

# West Bromwich Mountaineering Club Newsletter



January 2019

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Hello readers,

*Please note the new meeting venue – for more information see page 2.*

A belated Happy New Year!

Huge thanks as always to this month's contributors: Nigel Tarr, Pete Poultney, John Edwards, Richard Cooksey, Hilary Jones, Richard Cooksey, Jonathan Howells, Graeme Stanford, Hazel Webb, and Paul Brindley.

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](mailto:newsletter@wbmc.org) (or through our website if it's an article) before the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month.

If you've never written an article before, why not give it a go?

Cheers,  
Joe

## The WBMC meeting place



**Horse & Jockey**  
49 Stoney Ln,  
West Bromwich  
B71 4EZ

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

Note that indoor meets are still at The Cricketer's Arms

**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.*

[www.wbmc.org](http://www.wbmc.org)

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# Noticeboard

## Change of club meeting venue

Members will be pleased to know that after much discussion we have decided to move the Thursday night meets back to the Horse & Jockey. Committee meetings and indoor meets (slideshows etc.) will still take place at The Cricketers Arms, as the facilities there are better suited to meetings. The Horse & Jockey's address is at the bottom of the front page, and we will be meeting there every Thursday night, starting in the new year.

## Hut Working Weekend a success

A big thanks to the members who attended the working weekend to improve the Hut: Adrian Bates, Alison Whitehead, Andy Brown, Dave Coates, John Lowe, Mike Thompson, and Nigel Tarr.

## Membership subs due

A reminder that membership subs are now due £30 for adult members). Please ensure you pay as soon as possible, otherwise Hazel has to spend hours chasing you! If you still haven't paid in February we'll have to remove you from the mailing list, and you'll need to pay guest fees to use the Hut.

- Single - £30.00
- Students - £11.50
- Junior (16-18) - £9
- Young (under 16) - £2.50

## Feb Indoor Evening Meet

We are looking for someone to do the February indoor evening meet - if you or someone you know would like to put on a talk or slideshow please contact the committee.

## Letters to the Editor

## Mountain Trivia Answers *By John Edwards*

Andy Brown got the right 4 peaks by 09:20 on Thursday morning, less than 24 hours after the Newsletter came out. The 4 UK summits (of any height) that have over 200 km of isolation from their parent peak are:

- Ben Nevis - parent is Melderskin near Galdhopiggen in Norway (around 740km away)
- Snowdon - parent is Ben Nevis or maybe Stob Binnean (around 400km away)
- Rockall - parent is St Kilda (around 300km away)
- Ronas Hill on Shetland - parent is Ward Hill, Hoy in the Orkneys (around 210km away).

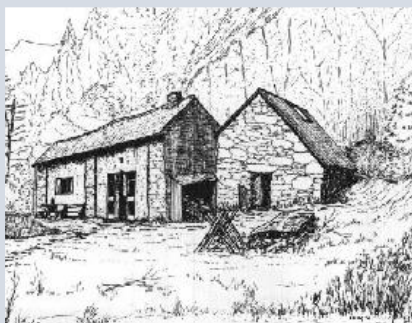
## Scotland's 10 toughest Munros?

I bet WBMC members could argue for ages about which are the hardest Munros to "bag" but Dan Bailey has come up with the following "Top 10 Toughest" on [the UK Hillwalking website](#) recently and I was pleased to note that I had done 50% of them.

1. The Inaccessible Pinnacle on the Skye ridge
2. Sgurr nan Gillean on the Skye ridge
3. A' Mhaighdean and Ruadh Stac Mor in the heart of the Fisherfield 'Great Wilderness'
4. Sgurr nan Ceathreamhnan and Mullach na Dheiragain above the remote head of Glen Affric,
5. Sgurr a' Mhadaidh and Sgurr a' Ghreadaidh on the Skye ridge
6. Liathach - the Torridon giant
7. Bidein a' Choire Sheasgaich & Lurg Mhor at the isolated head of Loch Monar
8. Aonach Eagach in Glencoe
9. Ladhar Bheinn in Knoydart
10. Beinn Mheadhoint in the Cairngorms

Mind you, I think he's cheated a bit by mentioning 14 Munros! Maybe we should have a WBMC poll to see if we agree with him?

