

# **Bunbury Unlimited Mountaineers AGM**

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

**Present:** Jim Grant, Mike Hiscock, Lesley Arrowsmith, Colin Christie, Tony Quinn, Lynn Quinn, Mike Arrowsmith, Mike Willis, Selina Willis, Carol Wallace, Chris Wallace, Richard Calder, Della Calder

**Apologies:** Chrissie Latter, Chris Latter, John Foster, Heather Foster, Rob Sinnott, Amanda Christie, Dave Franklin, Ali Franklin, Ian Langford, Gerry O'Neill, Dave Cadman, Jim Walker, Jean Walker, Bob Harris, Caryle Sinnott, Frank McHale, Mark Hallett, Cate Gregory, Andrea Percival, Cathy Bunting, Ray Bunting, Mairi Harris, Debbie Sargent, Dave French, Jacqui French, Gaynor MacGregor, Colin Stanyer, Sarah Hammond, Jeff Ewin, Sue Lancaster, Sue McNeil, David Barker, Janet Murray, Ann Bodfish, Iain McNeil, Fred Morris, Anne Morris, Steve Hammond, Neil Bodfish

## **Colin Christie's Chairman's Report**

My tenure as this year's chairman has unfortunately coincided with Amanda and I's catch up on holidays post COVID, so have sadly had to miss many of the walks (and the meetings).

### **NEW MEMBERS**

However, we continue to thrive and we are pleased this year to welcome new members Janet, Carol and Chris, Iain and Sue and Pippa (the dog), also Anne and Fred, ..and of course Ponya, Tony and Lynn's gorgeous new canine addition.

### **THANKS**

The Chairman's life is not so arduous as the lifeblood of the club is held together by Jim our long-standing secretary and leader so thanks too many thanks to Jim.

Thanks too, to Lesley, our hard-working social secretary for arranging amongst many things the Xmas meal, the Dolomites trip and for sorting the calendars (with Mike W), Neil (our new finance man has also been brilliant... and you will see a great financial report and that the BUMS now have online banking!)

Thanks too, to Steve our statto for recording all our efforts.

..and thanks to Debbie and Jeff for a great Xmas walk

....and to all the walk leaders who continue to step forward to ensure we have a walk to go on!

## THE WALKS

There's been some fantastic walks again and quite a bit of variation on the numbers attending the walks depending on time spent in the car!! - degree of difficulty in terms of walk distance and total ascent Shropshire now very popular. A couple of walks had to be cancelled due to either to a lack of leaders or on one occasion a lack of numbers!

Overall however the walks have been well attended again (an average of approx. 12 for mid-week walks and about 9 for weekends. This is in line with past years where the midweek walks tend to be more local and less strenuous and hence more popular! And a record 22 for Richard's walk to the Flash.

Jim and Lynn were joint equal best attenders for midweek walks (6 each) and Sarah for weekend walks (8).

## SUMMER BBQ

BBQ Amanda and I were pleased to host this year's Summer BBQ. Attendance was a tad lower than usual which was our fault due to busy holiday schedule. The BBQ is traditionally in August but we could only manage to do it July so sorry to those who missed out this year, Carol and Chris has offered to do it this year! Many thanks to them in advance.

## DOLOMITES

We also had a fantastic week in the Dolomites which worked out really well. It was a venue we had stayed in before (in Badia) but this year we had quite a spread with not everyone wanting to do the big hikes. We managed 3 or 4 options every day so that everyone could pretty much do what they felt comfortable with and we were able to enjoy some great little local (leisurely) walks from the hotel which I didn't even know existed!.

Some of the bigger walks were Sassonger (2665m or 8750ft) and Le Ciaval (2,900m or 9,500ft) and a few of us managed to conquer those two.

Chris L won the marmot - our traditional award for the person making the biggest blooper on tour (although in fairness to Chris there was no "stand out" blooper last year!)

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

The Chairman's awards ( handed out at the Xmas dinner) went to

- Steve for being a top leader
- Richard for being another top leader and leading the record attendee walk (22 to the Flash)
- Lesley for being a top social secretary
- Sarah BUM of the year for attending most walks overall (13 of 20)

## **Neil Bodfish's Treasurer's Report**

The opening cash position of the Club was £683.71.

As at 31 December, the cash balance had increased by £28.17 to £711.88. A summary Income & Expenditure analysis is provided on page 2.

In the year there were 4 resignations, John Foster, Joe and Tina Clauson and Lindsey Jones. This was more than balanced by 8 new members, Iain and Sue McNeil, Janet Murray, Dave Barker, Chris and Carol Wallace and most recently Fred and Anne Morris. Welcome one and all.

Overall, income from subscriptions was £100 higher this year, which was the main contributing factor in keeping the cash position pretty stable year on year. With the current healthy membership numbers and the strong current cash balance there would appear to be no need to increase subscriptions for 2023.

