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Editors Letter

HOW TO WIN AN EASY TWENTY POUNDS

Despite various pleas, bullying and other underhand methods, getting articles for your newsletter remains a bit of a problem.

You honestly don't have to be a literary genius to send stuff in. Just put your experiences down on paper and your editorial team can do the rest. We'll always make sure you're happy with the end product before it sees the light of day.

As an incentive to get those article flooding in the PMC committee have given their consent to offer twenty pounds worth of vouchers for Outdoor Adventure to the best article IN EACH ISSUE - so that's a potential one hundred and twenty pounds you could win.

The editorial team will choose the winner (their decision will be final and all the rest of that jazz) which will be announced in this column each issue. The competition will start from now with the first winner announced in July's issue - so start writing.

We'll be looking for articles that combine fact, humour, and that little something that makes it stand out from the rest.

The club has got lots and lots of activities planned for this summer so look at the events listed at the back and join in.

So read on and enjoy this month's issue.

The Editors

MEMORIES FROM SWEATY SOCK LAND

This winter season seems to have been a very busy time for the club with many articles in last issue relating tales of derring-do in Wales at the Christmas and January hut meets. To round off the winter season Matt Green writes about the club's visit to the land of Haggis and Nessy (no I'm not referring to Matt but to the big beastie that keeps scaring people when spotted out of water on second thoughts maybe it is Matt after all!)



For some reason I decided to organise this years meet at the CIC hut. After my usual scatty attempts at organising things, six of us set off at high speed up the motorway in search of snow and ice.

OK Miles, Malcolm Roger and Doug set off at high speed. Simon and I trailed behind in his Sherpa van emitting clouds of red smoke but still managed to make it to the Glen Nevis Youth Hostel a few minutes behind the others. After dumping our bags in our dorms and sorting our gear we headed to a pub called the "Grog and Gruel" in search of beer.

The morning welcomed us to glorious Scotland with the promise of crappy weather with continued shittyness forecast over the next few days. We met up with Ian Davey in Nevis Sport - "hi Ian, bye Ian" - that was the last we saw of him as we decided to seek better climes over in the Cairngorms with Ian electing to stay.

Welcoming blue skies over Aviemore lifted our spirits enough to make me think I might actually get some climbing done. The merry band of intrepid explorers set out upon the arduous task of walking up to the Cairngorm Ski Centre. This in itself was no mean feat. It had to be at least half a mile, and it was up-hill!!! I loath walking, I'm a climber not a walker. I have been known to do it on some rare occasions but I firmly feel I was designed to be transported to places in something very fast!

Anyway after the long trudge up the gruelling slopes Miles tried to get us kicked out of Scotland by upsetting one of the staff. Fortunately he only managed in getting us kicked out of the Ski Centre.

The next day we returned to Corrie-an-t-Sneachda to do ice. Our motley crew split into groups as Simon and I went off to warm up on a low grader -Aladdin's Mirror, a little gem and a three star route to boot! Douglas and Roger disappeared onto Jacob's Ladder. After a initial lesson on how to belay, Doug thought it would be a good idea to let Roger experience how to hold him if he fell. Doug jumped onto the snow slope and sped off at high speed into the distance. I don't think Roger had fully grasped the hang of it.

Later in the bar at Glenmore Lodge as we recanted tales of the days climbing Simon and I agreed that we were tired of sleeping in his van and that we should sneak into the Youth Hostel and get a good nights kip. I really must thank the warden of that place for letting us use the showers, toilets and beds for so many nights and completely free of charge.....until we were caught.

After three fine days of climbing the weather broke and it was time to head back

over to The Ben. I don't know if there is an official land speed record between Aviemore and Fort William but Simon seemed determined to try to set one. Simon and I share the same affinity for adventurous driving but I prefer to do mine in vehicles with a low centre of gravity, not high sided vans.

The conditions on the Ben were good.

