

January 2013

BMC CYMRU



NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 29TH JAN 7.30 P.M.

Vaynol Arms - Nant Peris (near Llanberis) - Free Food - All Welcome

First Meetings of 2013

Got any comments to raise on issues affecting hillwalking and climbing in Wales or simply fancy a sociable pint? Then come along to any of the BMC Cymru meetings that'll be taking place throughout Wales this year. All welcome.

The first of the four 2013 BMC Cymru (north) meetings will be at the Vaynol Arms in Nant Peris on Jan 29th (7.30 p.m.) with the usual free meal (non-veggie and veggie) - <http://community.thebmc.co.uk/Event.aspx?id=2791>

For the BMC Mid Wales Area group their meeting will be at the White Lion, Machynlleth on

Wednesday 30th January at 7.00pm - <http://community.thebmc.co.uk/Event.aspx?id=2793>

Among the items to be discussed will be the draft new BMC policy on bolts, the BMC's annual financial support for access work in Scotland, the ongoing development of a Mid Wales Climbing/Mountaineering Club, progress on the new Meirionnydd Guidebook and updates on access and conservation.

South Wales' meeting takes place the following day on January 31st at 7.00 p.m. at Dynamic Rock - <http://community.thebmc.co.uk/Event.aspx?id=2798>

North Wales Limestone Guidebook

Excellent progress was made on the coast during autumn before the serious deluge arrived - many new routes were sought out and older routes re-equipped.

Final forays are now being made onto some Little Orme crags before the birds take their turn. Much of the book is now in publishable form and the proof-readers will soon be hard at work. Thanks to all who have made contributions and suggestions - roll on summer, when you'll all be clutching those shiny new 400 page limestone bibles!

Andy Boorman

BMC Group Use Working Party

This group has been set up by the Access and Conservation Group to collate and review group use issues.

We are interested in your stories, good or bad, of your experience when encountering groups on the hill or at crags. Most groups work very hard to adhere to the BMC Crag code but gossip suggests that this is not always the case.

The group is currently collating the existing sources of BMC guidance for groups and will consider how best to share this information with different types of groups. However, for the advice to be meaningful and current we need your help. Please send your group use stories to robd@thebmc.co.uk

Mike Raine

Pembroke 2013 Nesting Restrictions

North Pembs. – no changes from 2012. All the quality crags are open for climbing (just the loose chossy spots like Llechdafad, Ynys Deullyn and Dinas Fach are restricted) – just beware of seals July-Dec. and avoid disturbance/go to another crag if they are there – this affects Rainbow Zawn area, Craig Llong and a few other crags on the North Coast.

Range West – we now have year round access (previous year's briefings expire in April though), Iron Age Fort is now open for climbing except Hobby Horse Bay side (west of 'Wild Rumpus'). Linney Head Gully restriction has been removed

(Briefing dates for 2013 are: 29th March, 25th May and 27th July.)

Range East – Devil's Barn restriction has gone. Stackpole and Lydstep – no changes although the red pots at Mowing Word are to be removed and an on-site sign about nesting chough will be placed above Deep Space/Stargate at Mother Carey's.

Firing Dates etc - The dates for the next 'CALFEX' (Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise) etc: No Firing = 15th Dec – 13th Jan 2013; CALFEX = 14th Jan – 8th Feb; April Maintenance Period = 6th – 21st April (no firing), Sheep Off weekend = 4th, 5th and 6th May; No Firing = 8th – 16th June; CALFEX = 17th June – 2nd Aug; No Firing = 3rd – 31st Aug.

Range East (St Govan's Chapel to Stack Rocks) and Range West will remain closed from each Monday morning to Friday afternoons throughout CALFEX.

CC guidebooks – Vol 1&2 (N Pemb + Range West) could be out at Easter!
Steve Quinton

Mountain Heritage Trust

At the invitation of the Chair, Julie Summers, the Trust met on 7th Dec at Wolfson College, Oxford. The various items discussed included a positive resolution with the National Trust for the use of a room at the Allen Bank House, Grasmere, to house the Lord Chorley library. The Trust would receive some of the very large George Band collection while part would go to the Alpine Club.

Once again the Trust had occupied a prominent stall at the Kendal Film Festival and would also be exhibiting items to mark the 60th Everest anniversary at the January Outdoors Show in London.

Maxine Willets, archivist, reported on her visits to view the Band collection, her visit to the Reinold Messner museum at Bolzano and further items of Joe Tasker material and donations of John Hunt and Tony Streather artefacts received. Funding for the future remains a concern.

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CRAG CODE
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Access	Check the Regional Access Database (RAD) on www.thebmc.co.uk for the latest access information
Parking	Park carefully – avoid gateways and driveways
Footpaths	Keep to established paths – leave gates as you find them
Risk	Climbing can be dangerous – accept the risks and be aware of other people around you
Respect	Groups and individuals – respect the rock, local climbing ethics and other people
Wildlife	Do not disturb livestock, wildlife or cliff vegetation; respect seasonal bird nesting restrictions
Dogs	Keep dogs under control at all times; don't let your dog chase sheep or disturb wildlife
Litter	'Leave no trace' – take all litter home with you
Toilets	Don't make a mess – bury your waste
Economy	Do everything you can to support the rural economy – shop locally

BMC Participation Statement – Climbing, hill walking 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 and involvement.