



Spring Newsletter 2012

Welcome to the Spring edition of the South Wales Mountaineering Club newsletter. I'm afraid this newsletter isn't quite the bumper issued I had planned. However the deadline is fast approaching so here we go. Most importantly, the club is in the process of putting out a new guidebook to the South Wales Valleys. To do this we need the help of club members to check out crags and take photos. There is an article showing the committee in their full, gory detail, it's not pretty, but at least this way you'll be able to identify us at the crag. Also the full meets schedule for 2012 is right below. As some of you reading this will be new members, I have a full page advert from Up and Under detailing how much money you can save through the excellent discount they provide club members.

Meets Calender 2012

Further details on the below meets can be found on the Bulletin Board, look at the Meets section.

30 January - 6 February 2012

21st April 2012

19th May 2012

TBC

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5th - 7th May 2012

16th - 23rd June 2012

June 2012

30th June - 1st July 2012

August 2012

6th - 7th October 2012

TBC Jan/Feb 2013

TBC Jan/Feb 2013

Skiing

Beginners Day (East)

Beginners Day (West)

Hut Work Weekend (North Wales)

Rope Safety

Gear Placement

Peak District

Isle of Skye

First Lead Weekend (North Wales)

Lake District

Porth Clais, Pembroke

Hut Work W/end 2 (North Wales)

Scotland Winter Climbing

Skiing

Guidebook Volunteers Needed!

As some of you might be aware, we're in the middle of getting a guidebook for the Valleys and surrounding areas ready. To do this we need help from members to check out crags and take plenty of crag and action shots. It's really easy to do, there is a wide range of great crags for with a big range of grades to climb when at the crags. You don't need to be a great climber at all, anyone can do it. I'm helping out and as those of you who've seen me climb can readily attest, I'm pretty awful! It's really simple, there are 5 easy steps:

- 1 - Pick a crag that needs to be checked and print of the wiki description
- 2 - Drive to the crag checking the directions as if you've never been there and don't know the area
- 3 - Check all crag and route descriptions - if you can climb routes to check grades, then great, but don't worry if you can't do all the routes
- 4 - Take loads of photos, the more the better. Panoramic shots of the whole crag are needed, as well as action shots.
- 5 - Update the information on the wiki, either, put the information on the forums, or on the 'talk' page on the wiki or email comms@southwalesmountaineering.org.uk

And thats it! It's dead easy, you'll get your name in the guidebook as a helper and if you take a good photo, it'll get used and we'll give you a free copy. You'll also get a warm fuzzy glow everytime you see the guidebook as you'll be able to go 'I helped make that!'. We really need your help, so please, get involved!

If you need any help/advice on which crag to pick, which ones are urgent please check out the forums, there is a whole section on what still needs doing. Or email any of the following:

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president@southwalesmountaineering.org
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2012 Committee Spotters Guide



Name - John Custance
Committee Position - Membership Secretary East (Cardiff)
Climbing for - 25 years
Favourite climbing type (was) trad. now has to be indoors because of injury

Time in club 25 years, time on committee about 18 years, done most Wainwright's, a few Munro's, Three Peaks (twice) and high ridge walking (summer) in Austria. Soloed Little Chamonix on Shepard's Crag, plus other Lake District climbs, Grooved Arrete, Tremadog, plus others and ice and winter in N. Wales, Gritstone, many routes in S. Wales, Wye valley, Gower, Pembroke and Marmolada - Dolomites and high level trekking in Nepal. Not a lot or hard but it's kept me busy over the years! Sure to have missed some from list.



Name: Steve Hill
Position: Membership Secretary West
Climbing for how long: 6 years
Favourite type of climbing: Trad

I started climbing in 2005 at the indoor wall at Calshot, Hampshire. I moved back to Swansea (having been to university here) in 2007 and joined the SWMC in the autumn, climbing with the club at Dynamic Rock over that winter. The following summer, I started trad climbing with the West side of the club on Wednesday evenings and learnt to lead, although my gear was appalling to begin with, its (hopefully) a bit better now! :) My time with the club has been punctuated with fantastic new experiences, such as winter mountaineering and ice climbing. Also, I met my fiancée through the club. :)



Name: Dafydd Jones
Role: Treasurer
Climbing for: 10+ years
Favourite type of climbing: Sport
Having climbed up to F7b+/7c and V6 in recent years, I'm currently on a 6 month lay-off due to wrist surgery, so I'm hoping that in the next few months I can return to full strength and hopefully surpass my previous highpoints. I'm mostly keen to climb all the area's best sport routes.



Rhys Jones - Ordinary Member East
 Joined the club: May 2008
 Best climbing trip: Skye 2010 Great climbing with great friends.
 About your time with the club: I joined the club in the spring of 2008 after my professional career as an athlete came to an premature end. I now work for a firm of Chartered Building Surveyors and are currently involved with the refurbishment of the Hut showers on behalf of the committee. I'm generally involved with the planning and organising of the beginners day (East), safety courses and generally causing a nuisance on the committee.
 Always up for a laugh and a beer or two!!!



Joe Gallacher - El Presidente
 Club member for 2 1/2 yr
 Climbing for 3 & scrambling around the Scottish highlands for 30
 Favourite type of climbing is coastal trad (so far)

Big pluses of being a club member..... exposure to lots of fantastic support and help
 Most remarkable thing about the climbers I've met.... the better they are..the more modest , understated , courageous they are..
 In 2 1/2 yrs in the club ...I've met to meet an "ego " !!

Ambitions for the club this year...Finish the latest phase of Hut improvements...complete Guidebook prep and publish and convert all of our new members into regular club climbers

Ambitions for myself.. keep climbing , keep improving & climb with as many of the "top guns" as possible to drag me to the next level (metaphorically speaking) or in Chris Wyatt's case...it's a literal statement.



Matthew Moore
 Climbing for 3 years
 Favourite Climbing Style - Alpine
 I joined the club shortly after starting to climb in May 2009. I quickly taught myself to lead both on club nights and when out and about on my own. Rock climbing was initially just something to do so I knew all the ropework when I got out to the Alps. However I've quickly become obsessed with all forms of climbing. I enjoy mountaineering most, especially in the Alps, but also in Scotland. Admittedly it's taken a while to get out to the Alps, last year was my first trip out. I do quite a bit of hillwalking with my wonderful wife, mainly in the Lake District, we're working our way through the Wainwrights. Locally I prefer trad and bouldering. Ogmore is just down the road, so it's a convenient way to get an hours bouldering in. I'm hoping to climb harder over the next few years. I've got up to VS properly last year, so I'm aiming for HVS this year. Also I'm going out to the Alps again this year. That and a trip to Skye mean I've got a pretty busy year.

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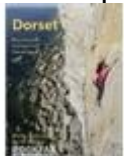
Block Chalk

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