The Curtain was fully formed and Point five looked steep. This was the one for me. With my usual amount of bravado I had great hopes of this being my first grade V. It wasn't until I saw the thing (and some of the others told me how serious it was) that I decided to attempt something a little more moderate. I won't go on too much about the evenings activities but Miles succeeded in extracting the 'urine' from a psycho hard ice climber, who was later to stick the pick of his axe through the bottom of my bunk, so that three inches of hardened steel suddenly appeared literally inches from my face!

The next morning Simon and Miles left the hut early to do Point Five Gully. As Roger and I set off to start Observatory Ridge and then Gardaloo Gully II/III. We could see these two as little black dots slowly making their way onwards and upwards. They were to have a long day on the hill. Our route was quite banked out with snow, some of which was starting to slide in slabs when I walked on it. I

assured myself that this was a good sign. As we slowly trudged forever upwards I would occasionally catch glimpses of Doug and Malcolm as hazy figures through the fog, sometimes catching their hushed voices in the wind. The end came all too soon. The guide book told of a huge chock-stone 40m below the cornice. Not today, there had been so much snow that it was completely buried. In the last 10m, were the walls of the gully narrowed we found ice that petered out into Neve, then a cornice, then howling wings that whipped spindrift across your face so hard that it felt like your cheeks were being sand-blasted. I closed my eyes against the onslaught only to find my eyelashes had been frozen together.

Once on top, Roger and I became reunited with Malcolm and Doug and we set off compasses in hand (celebratory Havana in mouth) for No. 4 gully and the decent back to the hut.

Back in Fort William at the Grog and Gruel Simon and Miles told tales of hilarity on Point Five. Miles had led the final pitch but when reaching the cornice he found too much powder snow and was unable to get any sort of purchase with his tools into it. Eventually after sinking the shaft of his axe into the snow and managing to secure the rope around it so as to make the position marginally safer.

Simon escaped off and up onto the summit, taking the rope with him. Now above Miles, he gave an almighty yank on the rope to see his partner fly through the air, skidding over the ice besides him. As we laughed at the story, helped by Miles' facial expressions when they told the tale, I was quite glad that it wasn't me in this position.

All in all a brilliant time was had by one and all.



WHAT DOES 'F' MEAN?

Guile and cunning over youthful bravado won out at this year's bouldering competition at the Peterborough Climbing Wall. Clive Osborne takes us through the high and low points of an eventful day and never really does explain what 'F' means!.

The afternoon of the competition saw some blitzkrieg action with holds flying through the air as the walls were stripped down and almost as quickly put back up by the team of route setters as they devised the new competition routes.

Spod and Steve, who had set the routes in previous years had decided that this year they wanted to enter (and maybe win?) the competition. Perhaps they had an eye on the fabulous bouldering mat being offered as first prize.

The competitors gathered and the rules were explained; 10 points for an 'on-sight' first ascent, 6 for a successful second attempt; 3 for a third attempt and 0 thereafter. Twenty nine routes in all = max 290 points. At this point Phil Moore wanders in and reclaims his only pair of climbing slippers which had been in the lost property box for 3 months. Is he rusty? we all ask and hope.

The comp starts, rather quietly at first, everyone is pacing themselves. Ben asks "what does the 'F' mean at the top of the routes?" and is told it means 'feet only' and "fall here" and "it is graded F which is harder than E". He wanders off confused.

Meanwhile Steve and Spod are explosively attacking the routes with much grunting and laughter much to the amusement of the spectators. Bec Gibson is quietly working her way through the problems with the encouragement of the Kings Lynn crowd. Johannes Felter has an almost identical physical build to Phil Moore, lean, tall and mean and so has Ewen Turner but younger, so all three seem to be cruising through the problems. John Reed is strutting his stuff in a magnificent pair of Thai dyed trousers and he is sporting an equally magnificent tan just to prove where he spent his winter.

Ben asks again "what does F mean?" and in addition to various rude answers he is told "features and fingers only". He is still confused.

