



CASTLE CHRONICLE #11

A committee meeting was held on 11th August 2025. This update is to let members know what the club has been up to over the last few months.

- The timetable of climbing / walking meets on our website is now available up to Christmas and beyond.
- There are also a number of Away Meets scheduled over the next few months. These are a great way to get to know people better, especially if new to the club. Contact the named organiser for more details.
- Meets will only run if members volunteer to lead them. If you have ideas for meets, contact Steve Leather (day meets) or Geoff Nichols (away meets).
- Social / skills sharing events in the clubroom (behind Rising Sun pub, Abbey Lane):
 - **Bouldering:** Weds 3rd September from 6pm – contact Robin Marsh.
 - **How to make a Trad Belay:** Thursday 16th October – contact Geoff Nichols
 - **Bolt threading practice:** Monday 20th October – contact David Pendelbury
 - There are also plans for a Bring and Buy equipment sale / disco – look out for details in due course.
- Eli Shannon has agreed to act as club training co-ordinator. She already has lots of great ideas for training courses / skills-sharing sessions. If you have any ideas or want to help, please contact Eli.
- The club website is now encrypted and you may notice an additional “s” in the full address (“https” instead of “http”). A few members using some web browsers experienced a security warning, so to avoid this problem and improve security for users, the committee decided to buy the relevant certificate.

Help us find next CMC President / new committee members

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 20th November, Geoff Nichols will come to the end of his 3-year term as President. The Committee wants to involve the whole club in identifying someone to take on this key role. If you have a suggestion of fellow members that you think would be suitable (you do not need to approach them beforehand) or if you would like to put yourself forward, please email the name(s) to the Secretary, Bron Robinson (bronhr@gmail.com), by Friday 19th September. The committee will then approach these to discuss further.

The Club is run by its members for its members. Our membership has been steadily increasing (currently 135) and we would very much welcome involvement from newer members in order to help ensure that the club continues to meet everyone’s interests. You can become involved by running or helping at meets or events, or even by joining the committee. If you would be interested in getting involved in any way, or want more information, please email Bron or, if you prefer, speak to any of the current committee (listed on ‘About Us’ page of the website).

Charles Knowles 1933 - 2025

Charles Knowles, long-time member of the Castle Club, died recently aged 92. His funeral was held in Skipton on 21st August and 33 CMC members / past members attended to give him a great send off. The photos below are from his Atlas Grand Traverse trip in 1995 and climbing on the day after his 80th birthday – note the flat cap!

