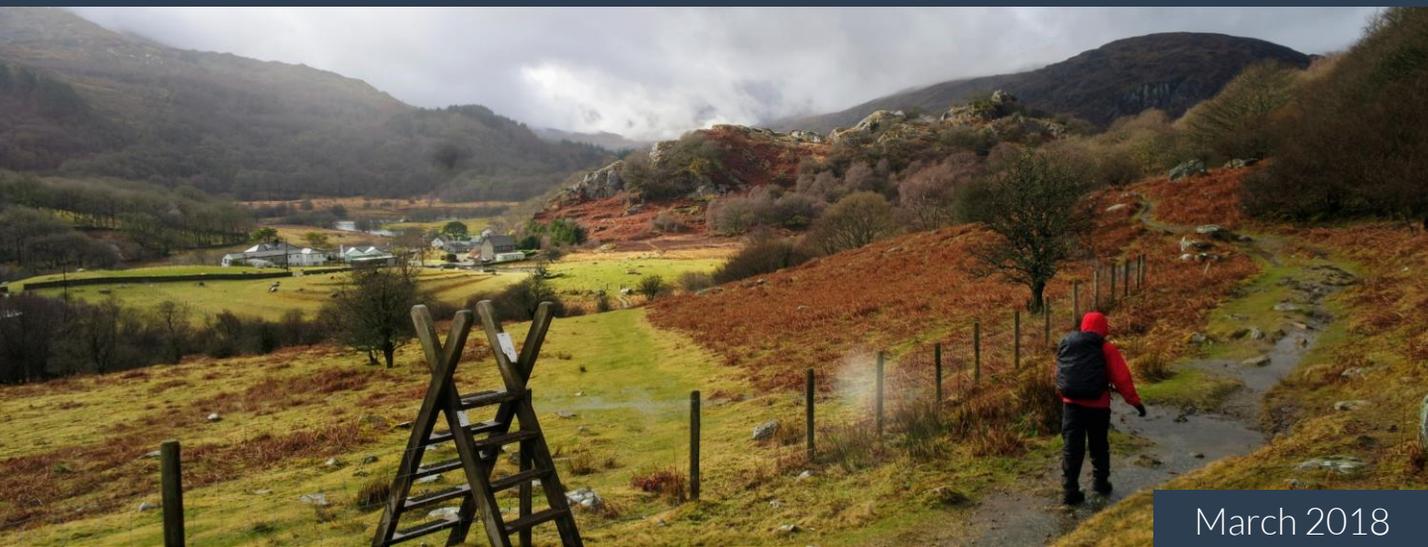


West Bromwich Mountaineering Club Newsletter



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Dear Readers

Another reminder that subs are now due! The membership fee is £27.50 and can be paid either by cheque or by bank transfer.

Huge thanks as always to this month's contributors: Geordie Hind, John Edwards, Nigel Tarr, Phil Wood, and Glen Mountfort.

If you have anything that you'd like to be featured in next month's newsletter – whether you're selling gear, looking for a climbing or walking partner, you've seen an event that members might be interested in, anything at all – send it to newsletter@wbmc.org (or through our website if it's an article) before the 20th of the month.

Cheers,
Joe

The WBMC meeting place



Cricketers Arms

43 Trinity Way,
West Bromwich,
B70 6EA

Join us every Thursday
night from 9pm for a
chat and a drink.

BMC
AFFILIATED CLUB

The BMC recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions.

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Cotswold Discount Code: AF-WBMC -K3

Noticeboard

New premises

Just a reminder that the club has moved its base to the Cricketers Arms, 43 Trinity Way, West Bromwich, B70 6EA. All Thursday evening meetings will be held there with immediate effect.



The pub's website is <https://thecricketersarms.pub>. It has a large room that we can use for indoor evening meets, discos, Christmas get togethers etc, is family friendly, and offers a full menu - see <https://thecricketersarms.pub/best-steakhouse>

Its owner is very friendly and welcoming. What's not to like? Please pass the message on...