## Hut donations



*Note the new prices:*

Members - £6.00  
 Guests - £10.00  
 5-17 - £4.00  
 Under 5s - Free

Stamped addressed envelopes are provided in the hut for payment.

## To book

Phone or email Alison Whitehead:

07903 584450

[hut-secretary@wbmc.org](mailto: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

16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019

## Nev's Scottish Week

We're staying in the same hotel this year: the Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William. We have the full week Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

£34 a night for twin and double rooms.

I've managed to freeze the single supplement, which is still the same as last year at £13 per person per night.

- Ages 4 and under: Free
- Ages 5 – 14: half price
- Dogs: £5 per night

Deposit is 1 night's stay, or you can pay in full.

To find out more or to book your place get in touch with Jonathan Howells via mobile on 07821 544407, or via email on [jhowells42@gmail.com](mailto:jhowells42@gmail.com). For bank transfer please call or text him and he will send you his details.

*If paying by cheque please make it payable to WBMC.*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Indoor Evening Meet

Hilary Jones will be giving a talk at the Cricketers Arms: "In the High Atlas". Please come along and support her.

11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Cairngorm trip – Rothiemurchus Lodge

*Last chance saloon... there are only 3 beds still available on this trip. If nobody expresses any interest before the end of the month the spaces will be offered to members of the Bromsgrove & Redditch Mountaineering Club.*

For the last three years a large group of club members have visited a bunkhouse just south of Aviemore for a spot of winter climbing / walking in the Cairngorms. The bunkhouse, at Feshiebridge, is run by the RAF and can be booked by serving personnel and veterans. Due to a lottery grant this facility is being refurbished and will not be available this coming winter. With that in mind we have managed to secure a 20-bed bunkhouse, run by the Army, which is in the forest opposite Glenmore Lodge. The facility is called Rothiemurchus Lodge and is in a remote spot giving access to all the Cairngorms have to offer. For more info visit: <https://rothiemurchus.co.uk>

If you are interested in joining us. It's not exclusively a climbing trip and the group is fairly well mixed between climbers and walkers. I don't need to sell the area and the facilities and company are second to none so come and join us.



Photo from kayak.co.uk



Photo from strathmorehotels-thebennevis.com

We're in the accommodation for 5 nights, 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March, which means driving up on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and driving back on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. This gives 4 full days on the hills. A bargain at £75. A £15 deposit will be required to secure your place and the balance will need to be paid nearer the time. I'll keep you informed of when this needs to be in. There will be plenty of folk going so if you haven't got transport there should be a few options.

As with our own hut the sleeping and cooking facilities are all provided you just need to bring your own food, drink and bedding. The rooms are shared 'bunkbed' accommodation but there are a few rooms so we can hopefully sort things out for privacy etc. There are separate ladies and gents showers and loos. Wi-Fi is available for a small charge and there is a bar onsite although this is only open by request.

All members welcome but, as there's only 20 beds, it's first come first served.

For more info and to book your place, contact Graeme Stanford on 07846281878 or [grim830@virginmedia.com](mailto:grim830@virginmedia.com)

# Mont Blanc Summit

July 2018

By Pete Poultney



It was in the summer of last year that my first attempt for the Summit of Mont Blanc took place, with Andy Grosvenor (Ex Fireman), Sam and James Grosvenor and Marcus Smith (Mike Smiths son). Going for The Gouter route as Guy and Tracey had done previously. After acclimatising in Chamonix with various ascents to help, we found out by chance you could hire tents at Tête Rousse instead of carrying your own up. So that's what we did, camped at Tête Rousse, as you cannot always get in the refuge, and of course it's cheaper. After the acclimatisation period we set off around 1am for the start of our trek, heading towards the infamous and sometimes dangerous Couloir (with regular rock falls with a few deaths resulting). After a successful crossing we continued roped up for our scramble over rock for about 2hrs before reaching the old Gouter refuge and eventually the fairly new one. Slowing down the higher we got with altitude taking its toll.

