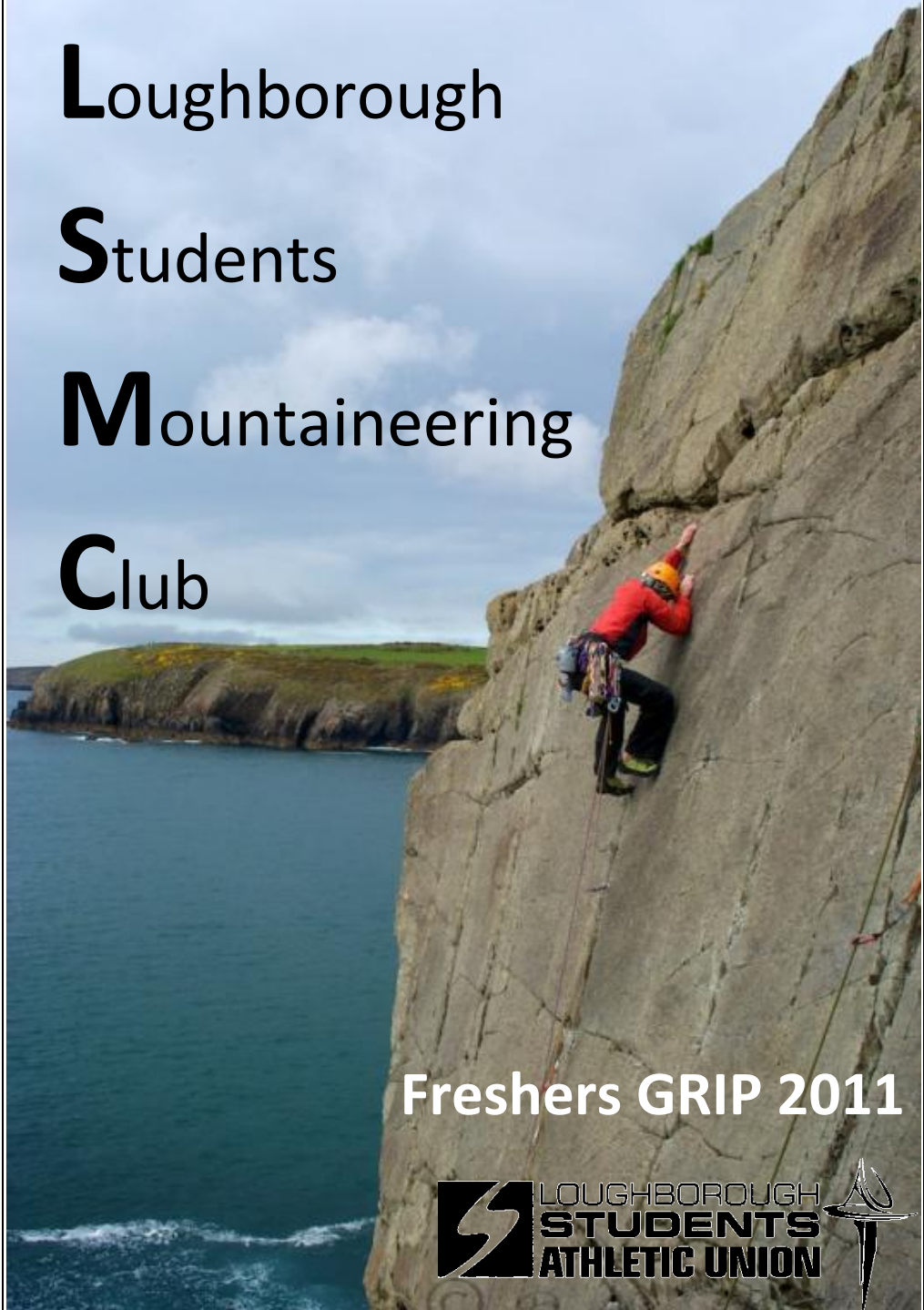


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**Freshers GRIP 2011**



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Freshers GRIP 2011 Edited by Duncan Slator

Many thanks to all for the articles and photos, I hope you enjoy the read and are looking forward to a great year in this fantastic club. See you at the crag!

