



CASTLE CHRONICLE #12

It's been a few months since the last Chronicle. So, Happy New Year 2026 to you all, and here's looking forward to some great adventures this year. Meanwhile, a brief update from your committee...



At the November AGM, Geoff Nichols came to the end of his 3-year term as President of the Club. Thanks go to Geoff for all his hard work and dedication over many years as President, Vice President and committee member.

Geoff was presented with a Tam o' Shanter hat in McNichols tartan, to mark his great passion for trips north of the border!



Subscriptions for 2026

You should have received an email from the club email account regarding subscriptions. If you have **not** received this, please first check your Junk folder and then contact Julian Brooks direct (via WhatsApp), and he will re-send. Subs are £40. If you are in more than one BMC affiliated club, you can claim a refund for the BMC part of the cost – more details in the email.

Club survey

Thanks to all of you (approx two thirds of club members) who completed the survey. Steve Leather and team will be analysing the results over the next couple of months. The information you've given will help us to ensure that the club is meeting the needs of its members in terms of meets and activities.

Meets lists

The Jan-Mar Meets List is now on the website, been sent out as a PDF, via WhatsApp and also in a format that you can add to your online diary. Thanks to SteveL, Simon (away meets) and Ali (walking) for finalising such a varied programme, and to all the meet leaders. If you are interested in arranging a local or away meet, please contact Steve or Simon. A lot of time and effort goes into arranging meets, so please check what is available on the official list first and avoid suggesting alternative activities (of the same type) that would clash with an official meet.

New committee

Welcome to the new committee (President: Lorna Nicholson, other committee members: Steve Leather, Bill Boley, Vanda Boyd, Julian Brooks, Liam Davies, Pete Hammond, Robin Marsh, Andrew Milne, Simon Nicholson, Gordon Riley, Bron Robinson, Eli Shannon, Rosie Twambley). Following on from the discussion at the AGM in November regarding BMC Combined Liability Insurance and guests on meets, a working group has been set up to create a Q&A document for members to answer common questions. Members of the committee will also be attending a BMC webinar on insurance in January.

Ceilidh! Saturday 28th March, 7.30pm, St Timothy's Church Hall, S10 1NZ.

Tickets £15.00. Send payment to club bank account. Add surname and number of tickets as reference.

Club Library

A reminder that there is a library of books in the Club Room for use by members. If you are leading an away meet, you can also claim back the cost of guide books/maps etc for use on the trip, and then add them to the library on return. David Pendlebury is the library contact and Bill Boley (Treasurer) for reclaims.