

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club Newsletter



February 2019

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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 6th of the month.

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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

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Noticeboard

Membership subs overdue

Apologies folks, you may have received an e-mail a week ago that was not worded correctly, which may have caused some confusion in relation to paying club membership subs.

Firstly, thank you to members who have paid their fees on time. This is greatly appreciated, and we hope to see you on forthcoming events. For those that have not paid can we kindly remind you to send your fees in as a matter of urgency?

WBMC need to forward fees onto the BMC to ensure that you have sufficient insurance whilst carrying out outdoor activities. If you still haven't paid we'll have to remove you from the mailing list, and you'll need to pay guest fees on coach meets and to use the Hut.

Again sorry for any confusion in relation to the first e-mail and I hope that this explains. If anyone has any issues or concerns in relation to membership, please do not hesitate to contact the membership secretary Hazel Webb (membership-secretary@wbmc.org) or Chairman Dave Jones (chair@wbmc.org).

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

Away Dinner

Sadly, Richard Cooksey has had to step down from organising the Away Dinners. The committee, and I'm sure the club as a whole, are very grateful for all the work Richard has put in over the past few years. If any members would be willing to organise next year's Away Dinner, please contact the committee.

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.

New Table top at Hut

The top of the outside table has been replaced. Many thanks to Mike, Bob, and Malcom for their hard work.



Wood and Kindling

Despite the current spell of warm weather, we are due a cold March! With this in mind, we have restocked the wood supply. Could we please ask members to use wood sparingly (especially kindling, as it doesn't take much to start a fire). Many thanks.

OS Locate – Free App



I, together with other members of the club, recently attended a BMC course in order to train club members in Winter Skills. One of the topics covered was winter navigation, during which a very useful App was discussed and used.

The App is OS Locate, it is FREE and can be used on Android or iPhone in conjunction with a map and compass. The app is basic, giving OSGB location (or Lat/Lng), elevation, and a compass.

This is excellent to confirm your location and current height. It uses GPS signal on your phone not the phone signal.

So try it folks and see how you get on – Geordie

To book

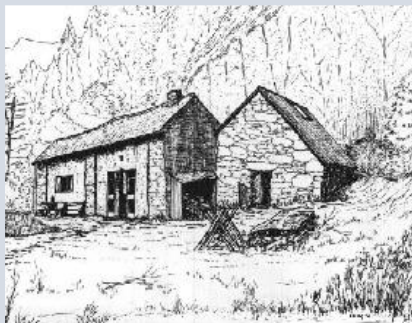
Phone or email Alison Whitehead:

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



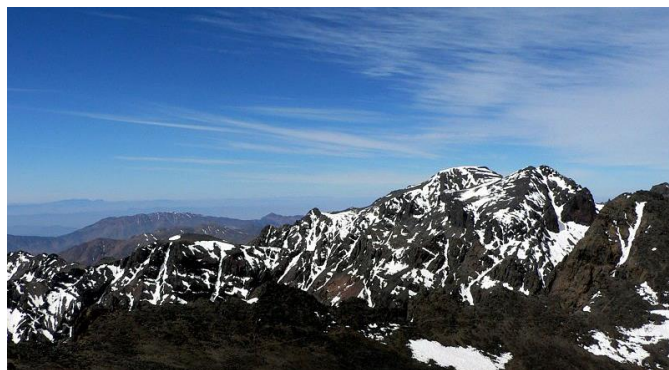
Coming up

Thursday 7th March 2019

Indoor Evening Meet

Hilary Jones will be giving a talk at the Cricketers Arms: *"Hilary in the High Atlas. Two wonderful weeks' trekking in high summer around the Toubkal Circuit, including three jebels over 4000m and the highest mountain in Morocco and North Africa itself."*

Come along on Thursday night for a fantastic talk.



29th – 30th March 2019

Hut Cleaning/Working Weekend

Any help from members would be greatly appreciated.

To book please contact Alison on 07903 584450.

Thursday 14th – 16th June 2019

Note the date is different to the meet card

Gower Weekend

Come along to the annual WBMC trip to the Gower Peninsula for a weekend of climbing, walking, bodyboarding and more. A group of around 25 members will be staying at the Rhossili bunkhouse, with a few camping in the attached garden.

This trip is often over-subscribed, and as we can't accommodate that many people, please book early to avoid disappointment!

£15 per person per night (£5 for children and students).

Contact Ken Priest (ken.priest@live.co.uk) to find out more and to book your place.