**Hi Everyone,**

Congratulations! You have managed to join the best club at Loughborough University and you won't be disappointed. This little magazine will give you a short introduction into what we do



as a club; in no way can we tell you how awesome it is to be a member of this club in such a small amount of space. You will just have to come along to one of our sessions to find out how amazing we really are.

There are a few bits of housekeeping that need to be done first and foremost.

Firstly (and probably most important) you **NEED** to fill out our membership form which can be found on the club website. Don't worry it's only short. Steph (the meets sec) will be badgering you massively if you haven't filled it out.

Secondly, come to our first meeting. This will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 1900 in CC013**. It's really important you come to this, for a few reasons.

1. You will get to know everyone in the club. (Including our wonderful committee who are going to be the most important people in your lives for the next few weeks)
2. You can sign up for the day trips! This is the first trip of the year, climbing in the peak district (our closest place to go climbing).
3. It's the probably the best social of the year (not that the others are rubbish, this is just particularly awesome) – the "Roped up Pub Crawl". It's pretty much as it says on the tin; we all get roped together alpine style and travel round campus in the most interesting ways possible. I suggest you don't wear your finest

threads. But please do wear your complimentary t shirts! If you haven't yet managed to get one you can pick one up on the night.

Thirdly, sign up to our wonderful website! It's sexy. It might look like it was built in the late 70's, but its uber cool and where we all hangout when we're not climbing or partying. Get yourself an account, and introduce yourselves! – [www.lsmc.org.uk](http://www.lsmc.org.uk)

### **What do we do?**

We like to climb things, mainly. Normally it's a piece of rock somewhere but sometimes, when the weather is rubbish or time is short, we have been known to pull on plastic. Don't worry if you have never climbed anything in your life I was in the same situation when I first joined the club. We have lots of members with loads of experience so if you need any help, just ask! If you are familiar with the world of climbing, don't worry, there is probably someone in the club that likes the same things as you. Be that bouldering in Fontainebleau, esoteric grit climbing in the rain, climbing big mountains in the Alps, or just sitting in the café moaning about a niggling injury...

There are lots of trips throughout the year that everyone is invited to. These are normally to a mountain range of some kind, or a particularly good climbing location. There is a guide in here somewhere, have a good read and it will tell you all about the wonderful things that we get up to. This however is in no way an exhaustive list of what we do. There are normally people heading out every weekend to go climbing or mountaineering, or something. Some of us dabble in other sports too, including mountain biking, skiing, slacklining, so there are loads of opportunities to have a go at things you wouldn't necessarily otherwise do!

We also have lots of shiny gear that you can borrow too to get you going, which is ace. Nate is the man to talk to about that.

## What do you need?

Not much is the answer; you might have been put off joining because of the perceived cost of mountaineering. But it really doesn't have to cost that much. I remember my first trip with the club... I think I bought myself a rucksack, used a waterproof bought for fieldtrips, nicked a pair of walking boots from my dad and some non jean trousers from a housemate. You do however need a few things that will make your lives easier, and a lot safer.

1. Waterproofs (both jacket and trousers)
2. Suitable footwear (if you don't know what I mean by this ask someone, it's an ambiguous term)
3. Something to carry your stuff in.

I think that's about it from me. I am sure you all have loads and loads of questions. Feel free to email me, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

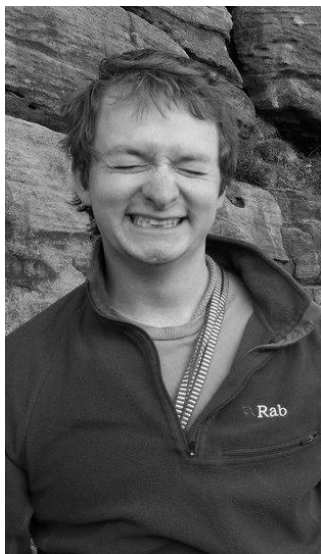
Jools

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**Mountaineering Club 2010-2011**

## Your Committee for 2011/2012



### **Jools O'Neill, Chairman**

Course: PhD in Flood Modelling (Geography)  
3<sup>rd</sup> (ish) Year.

