

Treasurer

There are five accounts at the moment. D. Ogden put forward a proposal that there should be one main account to facilitate easier auditing and the Committee would be better able to see how the Club stood financially.

No amount in excess of £20 could be spent without Management Committee consent.

General Information.

A new lease on Buckborrow has been negotiated at a rent of £300 per annum.

An "Open Meeting" to be called possibly in January. Secretary to arrange.

Dave Hording - appointed Hut Warden,
71, Lowfield Close, Longdale.
Newton-With-Clifton,
PRESTON.

Dave Hording was present at the meeting representing the signatories who appended their name to a proposal on the Longdale notice board. Details are contained in the two letters published below which I hope will be self-explanatory.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Dear

The following motion was received by the Secretary and your name was amongst the requisitionists. "The date and venue of the A.G.M. shall be the day of the Annual Club Dinner and within 15 miles radius of the venue of the Club Dinner."

The motion was discussed by the Management Committee and the decision not to call the meeting was made for the following reasons.

The proposal made contains a point which involves a constitutional change (namely the date of the A.G.M.). However, the venue of the A.G.M. (also in the proposal) is not at present written into the constitution. The Management Committee feels that to make the venue of the A.G.M. constitutional would be detrimental to the club.

The committee would prefer to ask all the members

where they wish the A.G.M. to be held, rather than to fix the venue once and for all.

I would be very pleased if you would write to me giving your comments and opinions.

Yours sincerely,

Honorary Secretary
On behalf of the Management Committee.

Dear

'Re the Motion Calling for a Special General
Meeting.

At a meeting of the Management Committee on Wednesday, 16th October, the motion was discussed at length and though the decision not to call the meeting was not rescinded, the Committee felt, on reflection, that the requisitionists should be given a more detailed explanation of their decision.

The decision was made for the following reasons:-

1. That the Committees' interpretation, (under rule 22), of rule 10 section 2, is that Special General Meetings should only be called for major and/or urgent changes of Club policy. They did not consider the motion to be in either category.
2. It is/considered opinion of the Committee that the the subject of the motion could wait until the next A.G.M.
3. That the calling of such a meeting would involve the Club in a great deal of expense at a time when funds are low.
4. For the reason stated in the last communication.

I hope that this gives you a little more understanding of the Committees' decision and indicates that it was not taken lightly nor without consideration of members views and opinions.

Yours sincerely,

Derek W. Price

Honorary Secretary.

Hut Warders' Reports.

Tyn Twr Hut.

Main beam in coke shed repaired.
Septic Tank damaged.
Some window frames need replacing.

Donmail Hut.

Bookings well into next year.

Special Events.

Orienteering to be arranged for Sunday following
the Annual Dinner.

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Management Committee Meeting. 13th November, 1974.

Present. T. Hickey. D. Price. M. Crawford.
D. Ogden. B. Carter. D. Harding.
J. Foster. E. Kelly.

Non m/c Members. Fr. D. Elder.
T. E. Southworth.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman passed on Bishop Pearson's appreciation
to all who helped with the Sponsered Walk.

There is a possibility that stone for the new
Chapel may be available when two old barns are
demolished.

Sketches for the Chapel are being prepared and
should be on display at the Annual Dinner Dance.

Secretary's Report.

There are now 138 Junior Members. There have been 21 resignations recently - 13 Catholic and 8 Non-Catholic.

Correspondence. W. Carter - Lease on Buckborrow - now now confirmed at £300 per annum. Members are encouraged to use the Hut more to offset this increase in rent.

Monsignor Kershaw.
Bishop Pearson.

New Graduate Members. J. M. & C. G. Bibby.
E. Scholey. G. Grishatkov.
L. Baker. D. Begold. L. Heakin.

New Full Member. W. Stevens.

Treasurer.

Income/Expenditure now about even. Hut Warders to meet and discuss future expenditure. Priorities to be decided etc.

Hut
Buckborrow/fees no longer cover the new rent.

John Foster made impromptu appeal for funds to be directed towards Tyn Twr repairs!

Hut Warders' Reports.

Longdale.

Guttering needs replacing.
Mattresses in Family Quarters need replacing.
(Sponsored Walk week-end water supply unable to stand 250 flushes per hour!)

Tyn Twr.

John Foster questioned Treasurer on new accounting system and asked how was it possible to know how much money was available for repairs? John now made an impassioned plea for repairs to Tyn Twr to be carried out and asked "How!!! soon and how!!! much?"

Buckborrow.

The 3 year outside painting programme had to be carried out next year.

Any Other Business.

"Open Meeting" now confirmed. Olde Tyme Music Hall - possibly mid-February.

Bishop Pearson's Silver Jubilee Fund stands at approx £8,500. A.R.C.C. to present Bishop with a cheque for £100 at the Annual Dinner.

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BUCKBORROW HUT - MISSING PROPERTY.

Missing from Buckborrow.

One white feather pillow. Left at the Hut on the week-end of October 19th, 20th. The owner would be grateful for its safe return.

Any communication to the Hut Warden PLEASE!

Informal/Open Meeting.

An informal meeting will take place on Saturday, 1st February, 1975 at St. Ignatius Hall, Pump Street, Preston. This is an opportunity to talk about any matter relating to past/future Club policy. If you have anything to say now is the time to say it. It is also a good opportunity to formulate any proposals for the A.G.M. and so avoid the nonsense of last year when the Bulletin was held up on three occasions to allow late proposals to be included - The last date for notifying members of the A.G.M. was only just made.

Hut Bookings.

The following letter was received in October and puts the case for hiring Club Huts to bona fide Climbing Clubs.

