



CASTLE CHRONICLE #13

After what seemed like an awful lot of wet weather at the beginning of the year, we're well into Spring. Here's a brief update from the club committee...



Castle Mountaineering Club's 60th anniversary in 2027



The club was established in October 1967, so 2027 is a "Big 0" birthday! It would be great to mark this occasion with celebratory meets and events. Do you have any ideas? Would you be willing to be part of an organising group? This isn't just for people who have been in the club for years and years, we want to hear from newer members too. (Maybe some of you will be around to celebrate the 100th!) Email admin@castlemountaineeringclub.onmicrosoft.com

New members

Talking about newer members, Spring has seen a real flurry of prospective members. Keep an eye out for new faces and make them welcome. Prospective members are added to the WhatsApp community once they've been on a face-to-face meet and we've met them. If you find someone who is not already on CMC WhatsApp, ask them to email admin@castlemountaineeringclub.onmicrosoft.com and we'll send them the invitation.

Meets lists

Remember that the Meets List is published on the [website](#), sent out as a PDF, via WhatsApp and also in a format that you can add to your online diary. Many thanks to Steve Leather, Simon Nicholson (away meets) and Ali Milne (weekend walking) for producing such a varied programme, and to all the meet leaders. If you are interested in arranging a local or away meet, please contact Steve, Simon or Ali.

Frequently Asked Questions

Following on from the discussion on insurance at the AGM, a working group was set up to look at the BMC Combined Liability Insurance in detail and produce Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). We are fortunate to have club members with significant experience in insurance, legal, risk etc and the group was also joined by a representative from the Peak Climbing Club. The resulting FAQ document, reviewed by the wider committee, is now published on our [website](#). If there are any questions or clarification needed, please email admin@castlemountaineeringclub.onmicrosoft.com and one of the working group will get in touch with you. This document will be reviewed at least annually.

Safety guidelines

The committee is turning its attention to safety and creating a culture of good practice. This includes promoting a culture of open communication, where people feel comfortable to ask questions, check each other when e.g. climbing and challenge constructively where necessary. Also to take self-responsibility, know individual limits and be honest with what they are comfortable/not comfortable with. More details over the next few months.

Ceilidh! Saturday 28th March.

Thanks to Helen and the team for arranging and running another fantastic ceilidh on 28th March. We demonstrated a mixed range of dancing skills(!), but a lot of fun was had by all.

And finally

Some of you may remember Patrick and Mary Peace. Their son Simon recently donated a collection of Mary's Wainright books and other climbing books to the club library. Remember you can borrow books from the library (stored in the Clubhouse) by contacting David Pendlebury.