

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

September 1974

Bulletin 54

Dear Member,

I hope the 'Summer' weather treated you kindly and that you managed to do all those walks and hard routes dreamt about during the winter evenings. I spent a very pleasant week at Tyn Twr where it rained only once. In most Bulletins I usually ask for news, views and articles - often in vain. But, at last, I have received a letter with a suggestion that Management Committee Meetings should be reported in the Bulletin. The letter came from Mavis Newmarch and she refers to discussions that took place at Bishop's Scale during the Summer. It seems that when news is reported second hand the bias of an argument/discussion could be misinterpreted and so therefore, in future, the Bulletin will carry a brief report of the Meetings. In my reply to Mavis I did mention that in spite of the fact that discussions take place and suggestions are made they often do not reach the ears of the people who are best able to act upon anything that might be to the advantage of the Club and its members. So, if you have anything to say, SAY IT to the Management Committee. The Bulletin will carry a list of all correspondence read out at Committee Meetings.

Management Committee Meeting 5th Sep 1974.

New Graduate Members were accepted as Members of the A.R.C.C.
A. Sayer. C. Crawford. G. Burke. J. Farrell. G. Crowther. P. Haley.

The Management Committee hoped that experienced and regular weekenders will continue to make welcome all new Graduate Members. Correspondence was read to the effect that some new members felt a bit out of things sometimes.

The Subscription Secretary asked that a reminder be printed in the Bulletin to all Members who have not yet paid their subs this year. They are now long overdue, the annual subscription is now £3.

Correspondance.

Aldermaston Climbing Club,
M. Newmarch.
T. Broderick.
Lancs Caving and Climbing Club.
Chief Constable of Cumbria.
R. Murray.
Windermere Hydro.
A. Wright.
N. Harrison.
D. Heaywood.
Mr & Mrs Kidd.
F. Whittle.
D. King.

Arising from the correspondence the Committee have asked that the following be printed in the Bulletin. From the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th July 1974.

"A lengthy discussion on Club income was resolved by a proposal that visiting clubs could use the hut (Langdale) at weekends in the Winter months - one Club per month (max 15 people) 5 women, 10 men or 15 men, and that parties would be allowed mid-week through the year except for holiday periods - 20 per party. The proposal was carried but the Secretary asked that his objection to mid-week bookings be recorded. The mid-week bookings would be tried for a period of 12 months!"

The lease for Dunmail is still being negotiated but bookings are still being taken, ie. children/parties.

The Committee is still negotiating the lease on Buckbarrow (present rent £150 per annum. Proposed rent £300 per annum) Members are encouraged to use Buckbarrow more often in order to off-set this increase in rent.

The Committee thanked Matt Bennet for his stewardship of Bishop's Scale and applications are now invited for the vacant position of Hut Warden for Bishop's Scale.

Hut Fees from the 1st October 1974 will be as follows; Members 25p, Guests 50p.

There are now 99 Junior Members of the A.R.C.C. Members who have not yet applied for Junior Membership for their children are reminded of the 1st November 1974 deadline. Forms can be obtained from the Sec. please enclose a s.a.e.

The Parents or the child can apply for Full Membership status of the A.R.C.C. when in their 17th year ie. 16+. and Junior Members can use hut facilities when in their 17th year unaccompanied, as they are then to be regared as Graduate Members.

The last Sponsored Walk raised £1408.61. This was distributed between three Lakeland Parishes.

Bishop Pearson has so far raised £7,000 towards a £12,000 target for his Silver Jubilee Fund. Donations from Members are still requested and there is to be a presentation at the Annual Dinner Dance on 23rd November 1974.

Club Finances are still quite low and any Member who wishes to organise any Fund Raising activities will receive encouragement and help from the Management Committee.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

During the past three months a number of Members have notified me of change of address. However, my list of 'lost' Members still numbers approximately 37.

LANGDALE - BISHOP'S SCALE

The following mid-week bookings have been accepted from Eskdale Outward Bound Centre;

October	29,30,31.
December	3,4,5,
January	21,22,23.
February	18,19,20.
April	1,2,3.

WASDALE - BUCKBARROW

Visiting Climbing Clubs are booked in at Buckbarrow as follows;

Wolverhampton M.C.	Oct 4th-6th
Chester M.C.	Nov 1st-3rd

A number of families are booked in on October 19th.

HUT NOTICE BOARDS

We seem to have one or two petty-minded individuals who think they have the right to deface or remove notices authorised by the Management Committee or Hut Wardens. Continuance of this practice will result in serious consequences for those concerned.

It is unlikely that every notice will suit every member. The normal channel for any expression of disagreement is by letter to the Management Committee.

Signed

Management Comm.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- November 9th - Bishop's Sponsored Walk. Same route as last year. At least 40 helpers required. Please give your support.
- November 24th- Mass at Langdale to celebrate Bishop Pearson's Silver Jubilee. Without the Bishop the Club would not exist - please attend this Offering of Thanksgiving irrespective of your belief. Mass at 10a.m.
- November 24th- Orienteering Competition, 12.30p.m. start. Late November or early December - Another Olde Tyme Music Hall at the Roper Hall, Preston. Date will appear on Hut Notice Boards.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

On Saturday 23rd November, 1974. The Dinner/Dance will take place at the Windermere Hydro Hotel, Bowness. 7.30 - 2.00am. Bar extension till 1.00am. Dancing to the Jack Hartley Quartet.

