

Hi Lanch Members

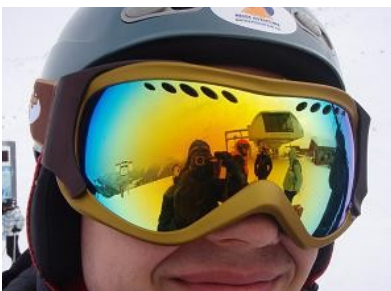


Well, it has come to that time of the year again. It's Lanch time. Time to stick your hand in your pocket, scribble a cheque, tweak the online payment. Time to pay for the privilege of being a member of your favourite mountaineering club.

It may seem like a tall order to pay for such frivolous luxuries in this period of economic decline but "Hey!" have you seen the Euro conversion rate? What better excuse to give up that week in

Ibiza, the city break to Brussels or the beer run to Calais. Run to the hills instead, top up on vitamin D, get some exercise and fight the 'Credit Crunch Blues'.

Of course, we hope you have had a healthy and prosperous year and that you managed to get to a trip or few. We had a healthy turn out for the camping trip in Wales a couple of weeks ago, with some new faces. The weather even allowed us to stay out of the communal tent for most of the trip (see right).



We had 19 people on the Lanch Ski Trip to Switzerland, with some of the best accommodation experienced to date. Rob is already looking into booking with the same company (funky picture of soon-to-be-member Pingu the Pole to left).

At New Year in the Trossachs we experienced the worse of weather for a day then incredible weather with summits breaking through to sunny peaks surrounded by a sea of clouds (Anouska demonstrates at top of page). The party

on New Year Eve was country themed (to the right) with costumes and cocktails.



The coming year is really taking shape. We have a multitude of trips already booked (see the attached meets sheet). A couple of BBQs in the summer, a birthday bash, a couple more camping weekends before moving in to Autumn, huts and the infamous 'Shrewsbury Curry'. Lanch have taken on the booking of the Cov Uni MS huts for their first 3 trips. This

ensures they get the best huts, allowing space for LMC members and preventing conflicts of dates. New Year is planned to be a big one, in the Lakes. Then there's the AGM and Easter 2010 - already booked!



Most of you know what is included in membership of the LMC, but if you want a reminder then see the attached 'Flyer' which is for you to send/give to anyone you think might enjoy the Lanch. Give them a 'Membership Form' too. As a returning member you don't need to fill in a Membership Form if none of your details have changed. However, a nice new photograph to go on the new look Membership Card would look good. I can crop and resize any computer image you send.

Please take note of the new membership fees (voted in at AGM) and make any adjustments to your Standing Orders if you pay by this method (before 1 June). I have also attached some guidance to e-Banking if you want to pay by this method. Otherwise, the usual methods apply...

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