

THE MEMBERS

Members are what make a club. This may seem like stating the obvious, but really one should go further and say that the members are the club and the club consists of the members: the two are indivisible. The club has no separate existence in itself.

At the start, all the early members are significant players: they are what gives a club its initial flavour. Subsequent members all contribute to this flavour, of course, even the quieter ones, while some make a significant and lasting impression. Some stay, and some go, but they are all remembered. Applying the "four half-crowns" rule in respect of the earlier years, and hoping that no-one has been missed, the roll-call is as follows:

1967:

Penny Wilson. Co-founder of the GMC, along with Les Fowles and John Huxley and for a while its only female member. Committee Member 1968. Believed to be living in Stroud, but last contact was in 1977.

Les Fowles. Co-founder of the GMC, along with Penny Wilson and John Huxley. Club Secretary 1967 and 1968, 1971-1981; House Secretary 1982-1998. One of the four Trustees of the GMC. Active walker (Lyke Wake, Three Peaks of Yorkshire, Pendle Way); was on the 1992 Nepal trip and the 1997 trip to America. Has also walked in the Alps and the Pyrenees. Life Member.

John Huxley. Co-founder of the GMC, along with Les Fowles and Penny Wilson. President in 1968 and 1978, Hut Warden in 1969, 1971, and 1980, Chairman in 1979, Treasurer 1974-1976, 1982-1985, 1989-1993, 1995-1997. Currently also Magazine Editor. Was on the 1992 Nepal trip. Winner 14 Peaks 1968 and 1973. Another of the four Trustees. A former rock-climber (Girdle of Hyll-Drem, Shadrach, Longlands, Curving Crack), today concentrates mainly on LDP's (Offa's Dyke Path 1983, 1995; Pennine Way 1984; Cleveland Link 1997). Life Member.

Roger Hughes. Founder Member, having attended the famous Horse & Jockey meeting on March 7th, 1967. Treasurer in the important early years, 1967-1970, and Financial Adviser ever since. Driving force behind original Chapel acquisition and subsequent development of the Cottage. Chairman 1971, 1972; President 1975 and 1976; House Secretary 1980, 1981. The third of the four Trustees. Finisher, Fellsman Hike 1968; finisher, 14 Peaks 1968. Was on the 1992 Nepal trip and the 1998 Aconcagua expedition, reaching over 21,000ft. Haute Route, April 1993. Life Member. Married to Judy (see below).

Bruce Jensen. Founder Member, Horse & Jockey. The Club's first President (1967, 1969, 1970) and behind the Club's first constitution.

Bernie Machin. Founder Member, Horse & Jockey. Suggested having a committee, and sat on it in 1968 and 1973. 14 Peaks winner in 1969 (jointly with Fred Heywood). Last seen at the Silver Jubilee Dinner in 1992.

Bob Rowlands. Founder Member, Horse & Jockey.

Dave White. Founder Member, Horse & Jockey. Large and amiable character of the "gentle giant" variety. Never too happy going uphill.

Fred Donnelly.

Mike McEneaney. Committee Member 1968, 1969; lead role in Chapel development in the mid-seventies; Treasurer 1977-1981, 1986-1988; Chairman 1991-1992. Winner of the 14 Peaks 1981, 1982, and Veteran's winner 1989, 1990, 1991. Pennine Way 1984; nearly reached the summit of Mera Peak, Nepal 1992; Coast-to-Coast 1998. Has also walked in the Alps and the Pyrenees. Life Member.

Ian Patton. Known as "Squire" Patton because of his slightly patrician manner. Club Secretary 1969 and 1970.

Alan Rouse (deceased). Internationally known mountaineer. Sadly, died on K2 in August 1986 along with several others including Julie Tullis. He was thirty-four. Some of his many exploits are detailed in the chapters dealing with Rock-Climbing and the Alps. A laid-back intellectual with a very easy manner, universally popular, but as hard as nails. Major big mountain ascents include Jannu (1978), Mount Kongur (1981), Broad Peak (1983), K2 (1986), and a host of hard routes in Britain, The Alps, South America and elsewhere. Vice-President of the BMC, 1985 (see "Alan Rouse, a Mountaineer's Life", which includes chapters by Nick Parry, Fred Heywood and Dennis Hay).

1968:

Cynthia Jensen. Wife of Bruce .

Phil Cryer. Lyke Wake Walk (1968).

Nick Parry. Climbing-partner of Al Rouse in the early days and a contemporary of his at Birkenhead School, along with Dennis Hay. Bonatti Pillar, 1971. Last seen at the 20th dinner in 1987. Wrote Chapter Two of "A Mountaineer's Life"

Fred Heywood. Committee Member 1970; Chairman 1973-76, 1981 -1990 and 1996-1997; President 1979, 1980, 1993-98; Very active in the Club's early years, with many ascents on British rock and Alpine snow & ice to his credit (much of it with Alan Rouse). Finisher, Fellsman Hike 1969. Lyke Wake Walk 1968. 14 Peaks winner 1969 and 1970. Mainly now keeps fit with golf and running, occasionally tempted onto the hill (e.g. the Snowdon charity walks). The custodian of the famous Five Year Plan which governs development of the property. Life Member. Wrote Chapter Three of "Alan Rouse-A Mountaineer's Life".

Dave Howe.

Pete Kinnear.

