



## **EDINBURGH JMCS NEWSLETTER / SPRING 2005**

### **Summer mid-week meets 2005**

Please note the wet weather alternative will again be Ratho this summer. As usual the number and quality of mid-week venues is quite limited, but this summer, I have included a couple of 'new venues' in East Lothian (for which the new Lowland Outcrops is required)

#### **Guide Books**

For all meets except Dunkeld, Kylee and Bowden Doors the relevant guide book is Lowland Outcrops (New edition recommended). For Dunkeld, you need Highland Outcrops, and for the Northumbrian venues, The Northumberland Climbing Guide (New edition also available).

Please feel free to contact Patrick Winter, by phone 0131 440 3183 or email [patrick.climber@virgin.net](mailto:patrick.climber@virgin.net) for any information regarding these venues e.g. usual pub venue following the meet.

Thanks are due to Tom and Beryl Leatherland for providing tide-tables.

4 May	Hawkcraig Low Tide 19.10
11 May	Craigy Hill (E. Lothian)
18 May	Auchinstarry
25 May	Rosyth Quarry
1 June	Traprain
8 June	Berry Hill - Northumberland
15 June	Dunkeld
22 June	North Berwick Law Quarry
29 June	Kylee - Northumberland
6 July	Dunkeld
13 July	Bowden Doors -Northumberland
20 July	Hawkcraig Low Tide 20.45
27 July	Traprain
3 August	Rosyth Quarry
10 August	Craigy Hill (E. Lothian)
17 August	Hawkcraig Low Tide 19.38
24 August	Traprain
31 August	Hawkcraig Low Tide 20.04
7 September	Salisbury Crags (followed by meal)

## Summer weekend meets 2005

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<b>When</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Notes</b>
13-15 May	Weekend	Arran – Camping	Campsite at Glen Rosa or wild camping further up the valley. Our last camping meet here was a wash out, but surely history will not repeat itself!
4-6 June	Weekend	Glencoe – Lagangarbh Hut	6 Places 5ppn
1-4 July	Long Weekend	Skye – Glenbrittle Memorial Hut	8 Places £5ppn A very popular venue for those walking and climbing in Skye.
22-24 July	Weekend	Cairngorms – Camping at the Shelterstone	Zealots, welcome to walk in on Friday night. I suggest however staying at Jocks and setting off early on Saturday morning. Wet weather alternative – Huntly's Cave.
13-15 August	Weekend	Ben Nevis –CIC Hut	6 Places (more quite possible) £5ppn
2-4 September	Weekend	Torridon –Ling Hut	6 Places (more quite possible) £5ppn
16-19 September	September Weekend	North Wales – Cae'r Fran lanberis	8 Places £4ppn The last meet here was very successful!
30 September-2 October	Weekend	Lake District Raw Head Hut Langdale	6 Places £5ppn

<b>When</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Saturday 29 October	Day only	Borders or Trossachs Mountain Bike Outing	Numbers - the more the merrier! Details to be confirmed on web in October

### **Winter Season Meets Reports 2004/2005**

#### **Inbhirfhaolin 17/18 December 2004**

Cancelled due to mix up with the keys!

#### **Muir of Inverey 7/8 January**

Ruth Love, Lorraine McCall (guest), Robert Fox, Kenny Wright, Patrick Winter, Stewart Bauchop, Davy Virdee, Neil Cuthbert

Wild weather on both days so no climbing but an opportunity for munro-bagging and avalanche test practice.

Saturday: Robert and Kenny climbed Creag an Lochain and Carn Creagach above Glen Ey. All others headed to Lochnagar. The strong winds impeded progress past the col so we took the opportunity to practice a 'walking Rutschblock test' on the slopes of Meikle Pap.

Sunday: Robert and Kenny took a short stroll up Carn na Criche and Carn na Drochaide above Linn of Quoich. The cloud base was just above the summits but less windy and dry all day. Stewart and Patrick made an ascent of Carn a'Mhaim in pretty wild conditions. Stewart described it as 'long day, sore legs'. Patrick said the navigation practice was useful and the GPS came in handy. Davy and Neil climbed Glas Maol and Creag Leacach from Glen Shee in similar conditions to those experienced by the other parties. Ruth and Lorraine had to head home early on Sunday.

