

The Fylde Mountaineering Club

Newsletter

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BLACK HOLE BOMBERS STRIKE AGAIN* Bonfire Night Madness in The Cathedral

For the second time in recent memory the calmness of the Cathedral quarry has been shattered by malignant forces from within the Club's own body.

Armed with firecrackers of oriental origin, a group of deeply disturbed grimpers were forced by a local ne'er do well into the bowels of the FMC vaults. Thunder reigned for an endless brief period and those present thanked the god of geological structures that they and their body parts withstood the trial.

Jordan

Andy Dunhill is looking for names to add to his list for another climbing trip to Jordan during Easter 1999. Apparently the last visit was brilliant so your roving editor has got his name down for this jaunt. If interested contact Andy.

It's Best by Bus

In case you thought that the days of the FMC Coach Meets were well gone, think again. 25 + nobs took off to the Peak on a mid November charabang day out. The coach - well organised by Jenny and Mick Tolley - dropped off walkers and climbers at the far end of Stanage and picked up the party at Baslow. A rain free day was enjoyed by all and some even managed to bag a few routes.

Access -Voluntary Jacks

Fearful that the proposals for voluntary access might prompt landowners to restrict access to climbers, the BMC has been encouraging members to write to their local MP to seek support. Les Ward has received a response from Michael Jacks to the effect that he supports the government position on voluntary arrangements with landowners. Surprise, surprise.

Socials & AGM 1999 - All at the Queens Hotel Poulton

Thursday Dec 10th	Ingleton Climbing Wall
Wednesday Jan 6th	Slide Quiz (Queens Hotel)
Tuesday Jan 12th	Kendal Climbing Wall
Thursday Jan 21st	Rosendale Ski Slope
Wednesday Feb 3rd	Tibetan side of Everest

AGM: Wed. February 10th. 8.00pm - Queens Hotel Poulton. Please send all motions for inclusion to Les Ward before end of December. ### Please note change of venue for all Socials from now on.###

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A Symphony of Mountains - Dave Earle

"I am particularly looking for pictures which are sharp, well exposed and are taken in beautiful, subtle or stunning light"

One of the great joys of mountaineering is that it takes place against a stupendous backdrop of the world's most stunning scenery. It has become evident to recent committees that these glorious vistas have been superbly recorded by a considerable spectrum of club members, whose photographs have made the annual photo competition such an extravaganza of sumptuous images.

The present committee, having satisfied itself that funding is available, wishes to celebrate the 50th year of the Club by producing a book of our finest photographs. With this in mind, I have been asked to co-ordinate a collection of submissions from members past and present.

I am, therefore, writing to you all to ask you to spend some of the dark, wet, winter nights trawling through your slide boxes and photo albums looking for special images that sum up the sport and to send them to me for possible inclusion in the impending publication.

I am particularly looking for pictures that are sharp, well

exposed and are taken in beautiful, subtle or stunning light. Please do not send me 200 shots of the same scene with minuscule variations and ask me to choose, as the job will become rapidly impossible. But after careful scrutiny do not be afraid to send any number of your very best images. I know very well that there are considerable numbers of superb pictures in your collections because I have seen them at the various photo competitions held by the Club over recent years.

The form of the book will not be finalised until we see what sort of material we have to choose from. It is hoped to be able to cover those parts of the globe visited by members to give a celebration of world places, but club involvement is vast throughout the planet so please bear in mind that since the number of images we can afford to publish is about one hundred we will need to be very selective.

As an aide de memoir, the Club has been involved in the USA at Yosemite, Tuolumne, Boulder and Grand Canyon, to name a few. We have climbed in Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. We

have had two expeditions and several treks to the Himalayas. Members have been skiing and walking in Morocco, climbing in Malta and Jordan and trekking in Iceland. The Mediterranean islands have been visited, Spanish rock clambered all over, as well as all areas of the Alps and Pyrenees, including Mt. Blanc area, Zermatt, Dolomites, Rhone Valley, Grimsell and Mello - and that still leaves all the UK to go at and Ireland.

I will also be happy to receive pictures of rock climbing, winter climbing and 'Characters.' Again do please try to be selective but if in doubt we would prefer to see your pictures than not to see them. I will of course treat your images with the utmost care throughout and the club has made sufficient funds to purchase protective folders with this in mind.

Both the Club and I would thank you in anticipation of helping us bring this project to fruition and we look forward to being inundated with stunning images taken throughout the globe.

MORE NEWS.....

CHESTER MEET

Despite doubts concerning the proposed weather a select group of 8 turned up for the Chester meet. Routes on Pen trwyn, Tryfan and Tremadog were ascended and descended, one very much in the dark. The meet leader lost his all singing and dancing watch - subsequently found by police. The

walkers visited Capel Curig and Anglesey. Liberal quantities of beer consumed. *Les Ward*

HUT CLEANUP

Following the working weekend stair has been given a full clean up. Well done Andy and all those whose recovered hangovers allowed them to offer assistance. *Ed.*

FELL RACE

Won by Jenny Tolley in a skirt but the fastest time was Chris This (32.35). Mike Sisson's arm in a sling ruse failed miserably. Watch out for cross-dressers next year. Details next newsletter.

PEMBROKE 99

New venue St. Florence. £30 - 4 days. Good Ale. Book Now