John Beamer. Chairman 1970; President 1971-1973. Experienced climber, walker, and colourful extrovert from the early years and a close confidant and mentor of Alan Rouse. Domiciled in Scotland since 1975, Torridon since 1976. The fourth Trustee. Was on the 1992 Nepal trip and the 1997 America trip. To have a dram with Beamer and his wife Gill (see below) is one of life's great experiences. Life Member. Lives at the foot of Liathach in Wester Ross.



The British Mount Kongur Expedition to China 1980/81



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Michael Ward, M.D., F.R.C.S.



Aged 54; married with one child; living in London. Consultant surgeon and lecturer in clinical surgery at the University of London. Education: Marlborough College, Peterhouse (Ironmongers Exhibition) Cambridge; London Hospital.

One of Britain's leading mountaineering scientists. He was a member of the 1951 Everest Reconnaissance, medical officer to the successful 1953 Everest Expedition. From September 1960 to July 1961, in the Everest region, he carried out research into the long term effects of high altitude on man, made the first ascent of Ama Dablam (6856 metres)

one of the steepest and most beautiful peaks in the Everest region, and led the attempt on Makalu (8470 metres). He has led expeditions carrying out geographical exploration and medical research in North Bhutan and is at present engaged on research into the effect of continuous exercise on fluid balance and its possible relationship to the cerebral and pulmonary oedema of altitude.

He has been a Hunterian Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Dickson Asia lecturer at the Royal Geographical Society. Chairman of the Mount Everest Foundation.

Christian Bonnington, C.B.E.



Aged 45; married with two children, living in the Lake District. Author, photographer and lecturer. Education: University College School, London; Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

One of Britain's leading mountaineers, who has made many new routes in Great Britain and the European Alps, including the first ascents of The Old Man of Hoy in the Orkneys of Scotland (1966), the Central Pillar of Freney on Mont Blanc (1961), first British ascent of the North Wall of the Eiger (1962). In the Himalayas he has made the first ascents of Annapurna II (7937 metres) in

1960, Nuptes (7879 metres), the third peak of Everest in 1961, Brammah (6416 metres) in Kashmir in 1973, Changabang (6864 metres) in the Garhwal Himalaya in 1974 and the Ogre (7285 metres) in the Karakorum in 1977. He was leader of the successful Annapurna South Face Expedition in 1970 and the Everest South West Face Expedition in 1975.

Recipient of the Founders Medal of The Royal Geographical Society. M.A. (hon), University of Salford. D.Sc. (hon), University of Sheffield.

Alan Rouse, M.A.



Aged 29. Single, living in Sheffield. Mountain guide. Education: Birkenhead School; Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read mathematics. He also played chess for Cheshire.

He is an outstanding mountaineer, who has pioneered and soloed many extremely difficult routes in summer and winter in Great Britain and the European Alps. He has also made twelve first ascents in the Andes of South America, including the South Face of Yerupaja.

In the autumn of 1978 he was a member of a four man party who climbed the Southern aspect of Janau (7902 metres) in the Eastern Himalaya and in the Autumn of 1979 made the first ascent of the North Face of Nuptes, once again in a party of four, both ascents using bold "Alpine style" tactics.

Maurice Ewing. A large, loquacious character who is a very old friend of John Beamer's (they joined the Club together). Appallingly fast driver who is still alive today thanks to frequent divine interventions. Finisher, Fellsman Hike 1969. 14 peaks winner 1979 and 1980. Good rock-climber with Alpine experience. Life Member. Lives in Scotland (Grantown-on-Spey) with his wife June.

Vivien Topham (deceased).

Joan Craddock (deceased). Sadly no longer with us, Joan was a significant presence in the early years.

Ruth Craddock. Daughter of Joan.

Shiela Baxter.

Betty Leather.

Ros McBride. Prominent walker in the late sixties. (Three Peaks of Yorkshire).

Hilary Pinches. Prominent in the Club in the late sixties. Finisher, Fellsman Hike 1969, the year of the snow. Committee Member 1969.

Pete Collis. Treasurer, 1971 and 1972. Life Member.

Arthur Davies (deceased). Amiable Canadian and one of the early Life Members. Died 1996.

Wally Davies. Rock-climber and amusing character, from. Kirkdale. Was with John Huxley on the Grim Wall incident.

George & Jane Robinson.

Dave Cannon.

Carol Doodson. Great character, game for anything. Was dragged up sundry VS's at Tremadoc (One Step, The Brothers) by Huxley and Alan Cowderoy. Unfortunately, only plimsolls were available with the result that she fell off frequently and laughed just as frequently. Married Pete Eley, old friend and climbing partner of Huxley's (see below).

John Hall. Committee Member 1970,1972,1973,1978; President 1977; Chairman 1980; Club Secretary 1982. Finisher, 14 peaks, Lyke Wake Walk. Has done the majority of the Munros; also climber (Forbes Arete of the Aiguille du Chardonnet, 1973) and caver (Poacher's Pot, Loggerheads, Gaping Ghyll). Now lives in Dorset with his wife and three children. Life Member.

Pete Eley. Pre-GMC climbing partner of John Huxley's. Believed to be living in South Africa.

Dave Parry. Friend of Pete Eley's.

Alan Rogers.

John Fraser. Chairman 1969. Once famously offered the resignation of the entire committee for some reason.

Eddie Edwards. A great character, famous for, among other things, loose dentures, flamboyant driving and hopeless parking.

Alan Cowderoy. Another great character, fond of eating daffodils. Good rock-climber (first Club member to climb the Old Man of Hoy) and alpinist. Life Member. Last known to be living in Newark-on-Trent.

