

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

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Dear Members,

Included in this bulletin, amongst other things, is the information on the Long Walk Weekend and also the booking form. So that you may know what is happening in the Club's Calendar of Events, you must READ YOUR BULLETIN All meets not printed in your meets card are advertised in the bulletin.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1980

The AGM will be held in Preston on Sat. April 26th at 2.30pm. at Marion House, Knights of St. Columba Hall, off Blackpool Rd, Preston. By special request the bar will be open from 1pm to 2.30pm.

How to find the venue? ? ? Here are the instructions, follow them exactly and its no problem. to get to the right place. But, remember to take the route instructions with you!!

Members approaching Preston from the North, West and South should leave the M6 Motorway at intersection 31. Fork right at the island after the hill into Preston, and follow the ring road A5085 to the A6 traffic lights. Cross these lights, and still on the Blackpool Road cross four sets of traffic lights. At the fifth set of lights turn left, into Tulketh Road and left again into Beech Grove. Marion House is on the left, and with luck the bar will still be open.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. President's Report.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Reports from the Hut Wardens.
8. Election of members to the Management Committee.
9. Any other business. (The time of year and venue of future AGMs)

Please make an effort to attend the meeting. It is no use grumbling at the huts that things aren't as you would like them. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO AIR YOUR VIEWS.

DEADLINES FOR THE AGM see next page.

Deadlines for the AGM

1. The last day for submitting to the secretary an amendment or an alteration to a club rule was, as announced in the January bulletin February 26th.
2. The last day for the secretary to advise members of the said new rules or alterations is Sat April 12th.
3. The last day on which any matters other than amendment to rules, which members may wish to discuss at the AGM, are to be received by the secretary by Saturday 19th April.
4. Nominations The three ordinary members and also the treasurer are due to retire this year. Names with a proposer and a seconder should reach the Secretary Tom Walsley, 4, Ash Grove, New Longton, Nr. Preston by 12th April.

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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The question of visiting party bookings during half-term, was again raised and discussed, and hut wardens were requested to avoid large party bookings at these times.

The Secretary reported that the membership record cards had now been checked against 1979/1980 subscriptions. The current membership is: Life Members 138; Full members 311; Graduates 49; Juniors 177. This gives a non-catholic membership of 22.8%.

Hut Wardens Reports:

Tyn Twr: John reported that the wooden floor had been stripped out and the ground floor prepared for asphaltting, and would be completed by the end of february. The work so far has cost £320 49p and a further £349 is required for completion, excluding plumbing. Authorisation for the expenditure, was given.

Bishopscote: Alan reported that the Chapel was still flooding. It was agreed that this would require attention at the working weekend, and also the soil pipe at the front door.

Dunmail: Tom reported an income this year of £3,039.20p. Advance bookings are good, with all weekends booked to August. Winter weather damage had caused repair work to both inside and outside the hut.

Vice-Chairman George Partridge reported, that following an exchange of letters with one of the Polish Climbing Clubs, there had been no response to the last ARCC invitation for them to visit us in 1980.

The next meeting on March 14th will be devoted to planning the AGM and to discussing finances.

NEWS. . . . NEWS. . . . NEWS. . . .

1. Did you see Frank Whittle's photograph in February's Climber & Rambler? It is in the Karrimor Marathon report, and the caption is 'The agony and the ecstasy'.
2. Mike Donnelly has a pair of mountain boots for sale. They are in good condition, very little worn as they were too big for him. They are approximately 8-8½. Phone Mike at Preston 774470.
3. Stu Evans is trying to arrange a caving meet for sometime in May. Its two years since the last wet one, so keep your eyes on the notice boards or phone me for information. He is booking a hut in the Yorkshire Dales, so if you dont fancy caving the walking should be good, also the climbing.
4. Five berth Caravan to Let near Sligachan, Skye. £30 per week. Phone 0744 984512, for more information.
5. Dave and Joan Ogden are the proud parents of a third son, Martin James, born in February. All the family are doing well! Congratulations.
6. Anne Cammack sends grateful thanks to the four members who together sent her donations of £32 for the research project into Skin-Blister Disease. A free programme is to go ahead at Edinburgh so she is now set to raise £14,000. The team there feel that there is every hope that a cure will be found with the information now available. Anyone else wishing to send a donation? To Ann Cammack, 1, Thornton Place, Watson St, Banchory, Kincardineshire AB3 3UB.
7. Ex-member John Hitchen has bought the Pannick Hells Hotel in Ballatter, not far from George and Ann Cammack in Banchory. John is hoping to open dormitory accommodation in the near future and will welcome ARCC members.
8. At the meeting on 14th March it was decided to raise hut fees in line with inflation to 50p per night for members, £1 per night for members guests and £1 25p for members of visiting parties.
9. At the same meeting it was decided to raise the Annual Subscription to £7.50 per year from April 1980. The hut Fees increase takes place on 1st May 1980. Life Membership now costs £75.
10. It was also decided to scrap the 25p per year subscription for Junior members. Instead a once and for all payment of £2 will be due when each child is registered as a junior member. Children already holding junior membership cards are not liable for the new £2 payment. CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT JUNIOR MEMBERS MAY NOT USE ANY OF THE HUTS.

