

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB.

3rd. July. 1961.

Circular 5/1961.

Dear Member,

This will be the last bulletin until September, as I shall be on holiday and will in any case not have the facilities to churn out a bulletin. It will also be the last bulletin that un-paid up members shall receive, and those members shall now have to re-join the Club.

There are a number of items of interest to some members. The B.M.C. circulars include the topics given below:

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IN LLANBERIS AREA.

Since some small numbers of uor members frequent Wales, this may be of interest to them. We appear to be, as a Club Lakes constipated - there are other areas in which mountains of all shapes and sizes are to be found..! However, here is the item:

'Damage to walls, gates, hedges and even Climbing Huts has occurred as a 'protest' or 'retaliation' against the estate owner's decision to restrict camping in the Llanberis valley. At the present time when the B.M.C.s. North Wales committee are hoping to make some sort of arrangement with the owner for camping is quite the worst for such activity from our point of view.

Some of the 'protester's' are climbers. We do not know if they belong to B.M.C. member clubs. We very much hope not. Could member clubs, however, please bring to the notice of as many as possible of those who are likely to be in the valley, the advantages of good behaviour just now. If this news can be spread by member clubs, it may reach the perpetrator's of the damage.'

SAFETY.

Being the summerseason, there will be a fair number of school parties in the Lakes. Some of our members will probably be taking parties themselves, this being probable, I feel it worthwhile to include this item from the B.M.C. circulars.

'The committee were greatly concerned with the high accident rate, particularly to novices, in the early part of the year. They asked the Ministry of Education to issue a circular to schools about the need for experienced and knowledgeable leaders of parties - this was still on the stocks. A letter to the press on safety was issued and attracted some comment. Instructional meets for beginners were recommended to clubs. The B.B.C. were asked again to show their mountain rescue film and it was decided also to prepare a new poster on safety'

I do not know if the information I have given is up to date, and whether in fact, the Ministry of Education have issued a circular to schools, but party leaders should endeavour to find out.

There are a number of points which members taking parties might consider:

- (a) Adequate supervision must be given by 'sir' or 'miss' at all times. - perhaps the introduction of a few sheep dogs would help.....!!?
- (b) Adequate clothing and footwear by party; many little accidents can be avoided in ensuring this
- (c) Ensure that the party is medically fit. I remember a case of an Outward Bound laddie, suffering from exposure; it was found that this lad was an Epileptic. - an unfortunate incident which could have been avoided, had this fact been known. As it was it meant that a rescue party were out from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. in bad weather.
- (d) Can party leaders read a map.. (don't laugh! I've met some that can't) and use a compass. No need to say any more on this.
- (e) How many party leader's know what to do when a member of their party has an accident. They should read the pamphlet published by the Mountain Rescue Committee.

There are perhaps many more points not mentioned, but can apply to members as well as party leader's.....  
.....or are we all now so confident of our craftsmanship on the hills..

A change of topic, though I make no apology for the length of the foregoing stuff. Barry Ayre writes the following:

'It has been suggested that the Club Bulletin may be a useful medium for members disposing of, or obtaining, unwanted climbing gear. With a membership of over 250, it seems possible to assume that someone, somewhere, wants to obtain or dispose of some item !

Such a useful service could also help to offset the expense of duplicating and distributing these bulletins, and perhaps a small charge of 2/6d per 'Classified Ad' could be fixed. '

Well here is a very useful suggestion indeed, and a nominal charge of the sum quoted above will be made. We are not in a position to take Ads for disposing of wives or

husbands, boy-friends or girl friends.....!

Finances.

A request for some information on the finances of the Club has produced the following items which are food for thought !

Mr. Rose (your Treasurer) tells us that our debts total : £3,081. 18. 7...! They are made up by the outstanding loans from the diocese totalling £2,650 on both huts, a bank overdraft on the Main Account of £73. 14. 3. (as at 6. 30 p.m. on the 30th June), and one on the Dunmail Account of £358. 4. 4. (as on the 18th May) which is likely to be wiped out by bookings this year. We should think of the last two knowing the present Bank Rate and the Diocesan debt at half the rate.

It may also be a rather sobering thought to know that annual demands on the Main Account only for the usual Rates, Taxes, Insurances, and similar basic overheads including the interest charges, average out at about £6 per week. If, and when we wipe out our debts we should still have about £4 a week to find.

In addition, Hut Committees have their normal running expenses, repair, maintenance and replacement charges to meet.

Are we all careful 'housekeepers'...Have we and our friends all paid our new subscriptions..Are many of our Guests becoming members...

A big step forward was taken at the last meeting of the Management Committee when the personal loans of rather long standing made by Bishop Pearson were cleared - but for this the above debts would have been greater by £235. Cheques for £100 from the Langdale Hut, £100 from the Dunmail Hut and his Lordship's generous aside 'Forget the rest' were real stimulants.