We had about an hour's break in the base of the refuge in the early hours, in making a warm drink and trying to replace energy used.

Our climb continued now on solid good snow, with a slow slog upwards towards our goal.

After another couple more gruelling hours, we reached a flattish plateau whereby we had in view the last refuge and summit, we still had the height of Snowdon to do. We were worn out, and at about 9,30 am Andy Sam and myself unfortunately decided we couldn't continue, instead of resting up for half hour or so we gave up. James and Marcus continued onto summit whilst we made our way down to Gouter refuge where we awaited their return.



It was a great effort by them, and hats off to Guy and Tracey who did the same route from Tête Rousse.

It was heart-breaking in not finishing, but it's still there, not going anywhere so there's always another day!

That day came, in July of this year, Andy, Sam and myself went out to Chamonix again to summit Mont Blanc, with Sam deciding to drive out in his campervan. So after a long drive to Chamonix we made our way to the camp site (10 min walk from town).



We were going to make sure we were acclimatised this time round. After a couple of days in Chamonix we ventured up to Aiguille Du Midi. We then made our way down the famous snowline ridge towards Cosmiques hut, with a drop to our left of over a mile down to Chamonix. It was around lunchtime so had plenty of time to do The Laurence Arête which finished just before the refuge. We camped out overnight below Cosmiques hut, yes, bloomin' freezing, think only Sam slept!

Took some cracking pics, as usual, always got my phone out, clicking away.

We awoke (well, Sam did) and after a hot drink n breaky, we made for The Cosmiques Arête ending in a climb up a ladder onto one of the viewing platforms on Aiguille Du Midi. (Twas over 20 years since I'd done this with Ken Priest n Chris Morris). A great scramble (roped up) with 2 abseils involved. Two weeks after we returned to UK there was a big rockfall around the 2nd abseil and the route was closed, am guessing snow melt etc! First time round I remember doing part of this route in crampons, this time round, not needed as not too much snow at all.

So another day back at camp in Chamonix then lift up to opposite side of valley for more acclimatisation and to watch Paragliders taking off, yes, more pics.

Another 2 days at Chamonix waiting for a window in the weather we made our way to Tête Rousse camp as in last year's visit. On reaching Tête Rousse a guide was asking where we were heading and where we were staying? We told a little white lie and made our way through as by now there were quite a few waiting to make their way through.

## Mont Blanc Summit (continued)



I must point out, a couple of weeks prior to our trip, the Mayor of Chamonix, fed up with ill-equipped people, and groups not having enough experience, put a clamp on the number of visitors allowed up to the summit, hence the guide asking questions. I would imagine it's even harder to summit now without proof that you're actually booked into a refuge etc.

So back on our trek we made our way to The Couloir, crossing ok, (you have to move fairly quickly and keep looking up left for rockfall) we headed up the rockface and scrambled up towards the top, this time in daylight and unroped, so a lot easier, no quicker, because of altitude, slowly slowly does it.



We reached Gouter refuge just gone lunchtime so of course had lunch then chilled and took in magnificent views etc. The cafe part of the hut shuts at 9,00pm with everyone going to their rooms, but not us. we did not book in but instead decided to rest up in base / locker room of refuge as it never shuts. So trying to sleep on hard benches, not, I woke the others up at about 11:00pm for our ascent. We were the first out and headed up with head torches lighting the way up a good snowline. Again it's a slow slog, going for 20 to 30 paces then having to rest. Just before the sun came up we reached the last refuge whereby we rested again for about half hour, and yes, Sam slept again! We then ventured out and joined

the rest of the climbers heading for the summit.