REPORT ON THE BUCKBARROW MEET FEB.1980

Some twenty-four members and friends, a good cross-section of age groups, gathered at Buckbarrow for the meet. The weather was very mild, the mud very deep and the rain on Saturday very wet.

Some brave folk including an Anglican Curate went to Scafell, and a mass assault on St Bees cliffs was made by the more ordinary mortals. A good darts evening was enjoyed in the Strands and then back at the hut conversation flowed free, and a clear frosty night augured well for Sunday.

The St Bees gang headed for Scafell, walking upwards fast. Snow began to fall, then nasty wet rain and some of the party fell by the wayside. A quick trip down Brown Tongue and back to the hut to recover the old rocking chair. Two hours later, a pristine brown vinyl chair and two fingers and one thumb suffering severely from blood-blisters. A very enjoyable meet.

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The Glencoe Meet . . . February 1980.

The Lunatic Fringe, left Manchester at 9pm and went to Wigan, then back across Lancashire to Darwen, back west again to Blackpool, stopped by suspicious police on Kendal by-pass, and so to Langdale at 3.30am. Frank isn't happy early in the morning! And then at last onto Glencoe. We arrived after marathon driving stints at 9.30am. Is this a record?

An easy day Tom said, just two nice little Munros. Very steep and long and hard they were, but we were down before dark. Sean and Martin arrived and moved into the upstairs flat. We were early risers and out on the hill by 8.30am, but Sean's alpine starts, and the herds of elephants he let loose at 3.30am had to be heard to be believed. By Friday nineteen people had arrived, and all squeezed into two six berth flats; but we all felt that they were rather expensive this year, for the facilities offered.

Lots of routes and mountains were climbed, the weather could have been worse and by the weekend was very good, the venison at the Clachaig was first class. But who said it was a geriatric Meet?

Now the BMC have got a winter hut at Onich, just the other side of Ballachulish Bridge. How many places should I book for a week next winter? And how many places for a weekend? If you will be interested could you let me know, I have to book now for next Feb.

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THE LONG WALK MEET 10th May 1980.

This year the Long Walk is based on Dunmail Hut, giving many members their first opportunity to stay there and allowing others the chance to re-live old memories.

'The Walk' will cover the first two sections of the 'Bob Graham Round'; starting from Keswick and finishing at the hut, with a distance of approx. 24-30 miles and 9,300ft of ascent. The Runners will be able to add to this the outward journey to Keswick, making a total of 30-40 miles and 10,800ft of ascent. A shorter route from Threlkeld back to the hut, of 12-15 miles and 5,300ft of ascent is also available.

The Main Route is as follows:- From Keswick to the summits of Skiddaw, Great Calva, Blencathra and down via Halls Fell to Threlkeld. A butty stop at Threlkeld and then via Newsham to Clough Head, Calfhow Pike, Great Dodd, Watson Dodd, Stybarrow Dodd and down to Toms Tea Stall at Sticks Pass. Then onto Raise and Whiteside, Lower Man, Helvellyn, Netthermost Pike, Dollywagon and down to the check point at Grizedale Tarn. Finally Fairfield and Seat Sandal and back to Dunmail Hut.

The runners and Full Route Walkers will start at 5am, and short route walkers at 9am. Transport will be provided from Dunmail to the appropriate start.

The Fee has been fixed at £3 per person. This covers breakfast and butty-stop-food on Saturday, evening meal on Saturday and full breakfast on Sunday; and transport and organisation expenses, but is not expected to cover the hut fees. There will be no reduction for people sleeping in caravettes or in Langdale.

There are beds for 39 people at Dunmail and priority will be given to full route walkers and runners and official helpers, and it may be necessary for some people to stay at Langdale (transport will be provided). Caravette owners may be able to sleep in their vehicles. Junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult and unless walking or official helping should not be brought to the meet.

Adult guests are not necessarily excluded, but priority will be given to members.

There is limited car parking at Dunmail and official lights are required after dark; please arrange to share transport or try to park away from the hut. Large capacity vehicles will be welcome for transport purposes, would owners please contact me in advance.

PRIOR BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED BOOKING FORM CAREFULLY. FEES SHOULD BE INCLUDED. Applications will be dealt with in order of receipt, and must be received before 1.5.80.

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THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR THE REPORT ON TYN TWR'S
10th BIRTHDAY PARTY.. DELAYED BY POSTAL
SERVICES.

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