



OF THE ENGLISH
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THE FELL AND ROCK CLIMBING CLUB OF THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT LIMITED

Founded in 1906

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.30pm

ANNUAL DINNER

7.30pm

at the

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

on

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2022

AGM and Dinner Weekend Timetable

To be held at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

Friday 4th November, 2022

14.00	Check in for residents from 14.00
18.30	Reception drinks in the Kendal Suite
19.00	Buffett dinner *
20.30	Illustrated talk. To be announced
22.30	Last orders at the bar

* If you would like to have the buffet dinner but will not be resident in the hotel, please let the Dinner Secretary know, no later than 3 days before. The hotel kitchen staff need to know numbers.

Saturday 5th November, 2022

10.00	Walkers and Climbers meet. Details to be arranged.
15.00	Tea and Coffee served in the Function Suite. Journals will be available for collection in the lobby of the Function Suite.
15.30	AGM in the Function Suite
17.30	Auction of pictures
18.00	Pre dinner drinks in the Hotel Lounge and Alexander's
19.00	The bar in the Function suite will be open for pre-dinner drinks. Wine for your table can be ordered at the bar.
19.30	Members and guests take their seats.
19.45	Grace
19.50	Dinner Served After dinner and speeches, there will be dancing to Star Audio's disco. People wanting a quieter environment can use the hotel bar or Alexander's.
24.00 Midnight.	Last Orders
0.30	Disco finishes.

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Meeting to be held at 3.30p.m. on Saturday 5th November 2022
at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.**

Any two members of the Club shall be entitled to make an additional nomination for any office, including Elective Membership of the Committee, by notice in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to the Secretary at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.

1. Chairman's opening remarks.

Motion: That members may attend this AGM remotely on Zoom and votes cast electronically will count as if present in the room.

2. Apologies for absence. These must be forwarded to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 3.30 pm on Saturday, 6th November. 2021 (These are given as Appendix 1).

4. Matters arising from the minutes of that AGM.

5. Election of officers and committee members.

President: The committee proposes that John Holden be elected to the post of President.

Vice-Presidents: The committee proposes that Wendy Dodds be elected to the post of Vice-President.

Officers:

Secretary: The committee proposes that Beatrice Haigh be elected to the post of Secretary.

Treasurer: The committee proposes that Martyn Hodgson be elected to the post of Treasurer.

Membership Secretary: The committee proposes that Amanda Halliwell be elected to the post of Membership Secretary.

Hut Secretary: The committee proposes that Nick Harris be elected to the post of Hut Secretary.

Guidebook Secretary: The committee proposes that Roger Everett be elected to the post of Guidebook Secretary.

Webmaster (Acting): The committee proposes that Ronnie Doctor be elected to the post of Webmaster.

Salving House Hut Warden: The committee proposes that Andrew Duxbury be elected to the post of Hut Warden.

Officers:

The committee proposes that the following officers, being eligible for re-election, be elected:

Vice-President	Andrew Paul
Vice-President	Stephen Reid
Meets Secretary	Hazel Jonas
Chronicler	Simon Jefferies
Compliance Officer	Geoff Lyons
Dinner Secretary	VACANT POST
Journal Editor	VACANT POST
Archivist	Deborah Walsh

Hut Wardens

Beetham Cottage	Humphrey Johnson
Birkness	Jackie Brindle
Brackenclose	Richard Tait
Raw Head	Peter Farnell
Karn House	Graeme Ralph
Waters Cottage	Mark Gear

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Younger Members Co-ordinator	Nina Stirrup
Safeguarding Adults at Risk	Amanda Halliwell
Safeguarding Named Person	Katherine Telford
Guide Books Editor	Steve Scott
Guide Books Photos Editor	David Simmonite
Guidebook Database Governor	David Lomas
Climbing Content Website Co-ordinator	Ken Daykin
Obituarist	Clare Harris
Oral Archivist	Lis Cook
Assistant Treasurer	John Pulford
ENews Compiler	Phillip Powell
ENews Compiler	Paul Hudson
Associate Journal Editor	Jim Sutcliffe
Handbook Co-ordinator	Helen Elliot
Membership Recruitment Support	Steve Woollard
Membership Database Administrator	Les Meer

Elective Members of the committee.

The committee proposes that the following Elective Members of the committee, being eligible for re-election, be elected: Mark Baron, Ian Bradley, Jane Hodgson, Paul Hudson, Adrian David Lomas, Sue Vaughan, Sue Wales, and Stuart Webb.

New Elective Members of the committee (These are given as **Appendix 2**).

The committee proposes the following as new Elective Members of the committee: Anne Daykin, Helen Lagoe, Nick Wharton, and Chris Wright.

6. **Reports of Officers except Treasurer** (These are given as **Appendix 3**). Members are reminded that these reports are for the information of members only and must not be communicated to the Press.

7. **Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022** (These are given as **Appendix 4**).
8. **Election of auditors.**
R.F. Miller and Co are proposed.
9. **Audit requirements.**
To comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, without incurring the expense of a full professional audit, it is necessary to pass a motion worded, "The AGM votes to pass a motion allowing the Society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year ended 30th June 2023."
10. **Proposed Club Meets 2023** (This is given as **Appendix 5**).
11. **Rule Changes** (These are given as **Appendix 6**).
12. **Membership Bye-Law Changes** (These are given as **Appendix 7**).
13. **Any other business.**
14. **Vote of thanks to the Committee.**

Appendix 1

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Annual General Meeting

Meeting held at 3.30p.m. on Saturday 6th November 2021
at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

1. Chairman's opening remarks.

Wendy Stirrup (President) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2021 AGM. Over 100 members were attending and so the meeting was quorate.

She reminded everyone to speak through the chair, be respectful of each other even if we disagree, and to put mobile phones to silent.

She asked for any further items of AOB. None were raised. She also requested permission to change the order of the agenda by taking item 11 (proposal for family meets) before we agree meets list. There were no objections.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Colin Mitchell, Andy Dunhill, Chris Wright, Richard Chandler, Mike Oswald, Tony Nelson, Hilary Tucker, Peter Haigh, Linda Cooper, Elspeth A. Smith, Stuart Webb, Ron Miller, Margaret Miller, Stuart Butler, Denise Andrews, David Wright, Hazel Costello, Robin Costello, David Stephenson, Philip Powell, Max Biden, Anne Hartley, Neil McAllister, David Hyslop, Stuart Bradley, Steve Foxley, Marjorie Smith, Derek Buckle, John Barrett, Carol Barrett, Helen Goode, Mark Gear, Stuart Whitmey, Ewan Whitmey, Chris Radcliffe, Barbara Hitch, John Hitch, Andy Coatsworth, Ian Craven, Gail Craven, David Evans, Catherine Mansfield, Eric Mansfield, David Staton, Brian Davies, Lynn Valentine, Rod Valentine, Nick Millward, Veronica Millward, Ron Kenyon, Chris Kenyon, Val Young, Bill Young, Andrew Hall, Mike Oswald, Margaret Parker, Richard Tait, Jenny Hawkin, Leslie Shore, Martin Elliot. Malcolm Rowe, Alison Moseley, Rachel Vernelle, John Barnard, Heather Scarrott, Chris Heald, Alan Warwick, Maggie Crane, MaryRose Kearney, Ann McWatt, Audrey Chesover, John Moore, Louis Haigh, Evelyn Dobson, Ian Dobson, Dave Cobley, Andy Carlin, Faith Carlin.

3. Minutes of the Annual General meeting held by Zoom on 31st October 2020.

Brenda Fullard (Secretary) asked for the minutes to be approved with the following amendments: On page 8, Minutes of the last meeting (9) - Treasurer's report...'for year ended 30th June 2021' should be '2020'; and on page 25, Hut Fees, "Non-members aged under 25 and aged 5 or over" needs to be "Persons aged under 25 and aged 5 or over". They were proposed by Martyn Carr, seconded by Alan Strachan, the majority were in favour and there were 2 abstentions.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

5. Election of Officers and Committee members.

On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Martyn Carr and Helen Elliot for their work over the last 2 years as Vice Presidents (VPs). She said that Helen and Martyn have many years' experience of Club administration and have given her a high level of support dealing with the many and varied queries from members. Martyn has reviewed

guidance relating to children in huts, redrafting our safeguarding policy plus relevant hut byelaws to address warden concerns. Helen has undertaken considerable research in relation to family meets resulting in the proposal we will cover later. She added a personal note of thanks for their support and assistance over the last 12 months.

Vice Presidents

Andrew Paul.

The Committee proposed that Andrew Paul be elected to the post of VP. Wendy invited Sue Wales to propose and Paul Exley to second Andrew.

Sue Wales said that Andrew is steeped in the FRCC and in its ethos and values. He joined the club in 1979, having been a member of the Northumberland Mountaineering Club for some time previously.