Ross Larsen. Merchant Navy Officer and fearsome drinker, quite a good rock-climber. Married the lovely Judy, from Queensland. Lost touch, but believed to be living in Australia.

Chris Hall. Brother of John Hall. Committee Member 1971; Hut Warden 1972; President 1974. Extrovert and slightly anarchic brother of John Hall. Good walker and climber in his day. Now lives with his wife Kathy (a Life Member) and their children in Kincardine Bridge, Scotland.

Chris Read. Close friend of the Hall brothers. Active in the early years, two Pennine Way attempts (Val Greenwood, John Huxley) but obviously had the wrong partners. Attended the Silver Jubilee Dinner with his partner, now wife, Gerry.

1969:

Jackie Crawford. Girlfriend of Chris Read's, active in the Llanrwst Hut days.

Sue Hood.

Geoff Machin. Brother of Bernie Machin.

June Palin. Later June Hall, now June Ewing (wife of Maurice, see above). Feisty hill-walker from the early days. 14 Peaks finisher. Now lives and works in Grantown-on-Spey with husband Maurice.

Ian Smith.

Darrel Swift. Tall individual, very much part of the Llanrwst rock scene. Roger Hughes occasionally digs him out for the odd Dinner or walk.

Paul Carney. Another character from the Llanrwst rock scene.

Dave Nursery.

Terry Clare. Along with Man Cowderoy, did one of the earliest ascents (2nd or 3rd British) of the Old Man of Hoy. Another Llanrwst rock-climber.

Frank Bennett. Gained notoriety from the Wildboarclough Incident (see the Early Years chapter). Hut Warden 1970, but jam-jar accounting led to him relinquishing the post. Climbed in a duo with Dave Kingham (*see below*).

Dave Kingham. Suave individual, fond of brightly -coloured gear.

Arthur Knowles. HGV Driver. Not a man to mess with. Fairy Falls drinker.

Jim Burns. Often appears at the Wasdale Show. Attended the 25th Dinner in 1992.

Mal Kaye. A leading light in the Llanrwst rock scene (partnered Ken Clowes).

Dennis Hay (deceased). Contemporary of Rouse and Parry at Birkenhead School. Wrote Chapter Four of " Alan Rouse-A Mountaineer's Life ". Last seen at the book launch in 1988. Believed to have tragically died of cancer in the early nineties (news passed to Roger Hughes by Brian Hall in Chamonix, 1993).

Ken Clowes. Committee Member 1971, Treasurer 1973. Flamboyant and enthusiastic character from the Llanrwst days. Good climber and great drinker. Now resides in the Bahamas with his wife and family.

1970:

Carol Hay. Sister of Dennis.

Heather Read. Committee Member 1974 (as Heather Huxley, now Heather Bliss). Sister of Chris Read (see above). Active walker and camper in the Club's first ten years. Now lives in the Northeast. Attended the 1992 Dinner with her husband Peter. Life Member.

Gillian Morris. (now Gill Beamer). Committee Member 1972, Hut Warden 1973. Active walker and camper. Now lives in Torridon with husband John (see above) where she is the Post Bus driver. Wrote the classic "Bens & Drams" in the 1977 magazine. Was on the 1997 trip to America. Life Member.

Cathy Gibson.

Pete Halling. Cerebral character, originally from Heswall, now believed to be living in Glasgow. 14 Peaks Winner 1971, 1972, 1977, the only member to win three times before the Sutherland era. Life Member. Rock-climber with the Avon Gorge Sunshine Club (see elsewhere). Last seen by Mike McEneaney and John Huxley at Dufton, on the Pennine Way, 1984.

Joe Ronayne. Gruff shipyard worker from Birkenhead with a dry sense of humour. Good rock-climber and strong walker.

1971:

Mike Yoxon.

Brian Daynes. Teacher, based in Grenoble, from which ideal base he did much Alpine climbing.

Alan Parker.

Wendy Burrows. Started off too late for Great Gully one day with Alan Parker (see above) and became benighted, causing a major rescue operation. They were both O.K.

1972:

Jim McGinty. Friend of Joan Craddock's, responsible for much of the early electrical work in the Chapel. We have Jim to thank for the "two trees" entrance to the Chapel car park after they were rescued from animal damage by some skilled tree surgery.

Russell Hare.

Adrian Snowball. The man with the wonderful surname now works as an outdoor pursuits instructor. Attended the 1992 Dinner with his wife Kathy.

Tony McGowan. A teacher in Ellesmere Port, where he met Al Rouse and came to the Club as a result. An important presence on the Llanrwst rock scene. Gervasutti Pillar, 1972.

Paul Jensen. Committee Member 1975; Hut Warden 1976-1979, Hut Secretary 1980-1998. A major influence on Chapel development since we first acquired the property, 14 Peaks Winner 1975. Atlas Mountains, 1976, including the ascent of the highest, Jbel Toubkhal (13,600 ft). Married to Linda (see below).

Val Greenwood (Later Val Beasley), deceased. Sadly, Val died of cancer in 1979 and a great character and legendary party-giver from the early days was lost to the Club.

Linda Moss. (later Lin Jensen, wife of Paul). Committee Member 1975-1977, Chairman 1978, the only female holder of the post to date. Atlas Mountains, 1976, including the ascent of the highest, Jbel Toubkhal (13,600 ft).

1973:

Dave Smalley.

Judy Walker (later Judy Hughes, wife of Roger). Active walker in the seventies.

Jenny Corran. Active member in the Llanrwst and early Chapel days. Somewhat accident-prone, mainly in bars.

