

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

Saturday 27th. March 1965

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Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting of the A. R. C. C. will be held on Sat. 15th. May 1965, 2-30 p.m., at St. Ignatious Hall, Pump Street, Preston. Refreshments will be provided free of charge.

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL ATTEMPT TO BE PRESENT. This is your club, and this is your opportunity to air your views and elect the officers you want.

Agenda

1. President's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Election of Officers
5. Any other business,

Nominations are invited for the following vacancies on the Management Committee :-

Chairman

Treasurer

One Committee Member.

and must be received by the Secretary - W.F. Carter Esq., 'Millfield', 4, Meadow Drive, Bolton-le-Sands, Lancs, at least 14 days before the A.G.M.

The officials due to retire are Mr. R. Rogers (Chairman) and Mr. L. Brown (Committee Member). Mr A. Rose (Treasurer) is giving up the position due to additional business commitments.

Any suggested alteration to a Club rule, must reach the Secretary ONE MONTH before the A.G.M. Any other business to go on the agenda must have been received by the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting, and proposed by 2 members of the Club.

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Bill Carter tells me that almost 50 graduate members have not applied for full membership even though they have been graduates for well over 6 months. The Management Committee have the power to not to accept applications for full

membership. If you do not apply for full membership and pay the subscription due, you cannot use the Club huts. The Management will not hesitate to take strong action where necessary. This applies to full members who fail to renew their subscription.

I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Lake District Mountain Accidents Association in connection with the part the Club played in the search for a lost climber on the 2nd. & 3rd. January :-

ACCIDENT ON BOWFELL

As Secretary of the above Association, I have received two letters of thanks to those who made such great efforts in the search on 2nd. 3rd. Jan. and in the recovery of the body. I have pleasure in passing on the thanks to all who took part in the search and recovery.

From the Chief Constable, Cumberland, Westmorland & Carlisle Constabulary

I have read with considerable interest a police report which I have received regarding the arrangements made for the search for the girl who was reported missing on the night of 2nd Jan, whilst climbing on Bowfell.

I am aware that a large number of rescue teams were involved in carrying out a very extensive search under extremely dangerous and trying conditions. The fact that Miss Howcroft was dead when she was found, in no way lessens the efforts of everyone concerned in this operation.

In view of the extremely large number of individual members and other voluntary helpers it would be impracticable for me to write to them all expressing my sincere appreciation and thanks, but in writing this letter to you, I shall be very glad if you will bring this to the notice of as many people as possible

Yours Sincerely

Chief Constable

From the Hon. Sec. Lancashire Caving and Climbing Club

May I, on behalf of the Committee and members of this club, express our very sincere thanks to the Lake District Mountain Accidents Association and its member clubs, for the great effort involved in the search for, and recovery of the body of Miss Joan Howcroft last weekend. Although she was not a member of this Club, she was a guest of one of our members, attending an official meet. I would also add that we should be pleased to help in replacing

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any items of equipment that may have been lost or damaged during the rescue. If any such losses were made, perhaps you could let me know their extent, and we will see what ~~we~~ can ~~do~~ be done.

Again, many thanks for your efforts

Yours Sincerely

Brian Jones Hon.Sec.

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News from the Huts

Buckbarrow Eddie Kelly writes :-

What climbs were popular in Wasdale in 1950 ? Which members were the Buckbarrow regulars in 1948 ? When was old Whatsisname knocked out by lightning on Pillar ?

In future, members will be able to get the answers for themselves, as well as any other recorded details of Club activities at Buckbarrow, from a recently completed book which will henceforth be kept at the hut. The book is a typewritten transcript of the early Buckbarrow log books, and covers (at the moment) the first 18 of the 21 years we have had the hut. It is hoped it will encourage members to make far greater use of the current log book. It seems that many members are either shy of recording their activities or else consider only epic style climbs and walks are worth entering. On the other hand, certain activities are of no interest to anybody. Nobody wants to know what Joe Bloggs had for his breakfast, even if it was the fried up remains of last night's dinner; and by now everybody knows what goes on in the burial ground.

If recent visitors to the hut have been wondering about the red tea towels..... so has the hut committee. They were alright when taken away for ~~wxx~~ washing by a certain female member who, to save her blushes, shall be nameless. When she brought them back she said there had been an accident in the washer. Yet she has been married so long, it doesn't seem possible that she has not got the hang of it yet. It makes you wonder just how strong the Communist Party is in Bolton-le-Sands !

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Langdale - Bishop's Scale

Mick Pooler, the Langdale Meet Secretary tells me that he has arranged a Meet weekend in North Wales on the 1st.-2nd. May. It is at the Budy Mawr Hut (Rucksac Club) at KK Llanberis and there are 11 places available - 1st come 1st. served. Those interested should write to Mick at 33, Wilson St., BURY., with a deposit of 5/-d.

Members are reminded to lock the hut up if they are the last to leave. Recently a radio was stolen from the dormitory by a stranger who was allowed to wander in. The radio was recovered, but we don't want a repeat of the first incident of this kind since the hut opened. Do carry your membership cards so that a check can be made on strangers.

A very successful working weekend has been held recently, and a lot of hard work was put in by those present. Please try and keep the hut in it's 'Mint' condition. Whilst on the subject, the inspection pit between the parking area and the road is not an ash pit, but an access point to the septic tank system. Leave ash by the bins at the back of the hut.

Dunmail

Derek Price has arranged a 'Map reading Meet' for the weekend 21, 22, 23 May. Members and guests are invited and are asked to bring O.S. maps (Lake District) and compasses. Hut fees will be the same as Langdale.

Ian Roper (Sherpa) and Dave Hall will be in Wales crag-ratting from July 29th. to August 14th. Anyone interested in climbing there might like to make it an unofficial meet.

Club members Jack Hindle and Phyl Sykes who met at Bishop's Scale are to be married on May 8th. at St.Mary's, Euxton

Madeleine Walker writes to tell me that she has stayed at the Cave & Crag Club Hut near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, and that A.R.C.C. members have been offered use of this hut by the Secretary David Snell. Anyone interested, write to him at 154, Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.  
17, SCafellAvenue, Morecambe. Sincerely Barry Ayre