Phil Guest and the interloper from the WMC, Mick Watts, dangled in the Bat Cave sometimes successfully while Bill Savage used guile and cunning over youthful bravado and after watching the other competitors attempts he picked off the easier routes that he knew he could do.

As the day progresses it is becoming obvious that Phil Moore is amassing an enormous score. He is 'on-sighting' every route and gaining top marks. Early on I had to make a decision; the yellow route on 14 had been attempted by a few competitors without the use of one of the holds so to be fair to everyone I removed it completely resulting in the most massive 'dyno' move you've ever seen. The sort of move you might do successfully once in 20 attempts. Phil Moore experienced his first and only failure on this route but he returned all fired up and 'cleaned' it on his second attempt which meant he had scored 286 out of a possible 290 points. A truly magnificent score and richly deserving the first prize.

The results in all the categories were as follows:-

<i>OPEN</i>	1ST	PHIL MOORE
	2ND	SPOD
	3RD	STEVE COX
<i>UPTO 5C</i>	1ST	JOHANNES FELTER
	2ND	PHIL GUEST
	3RD	MICK WATTS
<i>LADIES</i>	1ST	BEC GIBSON
	2ND	RACHEL SEYMOUR
<i>YOUTH</i>	1ST	EWEN TURNER
<i>VETERANS</i>	1ST	BILL SAVAGE
	2ND	BEN CHURNYS

The prizes of a bouldering mat, chalk bags, harnesses, (courtesy of DMM) plus rucksacks, T-shirts, watches etc were presented in the bar. Ben asks again "what did F mean?" and is told "it means we've Finished now Ben." He wanders off still confused but clutching his subscription to Trail magazine.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Tim Brook, the club's treasurer, takes time out of his busy schedule to tell us about a superb opportunity your club is offering - fee money (well kinda).

Investing in PMC's future.

Have you invested time and effort in the club?

Are you interested in learning new skills and sharing that knowledge?

Answer yes to the above and you could qualify for a PMC training grant or a PMC expedition fund.

What is a PMC training grant?

A PMC training grant is designed to help you and the PMC develop our mountaineering/ climbing/ walking skills for the benefit of all the members. The PMC will contribute 50% of the cost of any recognised climbing/mountaineering course from, for example Plas y Brenin, up to a maximum of £250.

What is a PMC expedition fund?

A PMC expedition fund is a lump sum of money the PMC is prepared to donate to your expedition. This will be up to 50% of the value of your expedition to a maximum of £250. You will demonstrate that your expedition will be attempting to accomplish a specific objective that will be pushing back your teams, mountaineering/climbing/walking, etc limits. The money will be paid retrospectively on the submission of receipts. (See appendix 1 for qualifying goods and services.)

How many of these grants will be available?

In the first year, 1999, we will endeavour to put aside £2500. This pot will cover both expedition funds and training grants. There will be as many courses/expeditions as there are monies available.

Who is eligible?

1. You will have to have renewed your PMC membership at least twice in consecutive years
2. You will have done at least one years wall duty.
3. You will have lead at least one hut meet or been visibly involved with a novice weekend.

What's the catch?

There is no catch, however, we would like you to share your experience with members of the club in two ways.

Firstly write an article for the newsletter and secondly...

...we will leave the details of this to you.

The more innovative and the wider the audience the better. Perhaps a slide show, a lecture or lead a meet to demonstrate your new skills to allow other members of the club to benefit. We would like to know this before you attend the course/go on your expedition. If this sounds a little tough remember that this is money that belongs to all of us and we would like to see some return!

Got past the first hurdle?, then pass go and get ready to collect 250 pounds.

What sort of courses are eligible?

Any course run by a recognised centre or individual that will increase your understanding and or your skills in a mountain environment.

How do I apply?

If you can demonstrate that it is a recognised course, e.g. brochure, letter, etc.

then all you have to do is show, Dave Fleet your booking form. He will match your cheque made out to your chosen centre subject to available funds and to a maximum value of £250.

What sort of expeditions will be eligible?

