

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB.

Saturday, 11th June, 1966.

Bulletin 20.

Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting was held in St. Ignatius' Hall, Preston, at 2.30pm., Saturday, 30th April. Approximately 60 - 70 members were present at the Meeting which was presided over in the later stages by the President, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pearson. This Meeting was important because of the changes on the Management Committee and the appointment of new Hut Wardens for the next three years. A full list of all committees will be found later in the Bulletin.

In the course of the Meeting, Mr. Rogers referred to his intention of retiring from the position of Chairman after so many years of service, and he thought that the new Committee would be as successful as the old.

In recognition of all that the retiring Chairman had done for the Club, Bishop Pearson proposed that Mr. Rogers be elected an Honorary Life Member and this was immediately carried. All members were glad to be able to show their appreciation of his work over the past number of years. Thanks were also rendered to Bill (and Joyce) Carter for his (their) work as Secretary, in the course of which, they had greatly simplified the routine paper-work of the Club. The efforts of Leo Brown at Buckbarrow were not forgotten either, as he was presented with the Bishops own tankard which commemorated the Buckbarrow 21st Meet last year. Our thanks again, to all officials and members who have given their time and efforts to the Club and helped to put us on a sound footing. The Club will do very well if the new Committee is as good as the old.

Buckbarrow.

Eddie Kelly reported that attendances were increasing again after a drop over the past year or so. Whilst most people used the Hut properly, there had been one or two instances which made him wonder if the standard of some users was lower than before and if we should set a higher standard in the future. People, Members or Guests, had been using a window to go in and out of the Hut instead of going to Mrs. Gass's for the keys. Other instances, were the disappearance of a guide book and of emergency rations which had not been replaced either by foodstuffs or money.

Dunmail.

Derek Price reported that there had been two break-ins at the Hut, in the first one, the entire collection of pans and cutlery were taken. These were the items which we had replaced after a similar incident a

year ago. In the second case, the culprits were found on the premises and were made to stump up for the damage. It would help if Members who happened to pass the Hut, would quickly check on the doors and windows and report at Langdale if anything was amiss. If a school party is in residence, introduce yourselves, who knows, you may even get a cup of tea! Working parties have put a lot of hard work into the Hut recently, and it isn't for the benefit of anyone who wants to try to break in. It's in your interests to see that Club Property is not abused. Derek also expressed his thanks to all those who formed the working parties - but what about some new faces to join them? Don't leave it all to the regular few!

Langdale.

Terry Hickey gave his final report as Hut Warden. A slight difference between the financial statements of the Hut Treasurer and the Club Treasurer was due almost entirely to the fact that John Gilmour had thrown away the cigarette packet which had the Report written on it. Repairs had been carried out to the Priest's Room and the dormitories redecorated, a shelf and working surface had also been provided down the back wall of the kitchen, which was a big improvement. He mentioned too, the large numbers of Members who didn't turn up on the working week-ends and the necessity of cleaning the pans when finished with, which should be 'either washed or thrown away!!!'

Here is a list of the new Committees and Hut Wardens.

Management Committee.

President:	Rt. Rev. T.B. Pearson, Bishop of Sinda.
Chairman:	W. Carter, Esq.
Vice-Chairman:	T. Hickey.
Secretary:	B. Ayre.
Treasurer:	T. Hemingway.
	J. Gilmour; D.W. Price; Miss M. Bailey;
	P. Charnock; M. Pooler.

Buckbarrow.

Hut Warden:	Paul Charnock.
Secretary:	E. J. Kelly.
Treasurer:	F. Rogerson.
	L. Brown; D. Ogden.

Dunmail.

Hut Warden:	Miss M. Bailey.
(and Secretary)	
Treasurer:	M. Osman.
O/c. Drains:	T. Hickey.
	Miss J. Berry.

Langdale

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Secretary: Miss C. Hickey.
Treasurer: J. Gilmour.
D.W.Price; B. Ayre; H. Wiggins;
G. Walsh; G. Cross.

With the election of Barry Ayre to Club Secretary the Bulletin has now changed hands and has been wished on me. Please take special note of these two changes, all correspondence dealing with the Club should now go to Barry, at Morecambe and all Bulletin items to me at Accrington.

Members are also reminded that subscriptions (30/-d.) are now due and that membership ceases if these are not paid by the 1st July. After that date Members cannot use the Huts unless they are paid up! Graduate Members should note that it is up to them to apply for full membership to the Secretary, after their initial six months.

The 30th April was not only the occasion of the A.G.M., it was notable also for the announcement of the engagement between Angela Farrell, of Morecambe and John Britt, Alpinist. We send our congratulations and wish them both every happiness in the future.

Congratulations also, to the following -

- to John and Jane Bulman, at the New D.G. - a son, Robert, born in early April. Another Huntsman for the Pack?
- to Ken and Monica Buxton, nee Cammack, a son, Richard Christopher.
- this space reserved for Terry and Margaret Mason, whose new arrival looks like missing the stop press!

The Wedding of Mo. Barker and Jean Mills will take place at Lancaster on July 9th. Unfortunately, I've lost the piece of paper that I had all details on, so I can't give any more information than that. Sorry!

Members who buy goods at the Co-op in Chapel Stile may not realise that the 'divi' can be credited to the Club if they give the number 125, or quote 'Achille Ratti'. It's a good divi and pays for all the cleaning materials that we use in a year. If you can't think of the number, just remember - 'Be alive, it's one, two, five' - or something idiotic like that!

Addicts of Tarn Hows are warned that the recent spell of fine weather was also considered 'just the job' by other species. A man was bitten by an adder during the Whit. week-end and after several days in hospital was considered to be "fairly comfortable"!

MOUNTAIN RESCUE

At a recent meeting between the Mountain Rescue Association and the R.A.F.M.R. Committee the distress signals were modified and are now as follows:-

- | | <u>Message</u> | <u>Flare</u> | <u>Signal</u> |
|----|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1. | Help wanted here. | Red | <u>Alpine</u> : six long flashes or blasts in <u>quick</u> succession, repeated every minute.
<u>S.O.S.</u> : Three short, three long, three short. |
| 2. | Message understood. | White | <u>Alpine</u> : Three long flashes or blasts repeated every minute. |
| 3. | Position of base. | White or Yellow | <u>Steady</u> White or yellow light, e.g. car headlights. |
| 4. | Recall to base. | Green (used only at base) | A succession of notes on horn, bell or whistle.
A succession of white or yellow lights switched on and off. A succession of thunderflashes. |

Thunderflashes may be used to attract attention.

Cheers.

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ANNUAL DINNER - Fixed for Saturday, 12th November, 1966
at the Red Lion Hotel, Grasmere. Details later.

Just received news from Andrew and Rosemary Stankiewicz of the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Francesca, born 1st April and weighing 7lbs. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. They report that they are now awaiting a first ascent of the cot rails.

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