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Thanks also to the many people who have given of their time in talking to me and answering my queries.

No doubt there must be many more who I should have consulted; if there is anyone who would like to contribute an article about our late President or about the early years of the Club, then please do contact the Editors of the Bulletin.

The articles included here mention many individuals who were associated with the Bishop, however the limited nature of this publication inevitably fails to recognise the contribution made by many others who worked with his Lordship throughout the years from 1942 to the present. A full history of the Club from say 1950 awaits and deserves an author.

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The cover sketch of Buckbarrow is by Jenny Massie

Acknowledgements

The 1989 Journal is only the second edition produced in recent years though we hope that the pattern of a Spring, Summer and Autumn Newsletter and an Annual Journal will continue in the future. The 1988 Journal was a special 'one-off' production designed specifically to the memory of our founder, Bishop T B Pearson. However, it is hoped that subsequent publications will improve over the years. A special thanks to the members who contributed to the journal: Paul Cooney, Joyce Foster-Kent, John Foster, Tom Walkington and Dot Woods. Also, to the production team from the staff of the Catholic Caring Services, Preston, for their assistance in the typing, printing and dispatching.

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INTRODUCTION

The pattern of a Spring, Summer and Autumn Newsletter supported by a 'members' Journal has now fallen into place. I use the word 'members' deliberately, since it is your opportunity to contribute reports of your activities for the pleasure of other members to read.

It will probably take a little more time before individuals and perhaps even groups of members develop the habit of recording their achievements and submitting them for publication in the Journal. In the meantime, we have a loyal band of supporters who have taken the trouble to put pen to paper for the benefit of us all. I sincerely thank them for making my job a little easier.

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INTRODUCTION - Derek Price

Quote from the 1990 journal. "It will probably take a little more time before individuals.....develop the habit of recording their achievements and submit them for publication in the journal". Little did I know I right I was in making that comment.Gathering articles for the 1991 journal has been hard work, to say the least, and, as is usually the case, there has been a flood of articles at the last minute. However, this journal contains some excellent reports and I am sincerely grateful to those members who have kindly donated them.

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Unlike previous years, I have had to do very little 'arm twisting' in the process of extracting articles from members. It is encouraging to be asked. "When do you want my article?", or "Is there a deadline?". I am now beginning to feel confident that events are being recorded and will be there for future generations to read.

Anything printed in the journal needs to be a report of an event that occurred during the year, unless something written in the past relates to a recent happening or is applicable to the club itself. Every report on every meet that took place in 1994 is included and I am grateful to the authors of those articles and to all other contributors.

Ad Altiora

Derek Price.



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A few weeks ago the ARCC was given a set of Scottish Mountaineering Club Journals for the new library, dating from 1899 to 1949. The SMC then produced two journals a year (now I am not sure whether it is still the case) and obviously had a great deal of support from the members. In contrast, we re-started producing our own journal in 1988 so this years effort is only the eighth consecutive issue. Nevertheless, in this short period of time over sixty members have provided articles and some very interesting reading.

This years issue is longer than previous journals and has involved much more planning and setting out, (plus the loss of nearly eighteen thousand words by pressing the wrong key and having to start again), hence the delay in printing. However, my sincere thanks to all those members who took the trouble to put pen to paper for the benefit of others.

There is the usual variety of subjects covered and I am happy to see that many of the Club meets are reported. Hopefully my appeal on page 67 for the return of Club material will be taken seriously by those members to whom it applies.

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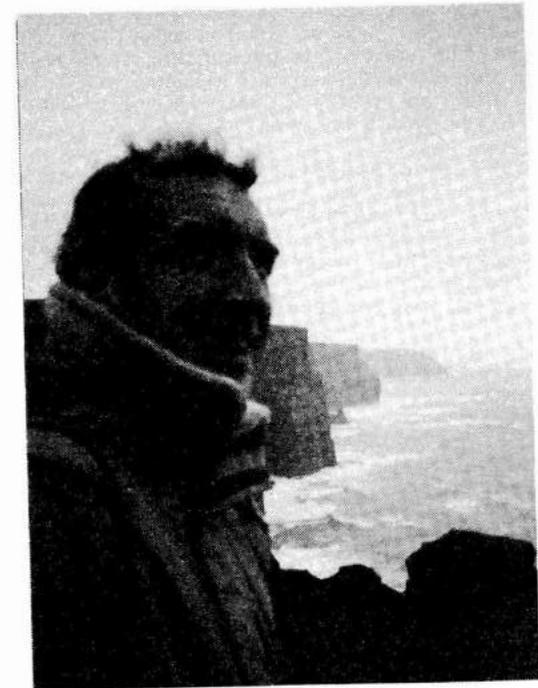
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It is a great relief to see this issue of the Annual Journal finally printed and distributed to members, perhaps a little later than usual, but completed and reasonably full of articles. At the AGM in November I had only one article and three relatively short reports and was doubtful whether it would be worthwhile going to 'print' this year. However, members rallied and we have quite a decent production.