Who is the Greatest Climber in the World Today?

Reel Rock 13: a summary

By John Edwards

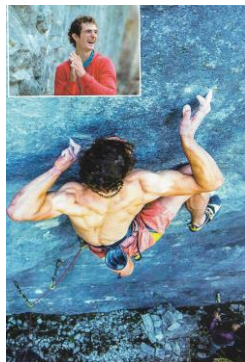


Many people might say Alex Honnold is the greatest and I would not be one to disagree as he seems to feature highly somewhere in a film on every Reel Rock Tour. And I can't begin to imagine how he must have psyched himself up to even start to attempt the first free solo climb of El Capitan (Yosemite's 3000ft high granite wall) without protective equipment!

For those WBMC members who haven't heard of this mind-blowing achievement, Honnold started to climb the 'Freerider' line at 5:32am (PDT) on 3rd June 2017 and completed the route in 3 hrs 56 mins. A 1h 40m documentary "Free Solo", filmed by Jimmy Chin, was on at Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington cinemas starting 6pm on 11th December. However, according to "Reel Rock 13" technically the climber who is at the forefront of climbing today is a guy I'd never heard of called Adam Ondra (nicknamed the 'Czech Crusher') and after watching the 45-minute first half film "Age of Ondra" I think I can see why. Even Honnold says the guy is a level above him in terms of elite climbs and says on the film that Ondra is the world's best climber.

But that's getting ahead a little. It was a full house at Crescent Theatre in Sheepcote Street on Friday 23rd Nov so I was glad I'd got my £12 ticket a few weeks ago. I was having a pre-show drink & read of the 'Tour' magazine, when who should arrive but our 'Coach Queen' Anthenia Dimitriou & Emily Lord, a coach guest back in Nov 2017. If there were other WBMC members present, our apologies but we didn't notice you

Mr Ondra started climbing at the same time as he learned to walk and by age 8 he had climbed routes graded 7B+ on sight. He climbed his first 9A grade aged 13 and won the Lead Climbing World Cup for the first time when he was 16. A year later he won the Bouldering World Cup, the only climber to hold both titles. At age 19 he climbed "Change", the world's first 9B+ route and, when 23 years old, he made the 2nd ascent of Yosemite's "Dawn Wall" - the "steepest, blankest big wall maybe in the world", climbing the 2,500ft route of 32 incredibly hard pitches in just 8 days, less than half the time taken on the first ascent.



Adam is a tall, long-necked, muscle-bound athlete who really likes his "little pinkie"! That's little finger to you and I. The film showed him training and practicing extreme imaginary moves & contortions (complete with grunts & grimaces) on the floor with his personal trainer in preparation to become the first person to climb the roof of a cave in Flatanger, Norway, which had a huge overhang at a 60-degree angle. Not a very beautiful climb but, as he said in the film, it was "the beauty of the moves, not the line" that makes a climb special for him. He completed this route in November 2017, aged 24 and called it "Silence", an ironic name when there were so many screams, grunts & yelps involved in making the moves! It is considered to be the hardest route ever climbed, and the only route in the world to have a proposed rating of 9c (5.15d).

The film then followed his attempt to become the first climber ever to flash climb a route graded 5.15 - i.e. complete it without falling at the first attempt. There are not many routes that hard

that are possible candidates so, having fallen on the first couple he tried, the pressure began to mount for there can be no second attempt, that would be seen as having practised some moves on the rock face. Ondra's methodology was to watch and remember the moves made by others as they climbed the route, and then rehearsed these on his backside on the floor. He travelled to N. America to make an attempt on one route, waiting until the sun went down for a breeze to get up to lower the humidity so that the grip of the rock would be better. His coaches were telling him conditions were good but he wasn't certain and so never laid a finger on the rock! However, on 10th Feb this year he realised his dream and completed the first ever flash climb of a confirmed 9a+ route. The route, 'Super Crackinette' in Saint-Léger du Ventoux, France, was first climbed by Alexander Megos after 3 days of work in 2016 but Ondra had to complete it first go. On film he said that, when climbing, the route was 95% as he had visualised it.

There were 3 films in the 2nd half of the show. The first was 18 minutes long and showed Israeli American climber Eliav Nissan, working with Bedouin guide Mohammed Hussain and US climber Madelaine Sorkin, creating a climbing route on the huge sandstone cliffs of Wadi Rum in Jordan. The inspiration for this was other climbers saying there were not enough modern routes in the country to make them want to visit Jordan, which is one of the safest countries in the Middle East. Eventually they created a climbed a 1,800 ft, 15 pitch, 5.13+ route called 'Sultan Ul-Mujahidin' (sultan of all the warriors) - a spectacular result of Arab/Israeli friendship and co-operation.

