

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

March 1976

Bulletin 61

Dear Member,

I hope that the 'Calendar of Events' sent with the last issue has helped you to plan your year and include at least one event offered by the Club in your plans. This bulletin carries news of both the A.G.M. and 'The Annual Long Walk!!'

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Achille Ratti Climbing Club on Saturday 1st May, at 11a.m. Venue - St Ignatious' Hall, Preston.

A.G.M. Deadlines :	3rd April	Last day for giving notice of A.G.M.
	24th April	Last day for which any matters other than changes to rules or new rules, which members may wish to discuss at A.G.M. are to be given to Secretary.
	1st April	Last day for submitting to Sec. notice of intention to propose new rules or alterations to existing rules.
	17th April	Last day for Sec to advise members of said alterations or new rules.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 30th Jan, 1976.

Present: T. Hickey, G. Partridge, B. Carter, D. Ogden, J. Foster, M. Crawford, D. Harding. N. Haigh, E. Kelly, J. Harding, Non-Committee Member - Bulletin Editor, TE. Southworth. Apologies from C. Millard.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u>	Membership - Life Members	137
	Full Members	311
	Graduate Members	43
	Junior Members	137
	Non-Catholic percentage	19.4
Graduate to Full Members:	P. Kelsey. AF. Twist. M. Johnson. M. Neill. T. Haines.	
Graduate Members:	Fr JP. Marmion. GT. Coffey. K. Hall.	

The letter sent to youth clubs (see Bulletin 59) in June 1975 had been ignored, no replies had been sent to the Sec. The matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed to refer the matter to Derek Price who might make a personal approach the youth clubs.

John Foster asked about allowing graduate membership below the age of 17.

Proposal: J.Foster - that we accept applications for graduate members from any person who has attained the age of 16 years, but that they would only become eligible for full membership on attaining the age of 17 years.

Seconded - D. Ogden.

Agreed - that the proposal be raised at the A.G.M.

The Sec had received a request from 'The Universe' for information about the Club. Details to be sent.

Treasurer's Report

D. Ogden read out a detailed list of income and expenditure. The cash position is as follows:

Deposit Account	£1034. 91
Current Account	£ 27. 44
	<u>£1062. 35.</u>

The true figure might be £1350.00 due to recent payments made but there was a rate account outstanding.

The Treasurer thought that the membership fee of £3.00 was set too low, this was discussed together with the possibility of upgrading accommodation. The question of membership fees was to be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Hut Wardens' Reports

Buckbarrow: M. Crawford said that the key collecting system would have to be revised as was the arrangement for paying hut fees. (News of this later)
Two rotten window frames need replacing.
Insurance - this was discussed, the policies are held by club solicitor, W.Carter, T.Hickey asked the hut warden to inspect the insurance position with W.Carter, and to explore the possibility of insuring contents for £1,000.
The Sec to attend the meeting.

Tyn Twr: J.Foster reported that the bookings from visiting clubs were heavy, bringing in an estimated £500.00 by March. The building work was generally complete and some glazing work had been done. J.Foster asked if funds for a drying room could be authorised - approximate cost £100.00 - committee agreed to this. He also reported that he was investigating methods of treating dampness coming through walls.

Bishop's

Scale: D.Harding reported that some painting had been undertaken. The demand for party bookings is heavy.

Bookings to date at Bishop's Scale:

March 29/30	- Ullswater O.B.S.
March 30 - April 1st	- Eskdale O.B.S.
April 23/24	- B.M.C.
May 14/16	- Scunthorpe Air Trg Corps IT9 Squad
Sep 8/9	- Merseyside M.C.

Next Meeting Friday 5th March 1976.

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MANAGEMENT MEETING 5th March 1976

Present: T.Hickey, G.Partridge, B.Carter, D.Ogden, J.Foster, M.Crawford,
D.Harding, N.Haigh, E.Kelly.
Bulletin Editor: TE. Southworth.
Apologies: C.Millard.

Chairman's Report: T.Hickey, thanks all concerned, members and otherwise,
who assisted in loading and unloading materials for the
Patterdale Chapel. He reports that plans for the chapel have
now been submitted to the local authority and the matter is
now out of our hands.

<u>Secretary's Report</u> Membership -	Life Members	I37
	Full Members	3I6
	Graduate Members	4I
	Junior Members	I37

Non-catholic percentage 19.4

Graduate to Full Member: C. Bibby.
Graduate Member : P. Carr

Insurance: A meeting was held with W.Carter to discuss club
policy with regard to insurance. The insurance position
was reviewed and the need for up-to-date property valuations
established. W. Carter was asked to look into this.