It is rather disappointing that out of 17 meets this year (excluding working weekends) only one was reported on, so all the activities that took place on other meets are buried in memories or possibly lost forever.

Fortunately, we do have some interesting reading from members who have seen fit to report on their experiences both here and abroad and I am, as ever, very grateful for their contributions.

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INTRODUCTION

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Our Founder President's love was for the hills. His vision was for the ARCC to encourage the pursuit of mountaineering and to foster a love of the mountains, and most of the articles enclosed uphold that vision. My thanks to those members who contributed.

Ad Altiora

Derek Price.



Bridge over the Langdale Beck leading to Baysbrown Farm.

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1998 will be remembered as a rather damp year, the best of the weather coming in the spring and autumn. Many of the clubs activities suffered and were down in numbers. The wind and rain in the summer months probably being responsible for most of this. Nevertheless, the 'grapevine' tells that still a lot of climbing and walking activities took place.

The death of Jim Cooper, former Club Treasurer, and within a week, Bernard Margiotta, came as a shock to many members. Both Jim and Bernard had been stalwart members, especially in the 60's and 70's when the Club was expanding its membership and fund raising activities outside of the Lake District were the norm. Jim was Treasurer of the club for several years. Also, the death of our Chaplain, Fr.Frank Hughes was another sad event. His jovial nature was a tonic, nothing seemed to worry him and the memory of the 'Late Fr.Hughes' explaining to people in the chapel at Bishop's Scale why he was the 'Late Fr.Hughes' will stay in our memories for many years to come. May the Lord have mercy on them all and grant them eternal rest.

I have to admit to being disappointed with this years journal. In spite of promises from a number of members to provide reports of their activities, few came to fruition, hence a somewhat limited production. We are all members of a magnificent organisation called the Achille Ratti Climbing Club, with huts in the Lake District and North Wales, and being members of this organisation gives us all a responsibility to partake in and support it's activities including providing information for newsletters and articles for the journal, if we are able. Perhaps the excitement of the Millennium will spur people on this year and hopefully they will support the club a little more. However, many thanks to those members who did send in interesting reports of their activities.

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1. Apologies for Absence were received from Roy and Dorothy Buffey, Doug Blackett, Marge Metcalf, Jack Hindle, Joyce Kent, Barry Rogers, Anne Gatskell, Gerard McCabe, Pat Margiotta, Bryony White and Monsignor Slattery.

2. Attendance - 56 people.

3. 1998 AGM. The Secretary gave a brief summary of the 1998 meeting. Matters arising - none.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman, Derek Price, welcomed everyone to the meeting and to our new venue. It was not what we planned but will suffice.

Around the huts.

A brief outline of hut developments.

Beckstones The National Trust have promised that a new water system will be installed in the next few months and members are asked to show a little patience with the present supply. Remember all drinking water has to be boiled. Negotiations for leasing all of the property are taking place at the present time.

Bishop's Scale Improvements still going ahead. The chapel has been used a number of times for services this year and hopefully there will be more in the future.

Dunmail The hard work put in by the warden and his team is now paying off.

Tyn Twr Improvements will be starting soon. A new bay window in the lounge is to be installed and plans will be made to update the mens area and the kitchen.

Winter Meet

This years venue is Torridon from the 5th to the 11th March 2000. Interested parties contact Ben Carter at 214 Rochdale Road, Shaw, Oldham OL2 7JA or 01706 841978

2000 Meets Card

Will event organisers please let Alan Kenny have the details as soon as possible. Main events will be on the corresponding week as this year.

1999 Journal

For many members the Annual Journal is their only form of communication with the club, be it because they live overseas or are unable to attend the huts. Whatever, they

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'RIDE THE WILD COUNTRY' (JOEL McREA, RANDOLPH SCOTT, 1966) THE LONG BIKE RIDE 2001

The foot and mouth outbreak had put paid to the long walk in May, and so John Hope suggested a long bike ride, in the Lake District, instead.

His chosen route was - Langdale - Red Bank - Town End - Dunmail - Ambroth - St John's - Mungrisdale - Mosedale - Berrier - Penruddock - Ullswater - Glenridding - Kirkstone - Troutbeck - Bowness - Ferry - Sawrey - Hawkshead - Coniston - Chapel Stile - Langdale.

