

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB.

Circular 7/1962

14th April. 1962.

Dear Member,

The important item in this bulletin is the arrangements for the A.G.M. This is to be held on Sunday 13th May. 1962. Please make an effort to attend.

Lost.

Harold Jupp tells me he has lost a folding camera at Bishop's Scale. This camera was lying around the hut for some considerable time and many members may well remember it. If you know anything of its whereabouts, could you please write direct to him at . 35, Redacre Rd., Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, Waricks., I understand he is offering a reward for information leading to the capture of this reluctant camera!

B.M.C. News.

Committee Reports. Lakes Sub Committee.

The Hon. Sec., explained that he had corresponded with the Chairman of the Lakes Committee with regard to the proposal of the National Trust that a camping site for 80-100 tents should be provided near Grange Fell in Borrowdale, and that camping in Borrowdale should be concentrated there. The Fell and Rock Club had decided to oppose the camp site if this number of tent places could be added on sites near Keswick and had asked the B.M.C. Committee whether they would be prepared to support this line. An opinion from the B.M.C. Lakes Committee had been invited.

In the discussion which had followed it was mentioned that camping in Buttermere had become more difficult; the National Trust had in effect put an end to week-end visits by members of the smaller clubs who did not have huts. (In this connection it was suggested that the B.M.C. Hut list had failed to provide any worthwhile extension of facilities for clubs without huts.) It was also mentioned that there had been sites near Seathwaite and Stonethwaite; we did not wish to close Borrowdale to campers.

The general opinion of the Committee was in favour of camping in principle and subject to its not being a nuisance. It was felt that additional camping space near Keswick was not a satisfactory provision for those who wished to have access to Borrowdale. It was not everyone who could afford hotel bills or find accommodation or have his own independent transport, and anyhow many people preferred to camp. Subject to the advice which the B.M.C. might receive from their Lakes Committee - which might or might not be on the same lines as the view taken by the Fell and Rock Club Committee - the B.M.C. should say that in principle they were in favour of allowing camping in Borrowdale; that if it was necessary, because of litter and sanitary problems, the B.M.C. would, again in principle, prefer to have a number of

smaller sites; but if the choice had to be between a larger site and no camping, they would prefer the former. In any case, they would not wish to interfere with campers who were prepared to walk a distance from the road with all their gear - a condition which, in fact, cuts out most campers, especially those who were likely to make a mess - but this point they did not wish to mention specifically in case the idea of preventing such camping entered into people's heads.

Mountain Schools and Organisations which arrange Courses.

These Schools and Organisations arrange courses throughout the year in open air activities including walking, climbing and hillcraft. Details should be obtained from the schools and organisations direct; early booking is usually necessary.

United Kingdom.

Lake District.

Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale, Cumberland.
Outward Bound Mountain School, Hallsteads-on-Ullswater
Penrith, Cumberland.
Brathay Hall, Ambleside, Westmoreland.
Mountain Course organisers for Westmoreland and Cumberland
Y.M.C.A., Kendal, Westmoreland.
Lakeland Mountaineering School, The Boathouse, Clappersgate
Ambleside, Westmoreland.
Y.M.C.A., National Training Centre, Lakeside, Ulverston, Lancs.

North Wales.

Plas y Brenin, C.C.P.R. Snowdonia National Recreation Centre
Capel Curig, near Bettws-y-coed.
Ogwen Cottage Mountain School, Ogwen Cottage, nr. Bethesda,
Caerns.,

Peak District.

Centre for Open Country Pursuits, White Hall, Manchester
Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.
Mountain Training Centre, Fox House Corner, Hathersage
Road, nr. Sheffield.
Edale Centre for Outdoor Pursuits, c/o Lea Farm, Edale
Sheffield.

Scotland.

Glenmore Lodge, S.C.P.R. Centre, Aviemore, Inverness-shire
Scottish Y.H.A., 7 Bruntsfield Crescent, Edinburgh 10

Other Courses, Holidays, etc.

C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, W.C.1. (for regional courses)
Mountaineering Association, 102a Westbourne Grove, W.2.
Ramblers Association Services, 48 Park Road, N.W.1.
Y.H.A., (England and Wales), Trevelyan House, St. Albans.

On the Continent,

Mountaineering or walking holidays are arranged on the continent, at reasonable cost, by the following:-

Y.H.A. Travel Bureau, 29 John Adam St, London. W.C.2.
Ramblers Association Services, 48 Park Road, Baker St, N.W.1.

Austrian Alpine Club, c/o F and W Ingham Ltd., 143 New Bond st, W.1.
International Tramping tours, 7 Bainbridge Road, Leeds 6.
Youth Travel Bureau, 61a Brompton Road, London, S.W.3.

Switzerland.

Swiss Mountaineering School, Rosenlauri, Meiringen, Switzerland.
(Summer courses).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This will be held on Sunday 13th May at 3 p.m. in St. Ignatius Hall Pump St. Preston. Bishop Pearson hopes to attend.

In view of his Lordship no longer continuing as chairman nominations are requested for a chairman and one member for the committee.

New cards are now ready and you are requested to make the work of the Secretary as easy as possible by sending in your subscriptions NOW.

The cards are blue this year. You are reminded that if you have not paid within 3 months you are not allowed to use the huts. If 12 months elapse, a new application form will have to be filled and entrance fee paid.

The Rev. T. Walsh of Underley Hall Westmoreland, becomes Chaplain for the Huts and Chapels.

Nominations for Langdale Hut Committee, are requested. a list has been posted on the notice board and names have been entered. Nominations close on 5th May. Only full members can be nominated.

Huts.

Langdale.

Two visiting University Clubs have been refused use of this hut again, due to general rowdiness and complaints of our members. The Universities are Manchester and Birmingham.

Bits and Pieces.

Wilf Charnley sends the following:-

A few weeks ago I picked up an old book, The Complete Fell walker by W.T. Palmer (1926). Mr. Palmer suggested a training course for the prospective fell walker. It began in January with a 1 hr walk 3 times a week. Moving up to a 3hr walk 3 times a week within a month. The target to be aimed for is 12 miles in the 3hrs. The weekend workout has adequately covered by 6 ml on the Saturday and 12mls on the Sunday. (in early January) moving up to 20 mls on the Saturday and 40 to 50 mls on the Sunday by Easter.

The above schedule is based on the assumption that the only time you can get to the mountains is for a week at Whitsun and a fortnight in Midsummer.

Mr. Palmer is not a record breaker he is just an ordinary person who wants to enjoy his fell walking.

Makes you think doesn't it.

Concluded in very great haste.....

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withington.
Manchester 20.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. THORNTON.

There will no doubt be many typing errors etc., there has been no time to check anything. For those new members who have not had a bulletin before, these ~~xxx~~ bulletins are typed by the familiar one finger method.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR YOUR
CONTRIBUTION.