Then came "Up to Speed", a 20-minute look at Speed Climbing, a sport that will feature in the 2020 Olympics in Japan. It's spectacular but weird: who would want to climb the same indoor climbing route over and over again for decades? Every speed climbing event in the world uses the route that was created by a French route setter, Jacky Godoffe, almost 20 years ago and they practice and practice to knock fractions of seconds off their ascent times. Apparently the Russians started competition speed climbing on outdoor routes back in 1947, with climbers going one after another. With the increase in athleticism (and use of chalk) the competitions switched indoors with 2 identical artificial routes 15 metres long, side by side. The climbers are so practised they make it look easy, as though they're running up a vertical wall and the world record times are a crazy 5.48 seconds for men and 7.32 seconds for women! You can see speed climbing clips on YouTube and Wikipedia mentions a video of Dan Osman climbing 'Lover's Leap' via the Bear's Breach, a 400ft route graded 5.7, in 4 min 25 s which apparently went viral but has been removed due to copyright issues. Adam Ondra cropped up again in this film saying "for the first time I'm going to train for something against my will". He thinks mastering speed competitions would be "the biggest challenge of my climbing career so far."

The final 27-minute film had the most spectacular (& coldest) scenery as it featured 6 elite climbers (Alex Honnold, Jimmy Chin, Conrad Anker, Anna Pfaff, Savannah Cummins & Cedar Wright) tackling virgin routes and summits on the rock spires in Queen Maud Land, Antarctica in 2017. If something were to go wrong in such an isolated location it could have been very serious, but the worst that happened was cold & numb finders & toes. They were climbing without gloves at times! Reel Rock really does give ordinary mortals a glimpse at the crazy world of top-grade climbing.

One person's account of the Langdale Coach Meet

A non-climber's traverse to South Gully, Bowfell Buttress

(aka a WBMC noobie's walk on the wild side)

By Bill Douglas



By the time our intrepid coach driver had negotiated the long and winding road up to the New DG in Langdale, it was nearly time for lunch.



Martin Conway and your correspondent (the afore-mentioned noobie) had hatched a cunning plan to ascend The Band to Bowfell and then head north and west until it was time to turn south and east for the coach home. Time was of the essence, so without a word of goodbye, Martin set a loping pace along the tarmac towards Stool End farm and up The Band.



Your correspondent trailed in his slipstream until we reached the start of the Climber's Traverse which crosses the NE face of Bowfell at a height of about 750m. Here we stopped briefly for some pictures, and geared up, sorry, got our axes out.

Thus, suitably armed, we then sauntered across the Climber's Traverse which was well banked up with lovely hard snow into which a single kick mainly made a stable foothold. The path had already been traced by others. Somewhere under Cambridge Craggs we spied them, a party of four gearing up to climb North Gully, in proper pitches, just like proper climbers should.

For us of course it was different - we would try to climb South Gully.



This is famous in the annals of mountaineering as being the first recorded winter climb in Britain, climbed on 10 January 1870 by J Stogdon, CH Wollaston and AR Stogdon. This group set off from Elterwater on a clear morning with a sharp frost, to climb Bowfell by 'the great couloir' and then continue on to Wasdale Head. John Stogdon wrote an account of his adventure in a paper entitled 'The English Lakes in Winter' as follows:

"The slope got steeper and steeper, steps were always necessary and at last having come up 350 feet or more, we found ourselves within a few feet of the top on a slope of 63°, with an overhanging cornice of ice above us, and snow nearly up to our waists for a few feet below the top, which I could just reach with my axe. The next few minutes must have been pleasant to my friends below me, as the cornice was gradually tumbling upon their ears in a shower of icy fragments. Then I pulled myself up by my hands on to the level snow field above, and a short run up easy slopes soon bought us to the top."

This paper was read before the Alpine Club on 29th March 1870 (see Alpine Journal volume V pages 34-38).

Don Whillans who said of Dougal Haston that "he's like a greyhound straining at the leash. Slip the lead and he's off" had obviously never met Martin. Your correspondent blinked, and a series of brand-new bucket steps had appeared in the previously virgin snow above him, steps so far apart that even with his exceptionally long legs, he found intermediate steps essential. The cornice disappeared in a shower of icy fragments, the adventure was up and so were we.