Annual Dinner: The Windermere Hydro is completely booked
this year. Specimen Menus have been obtained from the Red
Lion, Grasmere. We are advised that a meal could be provided
for about £3.00 per head - music extra. Most weekends
before late November are available but we are asked to avoid
6th November if possible.

Accommodation has been booked for the A.G.M.

Treasurer's Report: D.Ogden read out a detailed list of income and
expenditure. The cash position is now as follows:

Deposit Account	: £1034.91
Current Account	: £ 68.35
Total	: £1103.26

The Treasurer reported a surplus on the year of approx £411.05. Details of the club's present insurance valuations were read out.

Hut Wardens' Reports :

Dunmail: T.Hickey had received a message that a party using the hut had left the water on during a period of frost. Damage has occurred so C.Millard had been advised to cancel bookings.

On inspection it was seen that the main damage had been caused by storm and the loss of some slates. About one third of the ceiling in the main dormitory had bellied, and damage to other ceilings had occurred. Estimates to repair the damage were in the region of £200/£250. There is some insurance cover. The boiler was damaged and the hut dirty. The position at present is that we could:

- (a) Close down the hut and sell it.
- (b) Deed the hut to the Diocese.
- (c) Spend money on the hut in order to bring it up to a reasonable standard.

The possibilities were discussed at some length, in particular proposal (c) with suggestions for providing heaters and completely refurbishing toilet facilities.

N.Haigh proposed that £800 should be spent on immediate work in order that the hut can be brought into use this summer. Seconded D.Ogden. Approved unanimously. G.Partridge proposed that the position with regard to Dunmailis reviewed following this summer in order to assess further requirements. Seconded N.Haigh. Approved unanimously.

Bishop's Scale: D.Harding asked for guidance on booking policy. He reported that he was turning down, on average, three bookings a week. This was discussed. It was agreed to increase the bookings to two per month during the winter period.

A letter from a school party requesting a booking was read out but was turned down by the committee.

Buckbarrow:

M.Crawford reported that 14 people had attended the previous meet. There had been some slight storm damage. He had arranged to have a large letter box fixed to the door Gass's door.

Tyn Tyr:

The working weekend had been poorly attended. Painting in many places was unsatisfactory because of dampness. A representative from Royal Doulton had called and concluded that most of the damp came from the outside - as opposed to rising damp - and suggested painting the wall with a damp-proof compound.

Work on the drying room will be started this autumn.

Membership Fees: These were discussed at some length.

Proposed by N.Haigh - that fees should be as follows:

Ordinary Members	- £4.00
Life membership	- £40.00
Joining fee	- £ 2.00

with effect from 1st April, 1976.

Seconded: G.Partridge.

Approved unanimously.

Members paying by Bankers Order are asked to inform their Bank of the change in Annual Membership Fees.

Since fees become due on the 1st April, would all members please enclose s.a.e. with remittance.

Send to: N. Haigh,
752, Devonshire Road,
Norbreck,
BLACKPOOL

Junior Members's fees remain unchanged at 25p per child.

Any other business: G. Partridge complained of lack of support last year for the Orienteering Event and suggested that we might consider holding a different form of competition.

Long Walk - The High Street route is preferred. Details of this route are to be worked out.

J.Foster said that he would propose at the A.G.M. that the non-catholic ^{percentage} permitted by the constitution should be raised to 20%.

Next meeting Friday, 26th March, 1976.

WHO'S TURN ON SKYE THIS YEAR?

Just a reminder to our Reverend Members that from Easter to September hundreds of visitors, and the handful of Catholics resident on the island, are dependant on visiting priests for Sunday Mass. The Parish Priest can only visit once a month - he is based at Knoydart and has to include Rhum and Canna in his monthly rounds. If you fancy a trip to the 'Isle of Mists' (Scott) write to:

Fr MacNeill,
Inverie,
by Mallaig,
Invernesshire.

Alternatively write to John Foster, 29, Braeside Cres, BILLINGE, Nr Wigan, for further information.

CARAVAN TO LET - SKYE (5 berth)

2 miles from Sligachan Hotel, main road junction for Dunvegan, Broadford and Portree. Handy for Glen Brittle, Pinnacle Ridge and Blaven.

Fully equipped - except linen - calor cooker (for Buckbarrow fanatics) flush toilet; Some vacancies Easter, July and August.

Write to: John MacFoster,
29, Braeside Cres,
BILLINGE,
Near Wigan.

John also has some children's boots for sale, good condition, and will bring them to the A.G.M.