Walking partner wanted

Glen Mountfort is looking for any potential mid-week walkers:

(e.g. Mondays or Friday availability) I often struggle with free time at weekends and family commitments so looking for people to walk with, either around the Midlands or possibly N. Wales. Glen Mountfort (07807 930996 or glenmountfort80@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger). I'm happy to drive from Wolves, so please get in touch.

Climbing nights in full swing

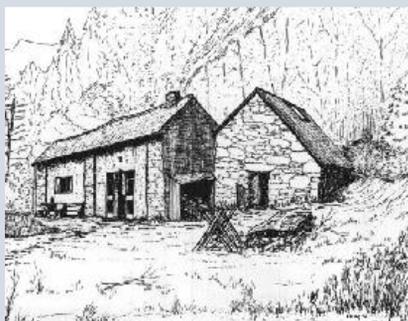
Club climbing nights are taking place every Tuesday evening at High Sports Kidderminster, Silverwoods Way, Kidderminster DY11 7DT. Get in touch to be added to the Indoor Climbers WhatsApp group.



Indoor Meet – 8th March

There is a vacancy for anyone that wants to put on an indoor meet on Thursday 8th March. Please contact Dave Jones as soon as possible.

Hut donations



Members - £4.00
 Guests - £7.00
 (Max. two guests per member)
 16 & under - £1.50

Stamped addressed envelopes are provided in the hut for payment.

To book

Phone or email Alison Whitehead:

07903 584450

hut-secretary@wbmc.org

Please contact Alison *before* going to the hut.

WBMC members can purchase a hut key from Alison at a donation of £4

Ogwen Valley Coach Meet

By Geordie Hind



As some of the club members were sunning themselves ice climbing in Arolla in Northern Italy, others from the club braved the weather and headed to Ogwen Valley North Wales (no comparison really).

Despite the weather reports from the Met Office and M.W.I.S. there were approximately 27 brave souls who made the coach meet. The weather deteriorated to typical Welsh weather as soon as we hit the M54 and A5.

As a result, some members elected to do low-level walks around Betws-y-Coed and others walked the Military Road to Ogwen. Others like Phil Smith and I decided to continue to Ogwen Valley to see what the conditions were like on the Carneddws side.

We reluctantly left the warmth of the coach and faced the wind and rain to go up towards Cwm Ffynnon Lloer.

As we ascended to the shelter of the Cwm the wind and rain lessened so we had a look at the condition of Hourglass Gully. It wasn't in perfect condition, but it wasn't the worst I had seen.

After about 50 minutes of front pointing up the Gully we arrived near the summit of Pen yr Ole Wen (978m) to a totally different day, calm and rain free as predicted by the weather forecast.



The descent from the ridge was colourful with fantastic cloud-free views of Tryfan. We even saw the sun at one point, but not for long.

We arrived back at the coach and met other club members who had completed their routes and like us, had enjoyed their day despite the inclement weather.

It was good to see some potential new members on the coach like Dave and his son Ethan aged 11, who had a good walk then a session on the climbing wall at Plas y Brenin. An action-packed day for them.

Sometimes, even when the weather reports appear grim, it is still worth supporting the coach meets as there are usually plenty of options that can be achieved in all the areas we visit.



Dave and Ethan enjoying their first coach meet

Coach Meet – Borrowdale

Sunday 11th March 2018

Depart

07:00 – West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8HU)

07:20 – Penkridge

(Coffee break at Charnock Richard services)

Drop off & Pick up

Keswick (264235)

Shepherds Crag (262184)

Seatoller (246137)

Required maps

OS 1:25 000 Outdoor Leisure

No 4 The English Lakes North Western Area

No 6 The English Lakes South Western Area

Suggested routes

FROM KESWICK: Route 1 – 15.5 km (9.5 miles)