Favourite Climbing Style: Big mountain routes

Best Assent: Kransic Crack Direct HVS 5a

Best Club Moment: Can't think, too many of them but probably Christmas dinner 2008. Drink all night Friday, 3 hours sleep, up at 3.30am, do Striding Edge in winter conditions with the sunrise in the East. Back to the hut by 10am, cook dinner for everyone, party till god knows when. Get out on the hill on Sunday morning. Sleep for a week.

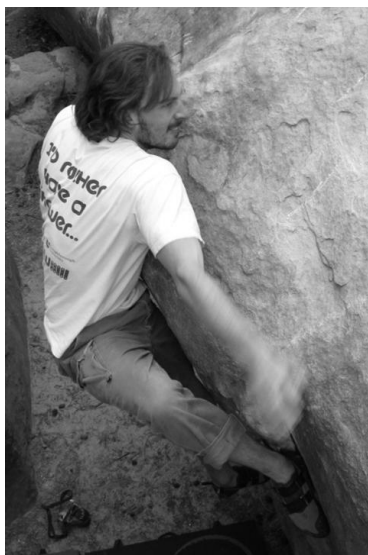
### **Duncan Slator, Secretary**

Course: PhD in Fuel injector design for gas turbines (Aero Auto Eng) 1<sup>st</sup> year

Favourite Climbing Style: Bouldering

Best Assent: Graviton 7a

Best Club Moment: Probably got to be my first trip to Font way back in 2006! It was my first exposure to proper bouldering and what a way to start, some of the best climbing in the world with some amazing people. Climbing, camping, climbing, drinking, climbing, partying... heaven.





## **Steph Bolton, Meets Sec**

Course: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Drama

Favourite Climbing Style: Multi Pitch Routes (on second!) or Sea Cliff Climbing because of the awesome views.

Best Assent: My first lead climbs on Right Route VD and Maud's Garden S 4a at Roaches on the Re-Freshers day trip. Made me smile for days afterwards!

Best Club Moment: Emmm...Tough one!! I loved meeting everyone for the first time at Capel. I loved the fun in the snow at the Christmas Dinner. The cheesy disco at the Annual Dinner was fun, but so was trying my hand at bouldering for the first time in sunny Font and the views whilst sea cliff climbing in Pembroke and Portland were simply amazing! It's too hard to choose, every trip has been awesome in its own way, I recommend going on them all!!

## **Dunk Bottrill, Web Master**

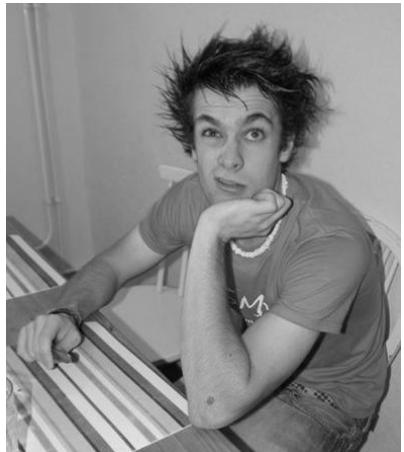
Course: 1st Year Ergonomics

Favourite Climbing Style: Any of it, just happy to be outside

Best Assent: Hasn't happened yet

Best Club Moment: Any of the club trips, it's hard to single out just one

Goal: Get better, much much better!!!



## **Matt Squire, Social Sec**

Course: 5th Year Mechanical Engineering

Favourite Climbing Style: Dogging a route on second or climbing indoors

Best Ascent: Slightly dubious 7a lead at Alter Rock

Best Club Moment: Font; specifically drinking so much *Tin Bucket* (cheap French wine from a plastic container) that I couldn't remove my own shoes and could only be identified by my asymmetric jumper, only to be woken a few hours later somehow now 'in the nude' to be told that I had to drive to Paris.



## **Dan Stephens, Training Sec**

Course: 3<sup>rd</sup> year Automotive Engineering

Favourite Climbing Style: Hmm tough one... If I really had to choose it would probably be sport.