Foley College Mountaineering Club

Mr. & Mrs. K. Godfrey,
8, Lodge Close,
Wribbenhall,
Bewdley,
Worcestershire.

16th October, 1974

Dear Ted,

I notice in the last news letter that Bishops Scale is to open again for party bookings (even though limited).. I've often heard members comments about parties using Bishops Scale and Tyn Twr, mainly against and felt how unchristian and contrary to rule 3 of the club.

Huts and other accommodation in the National Parks can be put into six categories:

1. Climbing club huts.
2. Youth Hostels.
3. Education Centres.
4. University/Teaching college huts.
5. Camp sites.
6. Hotels, B & B etc.

Assume you are a 16 to 20 year old living in one of the big conurbations, e.g. Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Tyneside. You're not interested in joining any organised society but would like to try mountaineering. Taking each category in turn:

1. You can't use these unless you know a member and can get him/her to sign you in.
2. You're not likely to join this just to try something out, the rules and regulations and getting there will also put you off.
3. You've left school and very few F.E. colleges have access to these centres so these are out altogether.
4. If you're lucky enough to be in the top 8% of intelligence range then you could be lucky, but first get to University/College.
5. Tents and sleeping bags cost about £20 these days.
6. Very few young people in conurbations would even think of these. (A broad generalisation but true I think).

What do you do then? Well in my experience (based on ten years of organised parties) those really interested find a youth club, F.E. College or Outward Bound group they can join. Apart from the latter, the other two

usually use category 1 huts for the week-end/week outings. So without climbing club huts the one group of people who should, in my opinion, be encouraged to try mountaineering, would find it extremely difficult to even get started.

Over ten years I can list some 600 to 700 people who've used Dunmail and Tyn Twr huts as a first introduction to mountaineering. Over 50% of these in the 16 to 20 age group, and not likely to try categories 2 to 6. Of these about a dozen are now full members of the A.R.C.C. and many more have continued mountaineering after having left college, a large number of these being in the camping group.

Groups using A.R.C.C. huts form a substantial percentage of the income of the huts (in the case of the Tyn Twr about 50% I would guess?) and can, if properly lead be less trouble than actual members themselves.

I would say that the decision reached by the management committee is the best compromise, particularly since Dunmail is just over the hill. (A walk I can recommend to anyone, go via Band, Bow Fell, High Raise, Steel Fell).

My comment to members who think parties are a nuisance and cause problems, (not doing their washing up etc.), is find who the leader is and tell them, if they don't comply report them to the management committee.

Finally, I along with probably a very large number of the club members, started my fell walking career with a training college party at Bishops Scale. The change this made to my outlook and attitude to life cannot be measured. I quote A.R.C.C. Rule 3; "The object of the A.R.C.C. shall be to encourage amongst Catholic men and women the pursuit of mountaineering and to foster a love of the mountains, and to forge a bond of union for all Catholics who are interested by meeting together in the Catholic faith".

Although I am a non-Catholic I fully endorse and try to comply with the sentiments of the rule.

Ken Godfrey.

K. Godfrey,
Welfare Officer,
Foley College of F.E.,
Stourbridge,
West Midlands.

P.S. I thought you might like to condense some of these thoughts into an article for the Bulletin to promote some discussion amongst members. Also one of our newsletters enclosed.

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Annual Orienteering Competition.

The Annual Orienteering Competition was held at Nibthwaite and Par-A-Moor on the east shore of Coniston Water. The weather was of the variety one tends to associate with the Bishops Walk and the going was very tough indeed. Nineteen intrepid members ventured on the course and very creditable performances were recorded, allowing for conditions underfoot, overhead and everywhere else and the highjinks of the pre-event warm up at the dinner dance.

Wilf Chornley, fashionably attired in flat cap and plastic mac, was seen moving gracefully on the steep wooded slopes and was thought to be the likely winner until he was pipped into second place by Mick Crawford by a mere 1 min 40 sec.

Helen Charnocks excellent effort made her a worthy Ladies Champion and her fourth place in the over all results was particularly commendable.

The outstanding success of the Buckborrow regulars in gaining the first five places makes one wonder is it something in the water or perhaps they are putting something in the bread.

A.R.C.C. Orienteering Competition Results.

	<u>Time</u>
1. M. Crawford.	46.00
2. W. Chornley.	47.40
3. P. Charnock.	50.00
4. H. Charnock.	53.30
5. D. Ogden.	54.40

	<u>Time</u>
5. P. Millard.	55.00
P. Millard was non-competitive.	
6. B. Carter.	60.00
7. D. Price.	64.00
8. 8. A. Donnelly.	68.00
9. P. Donnelly.	69.00
10. B. Hayes.	70.00
11. E. Kelly.	82.00
12. M. F. & C. M. Donnelly.	124.00
13. 13. M. Elder.	128.00

Incorrect card. G. Hickey & C. Millard.

Retired. T. Brodrick.
P. O'Hagan,
B. Partridge.

George Partridge.

~~W.~~ Women.

GENERAL.

The Annual Dinner Dance was a success in spite of a reduction in numbers. Later in the evening a party known as "The Friends of Isreal", joined in the dancing and contributed handsomely towards the raffle and an auction for a box of chocolates - very ecumenical! As a result £5 was sent to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Fund. One of the female "Friends" sat on my knee rather heavily during Musical Chairs, (only one broken chair this year) held up my hand and cried "I've got a gentile". Anyway, they were generally good fun.

The Annual Sponsered Walk was again a success in spite of a wet start. Many thanks to Joyce Foster and her helpers for providing the evening meal.

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Finally, I would like to thank George Partridge and Ken Godfrey for articles in this issue and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and an active New Year.

Best Wishes,

Ted Southworth.

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