An expedition that sets out to achieve a recognisable specific objective and that would not be done as a normal club meet. The expedition must be challenging in a climbing/mountaineering/walking sense to those going eg Simon, Simon, Kevin and Colin's trip to the Old Man of Hoy would but a pure sport climbing trip to Spain for example wouldn't.

How do I apply?

To give us some objectivity the PMC committee will consider applications on a case by case basis. Applications will need to be submitted to the Secretary, Mat Green. This will need to be done at least two weeks prior to the monthly committee meeting before your departure date. We will post your proposal on the notice board for one week to invite comments from club members prior to the committee meeting.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE – THE PLACE TO BE

Hope that you are all aware that members of the Peterborough Mountain Club can claim 10% discount from Outdoor Adventure, Peterborough.

It's a well stocked shop with some really good buys (they usually have excellent sales), a wide range of equipment and helpful, knowledgeable staff (apart, of course, from the PMC secretary who 'works' there)

Claiming this discount couldn't be easier, on paying at the till just produce your membership card and ask for your 10% discount and the shop will be happy to oblige. Do not expect to be given the discount on just your say so, even if the PMC secretary is there and knows you.

So a big please, please, please - take your membership cards with you!



It's time for a little light hearted relief:-

THAT PERFECT VALENTINE WEEKEND

I'm taking my wife to Wales for a romantic weekend this weekend (for which good winter conditions are forecast):

You can imagine the news being broken...

"Darling, I'm taking you away for Valentine's weekend"

"Oh darling, how romantic! Is it Paris? Vienna? Marrakesh?"

"No darling, Capel Curig"

"How marvellous. Will we be spending all day in bed keeping each other warm, as the frost glistens romantically on the hills?"

"No, we'll be carrying unfeasibly heavy rucksacks up hills in search of ice and when we find it, I'll climb up it a bit and hit it so hard that it all falls on you"

"Will there be soft lights, and romantic music, and fine food and wine?"

"No, but there'll probably be a large party of hairy-arsed bikers swearing and getting pissed"

"But we will see Valentine's day arrive in each other's arms, won't we?"

"Well in theory yes, but I'll be knackered from a day on the hill and pissed as a little black beetle, so don't hold out too much hope"

"Darling"

"Yes, darling"

"S*d off, darling. I'm finding another man"

Simon Gough-Brown

THE PMC GOES INTO BUSINESS

The benefits of being a member of the PMC are ever expanding. The executive committee are always looking for new ways and ideas to improve the benefits of being a member. Here's a new benefit just gone live which will hopefully score a few goals!

The PMC has decided to invest some of the earnings from the climbing wall in a library of books, maps, videos and equipment which members will be entitled to use for free.

Currently the library is held at Outdoor Adventure and is stuffed full of maps (waterproof of course) books, guides, videos and other goodies. The committee are also considering expanding the library to include useful items of equipment - but this will depend on a trial period for what has already been put aside.



*Matt Green –
pictured in his/her usual uniform*

The library is controlled by Matt Green, the club secretary and member of staff at Outdoor Adventure. All of the other staff are aware of the library and should Matt not be at the shop, there should be no problem borrowing from the library so long as you fill

out all of the details on the lending form.

If we start to lose equipment or the administration of the system becomes too arduous then we will close the library, but for now it seems a useful facility for members who do not want to buy a guide which they

will perhaps only use once or twice.

In order to borrow equipment, we have developed a simple lending form which provides the librarian and PMC with the information we need in order to operate a lending effectively. Your help in carrying out your part of the bargain will be appreciated.

The procedure is as follows:-

Each user must be a current member of the club. Mat must be shown a valid membership card before issuing library material. The reason for this is that these publications and equipment have been bought from club funds, so it is only fair that only current members benefit from it.

