

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB.

14th March. 1961.

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Dear Member,

The following news items and meet reports have been received from members:-

Buckbarrow Hut:- Leo Brown has sent the following information on recent changes at Buckbarrow:

1. A gate has been hung at the entrance to the 'garden'. Please keep this closed to keep out the sheep.
2. The Calor Gas cylinders have been re-sited. They are now near the large oven. The spare is at the end of the Hall.
3. Two new Calor Gas hot-plates have been fitted in place of the old 3 ring burner. Members are asked to keep them clean.
4. A pit has been dug at the corner of the field below the hut.; it is for cans only. These must be burnt and flattened before being thrown in. NO ELSAN WASTE or BOTTLES to go in here.
- 5 Cutlery is now in a drawer, the handle of which is labelled.
6. Calor Gas lights have been removed from the bedrooms and one of the fittings used to give a second light in the dining room. Small parties are asked to regard this as an alternative, rather than an additional light.
7. A commercial can opener has been installed. It is now a simple matter to cut BOTH ends off the cans as an aid to flattening.

Langdale Hut:- A complaint is registered on members leaving unwashed cups, plates, and pans. Recent weekends have yielded an enormous amount of unwashed pots and pans. These have been cleaned by the last few members remaining ably assisted by guests. One guest reports on having washed at least 24 cups on the last day of the weekend. The imagination boggles at the thought of one member alone having used so many cups. None of us wants 'dish-pan hands'; some of the members apparently don't intend to acquire them. Please keep the hut clean, and the food cupboard cleared.

If perishables are left, then one idea would be to write the date on, especially if you want to use butter for instance the following weekend.

This matter of keeping the hut clean is of the utmost importance.

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### The Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. will be held in St. Ignatius Hall, Pump St Preston, on Sunday April 16th 1961. at 3.15. p.m. Refreshments will be served at the cost of 2/- per head.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this important meeting.

### Agenda

1. President's Report.
2. Financial Statement.
3. Election of Officer's.
4. Hut Report's      (1) Langdale.      Mr. W. Charnley.  
                              (2) Wasdale.      Mr. L. Brown.  
                              (3) Dunmail.      Miss. D. Nicholson.
5. Annual Dinner.
6. Donation to Mountain Rescue Committee.
7. Any other business.

Will members renewing their membership please forward subscriptions as soon as possible. New membership cards are pink and to be produced at all the huts on request. Members who do not renew within 3 months after April 1st. will have to apply for membership and pay entrance fee of 10/-.

Nominations are requested to fill the position of Treasurer and one Committee member. Nominations for these positions must be sent to the Secretary. Miss Eileen Smith, 1, Lowrey Terrace, Blackpool, not later than April ~~4th~~ 1961

Bishop Pearson has requested that nominations for the important position of Treasurer must have Banking or Accountancy experience and business ability. Mr. John Gilmour who retires as the committee member offers himself for re-election.

### Mass at Bishop's Scale

Mass will be said each Sunday at Bishop's Scale from Easter Sunday onwards.

### Dogs.

Dogs are NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE HUTS.

### Dunmail Hut.

The hut is now closed to members until further notice.



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Jack Whiteside.

As many members both in Preston and Blackpool will know, Jack Whiteside and Eileen Ramsbottom are to be married on Easter Tuesday, 4th April 1961, at St Joseph's Church Preston, at 11 a.m. The nuptial mass will be said by our President, Bishop Pearson. The best man will be Ronnie Hughes. The Club wishes Jack and Eileen every success and happiness in their marriage.

Craig Dinas. North Wales.

I have full details of climbs on this cliff which were reported in condensed form under different names in the Climbers Club Journal 1958.

The cliff lies about one and a half miles out of Bettws-y-coed on the Corwen road (A.5.) The Crag is marked on O.S. maps as Dinas Mawr. It is 5 mins walk from the road. There are 8 routes on this cliff, which is about 150' in height.

Perhaps this type of cliff is more suited for a day visit when the weather in the Snowdon area is bad; which incidentally is a good reason for a visit to Portmadoc and the cliffs there- Craig Dinas appears to fall in a similar category.

Should members desire details, would they please write to me.

Meet Reports.

A summary is given here of the two meets so far held. They will be given in greater detail in the Journal, when published.

Langdale. Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st. 1961. Meet Leader. John Gilmour.

Poor weather again, but, which did not affect the convivialities of the large party present for the first meet of the year. Parties out to Drunken Duck, Scout Crag, O.D.G., and Raven Crag - all in heavy rain.

New Year was celebrated in a traditional manner, with dancing in the lounge. Fr. Walsh was with us for mass.

Last day of meet spent in various expeditions to the fleshpots and the Hills. John Gilmour sustained a broken ankle while out on a climbing and walking jaunt. He was carried down by members of the Club ably assisted by some members of the Bangor Univ., C.C.

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Dunmail Meet. 4th-5th. Feb. 1961. Meet Leader. Leo Brown.  
Details supplied by Tom Hemingway.

This the second club meet of the year had twenty four members present.

Poor weather was experienced generally. The whole party making a savage assault on an ascent on Raise Beck in a cold wind, which increased in force above 2000ft. The party split up here, two ropes up (or was it down!) a gully on the Grisedale side of Dollywagon, Some went down to Ruthwaite Lodge, others continued to Nethermost Pike. Conditions being poor, some went down the Raise-back for tea.

The evening was spent in the Travellers Rest - a good evening was had by all.

Fr, Walsh celebrated Mass next day. Sunday being a day of drizzle a party went down to Langdale (by car) to work at the hut. Some ventured on the hills; Dollywagon - wind even worse than previous day; some to Helm Crag and Harrop Tarn.

The success of the weekend was due in no small way to the devoted band of caterers.

### Meets.

Easter weekend ;31st. March-3rd April. Leader John Foster. Camping at Gwern-y-gof Isaf. This farm is situated on the left hand side of the road about 3 miles out of Capel Curig.

Camping Meet. 22nd-24th April. Isaf again. Leader G. Cammack.

Any suggestions for further meets, please.

These bulletins were prepared in a great deal of hurry, which left no time for checking anything written.

Yours sincerely

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