So much for finances, this item was asked for just to put members in the picture over the debts, I for one had no idea of the amount involved.

Overheard in Langdale

Member complaining on being woken at 7. 30. a.m. on a Sunday morning.....a member replied 'what are you moaning about you've had at least 2 hours sleep'

Sleeping at Huts!.....somebody suggested that they give members, that cannot sleep for noise, sleeping pills...

Birth.

Some belated news, for those members not aware of, the arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Foster. They have a 'Sam Mk 2) and have called him Keith Iain (the latter name means apparently John of the windy glen). Congratulations are extended by the Club to John and Joyce.

Hut News.

Langdale.

At the last Committee meeting a number of issues were decided:

Visiting Clubs.

When a club books for a meet, it was decided to accept, 15 men and 10 women only, or vice-versa. This means that bed space would be limited to members on those weekends. It was further decided that on these weekends, members would not be allowed to bring guests; in order to alleviate the possible congestion at the hut. Please remember that this only applies on the odd weekends, and members will be given adequate warning when a booking is made

Meetings.

The committee will next meet on 27 th Aug at 7. 30. a.m., to decide on a working meet, to be held two weeks later on 9-10 Sept. This latter meet will be held for the purpose of organised work on the hut. Any member not wishing to partake, must stay away - they will not be allowed to stay otherwise than working. It will also be a members only weekend - we expect to have the offer of so much help that there will be no room for guests in anycase.

Committee Member Roba.

Due to the corresponding increase of the number of members using the hut, it has been found necessary to warden this hut, at weekends only. The warden, shall be one of the Committee members, who will have complete charge and authority. The job is mainly to see that noise, cleanliness and general behaviour is compatible with membership.

The warden can suspend members immediately from using the hut, and, an appeal by the offender, will only be allowed at the next committee meeting. It would mean of course that the offender would not be allowed to use the hut, until the business had been cleared up.

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The names of the Committee members are given below

Miss M. Bailey	20. Lambert Road. Ribblesdale. Preston
Miss. M. Cammack.	Greengarth Hostel. Holmrook. Cumberland
Mr. J. Case.	14. Dilloway St. St. Helens. Lancs.
Mr. J. Gilmour.	35. Crystal Road. Blackpool.
Mr. P. Grounds.	121. Morley St. St. Helens.
Mrs. A. Haigh.	59. Rosedale Avenue. Blackpool.
Mr. T. Hickey.	92. Dickson Road. Blackpool.
Mr. D. Price.	3. Newby Place. Preston.
Mr. J. Thornton.	6. Endsleigh Road. Manchester 20.
Mr. J. Whiteside.	28. Arnhem Road. Preston.

The weekends on which these members are on 'duty' are given below:-

P. Grounds.....8 - 9 July.	M. Cammack.....2 - 3 Sept.
J. Thornton.....15-16 July.	M. Bailey.....9 -10 Sept.
J. Foster.....22-23 July.	J. Gilmour.....16-17 Sept.
T. Hickey.....29-30 July.	P. Grounds.....23-24 Sept.
D. Price.....5 - 7 Aug.	J. Thornton.....30 -1 Sep/Oct.
J. Case.....12-13 Aug.	J. Foster.....7 - 8 Oct.
J. Whiteside.....19-20 Aug.	T. Hickey.....14-15 Oct.
A. Haigh.....26-27 Aug.	D. Price.....21-22 Oct.

The list given above is provisional, if any Committee member cannot be up those weekends for which they have been assigned, will they please arrange for themselves a substitute. The name of the 'duty Warden' will be displayed on the notice board.

May we also add it is with the utmost regret that this system has been found necessary,

DAY VISITORS.

Will be charged 1/- per head, and must be logged in the members book.

e.g. Joe Bloggs (Day visitor) 1/-.

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REMINDER.

Members must not leave perishable foods at the weekend. Please take it home with you, or destroy it.

GUESTS.

GRADUATE MEMBERS (i.e. members in their first year) are reminded that they are NOT allowed to sign in guests.

Full members are also reminded that they must bring ONE guest only.

Buckbarrow Hut.

Tom Hemingway is our correspondent, he writes:-

The Hut.

The older members of the Club will note with some apprehension that, due to Mr. Gass's death, our continued tenancy of Buckbarrow is uncertain and we can only wait a decision on the part of the owners which is expected to be taken in the near future.

Mass at Sellafield.

It should be noted that the hut at the Sellafield Camp which has been used as a Chapel for a number of years now is to be demolished, by the Authorities, in the near future and therefore the 7. 20 a.m. Mass on Sunday's will be discontinued at the end of July. No alternative accommodation has been found at the time of going into press. During the month's of July and August there is 8. 15. a.m. Mass at Seascale as well as the usual r. 9. 30. a.m. Mass.