Best Ascent: Trad - Cenotaph corner E1 5c, Sport – Future imperfect 6a+

Best Club Moment: Not really a moment but defiantly Font, the people, the weather, the climbing, the racing through Paris, the wine! Not one to be missed.



## **Tom Rivett, Treasurer**

Course: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Civil Engineering

Favourite Climbing Style: Long mountain routes

Best Club Moment: Got to be Helvellyn via Swirral and Striding Edges in winter conditions, Christmas diner 2010- amazing!



If you need any info on anything feel free to email the relevant committee member on the below addresses. If you're not sure who to ask, badger Jools!

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## Club Trips 2011/2012

Hi Guys ☺

In this article you will find a bit of info about the trips LSMC will be going on this year. Steph will contact you closer to the time of each trip to give you more details, but here are all the basics to give you a rough idea and get you all excited!

There will of course also be plenty of unofficial trips to the peaks and indoor climbing centres throughout the year. All you need to do is get on the forum at the club website ([www.lsmc.org.uk](http://www.lsmc.org.uk) in case you have forgotten already!) and involve yourself.

We look forward to meeting you all soon

Steph and Squire xXx



### Fresher's Day Trips

**Where:** The Peak District (Exact location TBC)

**When:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

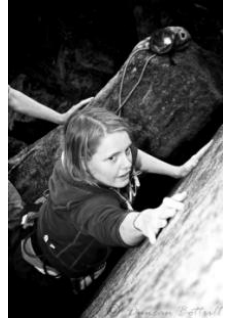


**What:** Outdoor Climbing; Top Ropes, Leading, Bouldering.

The fresher's day trips are the first opportunity to get out climbing and meet new people. If you haven't climbed before it's the perfect introduction to climbing in one of the best areas in England and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to show you the ropes! This is not just a trip for beginners; it's a chance for everyone to get to know each other and enjoy a day out on the crag whatever your ability.

**Cost:** £6

**What to Bring:** All you need is a pair of trainers, a waterproof and a packed lunch. We will provide harnesses, ropes and helmets, but if you do have your own gear, feel free to bring it along.



**Social:** No doubt we will head to the pub afterwards to discuss the day's events along with organising more times to go climbing and generally talk about anything climbing related.

### **Capel Curig**

**Where:** Snowdonia, North Wales – staying in a cosy little hut:  
[www.nlmc.co.uk/barn](http://www.nlmc.co.uk/barn)

**When:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011.



**What:** Walking, scrambling, multi pitch climbing  
- A chance to escape Loughborough for a weekend of outdoor fun in the Welsh hills!

**Cost:** Approx £22 + Food and Drink for the weekend

**Social:** Traditional Halloween dressing up fun and games to get involved with on Saturday night accompanied by some legendary beam wrestling – not to be missed!



## Lakes

**Where:** Lake District – Camping at the Langdales

**When:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**What:** Walking, scrambling, multi pitch climbing.



**Cost:** Approx £26 + Food and Drink for the weekend

**Social:** The evenings on this trip are chilled out, involving a fair few nice cold beers whilst chatting with good mates at the legendary Old Dungeon Gill Pub. Though, this doesn't mean you can't dress up if you want to...

## Christmas Dinner Meet

**Where:** Grassmere, Lake District – The usual well located Dunmail Raise hut.

**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011.



**What:** Walking, scrambling and hopefully some fun in the snow.

**Cost:** Approx £35 + Drink for the weekend (Food is included on this trip)

**Social:** This trip is always a popular one, with a unique dress up theme and fun & games on Saturday night, along with a lovely home cooked Christmas dinner courtesy of the two of us!

## Scotland

**Where:** Scotland

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**What:** Winter Skills Courses

**Cost:** TBC

More details to follow!



## Annual Dinner

**Where:** Llanberis, North Wales - We will be staying in the usual luxurious hut: [www.chamois.org.uk/cmc/](http://www.chamois.org.uk/cmc/)

**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**What:** Walking, scrambling, climbing and possibly some fun in the snow.