(Neil Cuthbert)

#### **The Smiddy 28/29 January**

Robert Fox, Bob McGregor, Francis Winter, Patrick Winter

Blustery, wet and mild conditions prevailed during this meet.

Saturday: Francis and Patrick climbed an easy angled snow gully in Toll an Lochain to get on the ridge and then descended via Sail Liath, having decided that it was too windy to attempt a traverse of the Corrag Bhuide pinnacles. Meanwhile Robert and Bob had also been aiming for An Teallach, but they too decided against a traverse because of high winds

Sunday: the weather was no better, but undeterred Robert and Bob climbed Ben Liath Mhor Fannaich. Francis and Patrick headed home falling foul of a speed camera at Ballinluig.

(Patrick Winter)

### **Blackrock Cottage 18/19 February**

Susan Jensen, Ruth Love, Stewart Bauchop, David Small, Linda Corlett, Robert Fox, Bryan Rynne, Francis Winter, Patrick Winter, Thomas Beutenmuller

We were blessed with much better weather and conditions for this meet, but a little more ice would have been welcome as many of the routes in the valley were a bit thin.

Saturday: Ruth and Thomas climbed Glover's Chimney (III) on Ben Nevis. Susan and Stewart with Francis and Patrick headed for Stob Coire Nam Beith. Susan and Stewart climbed The Gash (IV,4) on Bidean Nam Bian, while Francis and Patrick plumped for Arch Gully (III) on Stob Coire Nam Beith. David and Linda made an ascent of Creise via a sporting gully while Robert went hill walking.

On Sunday David and Bryan ascended Vixen Gully (I) in Sgor na h-ulaidh. Susan and Stewart plodded up to Stob Coire Nan Lochan and climbed Pinnacle Buttress Groove (III). Ruth and Thomas headed home whilst the others enjoyed 'leisurely walks, coffee and cleaning up the hut'.

Altogether a very successful meet and well attended.

(Patrick Winter)

### **Ling Hut 4/5 March**

Ruth Love, Eddie Gillespie, Thomas Beutenmuller, Stewart Bauchop, Patrick Winter

The highlands of Scotland had been in the grip of a cold snap in the weeks preceding this meet and all sorts of routes, which rarely come into condition, were being climbed, especially in the North West.

Saturday: Ruth, Stewart and Patrick climbed Emerald Gully (IV,4) on Beinn Dearg. GPS technology was deployed in the lengthy descent and homeward march, but was of little use when the path was blocked by a mass of fallen trees uprooted by the January gales. This had given some trouble on the outward journey, which we approached with good humour. On return in the dark however, tired and hungry it rapidly became more than a joke and it must have taken about an hour, although it felt like an eternity before our ill tempered and dishevelled group emerged from the mire. Eddie and Thomas meanwhile climbed March Hare's Gully (IV,4) on Beinn Bhan.

Sunday: No one felt disposed towards any more climbing on so a leisurely trip home was made with a stop for lunch at the new café above the Mountain Sports shop in Aviemore.

(Patrick Winter)

### **CIC Hut 25/26 March**

Ruth Love and Eddie Gillespie

Saturday: Ruth and Eddie climbed Tower Ridge in summer conditions (snow only on eastern traverse and in fallen-block chimney) and descended by Ledge route.

Sunday: visit to the climbing wall at the Ice Factor then return home.

(Ruth Love)

## **Events and Information**

### **AGM and Annual Dinner 2005**

The 2005 Edinburgh JMCS AGM and Annual Dinner will be held at the Atholl Arms Hotel in Blair Atholl on Saturday 19 November. More information on the hotel is available on their web site (<http://www.athollarmshotel.co.uk/>).

The cost for a double room will be £60 per couple. Single rooms are available at £40 per person. Dinner is £20 per person.

Please book directly with the hotel and inform Brian Finlayson that you will be attending. The after dinner speaker will be confirmed nearer to the time.

### **Pub nights**

The monthly pub nights at Kays Bar are no longer well supported, so the committee has decided to suspend this arrangement with immediate effect.

There are other opportunities to visit the pub after a meet, in particular after the mid-week climbing nights and the autumn/winter slide shows.

If anyone is particularly unhappy with this decision, there will be an opportunity to raise it at the AGM.

### **Jock Spots**

An update on the situation regarding Jock Spots will be circulated to members separately.

### **New email address**

Please note that Pat Buchanan's email address is now:

patbuchana@yahoo.co.uk