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Hut update

Firstly, we should give a big “thank you” to Charlie and his dad who have replaced the ceiling in the main room after we had problems with the paint and plaster falling off during the various lockdown periods. As the plaster needed to dry out it will be painted over the coming months.

The club now has a sandwich toaster, which I am sure will be well used and a new boot rack for drier periods.



A phased replacement of the mattresses has started, and some more should be arriving in the autumn. On the planned list of upgrades is the

replacement and re-siting of the basin in the small dorm and the provision of a basin in the large dorm.

Destination: San Vito lo Capo, Sicily

April 2022 saw Ed and I sat on a plane with a group of friends, heading from Gatwick to the city of Palermo in western Sicily. Restrictions from the dreaded C-word meant we were both desperate for some sun, sea and limestone cragging – and it turns out that San Vito lo Capo is just what the doctor ordered!



The main escarpment is several miles worth of continuous cliff, with everything you could wish for from easy 2as up to a ridiculous 9a! The limestone rock comes in all shapes and forms with plenty of slabs, big overhangs, cool caves, flowstone tufas, jugs and some really sharp crimps. The access is easy – we stayed in the town of San Vito lo Capo and hired a car but most of the crags are only a 10 minute drive and plenty of areas would be walkable from the town of el Bahía campsite at the southern end of the cliff.



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As with much of the Mediterranean, it can quickly get too hot to climb and October through to May seems a sensible season. We happily climbed on the crags in the mornings and then headed to the beach to cool off for a swim each afternoon. One exception to the friendly single-pitch climbing was the stunning Monte Monaco, a

400m pillar of rock rising above the coast to give a fantastic 12 pitch adventure. Ed and I took it in turns leading, winding our way up the rock face along a route called Via Fratelli Titt / Sogni d'Oro. The climbing was straightforward and the views fantastic, making for a fabulous day – even better, the others had taken some beers to the crag where we joined them later on.



For anyone looking for a friendly winter climbing destination with good food, lovely beaches, interesting historic towns and amazing limestone, San Vito lo Capo is one I highly recommend!

Georgie



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Committee update

The committee held a zoom meeting on the 25 July where the following was discussed.

Given the increasing costs of power the committee are reviewing the hut nightly fees. Any change will be communicated to the membership in the autumn.

A number of items concerning hut maintenance were discussed and most are listed above.

Angie had a good catchup with Haf on her last visit and no issues were raised. We are going to approach the Roberts family to get a list of local tradespeople who we could call upon for quotes and work to be done on the hut when appropriate.

The club website has now been moved to a new supplier and the address has changed to www.mcnw.club.

Ed will be pulling together a list of proposed climbing equipment for the club to procure. Part of which will be larger sized climbing helmets.

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Mull meet – April 22

Truly a marvellous meet in bright April sunshine, this was a week for most, at the Ross of Mull Bunkhouse, but ten days for Angie & Paul who began with a few days camping on adjacent Iona.



Ben More and A'Chioch, Mull's highest mountains, from Ben Fhada. Ben More is the only Munro in all the western isles, apart from greedy Skye, which has twelve.



IONA, is a small ferry trip away from Mull, and is a place to savour with reflective walking to remote sandy beaches, and rocky little hills, the Celtic Christian heritage, embodied by the Abbey, and a brilliant campsite, where Angie and Paul met Elsa,





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who later joined us for a few nights at the bunkhouse.

MULL, on the map, appears as a ragged array of inlets and peninsulas, and the Ross of Mull, its largest peninsula to the south west, is where we stayed, at the Ross of Mull Bunkrooms, opposite a lochan on the road to Fionnphort where the ferry to Iona can be boarded



Paul, being greeted by one the eccentric inhabitants of the island of Mull.

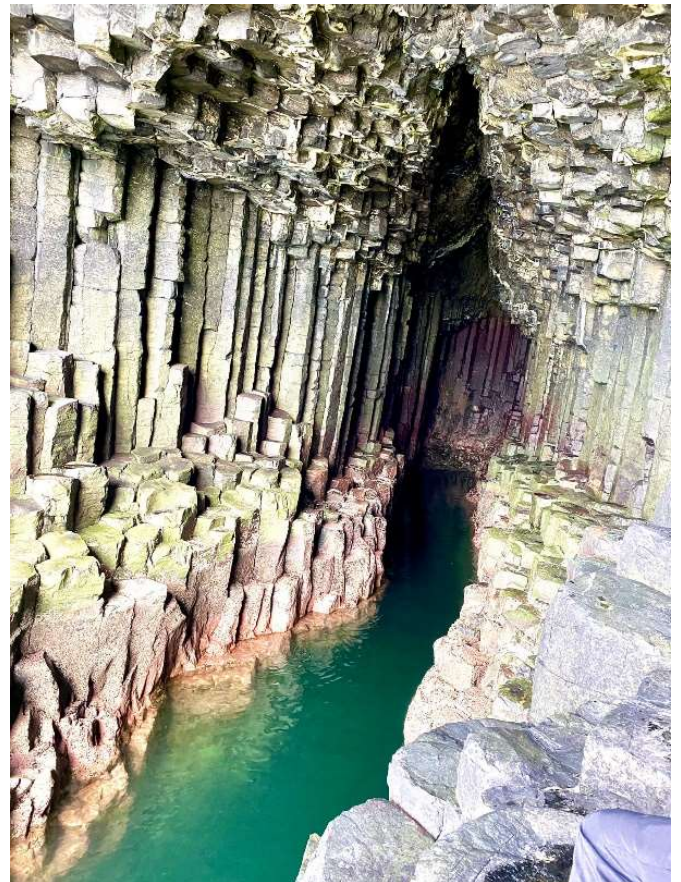
The Ross of Mull Bunkhouse served us well and Rachel was an excellent host. Angie comments on where we stayed:

"The wonderful, sheltered and diverse garden around the Ross of Mull bunkhouse was a delight - and the views across the Loch opposite were sublime in the changing light, depending on the time of day. We all enjoyed the 15 minute lochside walk into Fionnphort for trips to Iona and Staffa... oh, and the excellent community pub!"

STAFFA, an island off Mull, was visited in a stunning boat trip.



The approach to Staffa, by boat, revealed the beautiful basalt rock structures. Staffa (staff-ay; island of pillars, or 'staves') was named by the Vikings,



Fingal's Cave, famous for Mendelssohn's music from his Hebrides Overture, is an intriguing sea cave,



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which we could enter on foot, where Terry was very much at home.



Hefferman, -the Hermit of the Hebrides.

Aileen found a friend on Staffa, where this inquisitive puffin came delightfully close to her and her camera. Her delight "This was a walking holiday, but it turned out to be a magical wildlife holiday. We saw sea eagles, golden eagles (we think), orca killer whales, dolphins. Truly amazing, and the weather was unbelievable."



It was a pleasure to meet Angies brother, Jonathan, who arrived by motorbike.





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One of Iona's secluded beaches, and Paul's toes.

The Mull contingent included: Aileen, Andrew, Angie, Steve, his son Matt, Jonathan Angie's bro., Elsa, and Paul

Meet pics



Dates	Coordinator	Location
27-29 Aug	Georgie Weatherley	Tal y braich
17-18 Sep	Paul Newbould	Tal y braich
30-02 Oct	Steve Brown	Lakes
22-23 Oct	Neil Weatherley	Tal y braich
19-20 Nov	Angie Polkey	Tal y braich