**Cost:** Approx £40 (expensive but includes a posh dinner and cheesy disco!)

**Social:** This is always a big trip where lots of ex-members come back and join us. It is a chance to dress to impress in bow ties/pretty little dresses,

and swap your climbing shoes for dancing shoes at the cheesy disco, after a posh three course meal with speeches from the chairman and a guest speaker all hosted at a posh hotel.

## Font

**Where:** Fontainebleau, France

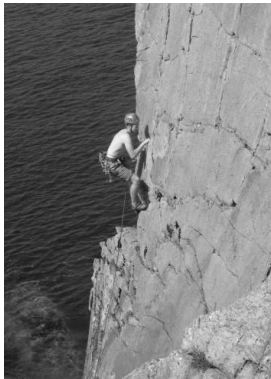
**When:** TBC (First Week of the Easter Holidays)

**What:** World class Bouldering. (Wacky hats and colourful trousers are a must to fit in with the locals!) Sun bathing and siestas on boulder mats in the mid day sun!



**Cost:** Approx £100 + Food and Drink

**Social:** Lots of cheap French Wine available in local supermarkets is the perfect accompaniment to campfire fun and games in the evenings. There is also often the option to go to Paris for the day to give the fingers a rest from the rock.



## Pembroke

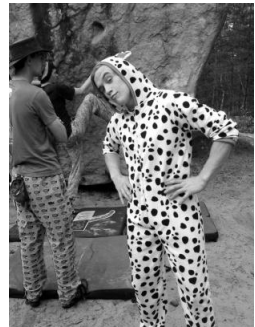
**Where:** St. Davids, Pembrokeshire, Wales

**When:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Bank Holiday weekend)

**What:** Sea Cliff Climbing

**Cost:** Approx £30 + Food and Drink for the weekend

**Social:** Another trip popular with the ex-members so lots of chilling out at the campsite, on the beach or down the local pub. Generally having a few bevs and putting the world to rights.



## **Indoor Climbing Top Trumps**

Indoor walls are a great way to improve your climbing, get fit, meet new people and, most importantly, have fun!

People in the club tend to post visits to walls on the forum on the club website or send a text around, car spaces are usually filled in a 'first come first served' basis.

I'm a big fan of the indoor walls, when work permits I try to go a couple of times a week. - Squire

## **Red Point Birmingham**

Routes Rating	8
Bouldering	8
Shop Rating	6

Wandering and interesting routes (including cracks and a 'stalactite'), beware that a 30m indoor rope might not be quite enough. Bouldering is varied, there's a nice roof with sloping mats which allow for far more moves than the typical bouldering problem. Well-equipped training room if pull-ups and campussing are your bag. Remember to pre-register online to save time filling out forms.

Student Entry	£5.50
Student Offer	£4.50 before 1600
From Lboro	40 mi/50 mins
Postcode	B19 3ST



## The Tower Leicester

Routes Rating	7
Bouldering	6
Shop Rating	5

The cheapest and one of the highest walls around. The bouldering is all on 'Bendcrete' (meant to be like 'real' rock) and in a fairly small area, but usually has some interesting problems. Beware that the vast majority of routes are 'lead' only and the permanent top ropes are on short, very easy routes.

Student Entry	£4.70
Student Offer	£3.20 (off-peak)
From Lboro	12 mi/20 mins
Postcode	LE4 1DS

## Alter Rock Derby

Routes Rating	7
Bouldering Rating	7
Shop Rating	6

Located in an old church (fairly) recently updated to add considerably more walls including some of the best slabs about, has had a reputation in the past for soft grading, greatly improved in more recent times. Setting can be variable, with guest setters including Steve McLure and Zippy.

Student Entry	£7.50
Student Offer	£6.50 Tue+Thu
From Lboro	19 mi/30 mins
Postcode	DE23 8LU





## **Bear Rock Warwick**

Routes Rating	7
Bouldering Rating	4
Shop Rating	N/A

Warwick Uni's answer to the EHB! Consisting of Almost exclusively 'Bendcrete' walls it has a daunting overhanging 'comp' wall, fortunately with a good few juggy routes for the climbing mortals. Beware of the slightly overzealous wall supervisors, this is no place to be missing clips.