Janet Coates. Committee Member 1974, 1978. Active walker throughout Britain. Lyke Wake Walk (east-west) 1971; Nepal 1992; Swiss Alps 1994.

Robin Payne. Committee Member 1973. Pennine Way 1974; 14 Peaks Winner 1976. Presenter of the original 14 Peaks Tankard (on his departure for New Zealand).

Pete Robinson. Committee Member 1974.

Neil Lewis. Lyke Wake Walk 1973.

1974:

Phil Moore. Old Man of Stoer, 1974.

Roger Hughes Jnr. (more usually known as "Bunty") Leading rock-climber in the seventies. Hut Warden 1974. Climbed throughout Britain. His many ascents included the Old Man of Stoer, 1974; the Old Man of Hoy, 1976; in North Wales, the Grooves (Cryn Las); Cenotaph Corner, Cemetery Gates, Nexus and Hangover; Park Lane, Red Wall and Winking Crack on Gogarth; first British ascent of Zenyatta Mondatta on El Capitan. Domiciled in the States for many years and has done many other routes there.

Lynn Melling. Active walker in the seventies.

Steve Gough. Great character, raconteur, climber and caver. University friend of Pete Halling's. Last seen helping to run one of the "winch-downs" at Gaping Ghyll about ten years ago.

Iain Boyd. Large flamboyant character of reasonable hill ability when in the mood. Chairman 1977, Committee Member 1979. Now lives in Alligin, west of Torridon, with his partner Sylvia.

Kathy Boyd. Now Mrs Chris Hall. Three Peaks of Yorkshire. Life member living in Kincardine bridge, Scotland.

B.Jones.

Ian Husker. Old Man of Stoer, 1974. Climbing partner of Dave Williams (see below).

Les Guise. All-round mountaineer throughout the seventies and eighties.

Dave Williams (deceased). Killed by lightning in the Alps, 1976.

Tim Carruthers. Climbed with Tom Jones and Leigh McGinley, among others. Mountaineer and translator (has worked on "The White Spider"), resident in Austria (Vienna) and then Germany from 1978-1990, when he was the German correspondent for Mountain Magazine. Has climbed widely and to a high standard in Britain, Europe and North America, with new routes on Peak District gritstone and limestone and in Germany.

Tom Jones. Also known as "Stick Insect". Old MSue Hoodan of Hoy, 1976; many other rock routes.

Nick Steen. 14 Peaks Winner 1974. Climbing on Lundy, 1974.

1975:

M.Lancaster.

G & J Ellis.

Leigh McGinley. Climbed with Roger Hughes Jnr. on the Old Man of Stoer and Hoy and all the hard routes in Wales; first British same-day ascent of the Nose of El Capitan; new routes on the Towers of Paine in Patagonia; Troll Wall, Norway, 1990. Edited the Tremadoc & the Moelwyns guide 1983. Now works at Joe Brown's at Llanberis and Capel Curig.

Stuart Stott. Committee 1977. Engineer from Runcorn; he and Janet Ford joined the Beamers in Torridon, 1978. Attended the 1992 Dinner. Now lives in South Cumbria.

Janet Ford. Now lives in Diabaig, Wester Ross, with Alan Brown. Now combines walking with crofting.

Andy Jones. From Willaston. As far as we know, based in Cockermouth where he is an outdoor pursuits instructor.

Mike Mullen. Likeable character who liked to live dangerously. Was variously a chef, fishing boat hand (both in Ullapool), cruise attendant in the Caribbean and then piloting oil patrol vessels off Brazil. Believed now to be in the Caribbean again.

Phil Stewart (Phil the car park). An amiable character whose main claim to fame is attempting to drive directly between the upper and lower levels at the Chapel, possibly due to some ambiguous instructions (it was dark at the time).

1976:

Sue Blewitt.

Steve Woosey. Committee Member 1977.

Terry Collister. Built the Chapel lounge wall. Good rock-climber.

Dave and Gill Evans. Now resident at Inverbervie, northeast Scotland.

1977:

Pete Fawcett. Part of the low-key late seventies/early eighties climbing scene.

Simon Glover. Committee Member 1979. Active walker, last seen at the Silver Jubilee Dinner in 1992.

Peter Bliss (deceased). Husband of Heather Bliss (see above).

1978:

Tony Fulton. Amiable Scot who liked Wilson's bitter and hill-climbing. As far as we know, retired from the hill into the bosom of his family.

Cathy Martin. Prominent member in the eighties. Now married to Ron and lives in Cambridgeshire.

Ray Fletcher. Good rock-climber, around in the eighties.

Brian Dibben. Committee Member 1979. A wonderfully rough character, fond of climbing mountains in his donkey jacket. Now married to Anne and lives in Denny, near Stirling, together with their three daughters.

Steve Ridgway. Work colleague of Les Fowles.

Janet Ridgway. Wife of Steve.

1979:

Vony Gwilim. Club Secretary 1983. 40th Birthday celebrations comprised drinking champagne on each of the Three Peaks of Yorkshire.

Paul Gwilim. Former husband of Vony.

Richard Lince. One-time climbing partner of Ray Fletcher's (see above).

Gregory Griffith.

