

*If you plan to come on an event, then please make contact with the Event Leader beforehand. **Please remember that a place on an event where the Club arranges accommodation is only firmly booked on payment of the full amount due.** Camping events are generally more flexible although sometimes we book camping space in advance. Again, speak to the contact to find out whether you need to book a place or not. Cheques, payable to the "Christian Rock and Mountain Club" should be sent to the event contact after checking by telephone that a space is available. Your place will be held for 7 days. If you would like to share transport to an event, the contact will try to put you in touch with somebody who is traveling in roughly the same direction as you.*

*To avoid 15 people trying to use the same gas ring at once, we try to organise communal evening meals on some events. The Event Leader should be able to tell you all about the food arrangements. If you have a medical condition or special dietary requirement, or would just prefer to prepare and eat your own food, please let them know when you book. Accommodation at some events can cater for children – but please speak to the Event Leader first. We also like to include an informal service of worship and reflection during the weekend and this will often take place on the Saturday evening.*

***If you are interested in an event, please book early: if everyone leaves it until the last moment, the event may have already been cancelled by the time you make your mind up! Also, we can sometimes book additional spaces if we need them, but we do need to do this in advance.***

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE** that the club is often responsible for cleaning the cottages, huts and hostels we rent before we leave on the last day. Please do make sure that you do your bit when you are on an event – if everyone does a little then it need not take more than 10 minutes. If you don't, it will take two people a lot longer – and quite possibly cost them the day.

**DOGS ON EVENTS** If you hope to bring a dog on an event please check with the organiser beforehand to ensure that the hut owners are OK about this. If anyone is allergic to dogs please tell the organiser so that they can sort out suitable arrangements.

**MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM CALL OUT TIME** Cut-off time for winter is **7pm**, after which Mountain Rescue will be alerted if you're not back at base or haven't made contact with the Event Leader. If you expect to have a long day out in the hills, please pre-arrange this with the Event Leader.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** If you have a particular dietary requirement (even if it's just that you're a vegetarian) please let the Event Leader know when you book onto an event. Generally there will be two options for an evening meal, a meat one and a veggie one, so do be prepared to cater for yourself if you have an allergy or particular dislikes. The onus is on you to let the Event Leader know!

**MIXED DORMS** Please be aware that although we prefer not to have mixed dorms and will always try to have males and females in their own dorms, this isn't always possible, especially in huts. If you have a strong preference or feel unable to share a dorm with others of the opposite sex, **please let the event leader know when you book on an event.** We will try to accommodate everyone's preferences, but please be aware that this is not always feasible.

**NEWSLETTER** We always need people to write articles on what they've been up to! Please email any articles (about club events, or other things you've been up to) to [c\\_j\\_clayton@hotmail.com](mailto:c_j_clayton@hotmail.com) or [r.h.clayton@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:r.h.clayton@sheffield.ac.uk).

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## EVENTS

### **THE LAGANGARBH**

**Ice climbing**

**Winter mountaineering**

**Winter walking**

**The Lagangarbh Hut, Glencoe, SCOTLAND**                      **12 – 15 Mar (long weekend)**

Contact: Lindy Hatfield (by email [lindyhatfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindyhatfield@yahoo.co.uk) )

A 10 minute walk from the road, the Lagangarbh is a comfortable hut, with a well-equipped kitchen, gas heating and a shower. Less intimidating than the Ben or Torridon, the immediate vicinity offers plenty of scope at all grades of climbing and winter hillwalking (presuming the weather is favourable of course!). Another minor point that may find favour with the non-pioneering types are the much-reduced walk-ins ... Always a much-enjoyed weekend with good company, the cost for 3 nights is £37, inclusive of two evening meals.

### **SPRING WALKING WEEKEND**

**Walking**

**Scrambling**

**Climbing?**

**ESKDALE, LAKES**

**Youth Hostel**

**19 – 21 Mar?**

Contact: Jessica Friend (0113 268 5690 or [jfriend2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jfriend2005@yahoo.co.uk))

Would you like to get away to the Lake District for an early spring walking weekend? Last year a group of us met for this weekend, which bridges the gap of more accessible events between New Year and the AGM. Spring will be in the air and the fells should be quieter as it is before most school Easter holidays. We haven't visited the western part of the Lake District for a while, so here's an opportunity to explore the Scafell area. This is a parent-friendly event and the idea is you book into Eskdale Youth Hostel individually and we'll eat together at the hostel on the Saturday night. We do need an event leader for this weekend - give Jessica a ring if you're interested in coming or organising. Dates and location are negotiable!

### **FIRST CLIMBING MEET OF THE SEASON**

**Climbing**

**CALVER, PEAK DISTRICT**

**Camp**

**16 – 18 Apr**

Contact: Julie & Mike Parkinson (01995 670351 or [ecclescake2@hotmail.com](mailto:ecclescake2@hotmail.com))

The Parkinsons are once again inviting us to join them in the first weekend's climbing of the season. The area is suitable for beginners and improvers so give them a ring for more details and to book yourself into the campsite.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Walking**

**Scrambling**

**Climbing & Climbing Training**

**DEINIOLEN, SNOWDONIA**

**Youth Centre**

**30 Apr – 3 May**

Contact: Rachel Allen (07760 168078 or [rachel.allen@barnabas.org.uk](mailto:rachel.allen@barnabas.org.uk) )

Join us over the Bank Holiday weekend for our AGM - a very important and always sociable event in our club calendar. We are trying out a new centre this year, which looks very good and suitable for our needs. The Old School Lodge is in Deiniolen, just outside Llanberis, and is owned by the Scouts. Most of the bedrooms are for four, all ensuite, plus lots of space downstairs for us. It's set within "wooded grounds with a gently flowing stream and breathtaking views of the mountains beyond"! Please note this venue is very suitable for children – but please confirm with Rachel first before simply turning up with kids in tow. The surrounding area offers plenty of options for walking, scrambling or climbing and mountain biking.