With the path thinning on some of the knife edges you have to give way to people coming back down, yes, good a excuse for a breather. We passed bags which people had left on the side of the path, making it easier to walk with less to carry.



The Summit was in sight, a great sight and feeling. Still roped up we reached the now crowded summit at around 10:30am. Time for a few more pics of course, and after around 15 mins the descent, was started, as you know sometimes being the hardest part of a journey. We got down in around 5 to 6 hours, so much better traveling down as opposed to the effort going up, but caution still needed and still being roped off until we reached rocky outcrop.

So well done to Andy and Sam and thanks to Sam for driving.

In April this year I was fortunate enough to do "The Three Passes Trek" (throwing in base camp), with Chris Dean. That trip was over 3 weeks with acclimatisation not being such a problem as The Mont Blanc trip!

So, if there are any of you thinking of a Mont Blanc trip then make sure you're out there for long enough to acclimatise and to wait for the weather.

If so, good luck!

Pete Poultney.

# Cader Idris Coach Meet Report

*November 2018*

By John Edwards



I'm typing this brief report with the 'slightly warm tingly/achy thighs' feeling, not unpleasant, that indicates it's been too long since you were last on a Meet - 5 months too long in my case! Our Robinsons' coach was quite well-filled considering the very changeable weather experienced during the previous week and, indeed, forecasted for the Saturday. In truth we fared pretty well really as conditions could have been very much worse. Steady rain greeted us as the majority of walkers got off the coach at Minffordd so everybody donned over-trousers etc, only for the rain to cease around 10 minutes later, so we all got up a good sweat on the steep climb into the cwm of Llyn Cau. I had always thought that this is where Idris is purported to have sat but checking my Nuttall's book it is the north-facing cwm containing Llyn y Gadair which the chair of the 7th C Welsh hero (not a mythical giant after all!)



To me the paths seem to have been much improved since I was last on this route, apparently one of the results of the BMC "Mend Our Mountains" appeal, and we enjoyed good views until almost at the 2595ft summit of Craig Cwm Amarch by a ladder stile. Then, after dropping down a little to get the classic view of glacier-plucked lake and the huge *rôche moutonnées* down below, we headed up into the 'mank', buffeted by an increasing strong wind, over slippery rocks up to the trig point which is just 70ft shy of Munro status - the Welsh 3,000ers Challenge could have been oh so very different if the top few feet of Cader hadn't been worn away in the last ice age! Although gusting 30mph plus, the wind was incredibly warm for November for, looking around, I wasn't the only one not to be wearing gloves.

We all squeezed into the summit refuge to get out of the wind and eat our sandwiches in relative comfort. I suspect not many who dined there will have realised that this primitive hut is over 140 years old! Apparently we were following in the footsteps of the English clergyman Robert Kilvert who ate his 'sarnies' and hard-boiled egg there after being guided to the summit in lousy weather for 5 shillings on 13th June 1871. His guide told him the hut had been built by his father and, before that, an Ordnance Survey team of 19 men had set up tents on the summit for 3 (continuous) summer months and in all that time only had 9 clear days. Nothing much changes! According to Wikipedia Rev. Kilvert was an enthusiast for

public bathing in the nude, which he regarded as natural and healthy, and his diaries contain passages describing interactions with young girls which "these days might raise suspicions of paedophilia". As I say, nothing much changes!!

Most groups turned left on exiting the hut and took the gentle Pony Path descent, but Geordie's group headed east to 'tick' Mynydd Moel before returning west to slide down Foxes Path. Some stopped at Llyn Gwernan (not to bathe I hasten to add) as the hotel, under new friendly management, was selling lovely pints of Butty Bach. Our final destination, the pubs of Dolgellau, were all crammed with singing locals supporting their rugby boys against the Aussies and it was all kicking off as we entered the town at dusk.