He has been actively climbing, without a break, for 50 years - leading E1 and E2 in his prime and now, in his words, "bumbling around HVS". Membership of the Fell & Rock gave him access to the crags of the Lake District of course but through moving around the country in his work he has also climbed in many other parts of the UK including the Peak, North Wales, Northumberland, Yorkshire, and the south-west of England and south Wales whilst living in Bristol for many years. He's had several alpine seasons, particularly in France, as well as climbing in North America.

In addition to climbing, he is a competent ski mountaineer, orienteer and fell runner who completed his BG several years ago.

Whilst marooned in the south west Andrew kept contact with the club through taking on the role of Joint Journal Editor, nurturing the journal through six editions.

After moving to Kendal he took on the position of Hut Secretary and has enjoyed the last three years in that role. Three years in which; Brackenclose has caught fire, Karn House has been flooded, Salving House chimney has been condemned and re-built and a global pandemic has struck! Andrew has taken all these events in his stride and using his excellent project management skills has dealt with them in his usual calm, competent way, especially the re-design and re-building of Brackenclose.

Andrew has a wide experience of FRCC club management, has the respect as an all-round mountaineer and the personality to make him an excellent Vice-President. He always "answers the call" in any club emergency, as demonstrated recently by helping to keep the financial affairs of the club moving whilst our treasurer was indisposed! She proposed Andrew as Vice-President of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club.

Paul Exley reported that he first met Andrew and Chris on a New Year meet at Raw Head in 1986 and since then he has climbed with Andrew several times. He was always impressed by his ability and enthusiasm, such as the time in the Pass when they squeezed in an extra, late route and consequently had to abseil down an unknown descent in the dark. Later the same holiday, after a good day on the Three Cliffs when he was looking forward to a quiet pint by the fire, he insisted on climbing 3000 feet up onto the Glyders. He said it would 'round off the day'.

On the first of the recent series of FRCC Alpine meets he suggested that, rather than waste good weather on a training route, they went for a big route straight away. So, having driven across Europe to arrive in Randa on Saturday afternoon, we went straight off on Sunday to climb the Weisshorn, one of the highest 4000 metres peaks in the area. Never one to shy away from difficult questions he once asked me, over a fireside pint, "Where do you think the club should be in 20 years?" It certainly gave me something to think about.

Clearly, Andrew has many essential qualities and is very dedicated to the club. He was delighted to second his nomination as a Vice President.

All voted in favour. The President declared Andrew Paul elected as Vice President.

Stephen Reid.

The Committee proposed that Stephen Reid be elected to the post of VP. Wendy invited Trevor Langhorne to propose and Steve Scott to second Stephen.

Trevor Langhorne said that he had met Stephen 14 years ago. He respected his huge depth of knowledge about mountaineering and his meticulous nature. He has been a FRCC member since 1990 and now an honorary member. He has been involved with the writing and production of guidebooks in various roles since 1999. He has completed research on climbing on Gable and Pillar. He considered that Stephen to be a pioneer in rock climbing. He has also been involved in the development of the FRCC website. He had no hesitation in proposing Stephen as VP.

Steve Scott met Stephen in 2011 when he took over from him as Guidebook editor. He said that he brings skills as a historian, businessman and explorer. He had no hesitation in seconding Stephen as VP.

There were 2 abstentions. The majority voted in favour. The President declared Stephen Reid elected as Vice President.

Officers

The President gave her thanks to retiring officers and those moving on to other roles:

Andrew Paul as Hut Secretary who has had the difficult job of overseeing hut matters during Covid as well as managing Brackenclose rebuild. He will continue with this work.

Ron Kenyon as Guidebook Secretary has enthusiastically managed guidebooks for 25 years.

Peter Haigh as Hut Warden at Raw Head and Mark Gear as Hut Warden at Waters. They have ensured huts were Covid compliant and dealt with various water issues along the way.

Hut Secretary:

The committee proposed that Mark Gear be elected to the post of Hut Secretary. Proposed by Martyn Carr, seconded by Hatty Harris. All voted in favour. The President declared Mark Gear elected as Huts Secretary.

Guidebook Secretary:

The committee proposed that Trevor Langhorne be elected to the post of Guidebook Secretary. Proposed by Alan Strachan, seconded by Janet Ashworth. All voted in favour. The President declared Trevor Langhorne elected as Guidebook Secretary.

It was at this point that Steve Scott asked to speak to explain the huge amount of work which Ron Kenyon has contributed to the club. He has spent and continues to spend much of his personal time in work for the club.

There was applause.

Raw Head Hut Warden:

Since the last Committee meeting there has been a proposal for Peter Farnell as Hut Warden for Raw Head. Proposed by Peter Smith, seconded by Peter Haigh. All voted in favour. The President declared Peter Farnell elected as Hut Warden for Raw Head.

Officers

The committee proposes that the following officers, being eligible for re-election, be elected:

President	Wendy Stirrup
Vice-President	Alan Strachan
Secretary	Brenda Fullard
Treasurer	John Pulford
Meets Secretary	Hazel Jonas
Membership Secretary	Peter Simcock
Chronicler	Simon Jefferies
Compliance Officer	Geoff Lyons
Dinner Secretary	Margaret Skelton
Webmaster	Philip Powell
Joint Journal Editors	Jim Sutcliffe, Tony Walker
Archivist	Deborah Walsh
Librarian	Peter Lucas
Hut Wardens	
Beetham Cottage	Humphrey Johnson
Birkness	Jackie Brindle
Brackenclose	Richard Tait
Raw Head	Vacant
Salving House	Christina Paul
Karn House	Graeme Ralph
Waters Cottage	Vacant

The President announced that Deborah Walsh was acting Archivist whilst an associate member. Having gained full membership she is now listed as Archivist with committee voting rights.

Proposed by Pam Pulford, seconded by Dave Long. All voted in favour. The President declared the above officers as re-elected.

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Safeguarding Adults at Risk Officer	Amanda Halliwell
Child Protection - Named Person	Angela Mellor
Guide Books Editor	Steve Scott
Guide Books Photos Editor	David Simmonite
Obituarist	Claire Harris
Oral Archivist	Lis Cook
Younger Members Co-ordinator	Nina Stirrup
E-Newsletter Compiler	Phillip Powell
Assistant Treasurer	Ron Kenyon

The President thanked the retiring officers, Wendy Dodds for her work as Obituarist since 2002 and Mark Scott for his work as Oral Archivist since 2007.

Elective members of the Committee

Wendy explained that Elective members have a key role on committee often being drafted in to working parties and other activities. She thanked Janet Ashworth, Andrew Duxbury, Graham Harkness and Stephen Reid for their input as elective members.

The committee proposed that the following Elective members of the committee, being eligible for re-election, be elected: Bernie Bradbury, Ian Bradley, Lis Cook, Amanda

Halliwell, Gerard Hurst, Sue Vaughan, Sue Wales, and Stuart Webb. Proposed by Janet Ashworth, seconded by Keith Wright. All voted in favour. The President declared that the above Elective members as re-elected.

New Elective members of the committee

The committee proposed the following as new Elective committee members: Mark Baron, Jane Hodgson, Paul Hudson, and Adrian David Lomas. Proposed by Martyn Carr, seconded by Helen Elliott. All voted in favour. The President declared that the above members as elected.

6. Reports of Officers except Treasurer.

Wendy asked if there were any questions and none were raised. Proposed by Paul Exley, seconded by Alan Strachan. All voted in favour

7. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 30th June 2021.

Wendy asked if there were any questions for the Treasurer.

Helen Lagoë expressed concerns that Hut fees are to remain the same for 2022. She supported returning the fee to £6 now that hut capacity is back at 50%. She felt that member hut fees in the club have been a nominal amount and use of the huts for a low fee has always been a valuable benefit of membership. She reminded everyone that members volunteer in many ways such as maintenance meets, joining in club activities and keeping the huts in great condition. A key benefit is that we have a low fee. She also felt that this policy has enabled people on a low income to have the freedom of the crags and fells for decades. John Pulford said that this would be reconsidered at the next Finance and Administration sub-committee meeting.

John Coates queried the inclusion of £83,000 Brackenclough donations in the account. John Pulford replied that Millers were keen to bring Brackenclough funding into the accounts.

There was also a query about £160,000. John Pulford said he would check this.

There was a query if the COVID payments were grants or loans. John Pulford advised that they were grants.

The Treasurers report was proposed by John Coates, seconded by Humphrey Johnson. There was one abstention. The majority voted in favour.

The Accounts for the years ending 30th June 2021 were proposed by Alan Strachan, seconded by Martyn Carr. All voted in favour.

Individual members' subscriptions to remain at the same level for 2022, of £71 per person, with the subscription for members who can claim a reduction under the 110 year rule of £35.50. Proposed by Pam Pulford, seconded by Maureen Linton-Lee. All voted in favour.

