



# CASTLE CHRONICLE #10

**A committee meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This update is to let members know what the club has been up to over the last few months.**



- The weather has been perfect for outdoor activities in early April. Some photos here from climbing, bouldering and walking meets. Please do share photos (if those in them are OK with it!) on WhatsApp, FaceBook or the Message Board. There is a busy Meets schedule to keep you busy all summer and beyond. The full list is available on the website [www.castlemountaineering.com](http://www.castlemountaineering.com)
- Training courses: CMC members have recently had the opportunity to attend First Aid, rope training and Belay courses. Look out for more training courses as they come up.
- The Ceilidh on 22 March was great fun – many thanks to Helen for organising it and for all those who stepped up when Helen was ill and couldn't make it! After covering costs, the event raised £120 for Derby Mountain Rescue Team. Date for your diary for next year - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- There have been a few events held in the Clubroom recently, including slides shows and a very useful session on winter skills. Let Vanda know if you'd like to use the Clubroom for any events.
- Remember to check out the new club T-shirts and hoodies – there are lots of different colour combinations and 3 designs to choose from. The link to order is on this website: <https://vital-living-essentials.teemill.com/collection/castle-mountaineering-club/>
- Information on the Message Board is publicly available, so be mindful that you're only sharing what you are comfortable with sharing. Any queries, email [admin@castlemountaineeringclub.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:admin@castlemountaineeringclub.onmicrosoft.com)

## How to organise an Away Meet

We are developing a guide on how to arrange an Away Meet – whether at a hut, camping, other accommodation – this is being finalised and will be circulated soon. If you have ideas on locations or want to lead a meet (could be a job share), speak to Steve Leather or any of the committee. The majority of Meets are in the UK, but there are also several overseas trips, so plenty of opportunities – remember that CMC is run entirely by its members for the benefit of its members, so do get involved!

## Members and prospective members

There are 129 full members and 12 prospective members of our club. Prospective members can attend meets/activities for up to 3 months (from first face-to-face meeting) and during this time they are covered by the third party liability insurance that we all enjoy through BMC affiliation. This is important – e.g. if your climbing partner is not a member and causes an accident, they would not be covered by this insurance – so it's worth checking they are a member/prospective member. During the 3 months, prospective members will want to get to know people and be looking for existing members to propose and second them. We ask everyone to be proactive and offer to do this – it will make it easier for them and help them feel welcome. If you meet anyone interested in joining, direct them to [www.castlemountaineering.com](http://www.castlemountaineering.com) / "FAQ" tab.