A sizeable 'other group' went west along the Mawddach Trail from the A493/A470 junction near Dolgellau, following the old disused railway line along the edge of the beautiful Mawddach estuary to Arthog, passed the magnificent Mawddach Crescent, a row of terraced houses built in 1902 by a Cardiff entrepreneur, Solomon Andrews, as the start of a purpose-built holiday resort for the area. Alas he overlooked the fact that, although the view was great, the surrounding land was marshy and unsuitable for urban planning!

Sadly I too have to own up to 'all the 'P's with regard to planning' as my waterproof jacket enjoyed a cosy day in the dry on the back seat of my car in West Bromwich! Fortunately the Aldi store, right next to our loo/coffee stop in Welshpool, was open at 8.45am and was selling a 'Bionic', fluorescent yellow waterproof cycling jacket for the princely sum of £16.99. It served me well on the day, and clashed beautifully the Anthenia's golden mountain trousers! I was so relieved to have something to keep the rain off that I never looked at it too closely and only discovered it actually DID have pockets when I was back home! Maybe senility is setting in?!



# Coach Meet – Langdale

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Depart

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

07:20 – Penkrigde

(Brief stop at Charnock Richard Services)

## Drop off

Ambleside Rothay Manor (373038)

Chapel Stile (321053)

New Dungeon Ghyll Inn (295064)

## Pick up

New Dungeon Ghyll Inn (295064)

## Required maps

1:25 000 OL6 Lakes SW Area

Possibly 4, 5 & 7 – Depending on chosen route

## Suggested routes

*Winter conditions may prevail. If so, ice axes and crampons should be part of your gear and in your sack. Think about the conditions when choosing your route.*

### FROM NEW DUNGEON GHYLL

#### ROUTE 1 (~17km / 10 miles)

Walk the tarmac to Stooi End and then head up Oxendale to climb (all or some of) Pike o Blisco (272042) Crinkle Crag (248047) and Bowfell (245064) returning to the coach via The Band or Rossett Gill.

#### ROUTE 217km/10mils

To Stool End and climb Bowfell via The Band or Climbers Traverse and The Great Slab. Then head N to Ore Gap and descend to Angle Tarn (bag Esk Pike first). Then Rossett Pike (249076) and round to Stake Pass (265087) Martcrag Moor and the Langdale Pikes, descend via Thorn Crag Ridge.

#### ROUTE 3 (~13km / 8 miles)

Forget the tarmac and climb NW by Stickle Ghyll to Stickle Tarn (287075) then climb Pavey Ark (285079) via Jakes Rake (as secure a scramble you're likely to find anywhere) or Easy Gully Then SW to Harrison Stickle (281074) Loft Crag (277071) and NE to Pike of Stickle (274074) and Martcrag Moor to Stake Pass (265087) and left on to the Cumbria Way



Photo from Wikipedia.org

## 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.

### ROUTE 4 (~15km / 10 miles)

Try a gorge walk up Dungeon Ghyll to visit its hidden waterfalls then emerge into the sunlight to climb Harrison Stickle (281074) Then as route 3 but head to Rossett Pike (249076) after Stake Pass and either descend Rossett Gill or if time and energy permit climb Bowfell from the N and see its Band or Slab.

### FROM CHAPEL STILE (~13km / 8miles)

Take minor roads and tracks towards Grasmere until the start of a path leading up Common Ridge (366055) the rocky spine between Langdale and Easedale Navigating the next part past Lang How across Swine scar Hause and over the Castle Hows is tricky for the paths are feint After Blea Rigg there is a major path junction at (292084) and from there it is not far to Sergeant Man (285088) and High Raise (283101) Return via Langdale Pikes or Stickle Ghyll.