Each user must sign a lending form which states:

"I am a current member of the PMC and I agree that I am responsible for this library material. If I lose it I agree to compensate PMC for its loss or to provide a new replacement within one month of its loss. If I damage the material (e.g. a spine is broken, pages ripped out, writing on pages, equipment bent or unusable, etc.) then I agree to compensate PMC to the extent requested by the librarian. I further agree that my membership shall be liable for revocation (at the librarian's discretion) until the loss or damage has been resolved to the librarian's satisfaction."

The user will be informed of the return date. This will normally be 2 weeks after the lending date (at the librarian's discretion) and this will be written on the lending form. It is the borrower's responsibility to adhere to this date so that the librarian does not have to remind them.

If there are too many instances of users not returning the library material when it is due and the librarian having to chase, then the facility may be withdrawn at the librarian's discretion.

If library material is not returned on time

then the librarian will telephone the member responsible and chase its return.

Upon return of the material, the librarian will check for damage and note any wear and tear on the lending form. The librarian will also complete the return date and sign the material back into stock.

If damage is discovered at a later date then the user will be informed as soon as possible and the librarian will tell the user what they need to do to rectify the situation to PMC's satisfaction.

General wear and tear will of course be excluded, but what is damage and what is wear and tear will be at the librarian's discretion. In the case of damage or loss, the librarian will be as reasonable as possible to resolve disputes.

The PMC Executive Committee will be the final arbiter in the event of a dispute and has the authority to write off losses/damage or to suspend membership in cases of blatant abuse by a members.

Each publication will be identified as belonging to PMC and will have labels inside with the climbing wall address on them in case of accidental loss whilst in use.

If you have any suggestions when you have used the library on items to add or better ways to manage it then please feel free to tell Mat and he will note them down for submission to the Committee.

Please make use of this new service, and valuable resource over the coming months and we will see if it is a valuable asset for the club. If it is then it will be expanded.

WHAT NO SHEEP?

The legendary Bus Stop Quarry, in north Wales was the setting for The Peterborough Cave and Mountain Rescue Team's first officially recorded rescue - Doug Martin, the hero in our story, fills us in on what went on.

Early spring (4th April) at Bus Stop (Dinorwig Quarries) is always time well spent as I feel it helps to hone those winter rested climbing skills - and anyway, its tradition of the PMC to visit and have a play!

It wasn't too cold that day and I can't remember why but I decided to proudly don my Cave and Mountain Rescue T-shirt and get down to business. I was leading 'Gnat Attack' a rather tricky bolted route given a E1 / 5c rating and as I approached the top, this other guy started leading 'Massambula' (E2 / 5b).

As I was looping through the bolts at the top, he reached a ledge about 15 - 20 ft up and rested. It started to rain, and as anyone who's been there knows, slate, and that slab in particular gets very slippery. The guy continued the route, as he hadn't reached

the first bolt yet (still another 10 - 15 ft to go), when he started to get himself in serious trouble. Amid much muttering, advice swapping and a few colour metaphors (that's polite talk for swearing!) he couldn't commit to the final move to reach the bolt and didn't feel he could down climb either. He called for assistance.

Luckily for him, a rescue team member was already on the scene - yours truly. With my trendy 'rescue' t-shirt flapping in the wind (or something was anyway!) I lowered off (well, Jon Whitmore lowered me off) and reached his level. I swung across to him, and tied a figure eight in the free bit of my rope and he clipped it to his harness.

Jon then lowered us both off where, after he had thanked me, I informed the lucky person that he had been the recipient of a rescue masterminded by no less than that famous band of merry somethings - The Peterborough Cave and Mountain Rescue Team. His response to this mind numbing news.....he walked off in silence with head hung in shame!!

T-SHIRT & SHORTS... BUT IT'S NOVEMBER?



Simon Butler and friends experience sun, sangria and Penny's driving whilst holidaying in Spain...

I'm knackered, little sleep does that to you. Still, dump the stuff in the hotel and pick a crag - Toix. We're there just after lunch, having flown in at 11. This rock's good stuff. Ooh, bolts... I wondered why I weigh less.