We turned north and west via Ore Gap and Esk Pike to Esk Hause where an idea to tick off Great End was ruled out because of the relentless march of time. So we turned south and east via Angle tarn, Rossett Gill and Mickleden to reach the coach at 1727, with only three minutes to spare before incurring the dreadful wrath of coach-meister Nigel Tarr.

My thanks to Martin for doing all the work, to our driver for getting me to Langdale and back, to Nigel for his organisation and to the West Bromwich Mountaineering Club members for making me feel so welcome.

Coach King and Queen 2018

Coach Meet Summary

By John Edwards



The headline news is that both the "old" King & Queen have been de-throned during the last 12 months, however you work out the stats! 2018 was another year with a cancelled coach meet as the Three (Yorkshire) Peaks in September surprisingly failed to attract sufficient passengers to make it worth running. So, including Mitch's Meet, there were a maximum of 12 coaches that folk could travel on, and our Coach Secretary Nigel Tarr was there to greet them on every coach! I'm sure everyone would want me to say "Thanks so much, Nigel, for all you do to keep the show on the road – and get us onto the hills."

I think we only left one person behind all year! (but naturally we went back to the Services to collect them when the oversight was discovered ☺) And of course, our thanks to Robinsons Coaches for getting us safely to and from the mountains. But on to the stats...

Phil Williams was the only person on all 11 'regular' meets plus Mitch's Meet to the Malverns, so he is the only person apart from the Coach Sec to not miss a meet. Mike & Emily Smith were on holiday in July and, because of this, ended up with 11 attendances in total. So our new "royalty" on next year's coaches are:

Coach Kings: Phil Williams Coach Queen: Emily Smith

After Mike Smith with his 11 attendances there were 2 ladies very close behind with 10 attendances - Claire Hammonds & Hilary Jones. 5 gentlemen went on 9 coaches and so made up the "Top 10": Paul Brindley, Gary Coates, Dave Coats, Tony Emms & Oliver Stephenson. Well done (& grateful thanks) to all. There were 6 members who went on 2/3rds of the meets: Anthenia Dimitriou, Fred Hammonds, John Harris, Phil Smith, Mark Stevens and Hannes Truter. I'll complete the other attendees by means of a table:

7 Meets (4)	6 Meets (8)	5 Meets (7)	4 Meets (7)	3 Meets (15)
Melanie Glass David Hellyar Geordie Hind Dee Sendeva	Julie Atkinson Rob Cox John Dale Linda Howells John O'Neill Nick Piotrowski Pat Potter Lynn Wainwright	Vivienne Barclay Charles Brecknell Martin Conway Will Holmes John Howells Ann Parrot Liz Perks	Andy Brown John Edwards Suzanne Fahy Daniel Howells Jonathan Howells Mark Lawton Rob Thomas	Robert Allen Joanna Cheung Richard Cooksey Bill Douglas Mel Evans David Jones Suki Kaur Mayya Konovalova Stacie McDonnell Andrew Mitchell Wendy Morris Angie Murdoch Adrian Shaw Hazel Webb Chris Winter
In 2018 a total of 128 different people used the WBMC coaches (last year 139 with an additional coach)	29 people went on at least 6 meets (last year 34 but then we had 13 coach meets).	In all 424 seats were taken: an occupancy of 72% compared to 77% in 2017.	The number on each coach varied from 27 to 46, with an average of 35.3 (last year 37.7)	
2 Meets (10) Ester Costa, Greg Drzymalski, Geraldine Evans, Matt Gallon, Sue Goddard, Teresa Lynch, Ela Kpopornicka, Simon Shrewsbury, Phil Wood, Andy Wright.				
<u>Single coach</u> (60) Amy Allen, Luis Alonso, Simon Backhouse, Andy Baker, Steve Bridgewater, Laura Caley, Mark & Reg Charles, Prem & Sanjay Choughan, Iris & Ray Cooksey, Phil Cox, Janet Dawes, David Doherty, the Duncans – Billy, Bob, Frances, Mary, Sam & Tom - Stuart Fellows, Helen Fisher, Darren Groutage, David Hall, Addison Henry, Geoff Hill, David Hines, Aly Hulme, Andy Jones, Peter Kane, Sophie Kellaway, Rabs Khanum, David & Ethan Kirk, Ben Leah, Mahendranath, Ian Merther, Chandrasekhar & Elena Norman, Neil Parsons, Dominic Piotrowski, Pete Poultney, Jessica & Ken Priest, J. Rog, A. Sanoors, Maria Sharp, Stu Smith, Annette Smith, Mark Smith, Graeme & Tracy Stanford, Yvonne Talbot, Nils Tellie, Matt Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Rachel Ward, Luke Wells, Joe Wood				