John Pulford explained that the BMC insurance fees are set to increase next year and so subscriptions would need to be reviewed to cover this. It was suggested that members might be able to pay BMC membership separately but John Coates said that this would not be possible as it was investigated as an option several years ago.

8. Election of auditors.

R.F. Miller and Co were proposed by Sue Walker, seconded by Joe Flint. All voted in favour.

9. Audit requirements.

To comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, without incurring the expense of a full professional audit, it is necessary to pass a motion worded, "The AGM votes to pass a motion allowing the Society not to undertake a full professional audit for the year ended 30th June 2022." Proposed by Humphrey Johnson, seconded by Keith Wright. All voted in favour.

10. Proposal for Family Meets

The President announced that considerable time has been spent reviewing hut data, consulting and discussing. Helen Elliot gave a full explanation of the work that had taken place on this subject.

Hatty Harris supported this as she recognised there was ample space in the huts and a joy in encouraging young people to the Lakes.

Janet Ashworth described her personal experience as a child attending family meets and, as an adult, co-ordinating family meets. She welcomed these to attract younger members.

Helen Lagoe also experienced family meets as a child and became a FRCC member at the age of 21 years. She also welcomed these to attract younger members.

Peter Simcock highlighted the availability of huts for family meets. In the year 2019, Max Biden had calculated that in two huts only 200 members were using the huts.

Maureen Linton-Lee said that at one time members felt that they were being denied full use of the huts but it now shows that family meets should be supported.

Dave Dowson expressed concern that children in huts might compromise the COVID compliance. Janet Ashworth explained that lateral flow test were just as effective in children and if everyone did these before using huts then there is no additional risk.

The Committee had agreed unanimously to the following proposal:

'The Committee will carefully monitor hut usage and will adjust the number and location of family meets accordingly. With this in mind, we propose between 3 and 6 family meets each year'.

Proposed by Helen Elliot, seconded by Janet Ashworth. 3 abstentions. The majority voted in favour.

11. Club Meets 2021.

Wendy invited Hazel Jonas to present the 2022 Meets list. Hazel asked for members to contact her if they wished to be a co-ordinator for the Brackenclose re-launch. She also highlighted the recommencement of day meets and indoor wall meets at Kendal and Preston.

Angela Mellor asked if there were enough family meets as there were 5 on the list. Hazel replied that there were no plans for more next year.

Pam Shawcross asked for thanks to Hazel for the enormous amount of work she had done on the Meets list. There was applause.

The 2022 Meets list was proposed by Nina Stirrup, seconded by Ian Bradley. All voted in favour.

12. Handbook Changes for 2022

This agenda item was for information only. It was explained that members will be able to

change or add their contact details on the FRCC website but that this information cannot be downloaded.

13. Any other business.

- a. Peter Simcock thanked the over 500 members who had returned their data protection forms. He asked those who had not done so to return the forms to him as soon as possible.
- b. Angela Soper asked if the FRCC would have a stand at the Kendal Mountaineering festival. Trevor Langhorne explained that due to COVID they were spreading out a limited number of stalls this year. There was no space for the FRCC.
- c. Ken Daykin said that the current 50% restriction on hut use should be discontinued as the club was acting as a “nanny state” and it should be up to individuals to decide how they use the huts. Wendy agreed that this would be discussed at the next Health and Safety sub-group.
- d. Jim Sutcliffe requested items for publication in the Journal to be sent to him by Easter 2022.
- e. Paul Exley asked everyone to join with him in proposing a vote of thanks to the Officers. He said that from our own experiences and from the Officers’ reports what an exceptional year we have had. It’s been an unprecedented period to manage the club. The responsibilities have been borne by the committee and particularly by the officers. We know of the constant changes to lockdown rules and consequently to huts booking systems, affecting all the Wardens. We realised that the published Meets List had to be abandoned and replaced by a remarkably successful series of quite different meets. The finances took a hit because of Brackenclough and the huge reduction in huts income. A constant stream of eNews kept us all informed. Above all, the President and Secretary have had to hold the club together and introduce innovative ways to deal with the unforeseen difficulties. All officers have performed with diligence, efficiency and effectiveness. They deserve our sincere appreciation.

There was applause.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting.

***Brenda Fullard,
FRCC Secretary***

Appendix 2

Proposed Elective Members 2023

Anne Daykin

I joined the Fell and Rock in 1996, along with my husband Ken. At that time we had a two-year-old son, but no intention of drifting into a quiet family life, so we needed to meet new climbing partners! Now, at 64, I am of 'average age' for the club but can empathise with younger members and family members, and would love to see the average age decrease.

I am now enjoying a very active retirement. I climb, hill-walk, bike, and fell-run. Pre-Covid I was ski-touring each winter, and I have recently rekindled my love of caving.

I've had a lot of fun Fell-and-Rocking, and I look forward to many more Meets and hut visits, and doing my bit for the club.

Helen Lagoe

Joined in 1981, a climbing addict in my 20's and trained/worked as an OA instructor. Most active in the club in the last 10 years, mainly fell/mountain walking, but recently climbing again. I'm passionate about the club and feel it's become friendlier and more inclusive recently. Really appreciate the greater role women have been playing. I'm recent convert to meets, which to me, along with the huts and guidebooks, are the heart and soul of the club.

A progressive who wants to see the club develop and thrive, but also protective of many aspects of the club's tried and tested modus operandi and founding principles.

Nick Wharton

I have been an active climber for over 40 years, climbing in the UK and all around the world. I am also a keen ski mountaineer and have dabbled in many other activities over the years. My main focus has been in the Lakes. I have been actively involved in club affairs since joining in 1998. Guidebook Photo Editor in 2000 until 2006; co-wrote the Eastern Craggs guide in 2011, Eden Valley and South Lakes Limestone guide in 2012 and now in the process of collating the new version of Lake District Rock.

In 2006 I formed the role of Compliance Officer for the club, creating the original safety policies and assisting hut wardens with the original risk assessments. I think that my sensible, pragmatic approach to H&S made this chore somewhat easier. I have an insight into the workings of the club through this role

Chris Wright

I have been an active climber of over 45 years throughout the UK and Europe. My main area of activity is the Peak District. I worked for 10 years as part BMC guidebook committee and was the compiler for Peak Limestone guides, helping with many other BMC Guides including the Lancashire Brick.

I joined the club in 1996, attended many maintenance meets mainly at Raw Head and have been involved with the family meets. I have recently worked with Ron Kenyon on the "Centenary of Dow" articles for the journal.

Appendix 3

Reports of Officers

President

A year ago we were still wondering what the impact would be if we lifted the 50% restriction on hut occupancy and now we are looking forward to an all huts extravaganza celebrating the opening of Brackenlclose and the opportunity to take place in shared Club activities. It has been a gradual transition but we have seen increased popularity of meets and use of huts.

Geoff no longer has to complete risk assessments to reflect the ever changing guidance and has instead been able to start setting up various H&S policies. There has been much discussion about insurance, especially for aspirants and guests.

The opening of Brackenclose is probably the highlight of this year. It was not all plain sailing with delays obtaining material despite the builder's efforts to advance order. Thanks to Andrew, Richard and Alan for the regular trips to Wasdale to meet with the builders and check progress. We opened the hut early before internal and outdoor storage along with drying room had been finished. This allowed members to enjoy the facilities over the summer months. Thanks goes to the team that have been working hard on this, as well as those dealing with the various water issues. A formal opening ceremony was held in June which included external contractors and members most involved with the rebuild process plus a small number of additional guests. This was immediately followed by the Maintenance meet and 70th Anniversary at Birkness.

Our all huts meet has been very well planned by Hazel, Nick and Humphrey and many others have agreed to co-ordinate throughout the weekend. What's App groups are being set up, t-shirts and hoodies have been ordered, climbing and running teams are in place, the treasure hunt is organised so all we need now is some good weather.

Another key area of focus this year has been membership. Data analysis shows we need to recruit about 50 new members each year. This seemed like an impossible task and we were considering both Club promotion and an easement to the joining process. Last year we held several zoom information evenings to promote the Club. We recognised that to increase membership we need to widen the pool of new members beyond those who already know someone in the Club. Our current processes makes this entry route more difficult.

Meets form an important part of this process, especially the Welcome meets, as it gives aspirants a chance to meet members who will support their application. Many aspirants state the opportunity to meet up with like-minded people for shared days on the fells, as well as the extensive meets programme, as a reason for joining.

In addition we have set up the recruitment team to support aspirants through the joining process, including advising on the most appropriate meets to attend. This has been supported by zoom events for new members which provide them with essential information whilst giving them a chance to meet some of the Committee.

We were delighted to admit 34 new members in September. We have had a number of younger members joining and it has been great to see them on meets and in huts.

We have struggled with the inconsistencies between the rules, bye laws and website information in relation to the joining process. A working party considered various options including changing the joining route. Given our recruitment success we decided to not make any changes to the joining process but instead to iron out the inconsistencies that have occurred since the rules were re-written.

