

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club Newsletter



February 2020

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Hello readers,

Huge thanks as always to this month's contributors: Pete Poultney, Nic Piotrowski, Jan Cox, Ken Priest, and Nigel Tarr.

This month's edition is a little shorter due to a lack of articles. 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.

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.

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Noticeboard

Membership Subs

Membership subs are now *overdue*. These new rates reflect the increases from the BMC:

Adult:	£36.00	Junior:	£15.00
Student:	£17.50	Under 16's:	£6.00

If you pay your subs by direct bank transfer they should be paid into the bank account number ending 2159. If you need the full details of the account please contact Treasurer Liz Reynolds on 07906 351167. If you want to pay by cheque contact Wendy Morris on 07950 836862.

Old photo

Ken found this photo from days gone by of two of our members at the hut. Can anyone recognise them?

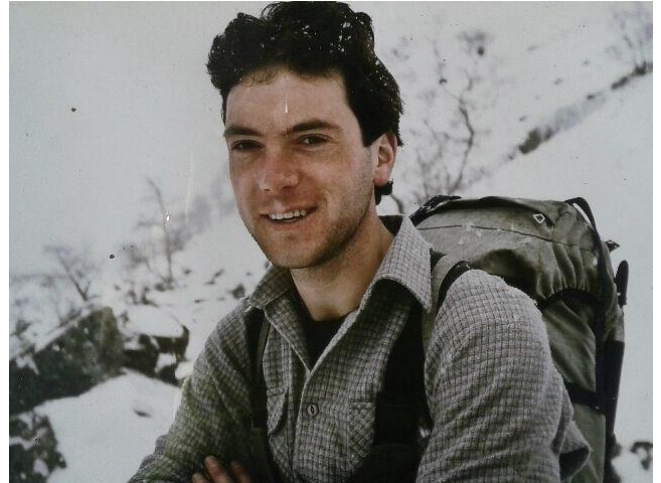


WBMC AGM 2020

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March at the Cricketers Arms. Full details, including the available positions and deadline for nominations, can be found in the calling notice at the end of this newsletter.

In addition to the committee positions, the Malcolm Collins Award may be awarded each year for "outstanding endeavour in mountaineering or service to the Club". It doesn't have to be awarded every year, but if you would like to nominate someone please send the form on page 7 to the club Secretary Jan Cox 7 days before the AGM.

About the Malcolm Collins Award



Malcolm was only 29 when he fell from a scramble in Ogwen in August 1989. He was a good club member, a regular on coach meets and socials, as well as an accomplished rock climber and runner. He was on the committee as Hut Secretary at the time and his accident had a massive impact on the club.

After meeting with his parents it was decided to commence a memorial in the form of an annual award covering either services to the club or outstanding mountaineering achievement. This is presented at the AGM with nominations coming from any club member. It can be for recognition of mountaineering achievement or contribution to the club.

Hut donations



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

Email our Hut Secretary Pete Poultney:

hut-secretary@wbmc.org

Please contact Pete *before* going to the hut.

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

Coming up

5th March 2020 – 7:30pm Indoor Evening Meet – Triglav 2018

For March's Evening meet, Nic Piotrowski will be putting on a slideshow of his trip to climb Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia at 2864m, in 2018 as part of bagging all European peaks for the club.

Come along for free Samosas at 7:30pm ready for an 8:00pm start.



Photo from wikipedia.org

17th – 19th April 2020 Eskdale Bunkhouse Weekend



Photo from eskdale.info

The Club have managed to secure the Eskdale Centre bunkhouse for the 17th to 19th of April. It sleeps 24 in configurations 2, 2, 8 and 10 (snoring options and split sexes will be planned) with a large communal area and kitchen.

Two of the five pubs in the valley, The Boot Inn and Brookhouse Inn are 395 and 428 yards from the Bunkhouse, with a pub crawl to all five being a very viable option. It is the first time, to my knowledge, that the club has based in Eskdale, which serves as a gateway into the less frequented Eskdale fells and hard knot pass area, as well as Nether Wasdale only a 20 min drive away, offering wide opportunities for many varied activities from quiet riverside ambles and low level fells to England's highest mountain Scafell via a 'back' route.

The price is £25 per night paid to the club and please register first with me, Nic Piotrowski on 07775 914822.

6th – 7th June 2020 Pembroke Camping Weekend

Walking, running, beaches, climbing, with members from the Banbury, Bromsgrove & Redditch, and Worcester mountaineering clubs.

Motor homes, pickups, tents, dogs, kids, all welcome.

To book, call 07970 439310 and state you're with the group booking with *Bromsgrove Mountaineering club*.



4th – 5th July 2020 Gower Weekend

July will see the club's annual visit to Gower, but this year (as the centre is unavailable) we're camping at Pitton Cross (Swansea SA3 1PT).

Again, vans, kids, dogs etc. welcome

To book, call 01792 390593 and state you're with *Group Booking WBMC*.