A shorter option was offered, returning to Langdale from Kirkstone Pass via Ambleside. Kath, Pat and Arthur provided the support.

The event took place on Saturday, 19th May 2001. The day was cloudy, but dry. At 09.45 ten enthusiastic, but apprehensive cyclists, left Bishop's Scale to start the day's adventure. (Alan Kenny, the eleventh member, set off slightly later, but quickly caught up.) The main start was delayed somewhat due to Dave Hugill cannibalising Arthur Daniel's bike to use his pedals. The riders quickly formed into three groups - the leading group composed of John Hope, Danny Hope, Dave Makin, Steve Schofield and Pete Dowker, and following groups Paul Cooney, Alan Kenny (catching up at Mungrisdale), and myself and Dave Hugill, Pete McGonagle, and Sean Makin.

Any bike ride in the Lake District will include hills, and this was to be no exception. Red Bank was followed by Dunmail Raise, leading into the steady ride along the back of Thirlmere and down St John's in the Vale. Paul and I took the minor road off the A66 at Scales, skirting along the edge of Souther Fell. We had gone about two thirds of the way along the road when we

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JUNE 15TH/16TH 2002

JOHN BRAYBROOK

MINUTES OF THE 2002 AGM held in the chapel at Langdale on
Sat 11th Nov 2002 at 1.30pm.

A LESSON HARD LEARNED

JOHN FOSTER

LA GARE DE CONCOULES

PHIL MICHLEWSKI

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*ARTICLES ARE VERY WELCOME FOR THE NEXT JOURNAL [2003] OUT IN
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THE journal is an important and valuable feature of club life. I have a copy of the second journal produced in 1949 which makes very interesting reading. We have not managed to produce the publication every year since then but the zealous efforts of the many editors to tease copy out of members over the years has managed to ensure that we have been able to produce one most years.

I have not seen the content of this year's journal but I believe that it is full of interesting articles that reflect the adventurous spirit of our members.

Our members' mountaineering interests are many and varied and include walking, fell running, rock climbing and in travelling to distant and interesting places. I was thinking of this last year whilst John Foster was speaking about a hut in Scotland, as I looked around the room I reflected on the mountain areas in many parts of the world that people in the room had ventured to in the past year.

During the past year there have been a number of club meets that have been enjoyed by a good selection of the core of active members.

The management committee has continued in their efforts to maintain and improve the club huts to ensure the provision of comfortable accommodation for present and future members.

The ARCC is a vibrant club I would like to thank on your behalf all those members who work to ensure that this is possible. At this point I would like to thank the Journal editors Dave Hugill and Brian Hodgkinson and those members that have provided copy for this journal.

David Ogden
Chairman

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This year we have another well-presented journal full of interesting articles. The piece by John Braybrook speaks of the Christian friendship that he has found within the club. I believe that this is the club's greatest strength. Many members, like myself, met their future partners at the club and formed close friendships that have lasted all their lives.

Some of the contributions look back at events and people in the history of the club and some deal with the current activities of members. I read with interest the article about Fr Joe Burns. When I first joined the club he was something of a legend amongst the old stagers at Buckbarrow. Chris Farrell's article shows that although the age of our members may have increased the members are as fit and active as ever.

As I said in my introduction to the journal last year the journal is an important part of club life. The newsletter and journal are read with interest by many members who are no longer regular users of the huts. Paul Charnock told me that when he recently visited Margaret Gas, she read the newsletters and journal with interest and was up to speed with all the club news. Margaret Gas is the former key holder for Buckbarrow and an honorary member of the club.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all the members, Brian Hodgkinson and Dave Hugill for the work they have put in to produce this journal and all those who have provided the interesting articles.

*David Ogden
Chairman*

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A scan through this august journal tells the newcomer what a global athletic lot we have as members.

My thanks to Dave, Brian and his team and to all the contributors for a magnificent effort, it shows what a truly catholic and wide ranging club we have. George Partridge showed me the first journal, printed back in the mists of time, it is wonderful to see that members still love to go to extremes in pursuit of adrenalin rush although not so much in the realms of the old days of climbing. Has anyone out there got a full set of the club journals, for some reason the archives are missing odd copies, contact the Editor if you have and are prepared to donate to the club copies that are missing

Please keep your ideas fresh for the next edition keep on sending articles and photographs – the more the merrier. The membership takes great delight in reading of the diverse and daring adventures of you all.

*Yours in sport
John McGonagle
Chairman*

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