

EDEN VALLEY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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Newsletter – December 2017

AGM – 2017

The AGM for the Club was held at the Penrith Leisure Centre on 14th December with a goodly attendance, friendly banter and constructive (sometimes) discussion.

The following is a summary of the main points agreed.

Review of the Year

Alasdair gave a review of the activities of the Club – unfortunately the rain curtailed some meets but overall there was a lot done through the year, in the Lakes and beyond.



Election of officers

President	Chris Cunningham
Secretary	Al Davis
Treasurer	Jane Meeks
Website	Alasdair Rutherford
Lectures and Social	Belinda Lloyd

Accounts

Jane's accounts showed a year end balance of £1292, an increase of £17 from the previous year. Out of each individual membership subscription, £13-25 goes directly to the BMC and in addition, the club donated £250 towards the bolting of Bramcrag Quarry.

Subscription

Agreed to stay the same at £15.00

Meets

Meets list discussed and lists will be distributed accordingly.

It was indicated that meet coordinators should send a Meet Report, with photographs, if possible, to Alasdair to put onto the website.

Meets list not to have telephone numbers on them – will look to having a list of members and telephone numbers either emailed out or in member's section of website (could be costly !)

Lectures

Belinda on the case to organise three talks in the New Year, probably by club members of their activities – watch this space !

Website

Feeling that the website needs updating and agreed to look into this and use club funds, if necessary, accordingly.

As with any website it needs to be kept fresh and up to date and details of meet, photographs etc are essential.

One of the main purposes of the website is to inform potential new members about the club.

Eden Climbing Wall

Al has prepared list of ECW group, for coming year, which has been passed to the Leisure Centre.

Hold change dates to be promoted – next on Sunday 17th December.

ANNUAL DINNER AND FELL RACE

The Annual Dinner will be at the Queens Head at Tirril on Saturday 20th January – menus will be sent out after Christmas for people to make their choices - Alasdair has said it will be an interactive dinner !!

The Fell Race will start at the Royal Hotel, Dockray at 11.00am and will go clockwise (up to the summit first) round Gowbarrow.

THE EVMC JAUNT TO LEONIDIO

That's the new venue in Greece. Not quite with the party/holiday atmosphere of Kalymnos but with the staggering array of routes already bolted up within the last three years and with a lot more potential. AL D, Pete B, Mary G and Alasdair R went Edinburgh to Athens and a drive over the Corinth canal onto the eastern shore of the Peloponnese.

The Dafnon Gorge carves its way out of the Parnassus Mountains to render 600 metre cliffs of multicoloured limestone laced with water worn features sprinkled with tufa dripping caves. It takes several days to key in to the actual size of the crags.

Research in the form of a snatched conversation with Ross at Kendal Wall whetted Al D's radar and the trip was on.

The random booking on Owners Abroad listed a commodious house in the port of Sampatiki. This is a small fishing, touristy village four miles north of the main town. It has a bar, restaurant, well patronised and Greek salad and moussaka by the acre.

The local infrastructure is beginning to get a handle on the influx of new visitor numbers and, as the week progressed, we had growing range of languages, some of which we might hazards a guess. All teams had smiles on faces and stares focussed upward.

The new guide is little more than an initial sketch however instructions to find the crags and photo topos are more than

adequate, although a few U-turns were taken both on foot and in the car. This was mainly because we were trying to get to grips with the scale of the place. A careful read of the guide edited out the crags which offered us little chance of upward progress, the warm up grades of 6c were an indication. We focussed on the crags with more amenable grade ranges and there were loads of them, many of which offered more than a day or two or three.....



So eight crags, 30 + routes done, very few photos, too busy climbing and a plan to do back at the end of March.

What more is there to say ???????

Alasdair

WHAT'S COMING UP !

WEDNESDAY - 20TH DECEMBER

REBUILDING NEPAL WITH JUNIPER TRUST

This is an illustrated talk at the Skiddaw Hotel, in Keswick at 7.00pm, about an amazing trip to Nepal by a group, under the local charity, Juniper Trust. This put the finishing touches (painting, building toilets and giving out uniforms, shoes, schoolbags, paper and pencils) to three schools out of 10 rebuilt by Juniper Trust, following the 2015 earthquake. The talk is given by Amber Thompson, Glenn Rowley and Ron Kenyon



WEDNESDAY - 27th DECEMBER

10th ANNIVERSARY MELMERBY CHALLENGE

Good way to walk or run off the Christmas eating – great round starting at Melmerby, over the Melmerby Skyline, via Cuns Fell and Knapside Hill. Registration at Village Hall at 9.30am for 10.00am start. Fees - £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children