2023 Calendar sales this year were £152 compared to £138 last year. Calendar print and production costs were £160 (£152 in 2021).

The main item of expenditure continued to be donations to organisations that support walkers in outdoor activities. This year, two donations of £200 each were made to The Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and The National Search and Rescue Dog Association respectively. It is proposed that two donations of £200 each continue for 2023, to be committed once 2023 subscriptions have been received.

Other expenditure in the year related to the Summer BBQ, which resulted in a net cost of £73, versus a net cost of £93 in the prior year. The 2022 Christmas bash costs were £105 compared to £113 last year as we moved from table wine to a glass of prosecco on arrival.

There was nil spend on external fees for website support in the year.

The Club has a policy of maintaining a cash balance of £300 as reserves, and as the accounts show a balance of £712 it is proposed that the £300 target remains in place going forward.

### **Summary of Recommendations Proposed for 2023**

1. New subscriptions are kept at £20, and renewals at £10
2. A target for Club reserves of £300 is maintained
3. Expenditure of £400 for charitable donations is maintained, worthy causes for 2023 to be discussed at the AGM

BUNBURY UNLIMITED MOUNTAINEERS Income & Expenditure Accounts 2022 AS PRESENTED at AGM 23 January 2023					
	£	£		£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	683.71				
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>		
New Member subs for 2022		140.00	Donation Wasdale Mountain Rescue		200.00
Renewal Subs		450.00	Donation National Search & Rescue Dog Association		200.00
Prepaid subs 2023		0.00	2022 BBQ	£5 Contributions	135.00
2022 residual calendar sales 3		24.00		Less Equipment Hire	93.12
2023 Calendar sales 19		152.00		Less Food & Gifts	114.98
					73.10
2023 Calendar costs			2023 Calendar costs		159.92
2022 Xmas bash prosecco			2022 Xmas bash prosecco		104.81
<b>Net Income and Expenditure in the year</b>		<b>766.00</b>			<b>737.83</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>		<b>711.88</b>			
<b>Banc Reconciliation</b>					
Bank Balance as at 31 Dec 2022		711.88			
Unpresented cheques		0.00			
Cash		0.00			
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>		<b>711.88</b>			

## Lesley Arrowsmith's Social Secretary's Report

2022 was an extremely busy year for the social scene in the BUMs.

2022 seemed to fly by with the first social activity being the summer BBQ which took place at Colin and Amanda's and was attended by about 40 people. Their garden was the perfect setting for the lovely evening.

The format of having Corkscrew Hire for crockery and glasses really helps the hosting job. I would like to thank the Christie's for hosting and thanks to all attendees for providing food and drink.

Thanks also for those providing tables and tents and for those helping to clear away the following day. The sausage baps were a great reward.

The next event was a record breaker with 16 of us going out to Alta Badia in the Dolomites. The weather was fantastic, slightly cooler in the mountains than at home (the heatwave was in full swing). We were all able to enjoy walks and climbs at different levels and the cable cars assisted in getting almost all of us up to some height and all of us seeing some beautiful alpine scenery. The hotel was perfect and we managed to get free wine, despite having to do some extreme negotiating. The marmot award went to a well deserving Chris Latter for several misdemeanours, the nature of which are lost in the mists of time and alcohol!

The Christmas dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> December held here at the Dysart was very well attended and the addition of prosecco on arrival instead of table wine seemed to work well and will be

retained for future dinners. I would like to formally thanks the team at the Dysart for making the evening a great success.

Colin's chairman's speech hit all the right notes, so well-done Colin.

Last, but by no means least thanks to Jeff and Debbie for hosting the Christmas Family Walk on the 27<sup>th</sup> December at Ruyton 1X Towns, kicking off with mulled wine, and well attended. The route was just right, though a tad muddy, but was enjoyed by all. This year we opted out of chips but still met back at the Dysart for rehydration. We decided that chip butties were great when we had children walking with us so maybe when we get grandchildren coming we can reinstate.

Obviously, the job includes encouraging people to attend meetings, walks and social activities, and I am very aware that I have been in this role for some years. It could be time for a change or perhaps a helping hand! I will leave this open for voting on later.

All in all 2022 was a very successful year of social activities.

## **Steve Hammond's Statto Report**

Below are 3 pdf files. The first two show who did which walks, with one covering midweek walks and the other weekend walks. The summary file then adds together the Total column figures for midweek and weekends to give an overall total for each walker in 2022.

It's interesting to note that the average number of walkers was slightly higher for midweek walks (11.6) than for walks at weekends (8.9).

Unfortunately I can't make it to the AGM and so if you have any questions - or spot any glaring errors! - please feel free to email me.