Student Entry	£4.60
Student Offer	N/A
From Lboro	40 mi/55 mins
Postcode	DE23 8LU



## **The Foundry Sheffield**

Routes Rating	7
Bouldering	5
Shop Rating	9

Massive lead walls with over 200 routes and dry tooling in winter. Ideal for bailing to if the weather in the peak isn't as you'd hoped, so ideal that everyone does it so it can get busy! Membership also gets you a good discount in the grit gear climbing shop at the wall, the staff are fantastic, the best place I've been to get fitted for a pair of climbing shoes.

Student	£5.00
Student	£4.50 before 1600
From Lboro	60 mi/1hr10
Postcode	S3 8EN



## The Climbing Works Sheffield

Routes Rating	N/A
Bouldering	10
Shop Rating	7

If Carlsberg did bouldering walls, it'd be the climbing works.

Routes to suit all abilities (right up to international standards), fantastic circuits and a great atmosphere. It's just a pity that it's so far from Loughborough.

Student Entry	£6.00
Student Offer	£5.00 before 1600
From Lboro	50 mi/1 hr
Postcode	S8 0UJ

## Nottingham Climbing Centre Nottingham

Routes Rating	6
Bouldering	8
Shop Rating	3

Recently relocated to an old swimming pool and now fully open after a few problems. Slightly dubious English tech grading but with some interesting routes. A pretty tidy lead wall. Home of the Alpkit bouldering league.

With a nice café!

Student Entry	£7.50
Student Offer	£6.00 before 1700
From Lboro	23 mi/35 mins
Postcode	NG7 7FR



## Portland 2011

Before I went to Portland I hadn't been sport climbing, however I was promised good things and decent weather. We drove down on to Dan Stephens' on a Saturday in July. If you ever find your way to Dan's house, he is quite obliging in showing you around his cows with the highlight being his massive bullock. Following a wonderful evening in Dan's caravan listening to dubstep, in silence we travelled down to Portland, a small island-peninsular thing off the south coast.



We arrived at the campsite, pitched our tent and prepared to go climbing. After an awkward descent to the bottom of some cliffs we set about climbing some big rocks. Having never been sport climbing before, I had to be taught to tie off at the top of my first route. We all completed our first route and went in search of another along with somewhere to sit on relax as the sun had come out leaving it too warm to put any serious effort into climbing. The temperature was the main reason we spent most of the holiday relaxing on rocks enjoying the scenery. It also allowed a wonderful opportunity for me, Dan, and Dunk to dive in to the sea and destroy our feet on the incredibly sharp rocks.

The days on rocks were only a small part of what was done at Portland as we spent the evenings drinking Cervezas and reciting our favourite dubstep lyrics such as Wom Wom Wom 1 Wom, that's a classic...

The following day, most of us got up at about 8am to go for a bit of a climb apart from John, he was up from about 5am sitting in a chair outside because he's a mong. We spent the second day in the same location as the first trying to find a rock which turned out to be below average. Meaning when it began to rain we were quick to leave it and head back to the campsite to do a bit of chillaxing. We ate some dinner and then headed back out in the improved weather to do a bit more climbing and drinking on the cliff face.

The third day brought improved weather that we felt was too good to permit too much climbing so we took the opportunity to do some maxin' and relaxin'. Rain came again later and we decided that it would not be ideal to be stuck out so we headed back to the campsite to eat some fajitas.



The penultimate day included yet more climbing and yet more sunbathing this time with the introduction of ice creams. Luckily, we had Gazza, friend of the people, to translate the language of the local people to help direct us to an ice cream shop.

When we arrived back at the campsite, it was the final night and we decided that it was the time to use all of our leftover food in a massive vat of pasta, which we finished expertly.

