

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

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Dear Members,

The reason for this bulletin, so soon after the last one is the amount of urgent information that needed to be sent out to you.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The closing date for amendments to the constitution was 4.2.81. and four were received;
1. Amendment to rule 11: line 4, after 'treasurer' insert ' Subscription Secretary'. Proposed by G Partridge. Seconded T Walmsley.
 2. Amendment to rule 11: line 9, after 'Hut' insert ' and a Bulletin Editor'. Proposed by S O'Hagan, seconded A. Kenny.
 3. Rule 10: (1) Ordinary Meetings. Delete 'not later than the end of June'. Substitute 'between 1st. October and 31st December'. Proposed JTFoster, seconded B. Potter.
 4. Rule 6. (iii) Entrance Fee.
Substitute 'March' for 'October'; 'October' for 'April': 'January' for 'July'.
Rule 8. Cessation of membership (iii). Substitute 'october' for 'April' twice.
Rule 10 (i). Ordinary Meetings.
Substitute '30th September' for '31st March'.
Rule 13. Treasurer.
Substitute 30th September for 31st March: and substitute October for April.
Proposed JTFoster, seconded B Potter.

THE CLOSING DATE for Any Other Business, proposed and seconded by any two full members of ARCC should be received by the Secretary, SEVEN Days before the meeting.

THE POSITION OF SECRETARY BECOMES VACANT THIS APRIL, AND TOM WALMSLEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR RE-ELECTION.

Nominations for a new secretary, proposed and seconded by any two full members should be received by Tom at 4, Ash Grove, New Longton, Preston, no less than 7 days before the meeting, ie: Fri 27th March, 1981.

The annual General Meeting will be held on April 4th, 1981 at 2.00pm
at the same place as last year. Marion House, Knights of St Columba Hall, Beech Grove, off Blackpool Rd, Preston. See over for precise instr.

IN THE EVENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BEING AMENDED, PROVISIONAL NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SUBS. SEC. AND FOR ONE ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Cont.....

Instructions to find Marion House, Knights of St Columba Hall, where the bar will be open from 1pm.

Members approaching from the North, East and South, leave M6 at Junction 31. Fork right at the island at the top of 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 further sets of lights, at the fifth set of lights, turn left into Tulketh road and left into Beech Grove. Marion House is on the left and with luck the bar will still be open and the meeting about to begin.

Members approaching from Blackpool, use the old Preston Rd, not the motorway, and turn right into Tulketh Rd at the lights past Jaguar House in Ashton, and then left into Beech Grove.

PLEASE WILL MORE MEMBERS MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THE A.G.M. IT IS USUALLY THE SAME THIRTY OR FORTY PEOPLE YEAR AFTER YEAR. WHERE ARE THE NEW MEMBERS? I send the bulletin out to 514 members, yes five hundred and fourteen people, so why don't more than forty of you attend the AGM?

Dont forget to take this page with you, you need the route instructions.

THE LONG WALK 1981..... THE WELSH 14 PEAKSMAY 9th 1981

What other expedition in Wales can compare with the traverse of all the 3,000ft peaks? Twenty-eight miles of the finest country, with 11,860ft of ascent. Twice already we have organised the 14 peaks walk, and by popular demand here it is again.

Already about twenty places have been booked, but everyone must COMPLETE A BOOKING FORM AND RETURN IT to J Foster, 29, Braeside Cres, Billinge, Nr Wigan. Tel 0744 894512.

Organisation

Food: This has got to be a catered meet, and the hut will be closed to anyone either not taking part as a walker or as a helper for that weekend. Food will be provided from Saturday breakfast through to Sunday breakfast, and I expect that the total cost for transport, food and hut fees will be £4. Please note: If you require little personal delicacies for sustenance on the hill and cheese on toast for supper on Friday evening, please remember to bring them with you!

There will be four parties, Slow, Medium, Fast and Supermen. Although probably people will get a little strung out, everyone must report to checkpoints before retiring.

Transport from the hut to Pen y pass will be provided at 3.30am sharp for all walkers. The runners will leave for Pen y Pass on foot a little later at 4.30am.

The first check point is at Pant y Fron in Nant Peris, The Vagabonds Club Hut, and this is also a food stop. Then 2,500ft up onto Elidir Fawr, Y Garn, the Glyders, Tryfan to the second checkpoint and foodstop, the halfway mark at Milestone Buttress Car Park below Tryfan, by Llyn Ogwen. Two-thirds of the ascent has now been done, but half the distance is still to be covered. The Carneddau is one of the biggest roadless areas south of the Scottish Border and with all the Peaks completed there is still four miles of descent to the pick up point in Gerlan, only one mile from the Hut. This means that if you intend to complete the Walk you MUST LEAVE OGWEN CAR PARK BY 3.00pm. Checkpoint three is at Foel Grach Refuge, where Tom Finney's Tea Stall will be in operation, and check point four is back in the hut.

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cut along the line.

