



Official Newsletter of the Sussex Mountaineering Federation. The views expressed in the Newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the club or of the editor.

Editors Ramble.

Without wishing peoples lives away too quickly, I wonder if I can train your thoughts to 2018; Why ??, well it will be the 50th anniversary of Smf!. The thinking is to make it a reunion dinner at the venue that has played such a major roll in the history of SMF dinners, The Royal Victoria at Llanberis of course. To be able to book our traditional date of late February we should be considering contacting them soon. The date helps us to obtain the best possible price being out of season. Now !!, do **you** think that this is a good idea or have you any alternative suggestions ?. If you think yep lets go for it then could you contact Clive and let him know that you hope to be able to attend and how many. You will be aware by now that when making a booking the first question the hotel asks is "for how many", they need to reserve the appropriate number of rooms. Next is if you are thinking along these lines; how many people are you in contact with still that you can persuade to come along ?. Let us have their current addresses and we will send them the details nearer the date.

A guy called McHaffie you may have read of is putting up new climbs to the grade of 9.6c wow !! can't even imagine it let alone thinking of climbing it!. However thats not the point , this same guy is to open a cafe in Llanberis to rival Petes Eats !!. McHaffies cafe floats off the tongue doesn't it. Petes can get rather crowded even with the extension on a miserable day, so will wait and see how successful the venture may be.

For those considering the French or Swiss alps this year, you may care to know that Mountain Drop Offs (the bus that picks you up at Geneva Airport and takes you to a number of climbing destinations for £29.00 each way) now operates all year round. Must pre-book.

Several of us attended a slide lecture by Simon Yates at the Little Theatre venue in Lewes. Entitled "My Mountain Life" it explored apparently reluctantly how he become involved in the world of climbing. He explained his feelings at the time of the Touching the Void incident. I think that one or two of us are glad that he wasn't a climbing partner of ours!. His slides were interesting but not of a high standard, however this may have been due to the enlargement by the theatre equipment.

We have received a welcome communication from Tony and Suzanne Evison, They are currently holidaying in Tenerife. Tony attempted the ascent of Mount Teide but turned back before reaching the summit due to altitude sickness, Teide is 3718mts so reaching the summit is a tall order.

Hope to see you all soon, Best wishes Frank Edwards (Editor)

Cover Picture

Dolomites via ferata taken on previous SMF trip in 2009 by Peter Berry.

Remaining meets for 2016

23 - 27 June	Bishops Castle Shropshire
09 July	SMF BBQ
21 - 24 July	Preston Kent
22 - 29 August (Bank Holiday)	Twice Brewed, Northumberland. Hadrians Wall.
22 - 25 September	Cheddar
20 - 23 October	Camping Barn at Brompton on Swale, Yorkshire
24 - 27 November	Little Willies Camping Barn, Ogwen, North Wales
03 December	Christmas Social

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SMF BBQ.

At time of going to print am not sure of the cost, but usually it is around £6.00 mark. Let Paul know soonest so that he is able to plan the food. Bring your own drink and a glass, 2 plates and k.f &s, a chair if poss, and donate a dessert to the pool.

See above for Pauls contact details.

Report on the Buckfastleigh/Dartmoor meet.

Attending:- Peter Berry, Frank Edwards, Clive Jackson, Paul Giles

Camping at the wonderful site at Churchill Farm, we made the most of the wonderful weather with two different walks on the Moor. The first took us through some ancient tin mines, after

investigating "The Scout Hut" which we learnt is now in the hands of the Royal Navy and used for training purposes . Later we explored the old farm house that had been used to film "War Horse". The trail from here returned us to the car park where Clive was waiting having done some exploring of his own. The second day we took as a rest day driving down to Slapton Sands and viewing the "Tank" memorial to the many American soldiers who were killed here during a war time exercise that went drastically wrong when caught by several German E Boats.

The next walk on the moor took us to Bellever Tor and Laughter Tor, one section of the walk took us through an amazingly attractive valley, a deserted farm and fields thick with blue bells. Eventually we arrived at Waters Meet for a welcome pot of tea and delicious coffee cream cake. Personally I was by then Shattered !!. Frank.

Hastings Rock & Fell Club Programme.

16 - 19 June	Great Langdale, Lake District.
23 June	Committee Meeting
26 June	Sunday Walk, approx 8 - 9 miles, Take packed lunch
22 - 24 July	Peak District, Hardhurst Farm Camp site.
13 August	Beach BBQ.
19 - 21 August	Camping A5, North Wales
26 - 29 August	Ladies Weekend, Palace Farm Camp site, Doddington
23 - 25 September	Cornwall, Tower Park Camp Site
01 November	HRFC AGM
12 November	Annual Dinner
25 - 27 November	North Wales, staying Tyn Lon, in Nant Peris
04 February 2017	Annual Winter Scottish trip.

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Ruth has just walked the entire length of Hadrians Wall, taking her six and a half days which is good going. A group of 10/12 SMF members did a section of it a few years back and it is a very attractive area and even more interesting if you are interested in archaeology. Well done Ruth.