Coach Meet – Patterdale

Sunday 8th March 2020

Depart

07:00 – West Brom. Edward St Car Park (B70 8NL)
 07:30 – Penkridge (ST19 5AS)
Brief stop at Charnock Richard Services

Drop off

Kirkstone Inn (401081)
 Patterdale (391161)
 Glenridding (386169)

Pick up

Glenridding (386169)
 Kirkstone Inn (401081)

Required maps

OS 1:25000 Outdoor Leisure
 No 5 Lakes NE
 No 7 Lakes SE

Suggested routes

FROM KIRKSTONE INN

Route 1 (~14km / 9 miles)

Climb NW up the steep slope to Red Screes (396087). Continue NW first descending into Scandale Pass then climb again (following a wall) past Little Hart Crag and onto Dove Crag (375104). From here follow the ridge over Hart Crag and onto Fairfield (359117). Leave the summit N and descend via the sharp peak of Cofa Pike (358121) and St Sunday Crag (369135) down into Patterdale and a short road walk to the coach in Glenridding

Route 2 (~15km / 9.5 miles)

Stay on the East side of the road and follow St Ravens Edge to Stony Cove Pike (417100). Descend to Theshthwaite Mouth (taking care over finding direction if visibility is poor) and ascend Thornthwaite Crag (432101) followed by High Street (441111) Follow the ridge N to the Knott (437127) then descend past the picturesque Angle Tarn (417145) down in to Patterdale and a short road walk to the coach in Glenridding



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 2b (~13.5km / 8.5 miles)

Route 2 can be shortened by proceeding to Theshthwaite Mouth then head NW down towards Patterdale via Pasture Bottom.

FROM PATTERDALE

Route 3 (~14km / 9 miles)

From Patterdale follow a track to where it turns right over Grisedale Beck (383157) Climb steeply to the Hole In the Wall (359155) and traverse the grade 1 ridge of Striding Edge to the summit of Helvellyn (342152) Descend via Lower Man (337155) to Whiteside Bank (338166) and then take the lower path down Glenridding Common (352166) a good track leads you past the Youth Hostel (366174) back to the coach in Glenridding.

Coach Rule 7 may apply: *Do not go above the snowline without ice-axe and crampons.*

Should winter conditions prevail, give your route selection some careful thought. Please stow your ice-axes and crampons in the side compartment of the coach. Don't leave them in the boot where they could damage rucksacks.

Long Coach Meet – Rhinogs

Saturday 4th April 2020

Depart

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

07:30 – Service Road M54 J2

Drop off

Pont Y Gribble (713306)

Llanelltyd (715194)

Barmouth (612158)

Pick up

Barmouth (612158)

Required maps

OS 1:25000 Outdoor Leisure

No 18 – Harlech And Bala Area (Routes 1/2)

No 23 Cadair Idris Area (Route 4)



Photo from wikipedia.org

Fares

Members – £22.00

Guests – £24.00

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.

Suggested routes

FROM PONT Y GRIBBLE

ROUTE 1 (~27km / 16.5 miles)

Follow a good track West to Graigddu - Isaf (681301) then continue West through the forest to the Roman Steps (661299) and Llyn Du (656294) before climbing steeply to the summit of Rhinog Fawr (656290).

Descend East for 40m then descend a very steep gully down into the valley (660281). Follow a path East to the col then South making your own way through the heather to the summit of Rhinog Fach (665270). A good path now follows a wall over Y Llethr (661258), Diffwys (661234) and eventually Bwlch y Rhiwgyr (627200). From here descend to Sylfaen (632185) where a road leads into Barmouth and the coach.

This is a long and demanding walk – if in any doubt consider routes 2 or 4.

ROUTE 2 (~24km / 15 miles)

Follow a good track West to Graigddu - Isaf (681301) then head South through the forest past Grugle (675287) to grid reference (666283) Ascend Rhinog Fach (665270) then follow Route 1 to Barmouth

From Llanelltyd

ROUTE 4 (~15km / 10 miles)

Follow the A470 South to the A493 road junction and cross the bridge over Afon Wnion (713183) Follow the Morfa Mawddach walk along the dismantled railway passing Penmachpool bridge (695185) Garth Isaf (653162) and Morfa Mawddach station (628142) Cross the footbridge where a small toll is to be paid at the end before finishing in Barmouth

WBMC Annual Away Dinner

A non-refundable deposit* is required (£25 per person). Send the following booking form by Friday 7th February 2020 to:

Nigel Tarr,
46 Camberly,
Beaconview Road,
West Bromwich,
B70 3PE

Menu

Starters

LEEK & POTATO VELOUTE-cheese croute
CUMBERLAND SMOKED CHEDDAR-soufflé, tomato chutney, glazed parmesan
HAM HOCK TERRINE-pineapple relish, quail egg, seasonal leaves

Main Courses

SEABASS-pine nut crust, creamed leeks, fish cream, potato terrine
FEATHER BLADE OF BEEF-pomme puree, bourgeon garnish, red wine gravy
CAULIFLOWER STEAK-quinoa, cauliflower pure, butternut squash fondant, vegetable sauce

Desserts

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING-vanilla ice cream, butterscotch sauce
CHOCOLATE TART-raspberry gel, fresh raspberries
APPLE CRUMBLE TART-caramel ice-cream, sauce anglaise

WBMC Annual Away Dinner Booking Form

13th – 15th March 2020

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>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>	
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
Total						
Deposit (£25 per person)*						

*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
Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7:30pm prompt.

The Cricketers Arms Public House
43 Trinity Way
West Bromwich
B70 6EA

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 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

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, seconded, and forwarded to the Secretary *7 days* before to the AGM.

Nomination Form for the AGM

26th March 2020

Form to be with the Honorary Secretary (Jan Cox) before 11th March 2020.

Forms may be e-mailed to Jan at secretary@wbmc.org, with the original signed forms handed over at the AGM.

Nominee

Proposed by

Committee position

Seconded by