MEET REPORTS.

Easter Weekend. 31st Mar. - 3rd. April. leader. J.Foster

Four members only present. It appears that Camping meets are very unpopular... Friday. (Rain); Saturday (Rain) Sunday (Rain), Monday (Rain). Fine spells in the afternoon were enjoyed and their brevity felt, a party ventured to Bochlwyd Buttress, Climbed, on to Gribin Facet, Climbed horrified at the number of people present per sq. inch of crag, roped and unroped... feld to Sub-Cneifon Arete, which was ascended. Another day found us on the Carnedds side and acursory inspection of some loose looking climbs was made. Mass in Bangor 'tween times, met by brilliant sunshine, but Not in the Nant Ffrancon.

Birth.

I have news of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr and Mrs. Liptrot. The baby was born last Friday morning and her parents have called the child Jane Elizabeth. Both Mother and baby are well - also father. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Liptrot.

Holidays.

Will members please let me know where they go and what they do..... I need these details for the Journal, which will go under the heading of 'Expeditions'; This will only refer to mountains, we don't want reports of Butlin Holidays.....

Meet Report. 22nd-23rd. April. Wales, Meet Leader. G. Cammack

An exceptionally wet weekend with only four members there; two found themselves in Llanberis, and two in Ogwen (meet leader present where scheduled). Neither pair met. The two in Ogwen climbed on the Milestone Butress; the two in Llanberis, climbed on Dinas Bach and Clegwyn-y-Grochan. Both parties exceedingly wet, but not downhearted. Why is it that Welsh meets are both unpopular and wet.... Can members transport only know the Road to the Lakes, can they not find their way to Wales. In any case, members do not need passports to go 'abroad'!

Meet Report. 10th-11th. July. Meet leader. Tom Hemingway.

He writes:

Sixteen members attended the meet at Buckbarrow. On the Saturday Pillar Rock was approached by the High Level Route and ascents were made from Jordan Gap and by the Slab and Notch. The descent was made by the North Wall and Old West Routes, and return over Pillar Mountain. A walking party visited Upper Eskdale. A drenching was sustained by all.

On Sunday there was climbing on Overbeck under rather difficult conditions.

Members are asked again to contribute items to include in the bulletin, its enough work to produce type and distribute without virtually writing the lot..

HOW ABOUT IT YOU MEMBERS?

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION  
IN TIME FOR NEXT BULLETIN.



Lake District Mountain Trial. 1961.

Many members will be familiar with this event, as held in previous years, and Gerry Charnley makes a suggestion that a team is entered representing the A.R.C.C. He also says, 'We may not win the event, but neither would we disgrace ourselves'. The event will be held on Sunday, 10th September. The purpose of the event is to encourage a high standard of mountain craft among those who regularly go into the hills and, in particular, the proper choice of route for the quick and safe traverse of difficult country. As last year, the course will not be disclosed until the actual start of the event and competitors will require maps and compasses. There may be some slight changes in the form of the event. The event will again start and finish at the Westwater Hotel, Wasdale Head, and the course will be over the Central Lake District mountains.

If you are interested, will you please contact Gerry Charnley at, 51, Bridge Road, Maghull, Lancs.,

Change of Addresses.

May I thank all those people who sent me corrected addresses, and for their encouragement.

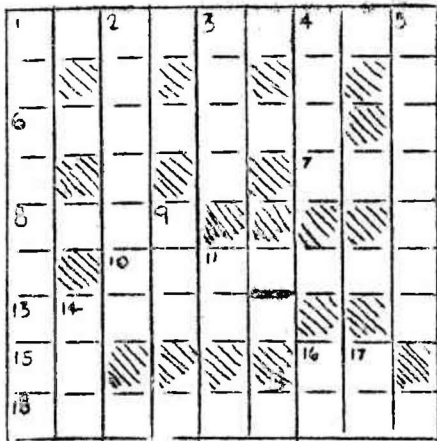
My wife has made this 'quick crossword', for your amusement.

## Across.

1. Lakeland feature.
6. Pillar Route.
7. One should never come. -
8. Swallow. 10. 'Raised Hut'.
13. Quick way down. 15. Negative.
16. Headless note.
18. Necessary equipment.

## Down.

1. French Peak. 2. Thus must climbers always go.
3. Useful belay. 4. Tomi (anag.)
5. Highest Pinnacle.
9. Owing. 11. National Insurance initially.
14. Constrictor.
16. Centre of French mountain.
17. Pronoun.



May I wish you all a happy holiday and a safe return.

Yours sincerely.

J.H. THORNTON.