# Coach Meet – Llanberis

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Depart

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

07:20 – Service Road M54 Junc2

(Brief stop at Corwen)

## Drop off

Capel Curig (721582)

Pen-Y-Pass (647556)

Llanberis (583598)

## Pick up

Llanberis 583598

Pen-Y-Gwyrdd 660558

## Required maps

Os 1:255000 Outdoor Leisure No 17 Snowdon

## Suggested routes

*Winter conditions may prevail. If so, ice axes and crampons should be part of your gear and in your sack. Think about the conditions when choosing your route.*

### ROUTE 1 (~15 km / 10 miles)

From Capel Curig head West and follow the ridge to Gallt Yr Ogof (685586) continue over Foal Goch (678582) and past Llyn Caseg-Fraith (670584) After the view that this ridge affords of Tryfan (hopefully) ascend Glyder Fach (656583) followed by Glyder Fawr. Descend South to Pen-Y-Pass followed by a walk to Pen-Y-Gwyrdd Hotel

### ROUTE 2 (~13 km / 8 miles)

The Classic Snowdon Horseshoe from Pen-y-Pass and return to Pen-Y-Pass via Crib Goch or Lliwedd. *This a hard day in the time available.*

### ROUTE 3 (~17 km / 11 miles)

From Pen-y- Pass ascend Snowdon via the Pyg Track Leave NW and descend via the Snowdon Ranger path as far as Bwlch Brwynog (591558) a steep grassy climb then leads to Moel Cynghorion (586564) Descend to Bwlch Maesgwm (573559) then follow the easy path N to Llanberis coach park on the right-hand side just past Electric Mountain visitors centre.



Photo from Wikipedia.org

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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.

### ROUTE 4 (~17 km / 11 miles)

From Pen-y-Pass ascend Glyder Fawr and then drop NW to climb Y Garn before continuing along the grassy plateau to Foel Goch Mynydd Perfedd Carnedd y Filiast and Elidir Fawr before dropping down to Llanberis coach park

### ROUTE 5 Distance (~14.5km / 9 miles)

Snowdon from Llanberis Snowdon Mountain Railway Station (582598) Walk S along the main road and take the first on the right This leads you past some houses/cottages and the start of the ascent to the summit The roads turns S and shortly after you take the signed path on the left (582590) Follow this broad path as it climbs steadily Passing through a short tunnel under the railway you reach Halfway Station Climb more steeply than the railway to reach the top of the Pyg Track The top is now in sight To return to the start retrace your steps making sure you keep the railway on your left as far as Clogwyn Station on your right until Halfway Station and on your left again for the remainder of the route



# WBMC Annual Away Dinner

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019: 2 nights at the Briery Wood Country House, Windermere*

Following very positive feedback from this year's event we are returning to Briery Wood with a similar package to this year. To get the prices we have agreed deposits must be paid in November 2018 and so please book ASAP.

Moments from the eastern shores of Lake Windermere and set in seven acres of beautiful secluded gardens and woodland lies Briery Wood Country House Hotel. Briery Wood was built at the end of the 19th century and housed the Earl of Lonsdale's Estates main gardener who developed the stunning grounds that we still enjoy today.

Briery Wood is within easy reach of the popular villages of Ambleside, Bowness and Windermere, so it's a great base for exploring the Lake District. Walking options directly from the hotel include Wansfell, Baystones and Troutbeck. Being close to the A591 also opens up many other walking options and the nearby Brockhole, The Lake District Visitor Centre also offers a wide variety of options for all ages including taking a boat on Windermere giving other options including different walks. As in previous years the weekend therefore offers the opportunity to climb different peaks that you would not be able to do on coach meets.

Here's a link to their website if you want to know more: <http://www.lakedistrictcountryhotels.co.uk/briery-wood-hotel> and it has 4.5 out of 5 on Trip Advisor: [http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotel\\_Review-g186330-d574824-Reviews-Briery\\_Wood\\_Hotel-Windermere\\_Lake\\_District\\_Cumbria\\_England.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotel_Review-g186330-d574824-Reviews-Briery_Wood_Hotel-Windermere_Lake_District_Cumbria_England.html)

We have a similar deal to previous years – Bed and Breakfast on the Friday night; Dinner, Bed and Breakfast on the Saturday night:

- The hotel has 23 twin or double rooms including some which can also accommodate singles and families.
- The price is £144.50 plus disco contribution (see below) per adult for the weekend in a twin or double room.
- The hotel will give up to 4 single rooms for £155 for the weekend plus disco contribution. If people could share where possible that would allow the maximum amount of people to go.
- Child, family room, dinner only price and extra night cost on application (Call Richard Cooksey on 07950 087911)

As before the disco cost would just be divided between everyone who attends the meal.