We started a programme of indoor wall meets over the winter which proved very popular. This has been extended to a NW What's App group which has helped members find climbing partners and resulted in several late notice meet ups.

The expedition grant scheme was impacted by Covid so we were delighted to award three grants this year for an exploratory climbing /sailing trip around South & East Greenland along with exploration and hopefully new peaks in the Indian and Pakistan Karakorum. Hopefully these adventures can be shared during the winter slideshow programme.

There appears to be a significant change of officers this year but this has been a gradual process over the last few months and with the support of Brenda and John I am sure our new Treasurer and Secretary will settle in quickly. Thank you to all retiring Committee members and officers for the work you have done. The running of the Club becomes more like a business each year. We have a large and very skilled membership and the Club needs your support.

Bernie, Lis, Gerard and Amanda retire as elective members. They have been involved with negotiating electricity contracts, climate change working group, archives and membership working party. Thanks go to Trevor for the behind the scenes work he has undertaken on the new routes section of the website over many years, Mark for juggling hut secretary and warden role and Chris who has looked after Salving House for the last few years and Tony who has edited 2 Journals in quick succession including the bumper Guidebook Centenary edition.

Philip has managed the website during a period when hut booking became essential and eNews become our primary method of communication. Peter moved us onto online applications whilst supporting aspirants by attending many welcome meets and online events and Maggie arranged the move of our Dinner weekend from Shap Wells to Castle Green. Whilst sadly no longer with us a special mention goes to Peter Lucas for the work he undertook as Librarian for 17 years.

Alan has provided sound advice as Vice President, and was closely involved with site visits to Brackenclose. Finally Brenda and John who have committed a huge number of hours to ensuring the smooth running of the Club. I am extremely grateful that they are both prepared to offer support next year allowing a smooth transition for the incoming team. Best wishes to John and the new Committee.

Wendy Stirrup

Chronicler

There has been a huge and welcome involvement this past year from members eager to share their experiences of club meets with their fellows. Enthusiasm is clear to see, in both Chronicle and other media such as FB. Committee and other notices have their own pride of place of course, but the eye-catching features are the really excellent meet reports and photographs, so thank you all, not least Hazel whom I suspect has been acting as unarmed choreographer. So there has been an impressive variety of material, and the long awaited reopening of Brackenclose has been well covered. It's helpful to have plenty to work with, though in a way that presents the Chronicler with the difficulty of what to leave out!

Colour covers have been used for paper copies, following mild criticism of the overall appearance compared with the circulars produced by kindred clubs; colour has made some difference, even if it's on only four sides of A5, the rest monochrome. The observant paper recipient will have noticed that the spring issue was all-colour (much as it is online): a mistake at the printers and not a sudden outbreak of largesse on the part of the editor.

All this comes at a cost – unlike the guide books, there is no financial return on Chronicle – and the gradual trend towards online viewing is to be encouraged and indeed is being followed by the majority of new arrivals to our shores. The process may take several years (personally I prefer to curl up with a paper copy, and nothing betrays age more than admitting this!); we are currently printing something like 50 copies fewer than a couple of years ago. We have secured cheaper printing costs but the recent 2p increase in second class postage has offset some of that advantage.

Hence I have to try to reduce the size of the whole (clearly, with 40-44 page volumes going out in the post, I could be more ruthless) by restricting word counts and omitting several photos. A limit of two pages or 1000 words is suggested as a very rough guide to article length, though shorter items do balance the mix and I am keen to make allowances for reports from 'bigger' or more exceptional meets; Scottish Winter or Classic Rock meets are good examples where we might 'push the boat out', so to speak.

I'm grateful to all contributors, and thank fellow members of committee for their support. I hope Chronicle will continue to inform and entertain; that's what it's there for. The next issue, winter 2022, will go out after the pre-Christmas deadline, 1st December. As always, the dates to remember for the ensuing issues in 2023 are 18th March, 18th June and 18th September respectively.

Simon Jefferies

Compliance Officer

The impact of the COVID pandemic on hut usage has progressively eased; occupancy was initially limited to 50% but this restriction was lifted in New Year as rates of infection declined. The requirement for a negative Lateral Flow Test result prior to visiting a hut was retained until the withdrawal of free testing. Several cases of members testing positive following meets were reported but there is no evidence of widespread transmission due to use of huts. COVID risk assessments, including recommendations for minimising the potential spread of the virus, remain available on the club's website.

One hut related accident has been reported in the last twelve months; although the casualty sustained injuries which required hospital treatment, no subsequent action (alteration to hut fabric or operating procedure) is considered necessary.

Development of health and safety related policies is ongoing, with policies for Working at Height, Safeguarding, Accident reporting and Mountain Safety having been approved by the committee.

Hut Compliance audits are ongoing, though more slowly than hoped. Two electrical distribution panels at Waters Cottage were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition and were subsequently replaced.

Difficulties in locating some compliance related documentation has highlighted the need for a secure and accessible online storage facility.

Geoff Lyons

Dinner Secretary

I hope that this is my last annual report as Dinner Secretary. It's time to make way for someone younger and more active in the club. If you'd like to become more involved with the life of the

club I can recommend this job.

I think that most members recognise that the weekend is our best opportunity to meet in large numbers. Unfortunately, the number of people attending the dinner has continued to decline. The problem that we have is the expense of the dinner and accommodation. Having looked at alternative venues recently, we know that we have very little choice. Fortunately, Castle Green is proving popular with most members. I have found the hotel staff to be very professional and efficient and I know that whoever is the next Dinner Secretary, will be well looked after by the hotel team.

Margaret Skelton

Guidebooks Secretary

Personnel

Trevor Langhorne stood down from the Guidebook Secretary role during the summer, and I have taken on the role, subject to confirmation at the AGM. I have had a long-standing interest in bringing quality information to the climbing community (Series Editor for SMC Climbing Guidebooks 1990 to 1998; currently data manager for the SMC's novel suite of climbing data management applications) and I hope to be able to contribute to the already excellent FRCC guidebook programme.

Sales

Sales of all the guidebooks have followed a similar pattern during 2022 as in previous years: the older guides 2007-2012 (Gable & Pillar, Buttermere & St Bees, Eastern Crags and Eden Valley) are selling slowly, with between 10 and 15 years' stock remaining at current rates of sale. Langdale and Borrowdale are selling well, and both are now showing a healthy surplus. Scafell & Wasdale is selling less well (~ 40 p.a.) and is likely to remain in deficit for the foreseeable future. The new Duddon & Wrynose guidebook sold really well in its first year, and has still sold well this year, albeit at a decreasing rate. I would expect this trend of decreasing sales to continue, but it should soon emerge into profit. Lakes Sport and Slate is selling well, but there was a large print run and at current rates the stock will last over 10 years. It is likely to emerge into profit next year, and generate a healthy surplus in the following years. The jewel in the crown is of course Lake District Rock, which is consistently our best-selling guidebook, generating substantial profits. Therefore taken as a whole, the guidebook operation is in a healthy financial position.

Titles in Preparation

The two titles in preparation, Dow & Eskdale and a new edition of Lake District Rock, are scheduled to be published in 2023. Initial work is being done on new editions of Borrowdale (author Jonathan Hughes), Langdale (Nina Stirrup) and Pillar (Stephen Reid), with thoughts that it would be good to have a new guidebook that includes Pillar in time for the centenary of its first ascent. The changing patterns of guidebook purchase by the climbing public needs to be considered while formulating policy for the production of new titles.

Website Climbing Area

The mini-guide pdf files of new crags continue to be produced and published, over 40 of them now, and this is a well-used facility amongst the climbing public. We envisage this trend to continue. They provide coverage of crags that may not be selected for inclusion in future titles, and updated information on more popular crags, such as Runestone Quarry.