Head West to Stormwater Bridge (255239) into Portinscale Follow part of the Cumbria Way South to the foot of Catbells & and climb steeply to the summit (244198) Continue South along the ridge over Maiden Moor to High Spy (234162) then descend to Dale Head Tarn (230'52) and turn West to the summit of Dale Head (223153) Enjoy the view north towards Skiddaw then head downhill East to Tongue Gill and the Rigghead Quarries (240152) then South to Seatoller

FROM SHEPHERDSCRAG: Route 2 – 9 km (5.5 miles)

Head North through woods to Ashness Bridge (270196) and then take minor road & path to the South of Watendlath Beck to Wetendlath Farm (276163) Alternatively you could climb to the summit of High Seat (287181) and then South over boggy ground to High Tove (289166) probably the most boring summit in the Lake District from which you could try and find the top of Amboth Fell before dropping off W to Watendlath From there a path above Bowdergate Gill leads to Rosthwaite then paths to Longthwaite & Seatoller

FROM SEATOLLER: Route 3 – 10.5km (6.5 miles)

Follow the road E to Strands Bridge (252137) From here follow the path up to Thornythwaite Fell (245118) and on to Glaramara (245106) From the rocky summit head NE to Combe Head & Combe Door (252109) Pick a way through more rocky outcrops & tarns to Rosthwaite Cam (256118) & the top of Bessy Boot trig (256125) Finally descend W into Combe Gill and N back to Strands Bridge and the coach

ROUTE 4 – 19.5 km (12 miles)

Follow the road SW to Seathwaite (235121) from where you can ascend Base Brown (225115) via Sour Milk Gill Continue over Green Gable to Great Gable (211104) Leave NW to Beckhead Tarn (205107) and onto the summit of Kirk Fell (196106) over Green Gable to Great Gable (211104) Leave NW to Beckhead Tarn (205107) and onto



Photo from visitllandudno.org.uk

Fares

Members £20.00

Guests £22.00

Under 16's and full-time students – £8.00

To book contact Nigel Tarr on 07703 345729.

Should you need to cancel do so no later than the Wednesday prior to the coach date or a £5.00 fee will be charged. Fail to turn up and the full coach fare will be expected.

the summit of Kirk Fell (196106) Retrace steps to Beckhead Tarn and traverse below Green Gable to Brandreth (215119) From here you can tick off Grey Knotts (217126) and possibly visit Fleetwith Pike (205142) which has excellent views down to Buttermere Drop down the top of Honister Hause (225136) and then follow the road E to Seatoller

ROUTE 5 – 15.5km (9.5 miles)

As route 4 to the summit cairn of Great Gable (211104) then descend to the top of Styhead Pass (220095) Continue past Sprinkling Tarn (226091) to the Esk Hause shelter (235083) and onto Allen Crags (236085) Follow the undulating ridge to Glaramara (247104) and continue N over Thornythwaite Fell (245121) and back to Seatoller

ROUTE 6 – 19km (12 miles)

For the chance to climb Scafell Pike England's highest mountain get your skates on & follow the road to Seathwaite (235121) and continue to Stockley Bridge (;235109) Follow Styhead Gill to Styhead Tarn (221096) and with careful navigation find the start of the Corridor Route to Skew Gill (221091) Follow the map carefully to the head of Piers Gill (214079) & climb very steeply SE to the col (217075) and onto the highest (976m) trig point in England (215072) Then its a rocky route ENE over Broad Crag & Ill Crag and down to Esk Hause (233081) If time is short descend Ruddy Gill (230086) to Stockiey Bridge & Seathwaite and back to Seatoller If you have more time you could return as route 5 over Allen Crags Glaramara & Thornythwaite Fell (245121)

Coach Meet – Dufton

April 2018

Depart

07:00 – West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8HU)

07:20 – Penkridge

(Coffee break at Charnock Richard services)

Drop off

Tebay (A685 island nr M6 Jn 38) (616048)

Newbiggin-on-Lune (703054)