MIDWEEKERS											
2022	Jan 26th	March 4th	March 25th	April 29th	May 27th	June 24th	Aug 5th	Aug 25th	Oct 28th	Nov 25th	
Destination	Dovedale, Mildale and Ilam	Little Moreton Hall to Mow Cop	Long Mynd	Clywds	Llanemynach	Danebridge	Ruthin	Lyme Park	Long Mynd	Flash	
Distance (Miles)	11.5	8.0	8.5	8.0	7.7	11.25	10	9.2	10	8.15	66.3
Total Ascent (ft)	1600	902	2200	1630	1350	1634	2100	1270	1500	1600	15786
Total Ascent (m)		275									
Leader	Mike H	Lynn & Tony	Neil	Ali	Richard	Colin	Neil	Richard	Steve	Richard	TOTAL
Total walkers	8	9	10	8	13	10	10	9	17	22	116
Ali Franklin				1		1				1	3
Amanda Christie											0
Andrea Percival					1		1	1		1	4
Ann Bodfish						1	1			1	3
Anne Morris								1	1		2
Bob Harris		1				1					2
Carol Wallace				1	1						2
Cate Gregory		1	1		1						3
Cathy Bunting											0
Chris Green											0
Chrissie Latter			1		1				1	1	4
Chris Latter									1	1	2
Colin Christie					1		1			1	3
Dave Cadman	1										1
Dave Franklin											0
Dave Barker				1					1	1	3
Dave French							1				1
Debbie Sargent									1		1
Della Calder	1				1			1		1	4
Frank McHale											0
Fred Morris								1	1		2
Gerry O'Neill					1	1	1		1		4
Heather Foster							1			1	2
Ian Langford											0
Iain McNeil	1	1			1						3
Jeff Ewin			1		1						2
Janet Murray	1			1	1					1	4
Jean Walker											0
Jim Walker											0
Jim Grant		1	1	1			1		1	1	6
John Foster											0
Jon Clauson									1		1
Lesley Arrowsmith	1		1					1	1	1	5
Lynn Quinn		1		1		1		1	1	1	6
Mairi Harris						1					1
Mark Hallett		1	1	1					1	1	5
Mike Arrowsmith					1						1
Mike Hiscock	1					1				1	3
Mike Willis	1									1	2
Neil Bodfish			1			1	1		1	1	5
Phillip Ellis											0
Ray Bunting		1				1					2
Richard Calder	1				1			1	1	1	5
Rob Sinnott											0
Sarah Hammond			1				1	1	1	1	5
Selina Willis		1	1							1	3
Steve Hammond			1				1	1	1	1	5
Sue Lancaster					1						1
Tina Clauson											0
Tony Quinn		1		1		1			1	1	5
TOTAL	8	9	10	8	13	10	10	9	17	22	116

Average no. of walkers per midweek outing =

11.6

	Weekends	Midweeks	TOTAL	
Ali Franklin	1	3	4	Ali Franklin
Amanda Christie	0	0	0	Amanda Christie
Andrea Percival	1	4	5	Andrea Percival
Ann Bodfish	4	3	7	Ann Bodfish
Anne Morris	0	2	1	Anne Morris
Bob Harris	2	2	4	Bob Harris
Carol Wallace	0	2	2	Carol Wallace
Cate Gregory	0	3	3	Cate Gregory
Cathy Bunting	0	0	0	Cathy Bunting
Chris Green	0	0	0	Chris Green
Chrissie Latter	2	4	6	Chrissie Latter
Chris Latter	1	2	3	Chris Latter
Colin Christie	3	3	6	Colin Christie
Dave Cadman	0	1	1	Dave Cadman
Dave Franklin	1	0	1	Dave Franklin
Dave Barker	4	3	7	Dave Barker
Dave French	1	1	2	Dave French
Debbie Sargent	0	1	1	Debbie Sargent
Della Calder	3	4	7	Della Calder
Frank McHale	0	0	0	Frank McHale
Fred Morris	0	2	1	Fred Morris
Gerry O'Neill	0	4	4	Gerry O'Neill
Heather Foster	0	2	2	Heather Foster
Ian Langford	1	0	1	Ian Langford
Iain McNeil	0	3	3	Iain McNeil
Jeff Ewin	0	2	2	Jeff Ewin
Janet Murray	4	4	8	Janet Murray
Jean Walker	0	0	0	Jean Walker
Jim Walker	0	0	0	Jim Walker
Jim Grant	6	6	12	Jim Grant
John Foster	0	0	0	John Foster
Jon Clauson	0	1	1	Jon Clauson
Lesley Arrowsmith	6	5	11	Lesley Arrowsmith
Lynn Quinn	3	6	9	Lynn Quinn
Mairi Harris	0	1	1	Mairi Harris
Mark Hallett	1	5	6	Mark Hallett
Mike Arrowsmith	2	1	3	Mike Arrowsmith
Mike Hiscock	5	3	8	Mike Hiscock
Mike Willis	4	2	6	Mike Willis
Neil Bodfish	3	5	8	Neil Bodfish
Phillip Ellis	0	0	0	Phillip Ellis
Ray Bunting	3	2	5	Ray Bunting
Richard Calder	3	5	8	Richard Calder
Rob Sinnott	0	0	0	Rob Sinnott
Sarah Hammond	8	5	13	Sarah Hammond
Selina Willis	5	3	8	Selina Willis
Steve Hammond	7	5	12	Steve Hammond
Sue Lancaster	1	1	2	Sue Lancaster
Tina Clauson	0	0	0	Tina Clauson
Tony Quinn	4	5	9	Tony Quinn
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>205</b>	

