of members had paid their current subscriptions by the 30th of September 1993, an improvement on previous years.

During 1994 the B.M.C affiliation fee (which includes the public liability insurance) will remain at £3.00 per head - £6.00 for joint members. However an increase in fees has been predicted by the B.M.C for 1995 and 1996. Consequently an adjustment in the F.M.C.'s own subscription rate will be necessary to accommodate the additional cost.

Would any member who requires an additional syllabus or stamped membership card to be returned by post please provide a stamped addressed envelope as this helps to reduce the clubs administration costs.

Claire Addy

Newsletter Editor's Report

Since last AGM there have been 3 issues of the Newsletter which seem to have been well received. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to write something especially those who have typed their offerings.

I would like to see more people writing about their exploits especially if they have visited somewhere "different." Reading about other peoples adventures is always a good stimulus to go and try the area yourself.

TREASURERS REPORT 1993

At first sight the accounts look satisfactory. Our bank balance has reduced by only approximately £570 in a year that has seen several projects in the huts being completed. At Stair two new showers, a fire in the common room and several new mattresses. At Little Langdale work to give a 30 minute fire protection to the stair well as recommended in a survey, a new gas fire in the common room, two new gas stoves, a cooker and a new shower. The major work at Little Langdale has been the replacement of the four front windows.

Overall a creditable year for the committee, not just with these improvements, particularly at Little Langdale, but also active meets, a good social program and newsletters - all of which cost money. Money well spent. However we have had a double subscription this year. The second subscription is what we need to run the club in 1994. (In fact of the £1498 in subscriptions BMC fees have been paid on 1.1.94 of £553 (£3 per person). If we strip out the second subscription we have a deficit of about £2000 for the year.

TREASURERS PROJECTIONS FOR 1994

To finance the club itself, after the BMC subs have been paid we have £7 a member plus £2 for the second member in joint membership. This I think is too low in view of the rising costs over the last few years. It is also a reduction in the money available to us as the BMC fees have grown rapidly. My own thoughts are that subscriptions should be increased.

EITHER A. £10 plus BMC subscriptions (Joint £15 plus BMC). The disadvantage is that the amount is unknown until the BMC decide their subscriptions and they are not the most communicative organisation.

OR B. £15 (Joint £25). The advantage of this is that we should be able to hold this amount for a year of two.

In our huts our expenses may well be less next year. There is a possibility of starting in 1994 or 1995 a phased replacement of windows at Stair as rot is present. This may be extended over two or three years. VAT is being extended to gas and electricity and insurance is being taxed. Hut fees are low, we are effectively subsidised from the payments by outside bookings. If we aim for an end of year bank balance of between £9,000 and £10,000 as an adequate reserve to meet unforeseen events then as far as the finances are concerned there is no pressing need to increase hut fees. We will gain if members make more use of the huts when there is no organised meet. Hopefully costs can be minimised by working weekends being well attended. Looking ahead we may need to consider an increase to something like £2 a night at a future AGM.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
<u>CLUB ADMIN.</u>			
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1804.00	B.M.C.	612.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1498.00	NEWSLETTER	429.49
MEETS	2144.97	MEETS	2410.39
INTEREST	56.20	C'TEE EXPENCES	203.23
CAVING, TOLLEY	55.00	CAVING, M TOLLEY	110.00
JOURNAL	4.00	SYLLABUS	114.20
KEY SALES	4.00	SOCIALS	148.31
DINNER	1056.75	BOWLAND M R	50.00
		SNOWDONIA NAT. PARK	15.00
		SCREEN	72.00
		CORPORATION TAX	87.75
		DINNER	1208.00
		SUNDRIES	61.00
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	6622.92		5521.37
 <u>STAIR</u>			
MEMBERS	801.10	ELECTRICITY	936.37
OUTSIDE BOOKINGS	2537.00	RATES	201.76
RATE REBATE	40.35	WATER	155.82
		MATRESSES	480.30
		SEPTIC TANK	85.00
		ELEC. WORK	37.49
		SHOWERS, COOKER ETC.	340.10
		INSURANCE (57% OF BILL)	443.12
		WORKING W/E + MATERIALS	329.08
		PICNIC TABLE	59.99
		ELECTRIC FIRE	217.00
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	3378.45		3286.03
 <u>LANGDALE</u>			
MEMBERS	494.70	ELECTRICITY	462.39
OUTSIDE BOOKINGS	1737.00	RATES	251.28
RATE REBATE	46.42	WATER	37.14
		GAS	214.50
		SEPTIC TANK	60.00
		WORKING W/E + MATERIALS	368.73
		GAS STOVES	226.19
		COOKER	138.00
		FIRE PRECAUTION WORK	243.69
		GAS FIRE, SHOWER ETC	439.81
		INSURANCE (43% OF BILL)	334.28
		4 NEW WINDOWS	1261.97
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	2278.12		4037.98
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	12279.49		12845.38
 BANK BALANCE 1.1.93 10429.95			
BANK BALANCE 31.12.93 9862.07			
CASH 1.1.93 48.28			
CASH 31.12.93 50.27			

BOOKING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Much the same as the previous year as regards other mountaineering clubs usage at the weekends. The only booking we had difficulty filling was the weekend before Christmas. Next year we already have all weekends booked except for one.

The only marked difference has been the mid-week bookings. These have fallen dramatically in the management course sector in line with general recession trends. Our regular customers have however not forsaken us.

There has only been one incident to my knowledge of overbooking; (not my fault I would hasten to add.) If our members would kindly co-operate by informing the booking secretary of their intentions it would hopefully ensure that other clubs have exclusive use overnight of their chosen hut instead of having F.M.C members muscling in on them.