*Further information and booking form overleaf.*



# WBMC Annual Away Dinner

A non-refundable deposit\* is required (£25 per person). This can be either be paid by cheque payable to Briery Wood Hotel and sent with the booking now or Credit Card by phoning the hotel (tick box on booking form) when advised by the WBMC, the balance is payable by you before leaving the hotel. *Please don't pay by credit card yet - WBMC will advise you when credit card deposits are to be paid.*

Send the following booking form (including cheques if you want to pay the deposit by cheque) by 10th November to:

Richard Cooksey  
24 Lydford Road  
Bloxwich  
Walsall  
West Midlands  
WS3 3NT

*Menu choices, contact details & data protection consent for all guests must be on the booking form*

## Starters

CUMBRIAN HAM AND PEA SOUP- White truffle oil and golden croutons

CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT- Cumberland sauce, melba toast

DUO OF MELON, SEASONAL FRUITS- Longtons of Skiddaw gin and tonic foam

## Main Courses (inc Extra veg)

GRILLED FILLET OF LAKELAND CHAR (FISH)- Beetroot and horseradish potato cake, tarragon and saffron sauce

LUNE VALLEY SHOULDER OF LAMB SLOW BRAISED FOR EIGHT HOURS

Boulangere potato, roast leek, lamb reduction sauce

ALLERDALE GOATS CHEESE AND RED ONION TARTLET- New season potatoes, salad

## Desserts

WARM CHOCOLATE SPONGE- White chocolate sauce, Kendal mint cake ice cream

DAMSON GIN JELLY, DAMSON GIN SORBET- Raspberry meringue, shortbread

BLACKBERRY CHEESECAKE- English Lakes apple crumble ice cream

## WBMC Annual Away Dinner Booking Form

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Party leader's name: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Guest name</u>	<u>Room Type</u> (twin/ double or single)	<u>Guest Contact Details</u> (Email or Phone)	<u>Cheque or Credit Card Deposit</u> (Select CH or CC)	<u>Menu Choice</u>			<u>Data Protection Consent**</u> (Every person must clearly select 'Yes' to enable booking)
				<u>Starter</u>	<u>Main</u>	<u>Dessert</u>	
			CH/ CC				Yes / No
			CH/ CC				Yes / No
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			CH/ CC				Yes / No
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Deposit (£25 per person)*</b>							

\*WBMC takes no financial responsibility or liability for this event

\*\*I consent WBMC to share my name, whether Adult or Child, menu choices, any other requirements and any deposit cheque with Briery Wood Hotel to arrange this event.

*If consent is not given the WBMC would not be able to book for you. Any personal information specific to this event will be held securely and will not continue to be held when no longer needed to arrange or analyse the WBMC Away Dinner.*

# AGM Calling Notice

As from the Honorary Secretary

Dear Member,

## **West Bromwich Mountaineering Club (WBMC) Annual General Meeting**

### **Calling Notice – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

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

The 2019 AGM of the WBMC will be held at the Cricketers Arms Public House on **Thursday 21st March 2019 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 until next year.

The positions are:

- President
- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Coach Secretary
- Hut Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Social Media Publicity Officer

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.

# Committee Nomination Form

## **Nomination Form for the AGM- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Nominee

Committee Position

Proposed by

Seconded by

**Form to be with the Honorary Secretary (Sue Goddard) before 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Forms may be e-mailed to Sue at [ptgddrd@gmail.com](mailto:ptgddrd@gmail.com), with the original signed forms handed over at the AGM.**