

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB.

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Dear Member,

Whit weekend over for another year, and a general return to work, leaving the huts and hills relatively quiet until next weekend, gives rise to the thought of subscriptions - maybe ! May I remind you that if you have not sent your subscription for the current year, please do so at the earliest possible opportunity. Subscriptions should be sent to: Miss E. Smith, 1. Lowrey Terrace, Blackpool. I send out over 280 bulletins in all and recently Miss E. Smith told me that the number of paid-up members stands at 117.....!

S E N D Y O U R S U B S C R I P T I O N S P L E A S E - N O W

Change of Addresses.

Will members please let Miss E. Smith, or myself, know of any change of address. This helps me to send your bulletin to the correct address, and also lessens the work of the Post Office. Some members have informed me of corrections to my members list, for which many thanks.

Life members, do not normally have any contact with the Secretary, so if there are any changes in addresses please let me know.

Bulletins.

If you know of any members who have not yet received bulletins, would you please let me know of their names and addresses.

The folders and paper for these bulletins were obtained through Barry Ayre; Barry rushed the printing through taking only four days. The Club wishes to thank him for his help and advice.

The Dolomites.

Fr. Brennan writes via Miss Eileen Smith;

!....if anyone is ever interested in going to the Dolomites in North Italy, I have quite a lot of information and a few books and maps that I would be quite willing to lend out. There is some grand climbing out there, in very beautiful scenery and of course, includes all the fun of foreign travel and coming out with the wrong words at the wrong time - dictionaries are dangerous things ! The place I have stayed at for the past three years costs 9/4d a day, all mod-cons, all meals etc.,.....'

If any member is interested would they please write direct to Fr Brennan, Catholic Rectory, Leigh Rd. Leigh-on-Sea Essex.

## THE JOURNAL.

The following members have written articles, which I have received. Pete Durkin, Sheila Thornton, and Dickie Seed. Very many thanks for these scripts.

Keep it up, the volume of material is steadily increasing!

Can any member write an article on the History of the Club - John Thorpe suggested this, and he like so many members know nothing of its beginnings, and it would be of general interest. - any offers.

## Litter.

A very nasty word indeed ! The B.M.C. Journal gave an editorial on litter, which I think worthwhile giving here. The summer months are with us once more and the re-appearance of the summer climber and walker, and a consequent increase in the amount of litter left on the fells....an ugly sight..

'We are disgusting people in some ways. Litter is one. Whether on Hampstead Heath, or at the races, or a Test Match, or on a mountain top, we know we've a right to chuck away our paper bags, tins and banana skins; and we like the mess. Mark Twain wrote of the port of Rome that the narrow streets were full of smell, that if they had been twice as wide, they would have been twice as full of smell, so that no one could have lived there, but as it was they just sit around on stools and enjoyed it. We are like this over litter.

There can hardly be a cure for this till a new generation is trained at school to dislike the mess; parents are now unfit to set an example, especially, it seems, if they are picknicking by their cars in the mountains.

Meanwhile, would Member Clubs and all readers bother as much as they can and dare about litter. Help when litter collection is organised; burn or remove it; and tackle the litter lout. Some of our righteous grandparents would have tackled this last with gusto. - and perhaps got bad results - but we've grown too polite. Never mind if your face gets red as well as his, or instead of his; he'll care more next time. Tackle him politely but tell him about the fines, and if you've the know-how and the time for it, get him fined. There is nothing mean about this; it is he who is mean, spoiling our enjoyment by his selfishness and laziness of imagination and action...!

Whether you agree with what has been stated,

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the problem of litter is a very real one. The introduction of Wardens to the Lakes and other areas has only been because of the need for them in recent years. Many of you members can remember the time when to think of having a warden would cause a certain amount of amusement - it is sad that it has been found necessary for their existence. Do take an active part yourselves in helping to reduce the amount of litter.

#### Meet.

The next meet takes place at Buckbarrow, on the 10th -11th June 1961. The leader is Tom Hemingway. All meals are provided and the total cost is £1. 6. 0. (inclusive of hut fees). Please book through: Mr. L. Brown 43. St. Gregor's Road, Preston.

It is hoped to provide leaders for two separate parties of people who wish to go walking and climbing. on both days.

#### Hut News

Langdale. At the last Committee meeting the following items were agreed upon.

Hut fees at Langdale only would now be 3/- per night (an increase of 6d). This now includes cost of electricity, details are given on the notice board of the hut, which members are requested to read. This increase in the Hut fee is being tried as an experiment, and there is no cost to the Club for any change in metering system.

The Annual Dinner will be held on ~~10th~~ Saturday 11th November this year with the venue being Langdale. This date has not yet been confirmed and is subject to change if a booking cannot be obtained. Mrs. Anita Haigh, agreed to act as Booking Secretary. Further details to follow.

A Club badge designed by Bob Murray was shown to the Committee and passed to the Central Committee to deal with.....diverse opinions were expressed as to whether the Club wanted a badge

Buckbarrow. Tom Hemingway writes:

'There have been complaints from Gas's regarding the gate into Buckbarrow being left open, and although this should not be necessary, it would be as well to remind members that this gate should always be fastened and also that the small gate, recently erected, into the 'front garden' should be latched.

Members are reminded that they may bring THREE guests to Buckbarrow at any one time EXCEPT during the peak weekends. i.e. Easter, Whit, August Bank, and the months July and August. Guests names must be entered in the

book provided.

Wanted. PUSH CYCLES.-- the Hut Committee decided that they should provide some usable push bikes at the hut, and if any member has one which is more than a heap of scrap, and wishes to dispose of it, will they please write to T. Hemingway, 40 Regent St., Lancaster.

Food Tins.

For the Convenience of members who use the hut regularly and wish to keep a supply of food here, tins are provided and can be hired for a Club year (April-March) at 2/6d each. Please contact Tom Hemingway, sending remittance

Dunmail. Miss Norah Parkinson sends the following information:

'As no further party bookings are expected for the time being the Hut may be used by members without prior booking from:-

Sunday 4th June until Friday 14th July and from Saturday 2nd September onwards.

Hut fees are payable at Thackeray's. Fleming's Farm. The Committee make a very special appeal to any members who may use the Hut to leave it clean and tidy, to REMOVE ALL EMPTY MILK AND BEER BOTTLES AND PERISHABLE FOODS. Considerable time and effort was spent by the Committee, members and friends, in ensuring the Hut was in perfect order for the use of parties before the beginning of the season. Please Help to maintain this high standard of cleanliness and tidiness, which encourages parties to do the same.

Found.

George Cammack has found, at Langdale a bundle of keys on a ring, and a knife all on the same key ring, will the member who has lost this, please apply direct to me.

Have you any contribution to further bulletins, if so, please write now.

Yours sincerely.

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