C.EARLE

HUT CUSTODIANS REPORT LITTLE LANGDALE

This past year has seen some striking changes and improvements at the cottage. Most of the fire precaution work has been carried out, the back door now opens outward and is fitted with a "panic bar", hardboard panelling has been replaced with plasterboard, doors rebated and the space between the kitchen and common room bricked up.

All this has resulted in a longer alcove under the stairs and a spotlight has been installed. Some traces of woodworm and dry-rot were found but have now been treated.

A new gas fire has been installed and the metal sheet replaced by brick. Two new twin burners have been fitted in the kitchen to replace the rust burners.

A new shower is in operation and lastly but not least the old rotting windows at the front of the hut have been replaced by new UPVC double glazed units. These have small old fashioned style glazing bars and are recessed with stone sills instead of the wooden ones

Working parties have this year been smaller than ever averaging three to five people. My heartfelt thanks to this small faithful hardworking team, but where were the rest of you ?

D.NICHOL

Stair Custodian's Report

It has been a mixed year for Stair. Firstly, the new Custodian broke his wrist four days after taking office - a cunning ploy which kept him away from Stair for three months! Many thanks are due to John Hickman who continued to look after the Hut in the mean time. The Residual Current Circuit Breakers had no such holiday - this suggests that we have an electrical problem lurking but identifying a source is proving difficult. Unfortunately, there was only one full working weekend in November doing routine maintainance - could we ask for a little more help next time? Although little has been spent on the fabric of the building recently, the next few years are likely to see a staged replacement of the windows.

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I've enjoyed organising the socials this year, especially as the summer events were well attended. Crag meets have been organised on a weekly basis; checking the diary in the newsletter and just turning up at the crag has ensured a party to climb with. Special walker/climber meets were led by Frank Towne (Anglezarke), Steve Wrigley (Malham), Kevin Hindle (Trowbarrow) and Gary Bird (Farleton).

A new team of boozy bikers have joined the usual set. John Wiseman, Martin Dale, Judith Swift, Brian Osborne and Gordon Heywood have led us to pubs round the Fylde but Claire Addy's trip was rained off.

A little flurry of culture in July saw a select band of merry men and women (effect of the mulled wine?) dodge the rain to watch 'Robin Hood' at Lancaster's Williamson Park.

Winter socials have been varied and interesting but have received mixed attendance. Bowland Mountain Rescue came in March to tell us about their work, and we gave them a donation of £50; Rob Brown in April gave us a slide show on trekking and snow and ice climbing in Nepal (otherwise known as the late, late show); after we'd all staggered under the weight of all Geoff Newey's equipment for 'North to Alaska' the committee gave him £20 to the Motor Neurone Disease Association; and Al Phizacklea impressed us in January with a slide show on an international climbing meet and guidebook writing. Our own speaker, Steve Wrigley, gave an excellent double-bill on skiing the Haute Route from Chamonix, and snow and ice climbing Mt. Cook etc in New Zealand. Of course, there's also been the old faithfuls: Members' Slides and the Slide (and now Print) competition ably judged by Dave Bibby.

My usual thanks go to everyone who has organised a social event for this year. After a busy and varied year, it's therefore a pity that things have ended rather badly at the Con Club.....

As bad news travels rather faster than a bush fire, I expect that most people who live north of the Watford Gap will know that we've had our bookings cancelled at the Con Club. This I was rather abrasively informed by their Chairman when, on the suggestion of the stewardess, I rang to confirm our bookings for the New Year.

The reasons for their committee's decision were that on the night of Al Phizacklea's talk (Jan), one of the men had been 'abusive' at the bar to the stewardess, and the room had been left 'one hell of a mess'; both allegations are completely untrue.

To add insult to injury, he added that some months ago 'the young lady asking for the key' (obviously me) had been 'abusive' to the stewardess although he was going 'to let that pass'. As that also was untrue, I was distinctly unimpressed by an apparent display of generosity.

There has been an inefficient service provided by the Con Club over the past year: double bookings with the Drama Club and having to wait whilst they searched for the key to the little room where we keep our screen - on two occasions one of their members has had to go to someone's house to fetch it. However, despite these difficulties, there has never been a confrontation or impoliteness on our part.

In view of the custom we've given the Con Club over the last few years - including our anniversary do - we feel that we've been treated rather rudely.

I have booked a new, temporary venue - the small room at 'The River Wyre Hotel', Poulton where hopefully things will go more smoothly.

NO MORE SOCIALS AT CON. CLUB (SEE SOC. SEC.'S REPORT)

NEW VENUE

THE RIVER WYRE HOTEL, POULTON

(large room for AGM;
small room for slide shows)

DATES

(note change of dates)

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| <u>FEB</u> | <u>WED 9th</u> | 8-30 | - <u>MEMBERS' SLIDES</u> |
| | <u>WED 16th</u> | 7-30 | - <u>A.G.M.</u> |
| <u>MARCH</u> | <u>WED 9th</u> | 8-30 | - <u>FMC EXPEDITION TO KARAKORAM</u>
- <u>ANDY DUNHILL / JERRY EVANS</u> |
| <u>APRIL</u> | <u>WED 13th</u> | 8-30 | - <u>DOUBLE BILL - STEWART SYKES</u>
1) <u>A-U MOUNTAIN JOURNEY:</u>
<u>ARCTIC, BRITAIN, AFRICA,</u>
<u>HIMALAYAS, EUROPE</u>
2) <u>MOUNTAINEERING BY THE YOUNG</u>
<u>PEOPLE OF THE FYLDE AREA.</u> |