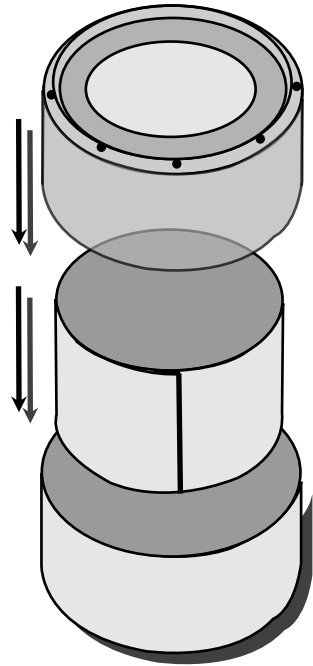
The day of going home included many wonders including some bouldering and a final trip to the pub. Still nothing could beat the excitement the rest of the group showed when I told them that the Netherlands produces a large amount of vegetables in purpose built greenhouses...

Thanks,

Gyro

## Super Cheap Alcohol Stove

1. Cut two coke cans in half
2. Take the two bottom parts for the top and the bottom of the stove
3. Stick holes in the top part and a big hole in the middle, leave the bottom part as it is
4. Make a ring out of one of the tin cans and place it between the top and the bottom part
5. Press both parts together with the ring in the middle
6. Fill it with a spirit of your choice and light it. (white spirit works better than beer)
7. Wait for the jets to burn



**Phil**



## Pembrokeshire 2011



The club's annual trip to the Pembrokeshire coast line was unusual this year. The spring bank holiday fell within the University vacation period, and Kate 'n Wills had kindly gifted us an extra day to play with. Logistics were a bit of a nightmare as people were coming from all over the country, but we all managed to get to the campsite in one piece. Just. Dan G managed to side swipe his newly acquired pickup truck into a bridge in front of a pub full of Thursday evening drinkers with only real casualty was Dan's ego (and a couple of panels!).

I should probably explain to the uninitiated amongst you exactly how good the coast line of Pembrokeshire is for climbing. In fact, I don't really think I can. It has to be seen / climbed to be believed. Seriously. There is so much quality climbing in the most beautiful locations, you could spend your life there. As a club we frequent the Northern section of coastline which boasts some of the easier climbing, though with the cliffs of the South being less than an hour away it really is a wicked location for everyone. If you're reading this thinking "Hmmm... I am really busy this year, but would love to go climbing" you should come on this trip.



Saturday came and saw the age old invasion of Porth Clais, with several ex-members completing their only lead climb of the year – Red Wall. The rest of the weekend went down an absolute treat with loads of people

getting loads of top class climbing done. As chairman I started to get a bit worried on Saturday evening when Lubor and Dan Heath weren't back at the campsite by the time it was dark. Turns out they had been beasting it up in South Pembroke on some pretty hard stuff. They got up and did it all again on Sunday.

By the time Monday came round it was obvious lots of people were feeling the effects of climbing for 3 days straight with little sleep and lots of alcohol. Some people decided to pop down to the South Pembroke on the way back to the 'boro and tick some of the classic routes down there.



While some of us decided to explore a new location for LSMC in the Forest of Dean: Symond's Yat rock. The climbing was pretty awesome. Myself and Darren managed to rack up a couple of ascents of Long Stone Pinnacle, which is a cool piece of rock being totally separate from the main crag. We both managed to also rack up a serious number of "dingle points" between us that day as well.

Dingle points are awarded for being "a great big tit". We've all had our moments, though some seem to have more than others. First up Darren managed to leave one of his shoes on top of the pinnacle. So that required a third ascent of the needle, though perhaps he just used it as a good excuse to get another route in? While that was going on I decided to wander about and round up the troops and start to head on back to Loughborough. I was doing well, till I said I'd go back and find some people chilling out near the car park... well I managed to get pretty disorientated. I knew I had to follow the red sign posts back to the car park. To cut a long story short I made it back to the car park before lots of other people, but I didn't go the most direct route. I won't embarrass

myself and tell you exactly how concerned I got at points of my journey. Though Squire probably still has the texts...

Anyway, it was all good and we all made it back to Loughborough in time for a late dinner and a few hours kip before work the next day. Wicked weekend, one of the best I reckon.

Jools

Chairman



## An Alternative Annual Dinner

At last year's annual dinner Jack set out on the first day for what he thought would be an enjoyable day on the hill with some friends. What happened was a different story! Jack takes up the tale...