## Bums Attendances - 2022

## 2022 Weekends

WEEKENDS											
2022	Jan 15th	Feb 12th	March 19th	April 15th	May 14th	June 18th	Aug 20th	Oct 15th	Nov 12th	Dec 3rd	
Destination	Breidden Hills from Middletown	Bishop's Wood	Dark Peak	Glyndyfdwy - Moel Fferna Loop	Tal y Fan from Llanfairfechan	Thieveley Pike	Penamnen Horseshoe	Cadair Bronwen	Nine Standards Rigg	Dinas Bran and Dee Valley	
Distance (Miles)	8.0	9.0	10.6	9.5	10.4	9.0	9.6	11	9.3	9.8	96.2
Total Ascent (ft)	2400	?	2250	?	2400	1520	2165	2300	1806	1800	16641
Total Ascent (m)	732						660				
Leader	Steve	Richard	Jim	Richard	Steve	Mike A	Steve	Tony	Jim	Steve	TOTAL
Total walkers	12	10	10	8	9	11	9	8	4	8	89
Ali Franklin						1					1
Amanda Christie											0
Andrea Percival		1									1
Ann Bodfish	1			1	1					1	4
Anne Morris											0
Bob Harris	1								1		2
Carol Wallace											0
Cate Gregory											0
Cathy Bunting											0
Chris Green											0
Chrissie Latter					1	1					2
Chris Latter						1					1
Colin Christie	1			1	1						3
Dave Cadman											0
Dave Franklin	1										1
Dave Barker			1	1		1	1				4
Dave French							1				1
Debbie Sargent											0
Della Calder	1	1		1							3
Frank McHale											0
Fred Morris											0
Gerry O'Neill											0
Heather Foster											0
Ian Langford		1									1
Iain McNeil											0
Jeff Ewin											0
Janet Murray	1					1	1	1			4
Jean Walker											0
Jim Walker											0
Jim Grant	1		1	1			1	1	1		6
John Foster											0
Jon Clauson											0
Lesley Arrowsmith			1		1	1	1	1		1	6
Lynn Quinn	1		1					1			3
Mairi Harris											0
Mark Hallett			1								1
Mike Arrowsmith					1	1					2
Mike Hiscock		1	1	1				1		1	5
Mike Willis		1					1	1		1	4
Neil Bodfish				1	1					1	3
Phillip Ellis											0
Ray Bunting		1	1		1						3
Richard Calder	1	1		1							3
Rob Sinnott											0
Sarah Hammond	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	8
Selina Willis		1	1			1		1		1	5
Steve Hammond	1	1			1	1	1		1	1	7
Sue Lancaster						1					1
Tina Clauson											0
Tony Quinn	1		1				1	1			4
TOTAL	12	10	10	8	9	11	9	8	4	8	89
Average no. of walkers per weekend outing =					8.9						



### **Member's Resolutions**

None were raised

### **Charitable Donations**

There was much discussion about worthy causes and who we would donate the 2X £200 donations for 2022. Three were mentioned

Ali's charity walk up Spain's 3 highest mountains to raise money for the Christie Cancer Hospital

Shropshire Mountain Rescue (area is covered by

<https://westmerciasar.org.uk>)

Air Ambulance

We agreed that Members would go away and have a think about these and any others that they would like considered, we agreed to discuss further and make decisions at the next monthly meeting.

**Action; Email Jim G with your views and any other worthy causes you would like considered**

### **Elections to the posts of:**

The following were elected to serve for 2023

Neil Bodfish-Treasurer

Richard Calder-Chairman

Jim Grant-Secretary

Lesley Arrowsmith-Social Secretary

Steve Hammond-Statto

### **Members Subs 2023**

We agreed to hold the subs at their current levels. £20 for new joining Members and £10 for renewals

**Action: Neil to issue Subs renewal email to all (include bank payment details)**

**AOB**

2024 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bunbury Unlimited Mountaineers. We agreed that we should celebrate this event

**Action: Jim G to add to monthly meeting agenda**