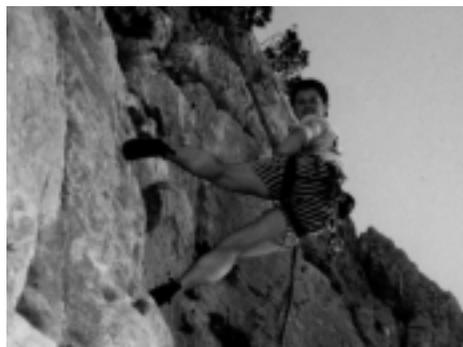
Kev and I decide to do a lovely two pitch grade 4, which he ambles up. "This isn't right," I think as I make the first few moves, "what's going on?" I'm on this gorgeous piece of Spanish limestone, looking out over the roads and beaches below, sun shining down on me ...hang on, sun? Then I realise what's wrong, I can still feel my hands. This



rock's warm. There's no rain, no wind, no fog, snow, hail, ice or sleet. It's the end of November, and I'm climbing in shorts and a Tshirt. I could get use to this.

The next day was quite nice too, once we're out of the wind. Forada is a great crag, some nice 4s, 5s and 5+s plus plenty of harder stuff if it takes your fancy. Alternatively you might like to make your route safer by clipping every bolt you come across (Kevin), whether it's on your route or either of those next to it.

Gandia's a cool place, VERY overhanging & hard. When you do find routes that aren't as steep, you find they're held together with cement - it only worries you if you notice it... Colin showed his prowess here by doing a savagely steep little number up into a cave. He grabs the lip, pulls up hard... and scares the birds who live in the cave! They fly out making loads of noise and Colin takes the most plum flier I've seen for a while.



We only had one day which was so bad we couldn't climb, so we went rallying instead. Two pristine white hire cars head off into the hills, Penny saying "We're not on the map, but I think we're about here," pointing to the middle of a large blank area. We found a track that went up, and up, and up, and up. Sorry, did I say a track, I'm wrong, it was a bog. The mud was DEEP, then it was all over the car - inside and out. Dashboard, seats, windows and roof all covered. We did enter into the spirit of thing though. This year we're going to enter as a private team



in the Lombard RAC Rally!

The local food and booze are great, although the restauranteurs are a bit eccentric. "Do you know England?" we asked. "Oh, yes. England. Doncaster. I spent three years in Doncaster. I know it well."

This was not the expected response, but it was dulled by many bottles of excellent house red, and somehow seemed to fit. If

you want to know how good a restaurant called L'Horta in Sella is, just ask Kevin about the rabbit...

Sella is a great place to climb, round the back of this huge rhino shaped ridge (imaginatively titled "The Rhino" by the spanish) was the best climbing of the holiday. Everyone loved



it. Colin climbed something ridiculously hard (7a I think - sorry if I've undergraded you Col), Oonagh sprang, gazelle like, up a 6a and Simon GB (with a broken leg) climbed 5+ ...in approach shoes! Even I, dear reader, managed to gibber my way, crying like a baby, up a demonic 6a+. I think this crag has magical powers. I like it. And so will you. Now you know, you've got no excuse for not coming next year.

Benidorm - it's not the first place that springs to mind when you say "rock climbing," but it's really worth a look.

WALES - A BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE THE SHEEP RUN SCARED!

For anyone thinking of going to Wales for a short break or holiday then the PMC hut in Bethesda may be the home away from home you're looking for.

The club's cottage, a facility which is jointly owned by a neighbouring club, is available to hire to club members when not in use for club events.

The rates are very reasonable and the cottage boast all mod cons - except radio and TV's are banned - its helps the social nature of the place!

For more information about the facilities, rates and to book then feel free to contact:-

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BITS WERE WOBLING AND A REST WAS REQUIRED

A fellow climber relates his experiences on the mountain of Scotland with that little used piece of climbing equipment - a sky-hook.

Learning Point - Always put your sky hook in an easily accessible place like at the back of your harness, attached to the crab with your chalk bag/prussik loops/general tat/spare belay plate/etc.