"Firstly, it's a route I had read about in various guides as being a good day out in the mountains, with sustained scrambling. I had, however, not looked at the route in any great detail elsewhere, not queried the accuracy of the guidebook's time guidance. This was a big failure on my part, especially considering it was a long committed route which I intended on leading on sight with 2 companions whom placed their trust in my judgment. For those of you that have access to the Snowdonia scrambles guidebook, the route is entitled Carnedd Ugain Expedition, combining routes 31, 32 and 33. Myself and Steve decided that we would do the route on Friday evening and that we should go as two parties, with



the intention of getting a couple of new members out onto some rock for a great day out.

We began the day at 9am, parking my car at the Cromlech boulders and walking up Cwm Glas Mawr at a perhaps a little

slow (for me) but steady pace. By the time Mary, Emily, and I reached the waterfall, had taken on some food and water and waited for Steve and Chris to arrive it was 11am. We crossed the coire to the base of the first scramble, Cynr Las, Grade 3, 150m. The rock was visibly wet and slippery so lead up the first short section and brought up Mary and Emily. After this we moved together, placing gear as I saw fit and assisting Emily and Mary up some of the more hazardous sections. As we progressed I was aware that Emily was not particularly confident moving over the terrain as

quickly as I was. Considering her relative inexperience, particularly on multi pitch routes, this perhaps should have sent some alarm bells ringing. Emily had also injured her thumb slightly and was in some discomfort but she powered through! The fact that we were a group of 3 merely added to the time taken to progress.

At the top of the first scramble we walked up to the base of The Parson's Nose, 75m Diff. I recall it taking us just over an hour to complete the first section, 15 minutes behind the guidebook. On the guidebook, I estimated it would take us 3 hours to get to the summit. It took us 7 hours. I led up and brought Emily up. Mary followed, leading on Steve's rope and then threw the rope back down to Steve. Steve led it and brought up Chris. All this waiting around for Steve and Chris took up precious time. We probably sacrificed 1 hour in total to move as one group.

After this, we abseiled down the bad step to the base of the third scramble, the Clogwyn y Person Arête. Steve decided that he and Chris would abseil down into Cwm Glas. At this point it was 2.30 I should have followed Steve's example and taken us down, the majority of the route was still ahead of us. I was not thinking. I was stupid. I'm struggling to find a superlative. We waited for Steve and Chris to ab off. Mary collected the tat and we continued. The scrambling on the arête was challenging, some sections even I would have roped up for whatever the situation. We continued to move together and time was marching on, the light was starting to fade, I was struggling to find a route which I was happy my partners could follow me up and at one particular shoulder we spent 45 minutes on 3 different routes before further progress could be made. The



scrambling continued and we eventually finished at 6pm. It took us 3.5 hours; the guidebook said 45 minutes...It was dark now. I gave Emily my head torch and I used the moonlight to guide my path. I ought to have made sure Emily had a head torch before we left the hut.

We continued over the remainder of Crib Goch in the snow and summited Carnedd Ugain at 8pm. It was a slow walk down the Pyg Track, using whatever methods we could to avoid slipping on the snow and slippery rocks. We stayed roped up all the way down so we stayed together. We did lose the path for a short while but regained it. At this point I had been in contact with Jools, Steve, Phil and John to update our progress and indefinitely pushed back our ETA from 7pm, to 8, to 9, and finally to our arrival at 10, only 5 hours late! This was, in part, me trying to fool myself that we were a lot closer than we were from home and to keep the girls in good spirits. This was not especially helpful to Phil who was waiting at Pen y Pass for us. The man even started to walk up to us in his dinner jacket. What a legend!



I was tremendously embarrassed, and borderline emotional, but most relieved to reach the hotel, get some food in and have a good laugh at my own expense over a few drinks with my very dear friends in this club.

Looking back I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Phil for picking us up and the others whom we were in contact with during our descent, to John for staying sober just in case; but most especially to my climbing partners Emily and Mary. To my amazement and delight Emily remained chirpy throughout and Mary, though visibly disgruntled by 9pm was equally sparkling all day. Great effort guys. We had fun! Much love, *Jack x*”

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