Tickets £3.25 available from Mrs G. Hickey,
36 Fleetwood Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde.
Tel: Poulton 5841.

Menu

Creamed Cheese on Pineapple
Home Made Leek Soup with Cream
Roast Turkey, Chipolata, Chestnut Savoury and Cranberry Sauce
Brussel Sprouts
Roast Potatoes
Peach Melba or Christmas Pudding
Coffee

There is ample seating accommodation for anyone wishing to bring guests. ONLY ticket holders will be admitted.

CLIMBING - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

I was recently invited to look through some old climbing literature belonging to a near neighbour of mine who, surprisingly, has never set foot on a mountain. He often reads, and identifies himself with the many 'greats' of climbing whose adventures have given him much pleasure over the years. One favourite passage he often quotes was written by G. Winthrop-Young: "If we like mountains, our only principle need be that of pursuing the happiest kind of adventure which is consistent with the degree of our experience, with our sense of proportion, and with our respect for noble scenery and a royal sport. For our adventuring, we require only good courage, good-humour, and, if we wish it, good friends. For our joint achievement, we have to make ourselves safe climbers, of sound discretion, and unselfish colleagues upon a rope. To become good individual climbers, we have to train our limbs and discipline our nerves until movement is masterful, confident and easy. To become good mountaineers, we have to acquire judgement and experience without diminishing our original spirit of enterprise. The rules of collective climbing with others remain the social rules of all good comradeship expressed in terms of mountain action!"

Surely, the best constitution ever written for any climbing club!

Editor.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

In order to make communication within the Club easier I have been requested to publish the addresses of all members of the Management Committee.

Chairman: T. Hickey,
36, Fleetwood Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancs.

Secretary: D. Price,
615, Blackpool Rd,
Ashton,
Preston,
Lancs.

Vice-Chairman: F. Fenlon,
26, Rydal Avenue,
Fleetwood.
Lancs

Subs Sec: N. Haigh,
752, Devonshire Rd
Norbreck,
Blackpool,
Lancs,

Buckbarrow Hut Warden:
M. Crawford,
24, Mansfield Rd,
Blackpool,
Lancs.

Treasurer: D. Ogden,
28, Briercliffe Ave,
Blackpool,
Lancs.

Tyn Twr Hut Warden:
J. Foster,
29, Braeside Cres.,
Billinge,
Nr. Wigan,
Lancs.

Ord Member: (Special Events)
B. Carter,
53, Montreal Rd,
Blackburn,
Lancs.

Dunmail Hut Warden:
C. Millard,
18, Hollywood Ave,
Penwortham,
Preston.

Ord Member:
E. Kelly,
22, Fishwick View,
Preston.
Lancs.

Bishop's Scale Hut Warden:

To be appointed.

Members who attend Committee Meetings but are not Management Committee Members.

Club Chaplain: Fr D. Elder,
St Michael's College,
Underley Hall,
Kirby Lonsdale
Via Carnforth.

who
Bulletin Editor:
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GLOSSARY OF CLIMBING TERMS AND PHRASES - T. PATEY.

A solo climber - One man falling alone.

Snap-Link - A link that snaps!

A Careful climber - A slow climber.

A Novice - Someone (often dead) who should be kept off the mountains at all costs.

An experienced climber - Someone whose death was unavoidable.

Backing up, Straddling, Back and Knee, Back and Foot, Foot and Mouth - Postures adopted in Chimneys.

LAST REMINDERS

I have been handed quite a long list of Graduate Members who have not applied for Full Membership - remember after 6 months write off to the Secretary enclosing Subscription and s.a.e.

Please keep in touch by notifying the Secretary of any change of address.

Due to the increased cost of postage it would be very helpful if any Member who does write to the Management Committee and requires an answer could include a s.a.e. If any Members do have any positive suggestions to make or wish to register any complaint, please do so to the Management Committee.

BIRTHS

Belated congratulations to Harry & Cherie Wiggans on the birth of a son - Thomas Talbot Wiggans - born 10 July 1974.

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Just before I sign off could I make another request for Bulletin articles. This is the fifth Bulletin I have produced this year and most articles have taken the form of notices or reports submitted by the Management Committee themselves or people recruited to promote a Special Event. The articles published in Bulletin 51 had been held over from last year before I took over.

All the best,

TE. Southworth,
15, St Francis Road,
BLACKBURN. Lancs.

Ted Southworth.

BISHOP PEARSON'S SILVER JUBILEE

PRESENTATION

Name

Address
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Donation

Send to: T. Hickey,
36 Fleetwood Road,
Poulton-le-Fylde,
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Proceeds go towards the building of a Community Centre in
Patterdale.

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