



April 2017

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Hello readers,

The weather's getting better and better, so why not book yourself onto the Malham Coach Meet? Call Nigel Tarr & book early to avoid disappointment.

Huge thanks as always to this month's contributors: Dave Jones, Chris Dean, Mel Evans, Guy & Tracey, Dave Hind, John Edwards, Nigel Tarr, and Guy Harris.

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



The Wheatsheaf
379 High Street,
West Bromwich,
B70 9QW

Join us every Thursday night from 9.00pm in The Wheatsheaf for a chat and a drink.

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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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Noticeboard

Welcome New Member

I would like to welcome new member Rob Cox to the club. Rob has recently done both indoor and outdoor meets. We look forward to seeing Rob on many more forthcoming events. If you see Rob let's show a true WBMC welcome.

- Dave Jones, Chairman

New Hut Secretary Number

The new number for the Hut Secretary is 07093 584450.

Cotswold Discount

I have contacted Cotswolds and they have made an error, we are still entitled to 20% discount, but the added bonus is we are now entitled the same discount at Snow and Rock.

I've been speaking to a very nice person that has made posters for us. I have gone one better and requested the WBMC logo to be added, I have sent the artwork and their marketing department are working on this.

- Dave Jones, Chairman

Cotswold Discount Code: AF-WBMC -K3

Club Climbing nights

Hopefully you will have noticed on the new meet card the return of regular club 'climbing nights'... with the demise of Portway we took a while to find another venue that offers a similar deal. High Sports Kidderminster have come to the rescue and we have a discounted price of £5 on any Monday night for club members. So, as before, if you fancy having a go at indoor climbing, bringing family members or guests along for a go, or just fancy joining us for a chat then the last Monday of every month is now a club night. Although Kidderminster is further out than places like redpoint (Birmingham) it actually takes less time to get there as you're not battling city traffic... come and join us !!

Second-hand gear

A member who has been on the last couple of meets is looking for help from WBMC members. Does anyone have any second hand gear lying around or gear that they don't use anymore, size 12 or size 7 in ladies footwear.

If anyone has any unwanted items please e-mail anthenia91@hotmail.com

For Sale

Rab Vapor Rise Ladies Trousers (size 10) - £25
 Trespass Ladies Ski Trousers (size 10) - £15
 Berghaus Quartz 65+15 litre rucksack - £50
 Scarpa Charmoz GTX Mens mountaineering boots EU size 45 - £45
 Scarpa Triolet Mens mountaineering boots size 9.5 - £15
 Camp Rockstar climbing helmet blue with headtorch attachment - £20
 Camp Rockstar climbing helmet white - £15
 Eurohike survival bag (brand new in wrapper) - £2
 Outdoor designs classic mountain shelter medium (4-6 persons) - £25
 Montane scarab mens jacket blue size M - £25
 Hawkshead mens half zip fleece size L - £5
 Paramo mens reversible trekker hoodie blue size M - £20
 Mountain Hardware Goretex Performance shell mens waterproof trousers size M - £50
 Lowe Alpine mens ice cap - £10
 Various pairs mens gloves/balaclava

If you are interested in any of these items please contact Guy or Tracey on 07815 185447 or 07967 820002

GoPro Hero 4 silver plus accessories and 30 metre waterproof case - £200

Contact Geordie 07505364318 or email geordiehind@gmail.com for further details.

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:

07093 584 450

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

Coming up



6th – 7th May Hut Climbing Weekend

Mel is organising a climbing weekend so get practising at the indoor wall! All abilities welcome!

For more details contact Mel on 07845 060 043

11th May Outdoor Evening Meet

Now the nights are getting lighter why not join fellow club members for a leisurely evening stroll? Mike Smith and Ken Priest will be leading a walk around Clent.

Please meet at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9PS at 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start. Drinks and sandwiches available after the walk.