Brough (795147)

Dufton (690250)

Pick up

Dufton (690250)

Tebay (A685 / B6260 roundabout) (616048)

Required maps

OS 1:25,000 Outdoor Leisure 31: Teesdale

or OS 1:50,000 Landranger 91: Appleby-in-Westmorland

Suggested routes

FROM KESWICK:

Route 1 – Bretherdale & Roundthwaite Commons

Cross over river and under motorway to Roundthwaite village. Climb to Jeffrey's Mount (1240ft) NY 60437 02332 and continue W along ridge to Pipers Hill (1591ft) NY 55867 04580. Return via path in Borrowdale valley or over tops to Whinell Beacon (1549ft) NY 57351 00295 & Grayrigg Forest (1621ft) SD 59867 99801 before descending to road. *13 miles (21 km) with around 3,000 ft of ascent if you follow the ridges!*

Route 2:

Uldale Head (1745ft) NY 64039 00009 and other NW Howgill summits to suit.

FROM NEWBIGGIN

Route 3: Randygill Top (2047ft) NY 68713 00038 and other NE Howgill summits to suit.

FROM BROUGH

Route 4: Little Fell and the new Nuttalls Long Fell & Tinside Rigg NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO FIRING ON WARCOP RANGE

FROM DUFTON

Route 5: A Hump, a Tump & a Marilyn! Head out on lane to climb Knock Pike (1306ft) NY 68592 28248, cross over to Browber Hill (1703ft) NY 70575 27537 then a big down & up to Dufton Pike (1578ft) NY 69987 26629 (or reverse order) *6 miles (10 km) with 594 metres ascent.*



Photo from bluefoxwalks.com

Fares

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Guests £22.00

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Route 6: Top of the Pennines

Follow the Pennine Way north to climb Knock Fell (2605ft) NY 72139 30237, Great Dunn Fell (2782 ft) NY 71038 32156 and if time Little Dunn Fell & Cross Fell (2930ft) NY 68718 34335 Return same route. *Up to 16 miles (25 km) with 865 m (2290 ft) ascent.*

Route 7: A tough 3 Nuttall Circuit

Bridleway to R of Dufton Pike & up Threlkeld Side and right at top to trig on Backstone Edge (2293ft) NY 72592 27698. Then NE to shooting box nr Great Rundale Tarn and then just W of N to Knock Fell (2605ft) NY 72139 30237. Then 3 miles of pathless grouse moor to ruined trig on Meldon Hill (2516ft) NY 77166 29079. Head SE to High Cup Nick and return to Dufton along Pennine Way. *15 miles (24 km) over grouse moors with 2585 ft ascent.*

Route 8: Pennine Way to High Cup Nick

Head east along the Pennine Way to the spectacular viewpoint@ NY 746262. From High Cup Nick it is possible to summit Murton Fell (2215ft) NY 75318 24624 as this is just outside the Warcop Danger Area & Murton Pike (1949ft) NY 73487 23105. Or descend into High Cup Gill and return to Dufton via minor lanes. *9 miles (15 km) with 2000ft ascent if you do the tops*

Gear For Sale

Contact Nigel Tarr: 07703 345729

For Sale

Trousers

Rohan Bags - Blue	Blue	32" Reg	£15.00
Paramo	Grey	Medium	£15.00
Berghaus Soft Shell	Grey	30"	£15.00
Rab - Fleece Lined	Black	30"	£15.00
Paramo Windproof	Black	Small	£20.00
Paramo Windproof	Grey	Medium	£20.00
Haglofs	Olive	Small	£15.00
Montane	Black	Medium	£15.00

Coat

Paramo Cascada	Black	Medium	£30.00
Marmot	Black	Medium	£20.00
Mountain Hardware	Black	Medium	£20.00
Rab Insulated	Black	Medium	£30.00
Snugpak Insulated	Olive	Medium	£30.00