Mike Gilbert. Committee Member 1983. Joint winner of the 14 Peaks Veterans in 1996, along with Bryan Gilbert and Jim Metcalfe but had completed the 14's on a number of previous occasions. 3rd ascent (1st British) of Bergancho in the Karakoram, 1985; Ruwenzori 1987; Mt Kenya (Ice Window) 1988; Kilimanjaro 1989, completing the East African trio; Island Peak 1991, with Andy Chapman; Mera Peak and Mingbo La, 1992; Naya Kanga, 1994; reached 23,000ft on Korzhenevskoya in the Pamirs, 1996. Driving force behind the Epic Centre climbing wall. Alpine Club member.

Bryan Gilbert. Committee Member 1980 and 1981. Joint winner of the 14 Peaks Veterans in 1996, along with Mike Gilbert and Jim Metcalfe, but again had completed the 14's many times previously. Reached 16,000ft on Mt Kenya in 1979, but had to withdraw with food poisoning; Mera Peak and Mingbo La, 1992.

Christine Wood.

Steve Burns.

Dave Antrobus. Tour de Mt Blanc (1991); Coast-to-Coast (1992); West Highland Way (1993); Aconcagua expedition 1998.

Barry Otterson. Hut Warden 1982-87. The driving force behind the Easter Irish trips in the seventies.

Jane Otterson. Wife of Barry.

1980:

Jeff Downey.

Peter Davies.

Paula Bishop.

Donald Macintosh. Committee Member 1982. Offa's Dyke Path 1983 (with John Huxley); Ridgeway Path 1988 (with Mike Davies); Dalesway 1989 (with Mike Davies). Real Ale expert and enthusiast, still ascends the odd hill now and again.

Anne Harnden. 14 Peaks winner in 1981 (jointly with Mike McEneaney). Committee Member 1981. Known as the "Iron Butterfly" by certain male members. Now lives in Glasgow with Roger Blakey (see below).

Felicity Haslam.

John Hinchcliffe.

Pam Court. Good walker in Britain and abroad. Married Mike Roose (see below) and now lives in Los Angeles.

Mike Davies. Committee Member 1983, 1988. Ridgeway Path 1988; Dalesway 1989; 14 Peaks Finisher 1989. Was on the 1992 Nepal Trip.

1981:

Tony Dean.

Kathryn Penny. 14 Peaks finisher 1983.

Elaine Green.

Lynette Thornton.

David Spencer. Hut warden, 1981.

Dave Clement. Active climber in the early eighties. Now based in the Outer Hebrides.

Christina Callaghan. A close friend of Anne Harnden's, active in the early eighties before moving away. Now lives in Hampshire with husband Steve and children.

Bill Sutherland. Amiable, self-effacing marathon runner. Lives dangerously. 14 Peaks winner 1983-1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1998. Also 14 Peaks Veterans winner 1997. Committee Member 1982. Island Peak, 1991, with Mal Lamb, Mike Gilbert and Andy Chapman but unfortunately suffered severe altitude sickness problems and had to withdraw; Gran Paradiso

(1991); Elbrus (1994); Aconcagua (1998) with Sue Taylor and Mary Nash (of Mike Dagley's old Club in Ireland, Lung Gompas). Bob Graham Round in the Lakes, 1986 (23 hours 25).

Mike Roose. Amiable American, real ale enthusiast. Strong walker and runner, Britain and abroad (Pyrenees and elsewhere). Married Pam Court (see above) and now lives in Los Angeles.

1982:

Ian Gearing. Active member in the eighties. Never quite got round to completing the 14 Peaks. The only member to pay his subscription by standing order and at nearly twice the official rate! Was on the 1992 Nepal trip.

Kim Lloyd. Active member in the eighties.

1983:

Dave Gray. Club Secretary 1984-1987; Treasurer 1994 and 1995. One of the Club's most active walkers. Munroist, now well over the two hundred mark. Recent ascent of the remaining Cuillin Munros has put him on course to complete the challenge. Red wine specialist. 14 Peaks finisher 1988. Nepal 1992 but forced to retire with animal bite. Was on the 1997 trip to America, climbing Mt Whitney.

Mike Bolton. The Club's Bank Manager. Mike agreed the loan to refurbish the Cottage and was interested enough in the project to become a member.

Ian Wall. Dry Scouser, now guests occasionally.

Reg Cromer. The angry young man of Wavertree, this particular brick outhouse doesn't half get up some hills, including several 14 Peaks finishes. Was on the 1997 American trip (Mt. Whitney).

Andy Davies. Committee Member 1984-1987. 14 Peaks finisher 1988.

Sue Taylor. Committee Member 1985-1987. Offa's Dyke Path 1985; Cumbrian Way 1989; Ribble Way 1995; Pendle Way 1996. Was on the 1992 Nepal trip. One of two Club members to reach the summit of Aconcagua (1998). Has also walked in the Alps and the Pyrenees. Twice a 14 Peaks finisher. Organiser of the Gourmet Trekkers, to which several GMC members belong.

Dave Davies. Known also as "Dave the Puke" from his first visit to the Park Hotel. Reappeared in South Wales in 1980. A serious motor-cycle accident precluded much hill activity but he played a fine mandolin.

Pete Barker. Has nearly completed the Welsh Two Thousands; 14 Peaks finisher and has walked and caved throughout Britain. Real ale enthusiast.

Steve & Marian Walker.

1984:

Roy Pendlebury. A former batman to Dave "the Lord" Gray. Now exiled to the south.

Angela Walker. Good walker, known as "The Legs".

Mark Mitchell. Experienced climber (HVS leads, seconding above that) and walker in various parts of Britain and abroad (Austria, Switzerland, Andorra, Yosemite). Nepal (1992); National Three (Ben Nevis, Scafell, Snowdon) 1996; America trip including Mt. Whitney (1997). Now lives in Gargunock, near Stirling, with his wife Wendy and twin sons Cameron and Austin, and has started working his way through the Munroes. Country Member.