If attending please let Dave Jones know by phone on 07759 259 163 or email davidjones840@gmail.com



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Photo from yha.org.uk

22nd – 24th September Hostel weekend at Keswick

Youth hostel B/B - £30.25 per person per night. Why not try Ghyll Scrambling with Chase Adventure - £35.00 per person £20.00 deposit (non-refundable)

If interested please contact Nigel Tarr 07703 345 739

Friday 29th September Women's Weekend

Book with Vanessa on 07709 514 180



Ogwen Coach Report with a difference

By 27 of the 49 on the bus

Compiled by
John Edwards



For the 2nd month in a row, there was a "Waiting List" for a seat on the coach, just like it used to be before the Foot & Mouth outbreak. Fortunately those on the list managed to get on their respective meet, but infrequent Outdoor Meet travellers BE WARNED! The days when you could leave booking until the last minute might just about be over so remember to phone Nigel before the Thursday following a coach meet if you want to be certain of getting on the next one!

After an excellent trip to Ogwen in glorious April sunshine, which some people, especially on the northern mountains, enjoyed all day, it was decided to pass a notepad round to allow every passenger their chance to give their impressions of "how the coach meet was for them". I've tried to decipher all the handwriting and where something appears to have been added an entry, because it's in an obviously different hand, this is 'indicated' in the article that follows by being in italics!

Emily Smith: North Face of Tryfan & Bristly Ridge much harder than 20 years ago. Great meet & great company as always!

Mike Smith: A well-organised coach meet as usual. Able to do the route I wanted. A Great Day Out! *Such a great day, I'll buy the entire coach a beer on the next meet!*

Anthenia Dimitriou: Awesome meet up! Oliver S & David D took good care of the new members. I enjoyed the walk and had a laugh as always! Couldn't be more grateful: WBMC is the best! Thank you Nigel for organising the meet for us; looking forward to the next one already. Love & Peace <3

Oliver Stephenson: Good meet. Good introduction to the club and mountains for a group of 3 new members. Enjoyed guiding them.

Paul Brindley: Mountain Rescue out all day! And not for us. Result!

Claire Hammonds: Did North ridge of Tryfan and Bristly Ridge, then down Y Gribin. Excellent day though my little legs are a bit tired now!! *Better than a day with Fred!*

Rob Thomas: Great scrambling on Tryfan. Didn't like the extra mile of road walking at the end. Partially redeemed by a short pub stop!

Stumpy: Great day scrambling. Can Claire come on all coach meets rather than Fred?

Rob Cox: Tryfan & Bristly Ridge - "A Grand Day Out". More cheese Grommit?

Chris Dean: Ogwen, Elidir Fawr, Foel-goch, Y Garn, Glyders, Tryfan, Capel Curig. A long day 14.5 miles & 2170 m of ascent. Good to be back on the coach.

David Jones: Very pleased to see the coach full and Meet-Up members coming through on a monthly basis. Very good day on the hills completing Carnedd Llewellyn & Carnedd Dave. Let's make sure we fill the coach again next month. Well done everyone.

Phil Williams: Nice to see the coach full and talking to people it seems everybody had a great day. Nice little gem of climb up Y Gribin and then on to the Glyders, with great company in Angie Murdoch & Andy Wright.

Hilary Jones: Well-shattered!

Noel Kelly: Thoroughly enjoyed the climb to Devil's Kitchen today and the marvellous views of the lakes. The weather was the icing on the cake!

Sanjay Chouhan: Another great day on the coach with WBMC. The hike was a bit more involved than I bargained for but thoroughly enjoyed it. A pint in the pub was an enjoyable way to end the day!

Angie Murdoch: Another great day out walking with the club. Thanks to Phil & Andy for their great company. This was the first time I have done the Glyders and we even managed to catch a few wonderful views. Feel tired but content.

John Harris: Hard to believe it was Wales.....until about 3:00pm when things returned to normal!! Wonderful views; great day.

Dave Doherty: Cracking day out with good company on the coach and on the hills.

Margaret Davies: My first walk with WBMC. Up Devil's Kitchen! Then along the top and down the other side. Bit of a tough one for me but I suppose that means I should get fitter. Thanks to Linda & Pat for showing me the way.

Nick Piotrowski: Carneddau circuit. Great A to B walk because of the coach.

David Hellyar: DFinally managed to complete the North Ridge scramble on Tryfan which has been on my tick list for several years. First scrambling for several years so was a bit rusty for a while. Then found myself putting my legs into positions I thought they would never again achieve. I think my hip joints will be protesting for the next few days. Had good company throughout the day. Weather quite good too!

Wendy Morris: Great walk - Capel Curig to Ogwen via Pen Llithrig y Wrach & Carnedd Llewellyn - great company.