Fleece

Paramo	Grey	Medium	£20.00
Mountain Equipment	Grey	Medium	£20.00
North Face	Grey	Large	£20.00

Smock

Buffalo Windshirt	Olive	40"	£20.00
Paramo Velez	Black	Medium	£30.00

Windproof

Paramo	Olive	Medium	£15.00
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Over Trousers

Berghaus	Black	Medium	£20.00
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Gilet

Rohan	Olive	Medium	£15.00
North Face Gloves	Black	Medium	£5.00
Tilley Sun Hat	Fawn	7.25"	£10.00

Compasses

Silva Type 4/54	£10.00
Suunto	£10.00
Silva	£5.00

Torches

Petzl Tikka XP	£10.00
Petzl Tikka	£5.00

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Gear For Sale

Contact Phil Wood: 07850 024475

Jackets

Berghaus Pullover	softshell	blue	large	£15
Patagonia jacket		dark brown	medium	£20

Fleeces

Katmandu	half zip	blue	medium	£10
Kathmandu	full zip	blue/grey	medium	£10
Lowe Alpine	full zip	fawn	medium	£10
Lowe Alpine	full zip	thick woolly black	medium	£15
North Face	half zip	orange	medium	£10
North Face	full zip	grey	medium	£10
Karrimor	half zip	black	medium	£5
Karrimor	half zip	blue	medium	£5
Mountain Equipment	half zip	black	medium	£10
ACG	full zip	black	medium	£10

Waterproofs

Low alpine		green	medium	£20
Mountain Equipment		Lovat green	medium	£20
Berghaus		blue	large	£20
ACG Gore-Tex		black	medium	£25
Sprayway		black	large	£15
Berghaus		blue	large	£20

Shirts

Craghopper	Solardry	fawn	medium/large	£8
Craghopper	Euro50	fawn	medium	£5
Stormlite		blue	medium	£5
Lowe Alpine		blue	medium	£5

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Rucksacks

Karrimor Jura	Red	25 litres	£10
Lowe Alpine Attack	black	20 litres	£20
Craghoppers Dri-Pac	red	75 litres	£20
Craghoppers Dri-Pac	blue	75 litres	£20
Craghoppers Dri-Pac	black	100 litres	£20
Victorinox covertable			£40

Miscellaneous

Craghopper Dri-pac	Bumbag	7 litres	£10
Eurohike	Washbag		£5
Lifeventure	Bumbag		£5
Kathmandu	small shoulder bag		£5
Trek mates	pak pillow		£3

Contact: Phil Wood

Mobile: 07850 024475

AGM Calling Notice

As from the Honorary Secretary

Dear Member,

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club (WBMC) Annual General Meeting

Calling Notice – Thursday 12th April 2018

The Cricketers Arms Public House, 43 Trinity Way, West Bromwich at 7.30pm

The 2018 AGM of the WBMC will be held at the Cricketers Arms Public House on **Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7.30pm** prompt. Most officers of the Club are elected annually and nominations, in writing should be with the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM. Nominations should be proposed and seconded by a full club member and indicate the willingness of a person to serve, if elected. Please note the President is elected for a five year term, and is not due for election this year.

The positions are:

- President
- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Coach Secretary
- Hut Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Social Media Publicity Officer (a new role)

Nominations for the 4 elected seats of the Management Committee may also be proposed in the same way, or may be proposed from the floor at the AGM. In the latter case the nominee must be present in person and express their willingness to serve, if elected. Alternatively, a written expression of such willingness may be produced to the Chair prior to the AGM.

All of the above positions are open to any full member.

The **Malcolm Collins Award** may be awarded each year for “*outstanding endeavour in mountaineering or service to the Club*” Nominations for the Award should be in writing, and seconded, and forwarded to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Honorary Secretary

AGM Calling Notice

Nomination Form for the AGM- 12th April 2018

Nominee

Committee Position

Proposed by

Seconded by

Form to be with the Honorary Secretary (Sue Goddard) before 5th April 2018.