Roger Everett

Huts Secretary

1. The Huts sub-committee met on two occasions and chaired by Stephen Reid VP. There were changes in the Huts subcommittee during the year.
2. Mark Gear stepped down as Huts Secretary to be replaced by Nick Harris as acting Hut Secretary with Mark retaining his position as Warden for Waters cottage
3. Chris Paul stepped down as Warden salving house to be replaced by Andrew Duxbury as acting Warden (subject to AGM approval).
4. New Assistant Wardens (in addition to existing) - Brackenclose: Paul Cook; Heather Scarrott; Paul Littlechild; Currently total 8.
5. During the year the Wardens, Assistant Wardens and Maintenance meet teams continued with the routine work of ensuring the huts were fully functional. Many of these tasks were routine: checking meters; sorting out water flow issues; stocking up on supplies; carrying out day to day repairs; collecting payments of hut fees and carrying out reconciliations against bank transfers.
6. There were some changes during the year post Covid restrictions e.g. reintroducing tea towels etc.; a defibrillator and a new system in relation to reconciling bank payments.
7. Hut fees were increased for members, guests etc.
8. The most major, and costly, work completed during the year was the completion of the rebuilding of the 4 new dormitories and the suite of WCs and showers at Brackenclose to allow the hut to reopen in June. Richard Tait and Andrew Paul are owed a big thanks for taking the lead on this work together with the Assistant Warden team and volunteer members who worked hard both at "official" working parties and independently. The opening was followed by the Brackenclose celebratory meet across all the huts. The water supply issues remain a problem and further project work on the installation may be necessary.
9. The water supply at Birkness has held out this year thanks to larger tank installed last year. A new spring has also now been located on the fell side, and permission obtained to install a pipe, dug in at this year's Maintenance Meet. Water from the new source has now been tested and declared fit to use by Allerdale council.
10. Work completed to build and install a larger and more reliable water filter system for the Barn.
11. Defibrillator purchased and installed in Birkness Barn.
12. Reassuring information posters on bats in the roof space provided in Coach House and Cottage, followed shortly by a bat invasion in the hut. A brief closure resulted to enable a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the men's dorms and communal areas, and remedial work to prevent a recurrence.
13. Various appliances replaced, including electric stove in Coach House, immersion heater and shower in Cottage, and external lighting plus a range of repairs to plumbing and electrics in all three buildings.
14. Major outstanding work for the next 12 months includes woodworm treatment in all 3 buildings, repairs to roof and re-plastering in Cottage, a replacement water filter system for the Coach House and replacement guttering and re-plastering in the Barn.

Nick Harris

Archivist

In September we were very saddened to hear of the sudden death of our Librarian and Archives Group member Peter Lucas. The most generous-spirited of men and an absolute pleasure to work with, as well as an active climber up until the very end, he will be deeply missed by us all.

The Arthur Dolphin Climbing Diaries

Work around the donation of the Arthur Dolphin climbing diaries continues. Since the diaries have been fully transcribed and proof-read, we are now working with John Cook CBE and Bill Birkett on editing. John has produced an impressive and fascinating narrative to be included as part of the introduction. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have his first-hand insight, considerable knowledge and enthusiasm for the project.

We have approached the YMC and Gritstone Club who are commenting and advising on the further editing of the diaries within their geographic areas of expertise.

Raw Head Archive Store

Progress on reorganizing the Archive Store to create a workable space in terms of accessibility and long-term preservation and storage has continued this year. We are grateful to John Barrett and John Pulford for their efforts in untangling the 'historic' mountain of financial and legal paperwork languishing in the Archive Store.

Proposals for the conversion of the Fuel Store to accommodate the Archives are currently being drawn up by Nick Harris in association with Stephen Reid, Peter Farnell and members of the Archive Group. A report/proposals will be presented to the FRCC Committee in the near future.

Equipment

The Archives Group now has an annual budget which has allowed us to purchase an Epsom 850Pro scanner (capable of digitising any photographic medium, and just about everything else), a dedicated archives laptop and external hard-drive, as well as conservation grade storage boxes and materials.

Transcribing and digitising the manuscript/photographic collections

The transcription of the more significant items in the manuscript and photographic collections has continued this year. The purpose of this is to make them accessible to club members, researchers etc., hopefully via our website, and also for the long-term preservation of the originals.

The following items have recently been both scanned and in some cases, transcribed by Stephen Reid:

- Loose-leaf notebook containing H.M. Kelly's notes for the original Pillar Guide: Pillar Rock and Neighbouring Climbs 1924. Also, correspondence associated with this publication with: G. A. Solly, G. D. Abrahams and W. P. Haskett-Smith amongst others and accounts by O. G. Jones, George Seatree and Alister Crowley.
- 4 anonymous diaries and one small photo album dating from 1917 – 1919. Two of the diaries concern Lakeland walking holidays: Easter 1917, Whit 1917 and one contains an account of climbing on Dow in wet conditions in 1918. The final diary was an account of climbs done between 27.5.17 and 7.9.19 and is more interesting as several entries concern first ascents done with George Bower. Comparison with the climbing record revealed that the diaries and presumably the album must have belonged to W.J. Borrowman who is known to have been on these climbs with Bower.
- John Wilson Robinson's photograph album.

Brackenclose Reopening

A number of photographs from the Archives relating to the early days of the hut and notable members associated with it, were installed for the opening. These, and others, were much admired on the day but unfortunately have had to be removed as it was discovered that the new plaster had not quite dried out. They will be reinstated in due course.

In April a time capsule was installed in the fabric of the hut. This collection of items, memories and club memorabilia gives those members in the future a snapshot of the club and the journey to rebuild this cherished hut during the 2020s.

Deborah Walsh

Journal Editor

The 2022 Journal is a special edition to celebrate a 100 years since the issue of the first FRCC guidebook to Doe Crag. It combines the normal Journal with contributions from members about life in the club and adventures on the mountains together with a whole section on 'A Century of Guidebooks'. Correspondingly, the 2022 Journal will be approximately twice as large as the previous 2020 journal.

The 2020 Journal was not issued until May 2021 so the production of the 2022 Journal has, by necessity, been compressed into less than the usual 2 year production time. There seemed little break between finishing one and starting the other! The quality of the content is, as usual, very good for the 2022 journal and many thanks to all the members who provided articles and especially to Ron Kenyon and his 'team' who provided the content for the 'Century of Guidebooks' section.

The typesetters, Creative Consortium (Graham, Mike and Steph), have again done a good job of making the layout of the journal look very professional. There is a little uncertainty over how long Creative will be able to support the production of the Journal due all three of them thinking of retiring relatively soon but they have given a verbal agreement to continue until at least the 2024 Journal (even if officially retired).

I have now edited 2 Journals in quick succession including the bumper edition Guidebook centenary edition. Following production and distribution of the 2022 Journal, I have decided to resign from the position of Journal Editor.

Tony Walker

Librarian

Like many other museums and libraries, the Armitt Museum was closed for much of 2020 and the early part of 2021 and like I everyone else I was unable to visit the FRCC collections. However, the museum is now open from 10am until 5pm from Wednesday to Sunday. Full details of opening hours and Covid 19 access arrangements are available on the Armitt website. I would remind members that, as before, books can now be borrowed from our collections.

Peter Lucas

Meets Secretary

We have had an incredibly busy year in terms of meets. Meet attendance has been high and in some cases over-subscribed. I am extremely grateful to all those members who volunteer to run meets. Day meets have been appreciated by members old and new and our large pool of aspirants. Martin Elliott and Bill Wiseman have been fantastic in administering and promoting our Winter Wall Meets and our NW FRCC WhatsApp group. Do join both groups to be kept informed of ad hoc and planned day meets and indoor wall gatherings. WhatsApp has been a welcome, galvanising force for many of our meets. It has promoted banter and cohesion in advance of the meet and welcomed aspirants before they open the hut door. It was particularly effective for our Brackenclose Celebratory Meet (BCM) Hut banter reigned supreme that weekend. On that note... The Brackenclose Celebratory Meet was a huge success thanks to the massive amount of work and support offered by Humphrey Johnson and Nick Harris. It was one of those rare occasions that linked members across all seven huts. And despite some negative 'feedback' from several members before the weekend, lots and lots of 'proper' mountaineering activities were accomplished in less than ideal conditions.

Now that the BCM is over, I can once again fully focus on meets generally. There are some changes and additions to be made to the 2023 Meets List. These will be confirmed by the time of the actual AGM. If you have any queries in the meantime, do feel free to contact me directly.

Hazel Jonas

Membership Secretary

This is my final report as Membership Secretary, as I am standing down after 9 years. Amanda Halliwell has volunteered to be new Membership Secretary (officer post), she will be assisted by Les Meer as FRCC Database Administrator, and Helen Elliot as Handbook Editor. The recruitment team will continue to be Amanda, Steve Woollard, and Hazel Jonas.

Report

At the committee meetings in February and September, 49 applicants were approved to become associate members of the club, of whom 6 applicants were approved to be full members. 12 associates were approved for transfer full membership.

Since last AGM there has been 38 leavers (21 deceased, 17 resignations).

The Age distribution of the club is as follows:

Age Group	Under 30	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 to 90	Over 90	Total *
Member type									
Associate members	11	11	12	23	21	5	0	0	83
Full members	5	22	45	158	272	315	133	24	977
Life members	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	10	28
Honorary members	0	0	1	1	3	4	4	3	16
Sub totals	16	33	58	182	296	324	152	37	1104
%	1.5	2.9	5.0	16	27	29	14	3.3	100

The Average age of club= 67 (68 for males 66 for females).

Despite the recent members who joined, only 4.5% of the club is classed as Younger Members i.e. under 40.

Online application process

During 2022 all applicants have used the online application process. The paper system is still available but has not been used during the last year. Since 2018 the total number of applicants that have logged on and used the process is in excess of 276, of whom 99 have become associates and a further 37 have become full members. A further 94 are in the process of drafting their forms for submission at a future date.