Jim Metcalfe. Winner, 14 Peaks Veterans, 1988, 1995, 1996 (the last one jointly with the Gilberts). Was on the 1992 Nepal trip and the 1998 Aconcagua Expedition.

Neil Harris. Lives with Sue Taylor in Frodsham. Was on the 1992 Nepal Trip and the 1998 Aconcagua expedition. Offa's Dyke Path 1985; Anglesey Coastal Path 1993; Ribble Way 1995; Pendle Way 1996. 14 Peaks finisher. Has walked in the Alps and the Pyrenees.

Vikki Melbourne. Strong walker in the eighties, real ale expert.

Paul (Doc) Phillips. 14 Peaks finisher.

Ronnie Waters (later Barker, now Harvey). Committee Member 1989, 1993; Club Secretary 1990, 1991. Mt Blanc 1990, Gran Paradiso 1991, Barre des Ecrins (Dauphine) 1995 and has walked and climbed elsewhere in Europe and in Britain. Now lives at Trefriw with her husband Chris (see below) and two dogs called Megan and Ben.

1985:

M. Stott.

Andy Chapman. 14 Peaks Winner 1993 and six other finishes. Now full-time mountaineering instructor based at Eskdale. Kilimanjaro 1989; Island Peak 1991; Annapurna circuit 1991; Mera Peak 1992; Singu Chuli, Nya Kanga and Yala Peak 1994; Nepal Everest Marathon 1995; Elizi Norte (Ecuador) 1996; Tien Shan 1997. Regular leader at HVS & IV. Member, Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team. Pennine Way 1984.

Andy Power.

John Exley. Tall Yorkshire actuary. Good rock-climber.

Chris Farrell. Climbing partner of John Exley's.

1986:

Phil Allen.

Tom Bolt. Winner, 14 Peaks Veterans 1994.

Christine Davies (Later Rowlands). Committee Member 1987, 1991, 1994, 1995; Club Secretary 1988, 1996, 1997. Winner, 14 Peaks Ladies Trophy 1993. Mt Blanc 1986; Nepal 1992; Mount Whitney 1997. Organiser of the Chapel Fondue Parties and the annual Photographic Competition. Has descended the Liffey and rafted down the Grand Canyon.

Peter Chreseson. 14 Peaks Winner 1989 and 1991. Southern Upland Way, Cotswold Way 1988. Married to Diane (see below) and lives with her and their four children in Ness, South Wirral, but is in the process of moving to the Isle of Man.

Peter Maher. Joined with Mal Lamb. Committee Member 1989. Enthusiastic walker and camper in Britain and abroad (Rockies, Appalachians, Grand Canyon, Arizona Desert).

Mal Lamb. Hut Warden, 1988-1992. 14 Peaks finisher 1988; Mt Blanc 1990; Gran Paradiso 1991; was on the 1992 Nepal trip. Also referred to as "Lamb Chop" and "Stroppy Choppy". Occasionally fierce character who plunged headlong into the Club on his arrival, making a major contribution, and left just as suddenly in 1992. Now lives in Mold with his wife and son.

Wendy Mitchell. Wife of Mark Mitchell (see above).

Wendy Teller (now Chaloner). Part of the 1986 Health Service mafia intake. Active walker in the late eighties (Three Peaks of Yorkshire). Last seen at the 1992 Dinner.

Ian Teller. Amiable psychiatrist, husband of Wendy.

Pete Townson. Oddball G.P., sadly lost to his major love, sailing.

1987:

Paul Lovelady. 14 Peaks 1988.

Nuala Mulholland. Committee Member 1988 and 1992. Experienced mountaineer and canoeist. Full-time instructor at Oaklands, W.B.C.'s outdoor centre in the Conwy Valley. Was on the 1992 Nepal Trip and the 1997 trip to America having spent several months beforehand working in Oregon and doing climbing and walking there. In 1999 (as we write) Nuala is on a 1,500 mile canoe trip down the Ganges to raise funds for the charity Water Aid.

Alan Beattie. Eccentric artist and raconteur.

Keith Barrington. Active in the late eighties.

Jenny Bower. Active walker in the late eighties.

Brian Newbury. Exiled to Penrith and loves it.

1988:

Jan Wilson.

Charlie Farrugea.

Iolo Roberts. All-round outdoor enthusiast and rock-climber. Has climbed widely in Britain and abroad. Took Bill Kelly on his first real rock-climb, the Idwal Slabs and everything above it, at an average grade of VS. Personal bests include onsighting Katanna (E4 6a) on Holyhead Mountain and redpointing Wasted Youth (F7b-E5 6b) at Malham.

John Conroy. Eccentric former boyfriend of Nuala Mulholland's.

Lin Gillison. Club Secretary 1989. Now lives in Scotland.

Andy Marion.

Robert Kitchen.

Bill Kelly. Monch 1990; Committee Member 1990-1993; Chairman 1994-1996. Organised the last (1992) sponsored walk (Crimea pass route) solely for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Many climbs in the pass and elsewhere.

Mark Barley. Male half of the cerebral and celebrated Barley Twins (See Laura Barley, below). Has walked extensively in Britain and abroad (Swiss Alps Trip 1994, cross-country skiing in British Columbia, hiking in Grand Canyon). Currently suffering from that rather large distraction called parenthood. Lives in Bowdon, Cheshire, with his wife Laura and their son David. Country Member.