Whilst stuck up an ice chimney on Ben Nevis (Comb Gully I think) I realised that various bits were wobbling and a bit of a rest was in order. Stuck my hammer into the ice and hooked my fifi hook through the handle and was about to sit on it when I noticed a sharp edge of rock sticking out about 2 feet below. Unhooked and dropped down towards this inviting flake. All the while I was bridging on reasonable ice, but getting damn tired.

Turned sideways to lean my back against one side of the chimney into an Egyptian to rest. Reached around the back to get the sky-hook, but because of my back being up against the wall couldn't get it. Gloves off. Tried again. It was attached to the crab underneath the prussik loops, etc. A prussik loop was caught under one of my crampon heels as it was drooping down too far when I sat on my heel and so now if couldn't stand up.

Struggled manfully for five minutes (seemed like hours) and eventually had to abandon and go back to using the ice axe with the fifi hook which I had rejected 10 minutes before.

Having disentangled my crampon/prussik I continued and found that I had already done the crux and two more moves above where I had decided to rest was a small snow cave with bolt belays !!#*!!@#

Have since given my sky hook away having never used it.

HOW TO IMPRESS A WOMAN

A short lesson by David Bolton-Knight (as told by Simon Gough-Brown)

One night after a hard session climbing, in my case talking, David and I (and others) popped into the bar for a little liquid lubrication.

Dave, being his usual charming self, was talking to three ladies who, through the general friendly conversation discovered they were skydivers. Never one to be shy Dave related the story about his short experience at Sibson learning to skydive ...

(It is important at this point to note that one of the ladies was called Cornelia (but Dave didn't know)).

"... and there was one woman, what was her name?..... Cornelia ... what a bitch!"

Absolutely fantastic. They don't get much better than that, especially as Dave almost added that he didn't recognise her because she had put on so much weight!!!!

What a smoothie? eh?

In the next issue:

See what the PMC's very own Rock Gods got up to.



NEWSLETTERS



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What you think about the club and this newsletter is really important. There was a good show at this year's AGM but the PMC feel they need to know your views in a little more detail.

The following 'survey' will help the committee and 'the editors' to make your club better and to improve the communications and services you receive.

Please spend a little time completing it, remove the pages (or photocopy - sorry we can't be more sophisticated) and send them to me by fax, post or drop them off at the wall.

Do you think the frequency of this newsletter is OK (bi-monthly)?

Yes No Suggestions:.....
.....

Do you think the content of the newsletter is about right?

Yes No Suggestions:.....
.....

Do you think there is a need for some other written form of communication?
(a one sided A4 - quick news - in between the newsletter for instance)

Yes No Suggestions:.....
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What would you like to know more about?

Comments.....
.....

Do you think the new membership fees for the club voted in at the recent AGM represent value for money (£45 - family, £30 - single)?

Yes No Suggestions:.....
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Would you like to see the club offering other facilities, services or events?

Yes No Suggestions:.....
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Do you have any ideas on how the club could improve itself?

Comments.....
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Any other comments on any other topics?.....
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ABOUT THE PETERBOROUGH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

PMC is a friendly, successful club with nearly 200 members of all ages. We hold regular trips to the Peak District, Wales, the Lake District and the Scottish Highlands to walk and climb. Each year we organise many club events including trips to the Alps, sunny Spain, southern France plus training sessions, courses, socials, master classes, etc etc etc ... (you get the picture!)

The club owns a luxurious hut in Snowdonia (hot showers / fitted kitchen / drying room) and the climbing wall in Peterborough. The wall is open 7pm - 10pm weekdays, 10am - 10pm weekends and is at the Sports Club (and bar) beside Edith Cavell Hospital (CLUB NIGHT TUESDAYS).