So I would like to thank the team of Amanda Halliwell, Steve Woollard, and Hazel Jonas and Wendy Stirrup for their efforts in successfully recruiting 49 new members this year. If this success can be maintained the decline in membership numbers can be halted and the membership of the club refreshed. Part of the recruitment efforts have been online Welcome Meets for new associate members. It is intended to continue to hold these going forward.

A Membership working party met during 2022 chaired Andrew Paul. The outcome of the working party was to leave the rules substantially intact, with minor amendments to simplify them. This is dealt with on the AGM agenda. The working party recognised that the recent successful efforts of the recruitment team has this year resulted in more new members than leavers. If this can be maintained the slow decline in club numbers can be reversed.

Peter Simcock

Obituarist

With an ageing population and an average age in the club of 60+yrs, it has been evident for some time that the number of deaths of club members is increasing per annum and consequently the number of obituaries in the club Journal.

I believe the former club Obituarist Wendy Dodds was pro-active and very efficient at obtaining articles for the Journal. However, the numbers beg the question:

‘How much should we be chasing people for obituaries?’

Few obituaries are received unsolicited.

A rough calculation from scrutiny of some of the Chronicle and Journal publications illustrates the issue as shown below:

Obituaries in Journal Deaths listed in Chronicle % deaths given obituaries

	Obituaries in Journal	Deaths listed in Chronicle	% Deaths given obituaries
2009		10	
2010	11	12	50%
2011		8	
2012	17	19	63%
2013		17	
2014	23	13	77%
2015		-	
2016	22	-	
2017		-	
2018	23	-	
2019		9	
2020	27	26	77%

In 2021 there were 14 deaths and to date we have had notifications of 21 deaths to end Sept 2022. These are listed below:

FRCC DEATHS 2022

Edward Pettinger
Genevieve Shaw
Ian Clayton (L)
Stan Roberts
David Staton
David Cutforth (L)
Alan Lawson

Christine Lyon
Richard Morgan
Brian Blake (L)
Robert Jackson (L)
Dennis English (L)
Nuala Dowie
Peter Lucas

Vernon Wheelan
Peter Williams (of Preston)
Ernie Scarfe
Les Holbert
Helen Downham
R G Willison
Charles Kelly

Clare Harris

Oral Archivist

Mark Scott and Lis Cook completed the handover of equipment/materials relating to the Oral Archive in September 2022. Over the last year work has focussed around two areas: first, on creating a detailed catalogue of interviews that captures the content discussed and clarifies whether we have a spoken and written record of each (or just the former); and second, on starting to transcribe those interviews that have not yet been typed up.

The vast majority of recorded interviews have already been digitised. The longer-term aim is to ensure that all material is available in this format so that we can start to think about the best ways in which to make these resources more accessible and more easily searchable.

Five more interviews have been conducted this year: with John Cook, Bill Birkett, Andrew Hall, Albert Hattersley and the Brackenclose Reopening Celebrations.

Other members with more expertise in technology have been advising me of ways in which we can capture the recorded word in print and, once this is sorted, I hope to get together a small team to work on transcribing recordings. If you would be interested in helping out in this way please get in touch: oralarchivist@frcc.co.uk

Lis Cook

Secretary

This is my final report as Secretary. It has been a pleasure and an honour to have been in this role, and I will miss it but will, of course, keep a keen interest in the running of the club. However it is time for me to move on to other emerging interests. I have enjoyed working with the three Presidents who have all brought a different perspective and personality to the leadership of the club. They have supported me as have the VPs and the many Committee members who have been involved in running the club over the last five years.

For the first time the FRCC AGM was held at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal in November 2021. Thankfully we had 114 members attending the AGM and so we were quorate. The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved and are on the website.

The BMC AGM was held as an online Zoom meeting on Wednesday 18 May 2022. I attended and was supplied with over 50 proxy votes. Thanks to those members who supported the proxy voting. Next year the BMC plan to return to their pre-Covid arrangements and Zoom will (might!!) be history!

There has been the usual round of minute and agenda collating and writing; maintaining club documents, confirming Brackenclose footpath access rights with the LDNPA; arranging small a consultation group to review the applications for the expedition grant; gauging the feasibility of using Zoom and on-line voting at the 2022 AGM....and yes the dealing with continuous stream of (useful) email conversations!

Finally I would like to wish my successor, Beatrice Haigh, the very best for her period in office. She has a long standing involvement with the club. She is well organised and has lots of valuable experience from her world of work.

Brenda Fullard

Webmaster

This is my final report as FRCC Webmaster, I have enjoyed the role since 2014 but feel it is time to hand it on. I am more than happy to assist the new webmaster, Ronnie Doctor, in any way that I can. I believe a small working party is looking at giving the website a fresh look and I wish them well.

Trevor Langhorne has resigned from his role and that has now been split between Ken Daykin (Climbing area editor) and Roger Everett (Guidebooks Secretary). I should like to thank Trevor for his work over the years.

The major work with the website this year has been involved with keeping the membership updated on the changing use of huts during the pandemic and the rebuilding and re-opening of Brackenclose after the fire in March 2019.

MailChimp

Linked to the website is the club's use of the free version of MailChimp to provide information to members via email. The original free version permitted the club to send c25 emails out to members each calendar month – which was normally adequate. In the last couple of months MailChimp has changed its accounts and the new free account is for a vastly reduced number of both monthly emails and club members – far too low for it to be of use to the club. Fortunately, the club's account was only partially affected as the number of monthly emails was reduced to c12 and the number of members was not changed. Since all eNews items also appear on the website (and are unlimited) a change was made so the eNews, apart from death notices and very important items such as the Brackenclose fire, is now being sent out approximately weekly as a digest with members being pointed to the website.

If MailChimp make further changes that affect the club's mailing lists, the club may have to come up with a new solution – I have not been able to find anything suitable.

From now on Paul Hudson and I will be dealing with eNews so please send any items to enews@frcc.co.uk rather than our personal emails to ensure that we both receive them.

Philip Powell

Appendix 4

Treasurer

At the end of 2021/22 the overall bank balances (less unrepresented items) are £419k (including the balance in the Brackenclose fundraising account), which is £268k lower than this time last year, primarily as a result of the expenditure on the rebuilding of Brackenclose. Last year, Millers suggested that we should now start to include items in the accounts re Brackenclose, hence the inclusion of the fundraising account in the overall bank balance. In addition, they have included a Property Rebuild Reserve in the accounts, as well as donations in respect of the expenditure to date on Brackenclose. Any increases are primarily a result of the grants received from local authorities in respect of Covid 19 (see more below), offset by the rebuilding costs of Brackenclose. The grants are included as Local Authority Grants in Income.

Millers have calculated an overall surplus (before tax) for 2021/22 of £64k, primarily as a result of their revised treatment of Brackenclose fundraising. This compares with a surplus in 2020/21 of £124k.

The overall deficit for the huts for the full year is £362k, primarily as a result of the rebuilding costs of Brackenclose (£364k) compared with last year's deficit of £68.8k, which itself was also a result of Brackenclose rebuilding costs. Income is higher by £49k, running costs are higher by £25.7k, (both mainly a result of the re-opening of the huts) leading to a running surplus of £9.6k, compared with a deficit of £14.6k last year.

Guide book sales (as calculated by Millers) have been lower, a total of £23.3k, compared with £34.0k last year, the latter being largely a result of increased sales in the second half of last year after the end of the pandemic.

The most significant effects over the last two years have been related to Covid 19. In the March 2020 budget, the Chancellor announced that grants would be made available to non-domestic ratepayers. So far, we have received grants (to 30 Jun 2022) totalling £168k. However, the wording of the application in December 2021 (at what is often their most profitable time of year, many pubs and restaurants saw cancellations and reduced footfall as people responded to the rise in cases ahead of Christmas, with Hospitality UK reporting that many businesses have lost 40-60% of their December trade, often their most profitable month) suggests that the grants are not necessarily aimed at organisations like ours, and therefore it was agreed that we were not going to pursue any applications at that time.

Hut Fees

The Committee considered that, given the huts are now fully open again, that the higher levels of hut fees introduced as a result of the pandemic, should be abandoned, although the hut fees will have to increase from the pre-pandemic levels, as a result of the anticipated effects of higher inflation. So, for the remainder of 2022 the hut fees will be:

Members - £8

Member's spouse or partner - £10

Guests and kindred club guests - £15

Non-members aged under 25 and aged 5 or over - £6.50

Kindred club members – £10

Day visit - £3

It was also agreed that those amounts should remain the same for 2023.

Subscriptions

Following the conclusions regarding personal liability insurance, it was recommended at the previous AGM's that the club remains a member of the BMC. To recap the other arguments put forward last year, it has also proved invaluable to be involved with the BMC in the current situation, as they have been a contact with the Government in the Covid crisis, and have provided some useful guidelines regarding the re-opening of huts. Following the BMC guidelines ensures that their insurance continues to cover us in these circumstances. In addition, the BMC have produced a new set of guidelines on starting up meets again.