Mike Borland. Known as the "Mad Monk" (he was actually a novitiate monk for a while). West Highland Way 1989; Monch 1990; Coast-to-Coast 1991; Nepal 1992; Kilimanjaro 1997 (with Pete Smedley). Club Secretary 1995, Committee Member 1996.

Geoff Rowlands. Monch 1990. Committee Member 1990.

1989:

Bob Burton. Club Representative on the BMC Lancashire and Cheshire Area Committee. Experienced all-round mountaineer. Solo scrambling in the Kaisergebirge; Observatory Ridge and Tower Ridge on the North Face of the Ben; Shadow Wall and many other routes in the Pass and elsewhere. Twice a 14 Peaks finisher. Dab hand with a paint brush and has done good work on both Chapel and Cottage.

Anne Crane. West Highland Way 1989; Coast-to-Coast 1991. Club Secretary 1992-1994.

Marilyn Eccles (now McEneany). Active walker in Britain, the Alps and North America. Married to Mike McEneany (see above). Was on the 1992 Nepal trip, Pendle Way 1996; Coast to Coast 1998.

Simon Smith.

Andy Williams. Winner, 14 Peaks 1995. Hut Warden 1993, Committee Member 1995. Many rock and ice ascents in Britain and abroad with Bryn Roberts and others. Northeast Ridge of Ben Nevis (winter); Fluted Buttress Direct, Coire an t-Sneachda, Cairngorms.

Paul Chaloner. Husband of Wendy Chaloner (see above).

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Mal Bonner. Experienced mountaineer and caver (SWETC Caving Club expedition to Norwegian Arctic Circle 1963); Mt. Blanc 1985; Wetterhorn 1990; La Meije and Pic Coolidge (Parc des Ecrins) 1991; Illiniza (5,248m), Tungurahua (5,023m) and Cotopaxi (5,897m) in Ecuador, 1992; and has made ascents in the Pyrenees, Dolomites and on Corsica. Winner, 14 Peaks Veterans 1992, 1998.

Hilary Cooper. Committee Member 1993. Has walked in most British hill areas (usually with her faithful beastie Lucy) and in the Alps and Pyrenees. Responsible for the Club Profiles in the Magazine.

1991:

Diane Chreseson. Wife of Peter Chreseson

Paul Russell. Offa's Dyke Path 1997.

Stuart McNab.

Pete Davies.

K.Miller.

Kurt Forster. Committee Member 1994.

Pete Smedley. Known as " The Colonel " and prone to going on about " No.4 Para. " 14 Peaks Veterans winner 1993; Kilimanjaro 1997 (with Mike Borland).

Derek Burrows. Enthusiastic hillwalker. Has a second home in the Lakes called the Newfield Inn, the scene of a regular winter meet. Much involved in backpacking and D of E Awards with the Air Training Corps.

1993:

Greg Leasor. Hut Warden 1994 to the present and plays a major role in the development of the Chapel. Enthusiastic high camper and rock-climber. Was on the America trip 1997 (Mount Whitney by the mountaineer's Route, with Richard Kinsman). 14 peaks finisher 1997; Central Route, Lliwedd (winter ascent with Andy Chapman, grade 3/4); Craig Gogarth, Lighthouse Arete, with Bryn Roberts and Ronnie Harvey.

Andy Pierce.

Laura Barley. The other half of the " Barley Twins ". Country Member.(see Mark Barley, above). Experienced walker (Swiss Alps Trip 1994).

Chris Schiller. Ex-colleague of Les Fowles at MOD, long-term climbing partner of Bryn Roberts (see below). Now based in Wiltshire. With Bryn Roberts, climbed all the routes in "Classic Rock" in aid of Motor Neurone Disease, Merseyside branch. First British ascent of the Southwest ridge of Mount Hunter (Alaska), 1993.

Bryn Roberts. Now based in the Northeast, Bryn was instrumental in the Club's resurgence on the rock-climbing front. Has climbed rock and ice routes throughout Britain and abroad, many with Club members such as Andy Williams, Pete Mann and Richard Kinsman. Highlights include Northeast Buttress and Green Gully (winter) and the Bullroar (Ben Nevis) with Andy Williams; Cioch Direct and Jubilee Crack on Sron na Ciche (Skye) with Pete Mann; climbing at Calpe (Spain) on the Club trip in 1996. Together with Chris Schiller, his long-term climbing partner, climbed many major routes, including the Needle (Shelter Stone); King Rat and Goliath (Dubh Loch); Swastika and the Long Reach (Etive Slabs); The Strand and Dream of White Horses (Gogarth); West Face of the Petit Jorasses; Gervasutti Pillar on Mt Blanc du Tacul; Bonatti Pillar on the Dru and Cassin Route, northeast face of the Piz Badile.

Helen Beddows. 14 Peaks Ladies Winner 1994 and 1998. Committee Member 1998. Active climber, walker, and traveller (Africa 1996/97, including ascents of Cameroun Mountain (4,070m) and Kilimanjaro). Has also trekked in Thailand and walked in the various British hill areas.