BOOKING FORM FOR 14 PEAKS weekend 9th May

Name:

Address & Tel:

Please Delete as necc. Member, Junior, Guest; Slow, Medium, Fast, Runner.
Cost £4 per person. I enclose Cheque, postal order value.....
made payable to J. Foster not ARCC. I need to buy the food in advance.
Please return as soon as poss. and no later than 25th April, 1981.

FOURTEEN PEAKS CONT.....

For those members unsure of the route, never having attempted it before, here it is.

Snowden Group, 3,000' of ascent, and 6 miles down to Nant Peris, then 2,500' up to Elidir Fawr, Y Garn, Glyder Fawr, Glyder Fach, descent by the side of Bristly Ridge and over Tryfan to Milestone Car Park. Up 2,200' to Pen yr Ole Wen and then over Carnedd Dafydd, Carnedd Llywelyn, Yr Elen, Foel Grach to Peak no 14 ... Foel Fras.

HELPERS will be required. I will run the food in the Land-Rover checkpoint stops, which means I will be out of the hut from 4am until approx 4.30pm, by which time the first ones will be well back at the hut. Therefore, two women are needed to cook the evening meal at the hut, and serving and washing up are quite a task. In all about six helpers will be needed, and they will not be charged for the weekend (neither will they be paid), so please send in your names, or telephone us, and complete the Booking Form and send it in along with your money.

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JUNIOR MEET Sat 6th June 1981.

Last years Junior Meet with only six Juniors, turned out to be a fairly successful senior gathering. We hope to improve on this figure this year.

The Meet will be based on Bishops Scale and the proposed programme is :-

Walking for children of ten years and upwards, possibly with an overnight camp with the tents and heavy gear, cookers etc carried in by a support party, but each junior member should have their rucsacs and personal gear.

Personal gear for each walker/camper should comprise: Rucsac, change of clothes, packed in poly bag; waterproofs, boots and socks; anorak; hat; gloves; suitable clothes; sleeping bag, emergency food; torch, knife spoon fork; mug; dish;

Tents, stoves, cooking equipment etc. and all food except emergency food will be available but if your family have such equipment please give details with your booking for the meet.

Climbing for Juniors age 12 yrs and upwards. Juniors will be introduced to rock-climbing and taken on routes suitable to their talents. Climbing gear will be provided but each Junior must have suitable boots and clothing.

The climbing group will stay at the hut and should provide their own food in the normal way. If you have suitable climbing gear, please give details with your booking form and bring it with you. **GENERALLY** your children attend the meet entirely at their own risk and your risk. Leaders will be experienced and responsible individuals who will take due care. Parents must accompany their children to the hut.

BOOKING FORM FOR JUNIOR MEET

SENIOR MEMBERS in Party:-
Names.

Junior Members:
Names

Age Chosen Activity Walking/Climbing

Equipment; If you have any equipment, please give details.

Return to George Partridge, 16, Centurion Close, Meols, Wirral.
Tel: 051:632:5936. by 23rd May, 1981.

LEO'S POND WALK

Leo Pollard, Fell Runner, ARCC Member, Harriers member, and member of the elite Bob Graham 24hour Club (42 peaks in 24 hrs) is attempting what has come to be known as Leo's Pond Walk. This is to cover the 93½ miles (approx.) and 15,000ft of ascent connecting all the major lakes and waters in the Lake District National Park, and he expects it will take something less than thirty hours.

A trial attempt took place last year and now planning is well advanced for the attempt on Saturday 13th June, 1981. It is hoped that Leo will be fully supported with a Back up team of ARCC members.

The organisation of helpers is in itself a marathon, and I am sure that we will have sufficient willing volunteers to provide the 9 pacers, 27 helpers including the carriers(gear), people with cars to fetch and deliver the pacers and manned feeding points required.

Will people who are willing and able to help in any way on this first ever attempt to connect all the lakes in a single run, contact Leo at home at Horwich 694657.

Leo stresses that there will be no running up-hill, only walking, and then jogging on the flat and where the ground is easier, and he would like to cover an average of 4 miles per hour.

Helpers will have to be absolutely reliable in every circumstance, and will have to be at their places an hour before the time they are needed. If they are not, then it may mean that the pacers and carriers will have to do two sections and therefore be tired and slow, and if food and drink is not there when required, then the attempt will fail.

The route is as follows: Start at Loweswater, Crummock Water, Buttermere, Ennerdale, (rest) Wastwater, Devoke Water, Goats Water, Low Water, Levers Water, (Car Park, Coniston) Coniston Water, Esthwaite Water, Elterwater, Grasmere, Rydal Water, Windermere, (Water head), Skeggles Water, Haweswater (rest), Thirlmere, Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite, Overwater.

Would anyone with specialised knowledge of the paths connecting the Buttermere area; Windermere to Skeggleswater(map ref 478034); and the Thirlmere to Derwentwater area please contact Leo.

On Sunday 10th May after the fourteen peaks walk in Wales, all times and places and names of helpers will be fixed, and all arrangements finalised. Meanwhile Leo is training hard, and we as a club should be proud that he is choosing us to support him on this Lakes Walk.

Telephone Leo or Freda Pollard at Horwich 694657.

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