As mentioned last year without BMC affiliation the Huts Secretary and Meets Secretary would be struggling to determine their own guidelines and procedures and very likely deciding that the only safe move (re insurance against possible incidents) would be to stay closed and inactive.

As a result of notification from the BMC that the membership fees will increase annually in line with the Retail Prices Index (as referred to in my report last year). This increase will be effective from January 1st each year. The BMC have still not announced what the rate for 2023 will be, but anticipating an increase in line with RPI, I would expect it to be £24 (I hope to be able to confirm this at the AGM), an increase of £3 per member. Therefore, the proposal put before the AGM, is that individual member's subscriptions, which remained at the same level for 2022, of £71 per person, will increase to £74 per person with the subscription for members who can claim a reduction under the 110 year rule (or anyone else who is entitled to a concessionary rate as specified in rule 11.1) of £37.

John Pulford, Treasurer

**Fell and Rock Climbing Club
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Report and Accounts

for the year ended

30 June 2022

Registration number: IP030506R

Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Accountants' Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective Responsibilities of Committee and Reporting Accountant

The Society's Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the Society is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of Opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts and balance sheet for year ended 30 June 2022 are in agreement with the books of account kept by the society and that, on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, they comply with the requirements of the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

In our opinion the society has satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 as set out in the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and did not at any time within the year fall within any of the categories of a society not entitled to such exemption.

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Date 28/09/2022

Fell & Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

INCOME	Note	2022		2022		2022		2022		2022	
		£	Club	£	Legacy	£	External	£	Total	£	Total
Legacy	1	-	-	-	14,000	-	-	-	14,000	-	-
Subscriptions	2	65,608	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,608	-	63,877
Hut Fees	9	68,303	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,303	-	18,261
Keys		780	-	-	-	-	-	-	780	-	310
Guide Book Sales		-	-	-	-	-	23,010	23,010	-	33,589	33,589
Scatell Book Sales		-	-	-	-	-	310	310	-	435	435
Donations		398,366	-	-	-	-	-	398,366	-	83,817	83,817
Local Authority (Covid) Grants		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86,353	86,353
Misc		100	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	680	680
Meets		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Received		60	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	97	97
Clothing Sales		8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-
Karn Insurance		5,640	-	-	-	-	-	5,640	-	-	-
EXPENDITURE		538,884	14,000	23,319	576,203	287,419					287,419
Hut & Other Fixed Costs	2,7	25,127	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,127	-	10,634
Hut Running Costs	9	58,696	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,696	-	32,863
Major Hut Repairs and replacements	9	371,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	371,399	-	54,161
Annual Dinner Costs		249	-	-	-	-	-	-	249	-	(34)
Cost of Guide Sales	3	-	-	-	-	-	12,118	12,118	-	15,886	15,886
Archive		490	-	-	-	-	-	490	-	-	-
Meets		565	-	-	-	-	-	565	-	1,317	1,317
Clothing		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Website		1,425	-	-	-	-	-	1,425	-	907	907
Administration	2	10,956	-	-	-	-	-	10,956	-	9,150	9,150
Bank charges	2	2,033	-	-	-	-	-	2,033	-	940	940
Legal (re rules rewrite)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		1,075	-	-	-	-	-	1,075	-	980	980
BMC	2	21,676	-	-	-	-	-	21,676	-	21,056	21,056
Chronicle	2,3	4,992	-	-	-	-	-	4,992	-	4,652	4,652
Handbook	2,3	5,153	-	-	-	-	-	5,153	-	4,350	4,350
Journal	2,3	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	11,454	11,454
Scatell		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308	308
Donations	2	1,527	-	-	-	-	-	1,527	-	6,787	6,787
Provisions: Tax		2,106	-	-	-	-	-	2,106	-	735	735
Overprovision of tax		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,720)	(7,720)
Journal	2,5	-	-	-	-	-	(6,000)	(6,000)	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Charitable	5	-	-	-	-	-	1,120	1,120	-	1,783	1,783
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
Profit/loss on disposal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,377	2,377
Suplus / (Deficit) for Year before transfers		507,468	-	7,274	514,742	164,186					164,186
Transfers between funds		31,416	14,000	16,045	61,461	123,233					123,233
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		31,416	14,000	16,045	61,461	123,233					123,233
Allocated to:		-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
Legacy Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	14,000
General Reserve		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,461	47,461
Property Reserve		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,610	110,610
Property Reserve		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,623	12,623
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123,233	123,233

Allocated to:

Legacy Fund
General Reserve
Property Reserve

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf by

A. Pullard

Mr J Pulford

Date _____

These financial statements are an extract of the full accounts for the society.

Fell & Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited

Extracts from the Accounts for Year Ending 30 June 2022

1	Legacy Income	2022	2021	8	Huts	Original Cost	Insurance Value	2021
	Legacy	£	£			£	£	£
		14,000	10,453		Brackenclose	33,200	731,170	18,261
		14,000	10,453		Raw Head	5,712	1,243,192	12,232
					Birkness	43,792	1,293,787	1,367
					1951 & 1992	1,932	289,447	1,715
					Salving House	6,464	512,687	1,789
					Beetham Cottage	49,685	739,286	1,528
					Waters Cottage	128,411	458,852	2,825
					Kam House	269,196	5,268,421	11,408
2	Items met from subscription	2022	2021	9	Hut Income & Expenditure			
	Hut and other fixed costs	£	£					
	Administration	25,127	10,634					
	Bank charges	2,033	940					
	BMC	21,676	21,056					
	Chronicle print and distribution	4,992	4,852					
	Handbook print and distribution	5,153	4,350					
	Donations	1,527	6,787					
	Journal	36	11,454					
		71,499	69,023					
3	Cost of Publications							
	Design, printing and shipping	Scaffell	Chronicle	Handbook	Journal	Guides		
	In house expenses	£	£	£	£	£		
	Add Stock at 30 June 21	-	4,992	5,153	36	880		
	Less Stock at 30 June 22					-		
						(36,182)		

Appendix 5

FRCC Meets List 2023

	Date	Venue	Meet Co-ordinator
E	30/31 Dec	New Year's Eve – Raw Head	Amanda Halliwell, Helen Lagoe
	06/07 Jan	Salving House	Paddy Feely
E	20/21 Jan	Burns Night – Raw Head	Helen Elliot, Claire Trenaman
	27/28 Jan	Winter Climbing – Waters Cottage	Roger Everett
T	27/28 Jan	Star Gazing – Raw Head	Ian Bradley
	03/04 Feb	Salving House	Sarah Ross-Shaw, Kate Woodrow
	06/12 Feb	Slovakia	Tony Walker
	18/25 Feb	Winter Mountaineering – Karn House	Anne Salisbury
Wel	24/25 Feb	Welcome Meet - Beetham	Geoff Lyons, Mark Wilkinson
	03/04 Mar	Beetham Cottage	Elizabeth Wilson, Ellie Howarth
	04/18 Mar	Anti-Atlas Morocco Climbing Meet	Steve Woollard
	07/09 Mar	Raw Head	David Burnett & Karen Stock
	25/26 Mar	'Class of 20/21' – Birkness	Hazel Jonas
E	10/11 Mar	Music Meet – Raw Head	Sarah Ross-Shaw
	17/18 Mar	Salving House	Chris Wright
	24/25 Mar	Fell Running & Walking - Beetham	John Boyle, Philip Rowell
T	31 Mar/01 April	REC Outdoor First Aid – Beetham Cottage	Hazel Jonas
	30 Mar/02 Apr	Glan Dena	Phil Elliot
BH	07/09 April	Easter Meet - Brackenclose	Les Meer
T	14/15 April	Ropework Refresher - Raw Head	Rob Stone
	15/29 April	French Spring – Narbonne Area	Rob and Christine Smitton
	06/07 May	Committee Meet – Birkness	
	16/20 April	High Moss - Duddon	
Wel	21/22 April	Welcome Meet - Birkness	Fiona Stephenson, Simon Willis
	21/22 April	Rhinns of Galloway Sea Cliff Climbing	Roger Everett
FM BH	28/30 April	Family Meet – Raw Head	Rob Muirhead
	05/06 May	Birkness - Back on Rock	Alison Read
CM	05/06 May	Committee Meeting – Raw Head	
	06/12 May	Inchnadamph Hotel	David MacGillivray, Joanne Webster
	06/12 May	Woodlands Cottage – Glen Shiel	Anne Salisbury
W	08/11 May	Mid-Week Climbing – Raw Head	Neil McAllister
	12/13 May	Salving House	Steve Barrett
		Waters Cottage & Ardnamurchan	David Henchcliffe
	19/20 May	Younger Members Meet – Raw Head	Katie Farrell
	20/26 May	Glen Brittle	George Wostenholme
FM BH	26/31 May	Family Meet - Birkness	Gael Watson
	09/10 June	Maintenance Meet – Karn House	Graeme Ralph
	09/10 June	Canyoning – Raw Head	Steve Barrett
T CV	16/17 June	Dow Guidebook Centenary	
MM	23/24 June	Maintenance Meet - Birkness	Jackie Brindle
	23/24 June	BMC Youth Meet - Raw Head	Ron Kenyon
CV	23/24 June	AC/FRCC - Wye Valley	Nigel Buckley
Wel	30 Jun/01 Jul	Welcome Meet – Raw Head	Dave Dixon
	24 June/15 July	Joint Alpine Meet – South side of Mont Blanc – Val Veny or Val Ferret	Keith Lambley
	07/08 July	Glan Dena	Toby Forrester