Dee Sehdeva: Brilliant day on the hills - lovely weather + great company.

Cairngorms Skiing | Ogwen meet

A double-bill of two articles by Chris

By Chris Dean



Probably not the best days skiing ever...

Earlier this year headed up to the Cairngorms for what would be a few days winter season mountaineering at the end of the season. Optimistically took ski's with me and headed out to Cairngorm Mountain with them. After getting to the top section via the funicular railway we were out near apparently out near the top of Cairngorm and not able to see a thing due to thick cloud. Even the runs that were open were not that busy, with the majority of users being groups of school children on snowboards.

Soon we had done 3-4 runs, which pretty much meant had skied the resort. So decided to head in for a hot chocolate. After this headed out to improved conditions, there were

now breaks in the fog so could nearly see where were going. Did a few run's and then decided to call it a day.

Looking back can imagine one of the school children returning from a trip from the Alps and being asked by his class mates what is was like. To which the reply being; well it was okay but there are not rock in the piste to have to go around, your in blazing hot sun all day and the runs are just too long and too numerous!

Coach or not to coach

Not been on a coach meet for a long time, probably over 12 months, sorry Nigel. So made the decision to go on the April one to Ogwen. Managed to remember what to take with me and where to put it on the coach.

Was not too sure what to do though and opted for the Glyders as ended up being out on the Carnnedau day before, really long story. Got dropped off at Ogwen cottage had a great time going over the peaks on that side of the valley. Day was ended walking into Capel Curig and a comfy leather sofa in the Bryn Tyrch.

To me the coach is a key part of the club alongside the

hut. It gave me the option of doing a linear walk which was great. It was also really nice to catch up with a number of people have not seen for some time and just as good to meet some of the new members. Was also grateful of not having a long drive back after a full on day out on the hills. If there had not been a coach on that day would probably not have gone out and missed a great day. There will always be cheaper and quicker ways to get out to the mountains but to me it's getting the coach to work for you, which had managed to do.

Big thanks to the committee, especially Nigel, keep it up.

Coach Meet – Thirlmere/Grasmere

Sunday 14th May 2017

Depart

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

07:20 – Penkrigde

Drop off

Threlkeld (325254)

Thirlmere Reservoir (316169)

Travellers Rest (336089)

Grasmere (339073)

Pick up

Grasmere (339073)

Required maps

Outdoor Leisure:

No 4 - Lakes North Western Area

No 5 - Lakes North Eastern Area

No 7 - Lakes South Eastern Area



Photo from where2walk.co.uk

Fares

Members £20.00

Guests £22.00

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

To book ring Nigel Tarr on 07703 345729

To cancel no later than Wednesday prior to the coach meet any later a charge of £5.00 will be made. Not turning up the full coach fare will be expected.

Suggested routes

Route 1 (22km / 13miles)

From Threlkeld

Work your way S to Clough Head 334225. A grassy path S takes you over rocky Calhow Pike 331211 then change direction slightly SE then E to Great Dodd 342345. From here a lovely but very demanding ridge takes you over the summits of Watsons Dodd, Stybarrow Dodd, Raise 343175, Whiteside Bank Lower Man and finally Helvellyn 342152. The high level ridge continues S and ends at Grisdale Tarn 352122. An easy path now takes you down to the road 335092.

Route 2 (11.5km 8miles)

Leave the A591 adjacent to Thirlmere Reservoir 315170 and follow the ridge passing Helvellyn Gill 325165 to the summit of Helvellyn 342152. Pleasant walking S leads over Dollywaggon Pike 346131, then descend steeply to Grisdale Tarn 352122. An easy path now takes you down to the road

Route 3

Follow route 2 to Grisdale Tarn 352122 ascend Fairfield 359117 follow the ridge S to Great Rigg 356104 then descend SW to Stone Arthur 347092. Follow a good path down to the road 338085

Route 4 (10.5km / 6.5 miles)

From the Travellers Rest 336089 follow the bridal path up Little Tongue Gill 342105 then climb steeply W 338106 to the ridge and onto the summit of Seat Sandal 344115. Descend E to Grisdale Hause then continue onto the summit of Fairfield 359117. Follow the ridge S to Great Rigg 356104 then descend SW to Stone Athut 347092. Follow a good path down to the road 338085

