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Dave Button, Club Secretary

Welcome to the first Club Newsletter of 2023, dedicated to bringing you up to date with what's happening around the club.

The new Club Committee has settled in, with a great deal of help from the outgoing Committee members - thanks to all for your support!

New Committee members are myself, Dave Button - Club Secretary, Steve Moore - Treasurer, Rob Lillywhite - Trips, Fergus Norrie and Moises Muguerza - Wall, Eva Fogg - Membership, Tony Smith - Social, Ken Mitchell - Press and Media and two non-portfolio committee members Adam Baker and Ben Reynolds.. As time goes on we will all become familiar faces, meet us at the climbing wall, on an outdoor trip or at the pub on Wednesday!

It's only April, but there is already plenty going on. We had a great first outdoor trip to the Wye Valley, closely followed by a full hut in the Peak District at Easter. New ropes have been installed at St Nicholas Park Climbing Wall, and the social calendar has kicked off with a trip to the Banff Film Festival. There is plenty more in the pipeline, so read on for the details,

Enjoy your climbing!

Dave



Fergus Norrie and Moises Muguerza, Wall Secretaries

What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon! Plenty of volunteers came along to St. Nicks on 2nd April to help install new ropes for the club.

Fergus was "lead" with Moises and kept everyone focussed on the job, while everyone else pitched in with installing new ropes and setting new routes on the wall. Steve, being treasurer, made sure he got climbing value from the investment, and took three ropes up at a time! We all marvelled at how smooth the new ropes are, a massive improvement and sure to improve the wall experience for everyone

To encourage you to spend even more time at the wall, two new codes are available to pre-pay climbs. Ten packs of climbs can now be bought for only £42.50 using the code **WS10P**. Junior packs are also available for £23, code **JWS10P**.





2023 TRIPS PROGRAMME

DATES	AREA
29 APR - 1 MAY	PEAK DISTRICT
6 - 8 MAY	LLANGOLLEN
27 MAY - 3 JUN	FORT WILLIAM
10 - 11 JUN	WYE VALLEY
24 - 25 JUN	PEAK DISTRICT
15 - 16 JUL	SWANAGE
4 - 5 AUG	GOWER
26 - 28 AUG	NORTH WALES
9 - 10 SEP	PEAK DISTRICT (ROACHES)
30 SEP - 1 OCT	AVON GORGE / GOBLIN COMBE
14 - 15 OCT	PEAK DISTRICT (LIMESTONE)
21 - 28 OCT	COSTA BLANCA
25 - 26 NOV	NORTH WALES

Rob Lillywhite, Trips Secretary

Our first trips to the Wye Valley in March and the Peak District over Easter were well attended, with good weather breaks and great climbing for all.

If you are new to outdoor climbing, I would encourage you to come along to the next Peak District trip at the end of April, or the Wye Valley trip in June. Have a look at Ken's "first time outdoor climbing" article in this issue and come along - they will be great fun!

The second half of the year extends the club trips to Wales, the Avon gorge and the south coast. These are excellent destinations with great scenery and many options for climbing.

Our end of year traditional "Sun and Rock" trip will be to Spain this year, please decide early if you do want to come along, as this will fill up quickly and flights will need to be booked well in advance.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT

Steve Moore, Treasurer

The Club now has a new bank account for all payments from Club members, the details are below:

Lloyds Bank

Account: 53835168

Sort Code: 30-99-50

Please change all your online payment details,

The old bank account will be closed soon. There is a short overlap period; after that I don't know where your money will go!



OUTDOOR CIMBING FOR BEGINNERS

Ken Mitchell, Press and Media Secretary

I always wanted to try outdoor climbing, ever since I started, but didn't know how to go about it. With the first club trip to Wye Valley this year I was persuaded to give it a go - and I'm glad I did.

Fergus gave me a shopping list of extras for the first time outdoor climber - a climbing helmet, 2 x karabiners, a sling and a length of cord to make a Prusik, all duly purchased from Lockwoods (with a club discount of course).

Turning up at Symonds Yat with all my gear I was pleased to be paired up with Rob and Alan, who coached me through my first outdoor rock climbing routes. The great thing is the freedom to use whatever holds you can find! I also discovered that my "climbing head" became a lot more determined to solve the problems and make progress upwards. I found the routes challenging, but learned a massive amount about using all that gear - and lots about nuts, abseiling (with a Prusik!) and most importantly how to stay safe in the outdoors.

The highlight of Symonds Yat for me was the Pinnacle and the "Vertigo" route - an awesome climb to the top and you can see how much fun that was in the photos.

If you're thinking about a trip outdoors this year I can only say "go for it", the club will look after you and you'll have a great time, Try the next Peak District or Wye Valley trips, beginners are encouraged to come to one, or both!





2023 SOCIAL EVENTS

Tony Smith, Social Secretary

We all like to climb as a group and socialise, certainly one of the highlight of the Wednesday wall nights at St. Nicks is the regular pub event afterwards.

Feel free to come along and meet up with other club members for any of these social events - all welcome!

On **May 20th**, St. John's House in Warwick are hosting a Beer, Gin and Cider Fayre, celebrating local brewers and distillers in the historic gardens.

A Sunday wall session is planned for **June 20th**, hopefully good attendance at the wall and also the pub garden will be open afterwards.

Save **September 2nd** for the 30th Harbury Beer Festival, and **September 24th** for a late summer Sunday wall and pub session.

A break in October, then **November 11th** for a bouldering and social trip to the Creation Climbing Centre in Balsall Heath - the Midlands biggest centre!

December 8th is our club Christmas Curry event, always well attended by club members.

Finally, the Annual Dinner will be held in January 2024, save the date while the ideal venue is located for **January 24th-26th**.

Enjoy the social calendar!

Tony

St. John's House Beer, Gin and Cider Fayre

Admission £3, advance tickets available from Eventbrite

Harbury Beer Festival

Venue Harbury Village Hall

Creation Climbing Centre

www.creationwall.co.uk

Complete an online membership form, £3.75 membership and £10.25 admission

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

We hope you enjoyed the first newsletter of 2023!

Feel free to get in touch with the committee, in person or via the club email below:

clubsec@warwickclimbingclub.co.uk

Get in touch for anything related to the club, it's organisation, day to day matters, the annual general meeting.

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For any queries or issues related to your membership or to introduce new members to the club

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Contact for news and events that you want to share with the rest of the club, including trip reports and photos.

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Set up a social event or for any queries on the social calendar

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For bank account details, payment codes or other financial queries

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For anything related to the setup or running of the wall at St. Nicks, queries relating to pre-payment for wall climbing

Next Edition: Climbing in the Avon Gorge, Social Update for July, Weekend Wall Reports