On the Saturday evening we will have our AGM which is your opportunity to have your say in the running of the Club. This is also the time of year when your committee is elected and this time around we are probably looking for a new treasurer, events co-ordinator and newsletter editor. We NEED people to volunteer to be on the committee! If you feel you could help the club by standing for a committee post, please contact Rachel. The cost will be £48 for the accommodation and two evening meals.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend we shall also be providing climbing training through Andy Newton, an excellent instructor based in Llanberis who we have used before. He will be offering two days (Sat & Sun) at between £30 and £60 per person, depending on numbers. (The club subsidises this by 50%). There are 4 places straight away and if people commit early, we should be able to get another 4 places with a second instructor via Andy. The training could take any form (beginners, intermediate, advanced, on a particular area) depending on who books first, so do contact Rachel to chat about what you would like to do and learn.

## **JOINT CRMC / SCOTTISH CHRISTIAN HILLWALKING CLUB MEET**

**Walking**

**Scrambling**

**LING HUT, TORRIDON**

**SMC Hut**

**28 May – 1 Jun**

Contact: Susie Pavelin (07906 007602 or [susiejpavelin@yahoo.com](mailto:susiejpavelin@yahoo.com) )

Our annual joint event with our Scottish counterparts will this year be heading north-west to the Ling Hut in Torridon, owned by the Scottish Mountaineering Club (as is the Lagangarbh). It's a few years since we stayed here, or indeed since we ventured up to the wonderful north-west of Scotland. If you've never been, now could be the time to climb Beinn Eighe, Ben Alligin and the classic ridge of Liathach. The colours of the rock are beautiful and the proximity of the sea and the general feeling of wilderness make this a very special place.

We have booked the hut for 4 nights over the Bank Holiday weekend; why not stay up in Scotland for the whole week before the midges arrive? There are 6 places for the CRMC and 6 for the SCHC until April 5<sup>th</sup> (when any remaining places will be available to members of the other club). The cost is £40 and food will be sorted out nearer the time. Please contact Susie to book onto the event.

## **MIDSUMMER PARTY**

**Walking**

**Scrambling**

**Climbing**

**PATTERDALE, LAKE DISTRICT**

**Hut**

**18 – 20 Jun**

Contact: Wendy Robertson (0151 339 6287 or [wendyerob@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendyerob@yahoo.co.uk))

Come and celebrate the mid-summer by walking, scrambling or climbing by day and partying by night! Based at the George Starkey Hut in Patterdale there are lots of opportunities for good days out, enjoying the long summer days. On the Saturday evening we'll be able to celebrate the longest day of the year together with a bring-and-share meal. Cost will be £20 per person for two nights' accommodation. If anyone would like to extend their stay in the hut, this may be possible – ask Wendy.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY TO THE ARDECHE**

**Climbing**

**Walking**

**Multi-activity**

**ARDECHE, FRANCE**

**Camp**

**31 July – 14 Aug**

Contact: Julie & Mike Parkinson (01995 670351 or [ecclescake2@hotmail.com](mailto:ecclescake2@hotmail.com))

Mike, Julie and Jack are leading a camping trip to the Ardèche next summer. It is an area packed with activities: climbing, canoeing, mountain biking, trekking and GUARANTEED SUN!! So, if you fancy joining them, please contact Julie very soon as she is about to book the campsite.

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### **Some dates for your diary (further details to follow):**

August Bank Holiday Family Meet  
TIDESWELL, PEAK DISTRICT (tbc)

27 – 30 Aug

Annual Review  
BETWS-Y-COED, SNOWDONIA

24 – 26 Sept

Autumn Youth Hostelling Weekend  
BORROWDALE, LAKES

15 – 17 Oct

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## **OTHER EVENTS**

The family climbing holiday in August has become increasingly popular whether it's been in Wales or Cornwall, climbing or cream teas, but there's no-one to organise it this year so far! If you're interested in having such an event again and are willing to organise it, then please contact Jessica. The same applies for the usual Alpine trip and the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Any ideas for future events? Places to stay? Places to go? Do let me (Jessica) know if you have an idea or come across some good accommodation.

### **Climbing Holiday in France**

Following a very successful week's climbing last September Jane Willett is hoping to head off to France again next September for a week:

The final destination, the 'when' and the 'how long' will be determined when I've had some feedback - but the Pyrenees has been suggested as one option. Please get in touch if you are at all interested. Although we can make initial arrangements with just one car full, it would be good to know who may be interested as far in advance as possible, to allow for decisions to be made, ferries booked etc in good time.

(Note for non climbers - France is also very good for walking, with marked paths, good maps/guides etc)

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