MM	07/08 July	Maintenance Meet – Salving House	Andrew Duxbury
W	11/13 July	Mid-Week Climbing - Salving House	Steve Lyon
	14/15 July	FRCC/PC - Brackenclose	Rachel Somerville
FM	14/15 July	Family Meet – Raw Head	Carrie and Gary Hill
	23/27 July	Braemar – Muir of Inverey	Steve Woollard
	28/29 July	Brackenclose	Steve Woollard
	28/29 July	'School's out for summer' – Don Whillans Hut, Roaches	Tim Cresswell
	03/04 Aug	FRCC/CC – Raw Head	Rachel Somerville
	18/19 Aug	Climbing – Salving House	Paul Russell
	25/27 Aug	Gerry Charnley Round - Raw Head, Salving House, Eskdale Youth Hostel	Clare & Nick Harris
CM	01/02 Sept	Committee Meeting - Birkness	
	02/14 Sept	Via Ferrata & Walking - Dolomites	Paddy Feely
MM	08/09 Sept	Maintenance Meet – Raw Head	Peter Farnell
CV	08/09 Sept	Pembroke	Tony Halliwell
	15/17 Sept	Duddon Climbing – High Moss	Ben Heinrich
MM	22/23 Sept	Maintenance Meet - Brackenclose	Richard Tait
	29/30 Sep	Class of 21/22/23 - Birkness	Hazel Jonas
	06/07 Oct	Autumn Walking – Waters Cottage	Roger Everett
MM	06/07 Oct	Maintenance Meet – Beetham Cottage	Humphrey Johnson
	13/14 Oct	Family Meet - Birkness	Denise Andrews
	14/28 Oct	Sardinia	Steve Woollard
W	16/18 Oct	Beetham	Martin Heming, Karen Stock
Wel	20/21 Oct	Welcome Meet – Salving House	Lis Cook, Jude Jones
MM	27/28 Oct	Maintenance Meet – Waters Cottage	Mark Gear
	27/28 Oct	Communal Curry Meet - Birkness	Cath Sanders
	03/04 Nov	AGM and Dinner	The President
	10/11 Nov	Bonfire Meet - Brackenclose	Rob Jones
	12 Nov	Act of Remembrance, Great Gable Summit	The President
	17/18 Nov	Dry Tooling – Raw Head	Neil McAllister
CM	24/25 Nov	Committee Meeting – Raw Head	Jane Hodgson
E	08/09 Dec	Temperance Meet - Birkness	Charles Skeavington
	15/16 Dec	Pot Luck Christmas – Salving House	Nikki Hamerton, Helen Dunnett

CM = Committee Meeting Meet, BH = Bank Holidays, D = Dinner,
E = There may be music at these meets, F = Family Meets, MM = Maintenance Meets,
Wel = Welcome Meets W = Midweek Meets, CV = Campervan Friendly, T = Themed meet.
Those attending are free to choose whether or not to join in the themed activity.

Notes:

- All FRCC hut bookings should be made online in the first instance, otherwise via the hut warden.
- Meet Co-ordinators – don't forget to book your own beds.
- Family Meet bookings via the Hut Wardens with a copy to the Meet Co-ordinator.
- All meets not held at a FRCC hut to be booked with the meet co-ordinator unless otherwise stated.
- Castle Green Hotel Annual Dinner - tickets from the Dinner Secretary.
- Meets protocol. Meets starting on a Sunday after a weekend meet may not occupy the hut until 6pm. When leaving on a Friday please clear the hut by 4pm.

Appendix 6

Proposed Rule Changes

The Committee has recommended that 2 changes be made to the FRCC Rules. These are changes to point 4.3. and to point 23.6.

Rule Change 4.3: Rationale

Peter Lucas was Librarian since 2005 and, based on the Librarian activity over the last few years, it was agreed that this no longer needs to be separate officer role. The Archives sub-committee can manage any library issues. The Archivist can report any library related matters to the Committee and to club members via the AGM. The rule 4.3 is recommended for deletion as follows:

4 Officers

The Officers of the Club shall be:

4.1 a President;

4.2 three Vice-Presidents; and

4.3 the following Officers, namely:

4.3.1 a Secretary;

4.3.2 a Treasurer;

4.3.3 a Membership Secretary;

4.3.4 a Journal Editor;

4.3.5 a Website Editor;

4.3.6 a Guide-Books Secretary;

4.3.7 an Archivist;

~~4.3.8 a Librarian;~~

4.3.9 a Dinner Secretary;

4.3.10 a Meets Secretary;

4.3.11 a Chronicler;

4.3.12 a Compliance Officer;

4.3.13 a Huts Secretary; and

4.3.14 one Warden for each Club Hut.

4.3.15 The Committee may appoint assistant officers to non-committee, non-voting posts as deemed necessary in accordance with Standing Orders.

Rule Change 2.36 Rationale

The Committee is concerned that we are not following Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) guidance and in particular:

When a member resigns their share is forfeited but not cancelled. The shares automatically transfer into the ownership of the Club and this is contrary to the FCA guidance

However, in the event of the death of a member their share is cancelled.

The forfeited shares also have to be recorded in the Club Annual Accounts, which would not be required if the shares were cancelled.

The Committee agreed in September that all existing shares held by the Club would be cancelled.

To comply with FCA guidance and have a consistent approach to the treatment of shares it is proposed we change the wording from 'forfeited' to 'cancelled' by changing rule 2.36 as follows:

23.6 The share of a Member shall be ~~forfeited to the Club~~ **cancelled** when that Member for whatever reason ceases to be a Member and any amount then due to the Member in respect of such share shall thereupon become the property of the Club.

Brenda Fullard,
FRCC Secretary.

Appendix 7

Proposed Membership Bye-law Changes

In 2020 a new rule was introduced which specifies the membership criteria for joining. This means byelaw 1.1 contained incorrect numbering and the criteria noted in byelaw 1.2 is no longer required.

There has been additional information on the website, explaining the joining criteria, for several years. The revised byelaw 1.2 aims to direct people to this information. We also want to clarify our expectations during the associate membership period.

The following joining criteria will be added to the information on the website.

“As a climber, we expect that you should be competent and safe leading and have considerable experience in the Lake District and elsewhere.

As a mountaineer, we expect that you can judge conditions and navigate competently and safely in all kinds of weather, including when the mountains are under snow and ice, and that you have the requisite fitness for these mountain activities.

You should have experience of walking and scrambling in all seasons of the year in British mountains, particularly in the Lake District.”

Some additional guidance notes will also be added.

We have seen a number of associate members who make an extremely active contribution to the Club, including co-ordinating several meets or supporting the Club through other work. We want to encourage suitable candidates to submit an early application for full membership so have changed the emphasis slightly in byelaw 3.1

MEMBERSHIP BYE-LAWS

1. General

- 1.1. These Bye-laws contain the qualifications, application procedures and conditions referred to in Rule 8.1 regarding the election of members and the procedure for transfer to full Membership referred to in Rule 9.2 and may only be changed by agreement at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 1.2. Applicants for membership should meet the standards laid out in the FRCC Notes for Applicants. These are compiled by the Membership Sub-Committee and are approved annually by the Committee. They are also available on the website and will be sent to all applicants.

3. Transfer to Full Membership

- 3.1. Associate Members will be expected to apply for Full Membership within three years of becoming an Associate member. Applications should be sent to the Membership Secretary for consideration at the next Membership sub-committee meeting.

5 Younger Members Meets

- 5.1. Younger Members Meets will normally be held at least once a year with a view to attracting new, younger members. Before attending one of these Meets, anyone interested must complete a form giving a brief summary of his/her experience. Details are available electronically or by post from the Membership Secretary. Having successfully attended a Younger Members Meet an attendee who already has connections with the Club may pursue the route to Associate Membership in Section 2 above. An attendee without such connections may apply to attend a Meet as in Section 4.3 above.

Amendments

- 1.1 Change rule from 7 to 8.1 and rule from 8 to 9.2
- 1.2 Amend as criteria now specified in rule 8.1
- 3.1 Slight change of emphasis to encourage those demonstrating a high level of commitment to make an early application for full membership
- 5 & 5.1 Amended in line with contacts list.

