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ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

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Dear Member,

Bulletins seem to have been rare commodities in 1973! I'm afraid only I can shoulder the blame.

Annual Dinner/Dance

This will take place again this year at the Windermere Hydro Hotel on Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm for 8pm. Dancing will be to the Jack Hartley Quartet (who have been requested again by members after their success last year) and will continue until 2am. The bar will be open until 1am. The menu promises to be most satisfying:

Chilled Grapefruit with Marsala

Home made vegetable soup

Roast Turkey, Chipolatas, Chestnut stuffing and Cranberry Sauce

Brussel Sprouts, Roast Potatoes

Christmas Pudding or Peach Melba

Coffee.

Tickets are now available at £2-50 each from Mrs. G. Hickey, 36 Fleetwood Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs. Tel. Poulton 5841. A stamped addressed envelope must be sent with remittance. Please make cheques payable to ARCC Accommodation (bed & breakfast) is available at the hotel at £4-00 per person.

ARCC Orienteering Competition

This event will take place as usual the day after the Annual Dinner, namely Sunday 18th November. It will be a morning start (late morning, I hope), and further details will be posted on the notice board at Bishop's Scale and given at the dinner.

Bishop's Annual Sponsored Walk

Saturday 10th November

The club has complete responsibility for the general organisation of check points, marshalling etc. The walk is to raise money for the Catholic Churches in the Lake District where the Catholic population is so small as to be unable to meet the necessary commitments. This is the only annual occasion when the club organises any event as a Catholic club. We need as many volunteers as possible who will, we hope, arrive at Bishop's Scale on the Friday night to receive instructions.

Annual General Meeting

Held at St. Ignatius' Hall, Preston on 12th May 1973. 27 members were present (including one member who travelled from London especially for the A.G.M.)

Chairman's Report Terry Hickey remarked on the lack of response to his appeal to members to provide a feedback of their opinions and ideas to



the management committee. The only exception was information received from a member which led to the withdrawal of the application to build chalets in fields 59 & 56 at Green Howe, Langdale. The chairman expressed the appreciation of the club to John Gilmour who had retired from the committee. It was worth noting that Terry was first introduced to the ARCC by John.

Secretary's Report The total membership is now 491, of which 113 are not Catholics, ie 23% of the total membership. This is still over the figure laid down in the Constitution. New family memberships would not be accepted into the club until May 1974 so that the use of the new family quarters at Langdale can be assessed. The sponsored walk on November 10th last year made more money than previously with fewer entrants. The management committee has decided that from now on the ARCC will not accept any money from the walk, it will go rather to the building of a new chapel in Patterdale. The chairman added that this should not mean that the ARCC will diminish its efforts this coming year, rather that members will continue to support the event.

Treasurer's Report Income and expenditure sheets were distributed to the members present. Due to the now too familiar story of increased prices, and the fact that the club has increased the cover on its properties (to keep pace with the possible cost of replacing them), hence increased insurance premiums, the annual subscription is to be raised from £2-00 to £3-00 from April 1974.

Election to Management Committee. Eddie Kelly was the only nominee for the position and was duly elected.

#### Special General Meeting

Held at St. Ignatius' Hall, Preston on 15th September 1973. 50 members were present, or 10% of the club membership.

The meeting proved to be justified and was certainly rewarding to those present.

After long discussions about the Dunmail Hut and property in West Cumberland the following proposition was put to the meeting and carried: "When property becomes available in West Cumberland we buy, and then sell Dunmail." The Management Committee would hope to synchronise the buying and selling of property, though it might be necessary to use a bridging loan.

It was also agreed to put Dunmail on sale to "test the market", and in the course of "testing" we receive a very good offer, another special meeting will be called to decide on whether to accept the offer.

Orienteering Event West Cumberland O.C. event at Wasdale, Nov. 18th, Organiser: H. Howard, Tel. Gosforth 304.

Editor's Note: I must apologise for the brevity of this bulletin. Although I have a number of articles and ideas for publication (from John Foster, Angela Faller, Martin Whittaker, Nicky Skelton & Eddie Kelly) I have not had the time to type them. If there are any members with journalistic tendencies who would like to accept the post of Bulletin Editor I would be very grateful if they would contact me or Derek Price. (The Bulletin Ed. attends Management Committee meetings in Preston every 6 weeks).

Best Wishes, Fr. David J. Elder, St. Michael's College, Underley Ha Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancs., LA6 2HE.