For once the spreadsheet totals did not cross-tally so there were either 2 additional people not mentioned or 2 of the people named have been 'diddled'. I can't really believe it but the best attended meet was Coniston in June and the worst was Ogwen in February! Cader Idris & Abergavenny in Nov & Dec also attracted 15 – 20% more passengers than Patterdale, Borrowdale, Dufton, Brecons, Howgills Thirlmere and the Moelwyns at other times of the year. Read into that what you will!

Coach Meet – Llanberis

Sunday 10th 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

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 (~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

Long Coach Meet – Buttermere

Saturday 13th April 2019

Depart *Please note the early departure*

06:45 – West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8NL)

07:05 – Penkrige

(Short stop at Charnock Richard Services)

Drop off

Keswick A66 Roundabout (NY263243)

Braithwaite A66/B5292 (NY236236)

Lanthwaite Green Car Park (NY158207)

Buttermere Village Centre (NY173169)

Pick up

Buttermere Village Centre (NY173169)

Keswick Coach Station

Required maps

Os Explorer O14

Os Landranger 89 90

Harveys Lakeland West

Suggested routes

ROUTE 1 (~14 km / 9 miles)

From Braithwaite follow the ridge SW to Grisedale Pike. Continue on to Hopegill Head before descending to Coledale Hause. Climb SW to Grasmooor before heading Ethen S over Whiteless Pike and descending to Buttermere. Alternatively from Braithwaite, ascend the other side of the valley over Outerside Sail and Eel Crag before dropping S to Whiteless Pike and on to Buttermere. Height gain: 1200m.

ROUTE 2 (~11 km / 7 miles)

From Lanthwaite Green follow path E then NE over Whin Ben and steeply up to Whiteside. Follow the ridge to Hopegill Head then follow route 1 back to Buttermere. Height gain: 1000m.

ROUTE 3 (~22km / 13.75 miles)

The Buttermere Horseshoe Leave Buttermere and walk past the church to a lay-by and grassy track leading over High Snockrigg and up to Robinson. Continue along the ridge to Hindscarth and Dale Head before descending to Honister Pass. Climb by old tramway and turn left along broad track to ease on to Grey Knotts and Brandreth before heading across country to Hay Stacks Descending to Scarth Gap and climb around Seat and up Gamlin End to High Crag, Follow ridge over High Stile to Red Pike. Descend to include Dodd and then through Ling Comb to Scale Wood and return to Buttermere via Scale Bridge. Height gain: 1805m.

This route can be shortened at various points



Photo from Wikipedia.org

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ROUTE 4 (~7 km / 4.5 miles)

Leave Buttermere down a track to the left of the Fish Hotel and continue to reach the lake. Cross a bridge and go through a gate/wall, turning left on forest track and emerging near Horse Close. Continue to sheepfold and gate, cross Warnscale Beck and walk up to Gatesgarth Farm. Turn left along the road to bend and leave it for signposted lakeshore path through Hassness Estate and tunnel finally return to Wilkinskye Farm to Buttermere

ROUTE 5 (14.5 km / 9 miles)

From Buttermere follow the road NW for approx. 1 km until reaching a grassy track climbing behind Hause Point. Descend to car park and follow track around to Cinderdale Common. Go along road to gate on left descend to shoreline and continue through woodland around the lake. When you reach Low Ling Crag (ny156178) follow the path to Scale Force before returning back to the shoreline crossing Buttermere Dubs via Scale Bridge and back to the village.

ROUTE 6 (~19km / 12miles)

Follow route 3 as far as Dale Head and continue E to Dalehead Tarn and then turn N to High Spy follow the path N over Maidem Moor and Cat Bells and drop to Hawse End Outdoor Centre. Follow the Cumbria Way back to Keswick.

AGM Calling Notice

As from the Honorary Secretary

Dear Member,

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club (WBMC) Annual General Meeting

Calling Notice – Thursday 21st 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- 21st March 2019

Nominee

Committee Position

Proposed by

Seconded by

Form to be with the Honorary Secretary (Sue Goddard) before 14th March 2019. Forms may be e-mailed to Sue at ptgddrd@gmail.com, with the original signed forms handed over at the AGM.