

## WMC Newsletter - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### What's been happening lately ...

**Scottish Mountaineering:** Andy, Paul G and Den had a great week in Scotland. This photo shows the approach to Devil's Ridge part of the Ring of Steall, a classic mountain walk in the Mamores hills between the Ben Nevis range and Glencoe. This turned out to be the best day of the trip with a cloudless sky, light winds and a few sporty little sections for added interest. A truly Alpine day.



**Snowdonia:** Heather and Lizzie took advantage of the half term break to head for the Welsh mountains for some fantastic walking, gorgeous weather, and some beautiful moments of reflection ... check out the photo! There's even some never before seen evidence of Lizzie climbing in February! ;-)

**Walls, walks and wheels:** In addition to the regular weekly climbs at Martley and Vertical Limit, there have been a few trips over to Warwick and Gloucester. People have been out doing their own thing, up in the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains. Word on the hill is that Maisy seconds nicely as a hot water bottle when wild camping in sub-zero temperatures! Wayne and the boys completed 'Mud-runner Ice-breaker' in the late February sunshine ... brrrr!



**Congratulations:** Well done to Lizzie on securing a new teaching job in the Peak District starting next September. We'll all miss having you around Lizzie, but it is great news. Just remember when house hunting that you need a second bedroom to convert into a bunk room (four bunks should be fine) and a garden with enough space to pitch a couple of tents. Oh and you may need a second loo ... you don't want long queues in the morning delaying the departure time for The Roaches!

## What's coming up soon ...

**Spanish hot rock:** Andy, Paul G, Ian T, Ian A, Den and Pam fly off to the climbing mecca of Calpe on 16<sup>th</sup> March. They are planning a big multi-pitch day out, along with crag days and some ridge and gorge walking. Have a great time guys ... make sure you bring little Pammy back without any injuries – she has a big year ahead!

**Pembrokeshire in April:** Won't be long before we start planning the Pembrokeshire meet, then we'll all really feel that the year is underway. Watch out for an email from Heather with further information in the coming weeks.

**BRMC meets:** BRMC have a new members' weekend up at their Tremadoc hut from 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April. WMC members are welcome to go along too - they promise not to poach WMC members ... as if they could!

## Later meets ...

**Stanage (July):** Provisional numbers look like being around 15 for Friday night and 21 for Saturday night, with a few other people maybe joining just for one day. The [Thorpe Farm bunkhouse](#) has been booked for 16 people for both nights. Final numbers will be confirmed closer to the date – then we can book a few extra bunks if needed or pitch a couple of tents. Whilst many people will be heading straight for the crags, there's plenty of fantastic walking in the area for the non-climbers - so get in touch if you want to come along too.

**A summer Alpine trip?** Andy has asked that anyone interested in a summer trip to the Alps should get in touch with him. We could maybe have a combined trip with BRMC if anyone's keen.



## Membership List

The membership list has been sent off to the BMC – we currently have 35 members. Welcome to new members who have joined the club in the last month: Neil Gladwyn, Ady Lane, Andrew Leeming and Jon Stearn. It should be an exciting, fun year ahead!

## Anchor this Thursday

Hope to see as many of you as possible down the Anchor this Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March). A chance to wish the Spanish explorers well before they depart; to hear all about the Scottish trip and Heather and Lizzie's Snowdonia weekend; to plan what to do this weekend; and generally have a good old gossip!