Coach Meet – Malham

Saturday 10th June 2017

Depart

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

07:20 – Penkridge

Drop off

Horton in Ribblesdale (810721)

Skipton by request

Malham (901627)

Pick up

Malham – *depart at 21:00*

Required maps

Outdoor Leisure 2 (does not include Skipton)



Fares

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Suggested routes

Route 1 (~ 15.5miles)

Horton in Ribblesdale Pennine Way to Pen-y- Gent (838734) and divert to Fountains Fell (865715) re-join P/Way to Malham Tarn (890673) and then back to Malham

Route 2 (~10 miles)

Malham Car park to Mires Barn (902624) follow Gordale Beck to Janet's Fosse and Gordale Scar (915640) then to GR (897664 adj. Malham Tarn) follow the Pennine Way back to Malham Cove (897643) (*slippery in places care to be taken if Becks are in spate*)

Route 3

As route 2 to Janet's Fosse, climb the waterfall on left at (912634). Turn left on signed path to Malham Rakes Lane & after approx. 250m turn left on signed path to Malham Cove. Descend back to Malham as route 2 - *take care on descent if slippery!*

Route 4

Skipton to Malham Route dependant on participants and "bagging" requirements

Meet card 2017 - 2018

Here are the dates from this year's meet card, which details the club's events up until the end of May 2018.

If you know someone who isn't currently a member, but has expressed an interest in any of these activities, then please give them a copy of this page or direct them to the club website.

June 2017

Fri 2nd - 4th Hut Exchange W/E - YMS visit WBMC
 Thurs 8th Outdoor Evening Meet
 Sat 10th Coach meet Malham
 Fri 16th - 18th Challenge W/E Welsh 15 x 3000ers
 Fri 23rd - 25th Family Weekend
 Mon 26th Climbing Night

July

Thurs 6th Outdoor Evening Meet
 Fri 7th - 9th Gower Weekend
 Sun 9th Coach Meet Black Mountains
 Fri 14th - 16th Family Weekend
 Fri 21st - 23rd Hut Exchange W/E WBMC visit YMS
 Mon 31st Climbing Night

August

Fri 5th - 7th Oggie 8
 Thurs 10th Outdoor Evening Meet
 Sun 13th Coach Meet Berwyns
 Fri 18th - 20th Hut Working W/E
 Mon 28th Climbing Night

September

Thurs 7th Outdoor Evening Meet
 Sat 9th Long Coach Meet Braithwaite
 FRI 15th - 17th Skills W/E
 Fri 22nd - 24th YHA W/E Keswick Ghyll Scrambling
 Fri 29th - 1st Womens W/E

October

Thurs 5th Indoor Evening Meet
 Sun 8th Coach Meet Howgills
 Fri 14th - 16th Hut Biking W/E
 Mon 30th Climbing Night

November

Fri 3rd - 5th Bunkhouse W/E Bishops Castle
 Thurs 9th Indoor Evening Meet
 Sat 11th Coach Meet Llanberis
 Fri 17th - 19th Hut Working W/E
 Fri 24th Social Night
 Mon 28th Climbing Night

December

Thurs 7th Indoor Evening Meet
 Sun 10th Coach Meet Castleton
 Thurs 14th Christmas Social Wheatsheaf

January 2018

Sun 7th "Mitch's" Meet & Social
 Thurs 11th Indoor Meet
 Sun 14th Coach Meet Patterdale
 Fri 19th - 21st Scottish W/E
 Fri 26th - 28th Hostel W/E
 Mon 29th Climbing Night

February

Thurs 8th Indoor Meet
 Sat 10th Coach Meet Ogwen
 Sat 17th - 24th Nev's Scottish Week
 Mon 26th Climbing Night

March

Thurs 8th Indoor Evening Meet
 Sun 11th Coach Meet Borrowdale
 Fri 16th - 18th Away Dinner
 Thurs 22nd AGM
 Mon 26th Climbing Night

April

Thurs 5th Indoor Evening Meet
 Sun 8th Coach Meet Dufton Yorkshire
 Fri 20th - 22nd Scottish W/E
 Mon 30th Climbing Night

May

Thurs 10th Outdoor Evening Meet
 Sat 12th Coach Meet Brecon Beacons
 Fri 20th - 22nd Hut Working W/E
 Fri 25th - 27th Family W/E
 Mon 28th Climbing Night