Dachstein size 39(5 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Scarpa size 37(4 $\frac{1}{2}$)

£5.00 each pair.

ORIENTEERING '75

This year the club event was held within an open event organised by the Lakeland Orienteering Club on Loughrigg Fell.

As usual the event was staged on the Sunday following the Dinner at Grasmere. The venue could not have been more convenient - a mere mile down the road from the hotel. Unhappily, the weather was probably the worst we have had for the competition.

Gale force winds, rain and sleet did put a few people off and the number of starters was well down on previous years. There was a choice of courses and the Ladies Event was held over the 2.5km course and the Men ran over a 4.5km course.

Results:	1. Elizabeth Partridge	53min 05secs.
<u>Ladies</u>	2. M. Kelly.	

<u>Men</u>	1. George Partridge	61mins 41secs
	2. Derek Price	75mins 47secs
	3. Mick Crawford	88mins 47secs
	4. Wilf Charnley	89mins 46secs
	5. Dave Ogden	91mins 31secs
	6. Eddie Kelly	97mins 47secs

Clive Millard went round in 72mins 27secs but had problems with either control 4 or 5 - bad luck Clive!

Finally spare a thought for Helen and Paul Charnock who had a frustrating trip up for the event, had problems with the car and arrived too late - Helen won the Ladies trophy last year.

BUCKBARROW - VISITING CLUBS

March 6/7	Austrian Alpine Club
April 10/II	Caper Montis M.C.
June 5/6	St Helens M.C.
July 10/II	PR Nudds & party

IMPORTANT Correction to telephone number and extra information:
If arriving late at Buckbarrow mid-week, telephone Margaret Gass so that the key can be left on the door. Tel: WASDALE 250.

In future payments will be made by envelope and placed in the letter box at Ghyll Farm. Entries are to be made in the signing in book, stating date, number of nights stay and total amount of money in envelope. This will enable Margaret Gass at Ghyll Farm to check entries more easily. Similar methods are used at Tyn Twr and Langdale with the exception of the safes. Since Buckbarrow is isolated all monies paid in are safer at the farm.

LANGDALE REVISITED - FOLEY COLLEGE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

It was July 1971 when a Foley College party last visited Bishop's Scale. A few things have not changed much; (1) The weather - wet, misty, cool. (2) The climbers still think it a privilege for the "others" to do their washing up. (3) Shortage of drying space - not helped by all the fools who got their clothes wet.

Noticeable changes were (1) The new family quarters - the last time I saw these there was a chapel, now it can only be described as five star family accommodation. And the new chapel - second to none in the country - congratulations to all concerned. (2) The new floor in the kitchen was, I am told, leveled up by qualified engineers, which is probably why everyone leans to the N.E. or is that a local custom? (3) New tables and chairs much easier to keep clean. (4) Two members who, I presume, draw lots for the privilege, went running on the Sunday morning and then had to have cold baths on their return - can't have been climbers - too energetic, another local custom? (5) What was obviously an old custom was one member being waited on hand and foot by three young lads from Newcastle, cups of tea in bed, carrying his gear, cooking meals etc., How do you reach this exalted position?

After the delights of Dunmail for the last five years, Bishop's Scales rating goes beyond the five star system and it is obviously too good for members. I propose that it be reserved for the exclusive use of visiting parties and members relegated to Dunmail. Thank-you to the Management Committee for allowing us to use Langdale and in particular the other members present during the week-end - proof that members and visitors can mix without ensuing friction.

Ken Godfrey.

One of the Foley College Members accidentally came away from Bishop's Scale with someone's socks. If anyone is missing same write to:

K. Godfrey,
Moorfield
Dunsley,
KINVER,
S. Staffs. (Postage will be refunded)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1976

Eddie Kelly is the only member to retire from the Management Committee this year. Nominations please 14 days prior to A.G.M. send in writing to Secretary.

GENERAL

Below is the application form for the Annual Long Walk - this time from Dunmail. The route details have yet to be worked out but will include the High Street Range. Members and guests are reminded that places MUST be booked on the walk. Please include S.A.E. with subscriptions, - do not forget the increases!

I would be very grateful to any member who proposes to change existing rules or introduce new ones at the A.G.M. to notify the Secretary as soon as possible. This will enable me to notify all members in turn through the postal system.

Best wishes,

Ted Southworth.

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Please reserve..... places on the Annual Long Walk on Saturday, 15th May, 1976.

Names:

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Send to: C. Millard,
18, Hollywood Ave,
Penwortham,
PRESTON

Address of sender: enclose S.A.E. please.

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