The 1993 Committee with Anne Crane, Club Secretary (foreground) and left to right, Les Fowles (House Secretary), Ronnie Waters (Committee Member), Paul Jensen (Hut Secretary), John Huxley (Treasurer), Hilary Cooper (Committee Member), Andy Williams (Hut Warden) and Bill Kelley (Chairman). (Photo: Lin Jensen)



Ice Axe arch at the wedding of Ronnie and Chris Harvey, 1994. (photo: Dave O'Shea)

Chris Harvey. Instructor at Rhos-Gwaliau, Bala. Formerly at Oaklands. Experienced and highly qualified climbing and canoeing instructor. Seven alpine seasons including the Eiger (Mittileggi Ridge) and the traverse of the Dru. Went to Nepal in 1991 to attempt Paldor (5,928m) but forced by bad weather to retreat; has climbed extensively in Britain (White Slab, Cloggy; Caitlin Ridge) and has climbed on Half Dome, Yosemite. Married to Ronnie Harvey (see above) and lives in Trefriw.

Fiona Pemberton.

1994:

Reuben Wu.

Millie Wright. Former distance cyclist, now enjoys the relatively gentler pleasures of hillwalking. Has walked and camped throughout Britain. Tries to avoid being left alone with Huxley in case she gets lost again. Swiss Alps trip 1994.

Tina Batey. Vivacious character from the Salt Box, not seen much recently.

Nigel Furlong. Has climbed Kilmanjaro amongst many other things. Lives in Oxfordshire with his wife Sabine. Country Member.

Mike Gavin. Without Mike, where would we hold the AGM? (Mike is a member of Birkenhead Park Rugby Club, which offers us a suitably large room in which to hold the AGM, the room in the Crown being too small for the purpose).

1995:

Mike Dunn. A long and varied sporting career including hill ascents in Britain and abroad (Samaria Gorge, Crete), hockey and marathon running has left Mike with arthritic problems but he still managed to get up Snowdon to drink Sue's champagne.

Dave Kelly. Experienced walker in all the main British hill areas. Specialises in high camps and bivvying. Brother of Bill Kelly. Committee Member 1996, 1997. Chairman 1998.

Alison Kerr.

Ross McGraw. Super-fit runner and hillwalker. Fond of vanishing to France and Spain in the famous campervan. Has walked throughout Britain and in the Pyrenees, northern Spain (Picos de Europa) and Slovenia (Triglav, 2,684m). Offa's Dyke Path, 1982.

Sarah Armstrong. Joined the Club with Tracy Neil (Stanley). 14 Peaks Ladies winner 1995. Enthusiastic walker and skier and has been known to ascend the odd grade 3 ice-climb.

Martin Stanley. Enthusiastic hill-walker. Married Tracy Neil in 1996. Walked 80 miles of the Pembroke Coastal Path, 1995. Currently working through the Welsh 2,000's.

Tracy Neil (now Stanley). A keen skier and walker in Britain and abroad. Walked 80 miles of the Pembroke Coastal Path in 1995. Married Martin Stanley in 1996. Currently working through the Welsh 2,000's.

Pete Butler. Experienced walker (Britain, Crete, Canary Islands) and high camper. Committee Member 1998 with special responsibility for publicity and new members. Current organiser of the Annual Photographic Competition.

Richard Kinsman. Committee Member 1997, Treasurer 1998. Enthusiastic walker and climber. 14 Peaks finisher 1995. Was on the 1997 American trip (Mount Whitney by the Mountaineer's Route) and has walked in Malaysia, Thailand, Morocco, northern India and Ladakh (Kashmir). Rock routes in North Wales include Tennis Shoe (Idwal Slabs) and the Direct Route (Glyder Fach). In charge of magazine production.

Mike Dagley. "Daggers" was around circa 1982 and has recently returned to the U.K. after a number of years living and working in Ireland. Experienced walker and climber in Britain and abroad. Irish Munro's and Kilimanjaro 1994; Tower Ridge, Ben Nevis, in the same year; National Three, 1997; was on the 1998 Aconcagua expedition; Three Peaks of Yorkshire several times. Committee Member 1998. Has also climbed and walked in the Alps, Pyrenees and Iceland. Did the Liffey Descent, 1995.

Pete Mann. 14 Peaks Winner 1996 (finisher in 1995 also). Active walker and climber. Two Alpine seasons, including the Dent Blanche, plus Scottish snow & ice. Has climbed all over Britain: Valkyrie (Roaches); Cioch Grooves and Trophy Cracks (Sron na Ciche); Devil's Slide (Lundy); Sabre Cut (Divas Cromlech); Grooved Arete and Belle Vue Bastion (Tryfan East Face).

1996:

Christopher Pemberton, Thomas Pemberton (Junior Members).

Helen Brady. Has walked and climbed throughout Britain and has trekked in Thailand. Club Secretary 1998.

1997:

Claire Woosnam-Savage (Now Dufors-Jackson). Christine's ex-lodger, now married and living in Nantwich. Has walked in the Lakes and North Wales.

1998:

Boo Stone. Experienced ski instructor who has spent six winters working in Europe and New Zealand. Has walked and climbed in Britain and abroad (Nepal, America and Northern India). Her father was a founder member of the Sandstone Climbing Club in the southeast and she has been a member of that club since infancy. Now Sports Development Officer for Wirral Borough Council.

Steve Byrne. Experienced walker and scrambler in Snowdonia and Derbyshire; has taken up climbing since joining the GMC.

John Malley. Has climbed and walked in various areas of Britain. Climbing highlights include Cobweb Crack (Dinas Cromlech) and Leg Slip (Tremadoc).

Melinda Walker. Completed the Munros, August 1997; National Three 1998. Has also backpacked in the Pyrennees, including the highest, Pic d'Aneto (3,408m), and scrambled in the Dolomites.