

Item 2. Venue of the A.G.M.

It is almost impossible to convey through the Bulletin how some members feel about the now rather vexed question of A.G.M. venue. The two letters written by the Management Committee have already been published outlining the reasons why they refused to call a special meeting, and inviting comment by members. A few letters were received showing concern at the Management Committee's attitude in not calling a Special Meeting but by no means did all the original requisitionists reply. The reason for the open meeting was to clear the air and possibly to formulate a proposal for the A.G.M. The Management Committee felt that it was a major issue and that all members should be contacted through the Bulletin and their views sought (see attached form)

There is, at the moment, bad feeling in the Club over this matter and I feel that it would be an injustice on my part to try and convey the spirit of how people might feel about this issue. However, people who would like to see the venue changed do so because they feel that the present venue is restrictive in that members in other parts of the country are put off standing for the Committee.

I suggest that all interested parties make the effort to attend this year's A.G.M. and get the matter sorted out once and for all. The meeting finally ended by Ginger Hickey saying that it was a pity that members did not get hot under the collar about the spirit of the club and such problems as Dunmail, working weekends and cleanliness. It was also mentioned that new members could be made more welcome. See you at the A.G.M!

DISCOVERY

I cannot write, I cannot sing, can hardly pay my way;  
I hitchhiked up to Keswick, arrived the other day.  
Keswick is the place, they say, for lads who want to climb  
On steep crags by the roadside, outside of opening time.

This valley does go on and on, I wonder where it goes,  
I'll soon find out, I'll walk along, me mates'll never know  
First on and on, then up and up, it goes to meet the sky,  
And I go too, my feet won't stop, there must be reasons why

Can't wait to see the other side, perhaps I'll see the sea  
A crag-rat on a mountain top, can this be really me?  
I never used my hands at all to get up here but still  
There's something sort of special on the summit of a hill.

I'll come up here again, y'know, maybe in winter time,  
I'll seek out higher summits and bigger hills to climb.  
And when I've been all round the world and seen 'most

everything  
To tell the folks about it, I'll learn to write and sing.

## Hut Wardens' Reports.

Langdale. Fires in Family Quarters - work about to commence.

Bookings - 18/19/20 Feb. visiting  
1/2/3 April clubs  
18/19 Oct

Hut Committee. D.Harding. J.Harding.  
D.Grace. B.Carter.  
D.Woods.P.Cavanagh.

Buckbarrow.Bookings. 7-9 March-Austrian Alpine Club  
16-18 May - Caper Montis MC.  
13-15 June- St Helen's MC.  
29 May-4July - Clare Harding  
and party.  
Hut little used recently.

Tyn Twr. Window over front door replaced.  
Septic Tank not yet repaired.

Dunmail. Many bookings taken for this year.  
New pots/plates/dishes delivered.

### INFORMAL/OPEN MEETING

Present: 10 Management Committee Members  
15 Full Members.  
2 Junior Members.

The turnout was very disappointing but a meeting did take place and full discussion took place on two topics:

1. Working Weekends
2. Venue of A.G.M.

Ben Carter introduced the Working Weekend topic by suggesting that it should be a condition of membership that all Full Members take part in Working Weekends. Further suggestions were made to the effect that a surcharge be made on all annual subscriptions of members not turning up or some form of discount scheme for members who did turn up. Life Members could have a maintenance surcharge levied annually. Other suggestions - better to choose people with special skills instead of open invitations in Bulletin. It was generally felt that many Members were not taking an active part in keeping the huts clean and often it was necessary to treat cleaning as maintenance and have working weekends - not to undertake new work - but to keep huts clean, particularly Langdale. Some members felt that the Hut Warden should have the job of allotting jobs to hut residents - including visiting clubs - and suspending members who refused. Finally it was suggested that a tradition of work be started immediately - especially by visiting clubs - and that all members should expect to take a hand in keeping huts clean, even if they were not regular visitors.



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Dear Member,

First I must apologise for an omission in the last Bulletin. I neglected to publish the time of the Informal/Open Meeting in Preston on 1st Feb. The meeting was held at 10-30am. Usually meetings are held at 2-30pm. However the Secretary and myself did return to the Hall in the afternoon and happily no one turned up.

Management Committee Meeting 29/1/75.

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

TE. Southworth - Bulletin Editor.

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that it had been a quiet time since the last meeting and there was nothing pressing or urgent outstanding.

Secretary's Report.

New Graduate Members. M.Neill. D.Parrish. A.Twist.  
L & A. Atkinson. P.McGuinness.  
A.Dray. P.Gibson. S.Bolton.  
M.Rogerson.

New Full Members. R.Grimshaw. P.O'Donohue.

New Life Members. P & D. Durkin.

State of Membership.	Life	126
	Full	287
	Graduate	54
		<u>467</u>

98 non Catholic Members.

Correspondance : RG Rixom (complaints of noise at night  
by visiting clubs)  
S. O'Brien  
P.Haley.

Treasurer's Report.	Balance Main Account	£452.30
	Deposit Account	<u>£225.93</u>
		£678.23

Some expenditure outstanding - Insurance Rates etc.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Achille Ratti Climbing Club on Saturday the 26th April 1975. Venue to be arranged.

- Agenda: 1. Minutes of the last Meeting.  
2. Matters arising.  
3. President's Report.  
4. Chairman's Report.  
5. Secretary's Report.  
6. Treasurer's Report.  
7. Hut Wardens' Reports.  
8. Election of members to the Management Committee.

Chairman

Vacant positions: Vice-Chairman  
Secretary

- Nominations to be made in writing not less than 14 days prior to the A.G.M. to the Secretary.  
9. Venue of future A.G.Ms.  
10. Proposals to changes or additions to Rules.  
11. Any other business.

Members are reminded that that the Secretary must receive any proposals to changes in the Rules before the 20th March, thus allowing him to give notice of any such proposals to all Members.

## WANTED

Karrimor Baby Carrier - frame type (Papoose)

Contact: B. Potter,  
65, Windle Grove,  
WINDLE,  
St Helens. (0744 31014)

## CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1975

Find enclosed the new Meets Card, John Foster has asked me to point out that the first meet of the season is at Tyn Twr on W/E 1st March 1975. This does not give people much time to get organised - the cards have only just been made available. Usually the cards are available for inclusion with the Christmas issue of the Bulletin.

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Best wishes,

Ted Southworth.