Non members are very welcome to join us at most events and you are welcome to use the climbing wall at any time. We offer the following benefits of membership:

- 25% discount every time you climb (£3 vs £4 for non-members);
- 30% discount on hut fees at the Snowdonia cottage;
- Membership of the club bar and use of changing rooms at the climbing wall;
- 10% discount at climbing shops across the UK;
- Training and expedition grants to subsidise your personal development;
- 3rd party BMC mountaineering insurance;
- An active social life (training courses, events, competitions, dinners, BBQs, etc);
- A frequent club newsletter;
- A source of walking and climbing partners;
- Meeting like minded, adventurous people.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please complete the details below legibly, sign, enclose your remittance (made payable to "Peterborough Mountaineering Club") and return to: Simon Gough-Brown, 50 Rosyth Avenue, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, PE2 6SL. Individual membership = £28.00, Family = £35.50.

I wish to apply for membership of the Peterborough Mountaineering Club. I

understand that the Club's rules state: "Members and guests participating in club activities do so entirely at their own risk. Neither the Club, nor its Officers, nor its Committees will accept any responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property". I understand that the committee has the right to revoke any membership at their discretion. I am over 18 years of age.

Full Name: (BMC Insurance included)

Address:

Post Code: Telephone:

Second family member: (BMC Insurance included)

Note: Extra BMC insurance is available at £4.50 per 3rd and subsequent person(s).
I agree to abide by the PMCs rules and constitution if I am elected a member of the club.

Signature of applicant: Date: / /19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 14 - 16	Wales hut meet - Novices event Meet leader: <i>Marr Green</i>	Tel: 0410 410505
May 28 - 31 (BH)	Wye Valley meet - climbing Meet leader: <i>Simon Gough Brown</i>	Tel: (01733) 236823
May 29 - June 6 (BH)	Alps meet - tour of Mont Blonk Meet leader: <i>Penny Gough Brown</i>	Tel: (01733) 236823
June 6	A day in the peaks - climbing at Froggatt Meet leader: <i>Dave Bolton-knight</i>	Tel: 0976 740437
June 18 - 20	Wales hut meet - Presidents BBQ Meet leader: <i>Clive Osborne</i>	Tel: (01733) 560303
July 2 -4	Portland & Swanage - climbing Meet leader: <i>Tim Brooke</i>	Tel: (01572) 813104
July 16 - 18	Wales hut meet - walk, climb and gear shop Meet leader: <i>Steve Trehella</i>	Tel: (01733) 575731
July 30 - August 1	Northumberland climbing Meet leader: <i>Dave Fleet</i>	Tel: (01733) 898172
August 13 - 15	Wales hut meet - walk, climb and Pete's Eats! Meet leader: <i>Simon Gough Brown</i>	Tel: (01733) 236823
August 21 - 30 (BH)	A week in Cornwall Meet leader: <i>Kevin Trickey</i>	Tel: (01733) 361650
September 3 - 5	Camping in the Peaks - climbing, walking, drinking Meet leader: <i>Dave Bolton-knight</i>	Tel: 0976 740437
September 11 - 26	Yosemite National Park! Meet leader: <i>Kevin Trickey</i>	Tel: (01733) 361650
September 17 - 19	Wales hut meet - walk, climb and gear shop probably Meet leader: <i>Tim Armez</i>	Tel: (01223) 770470
October 1 - 3	Cheshire Sandstone Meet leader: <i>Dave Fleet</i>	Tel: (01733) 898172
October 15 - 17	Lake District meet Meet leader: <i>Clive Osborne</i>	Tel: (01733) 560303
October 29 - 31	Halloween BBQ - at Southorpe Bridge Meet leader: <i>Marr Green</i>	Tel: 0410 410505

Note: Non-members are welcome and encouraged to join us on these events. It is the best time to meet us!

Lifts are normally arranged at the wall on the Tuesday evening before the event.

If you have any queries please contact Dave Bolton-Knight on 0976 740 437.

"Thank you to all the members who took the time to write articles for this issue if your piece has not appeared in this issue it will certainly appear in the next."

Remember PMC web site: www.oaktree.co.uk/pmc