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Dear Member,

Over the last two years there has been a serious decrease in the amount of climbing and walking being done by our members, in fact, it was suggested that we change the name to Country Club, as there seemed to be more people playing golf, sunbathing, swimming and hanging around pubs than climbing. However, I am happy to report that over the last few weeks a new spirit has arisen and the air in Bishop's Scale is full of the cheerful talk of routes done, peaks bagged and the horrific tales of shattered nerves and brave deeds on the rocks, (this bit usually comes in the pub at night), so much life and activity, that I am tempted to compare it with the boom years of the early 1960s. All we need for this spirit to continue is members to make more use of the huts, join the various meets and generally live up to the good name of the Achille Ratti Climbing Club.

A list of meets for this summer is enclosed. Join them, they are bound to be a success - Micky Pooler is the organiser!

FUTURE BULLETINS

I hope to increase the number bulletins per year but owing to the rising price of postage and paper this will only be possible if members will send stamps to offset the cost. 4 x 2½p stamps from every member will be gratefully accepted.

Programme of Meets

14th. May. The Three Peaks Walk. Scafell, Skiddaw and Helvellyn.
Starting 10.00p.m. on Friday, 14th. May,
and 5.00a.m. on Saturday 15th. May, from Bishop's Scale.

This is a Club effort - if you feel fit you are welcome to try the route. The four members who have accomplished the walk, Chris. Farrell, Mick Pooler, Harry Wiggans and Derek Price will be walking and lending a guiding hand if necessary!

IT IS NOT A RACE. The night walking will be done as a group and paced to the slowest member. Travelling marshals will be covering the route and there will be two refreshment points.

Bring adequate clothing, (plenty of spare socks), plus a map, compass and a TORCH.

Volunteers for helping with refreshments and anyone wanting further information write to Mick Pooler, 3, North View, Summerseat, BURY.

11th/13th. June. A camping meet at Stanage (Sheffield).

9th/11th. July. Langdale base for climbing on Dow Crag, Conniston.
Also walking from Langdale.

N.B. Micky Pooler will be in Chamonix for July if anyone is interested.

No meets in August.

10th/12th. September. A Welsh meet at Tyn Twr. Climbing in Llanberis Pass and walking on the Carnedd's.

15th/17th. October. Wasdale meet at Buckbarrow. Climbing on Pillar and walking in the area. The Wasdale Horseshoe?

Details of winter meets and other activities, i.e., the Fell Race, Orienteering Competition and the Annual Dinner will be given in a later bulletin.

Other Meets Anyone interested in one day (Sunday) meets and evening meets in the following areas:

Curbar, Froggart, Heptonstall Quarry, Saddleworth (Chew Valley), Widdop, Wilton Quarry etc., and for all information regarding the official meets, please contact Mick Pooler.

General

Will anyone with interesting articles for the bulletin, (the written type), send them to me, and please use surnames in your descriptions.

We are exploring the possibility of an Annual Journal, if any members have had experience of this sort of thing and are willing to advise or participate will they let me know.

We could do with an old vacuum cleaner for the Chapel at Langdale - any offers.

Please note the new Langdale Hut Warden's address:
Harry Wiggans,
25, Rectory Close,
Croston, Nr. Preston.

Finally, there is no truth in the rumour that John Gilmour was seen on Scafell Pike last month. He says he hasn't been up there since he built the first cairn.

Derek Price