

ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

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Dear Members,

A Happy New Year to you all. Bishopscale, has been bursting at the seams during New Year Week, just like it used to be during the sixties every weekend.

Members weekends at the huts (no visiting clubs) are . . . the first Saturday of the month, Langdale; second Saturday Wales; third Saturday is Wasdale. So all you new and all you old members let us see you more often this year?

NEWS . . . NEWS . . . NEWS

1. Congratulations to Michael Fanning. One day after his 18th birthday he flew to Milan to run in the Dolomites as a member of the British Junior Squad gaining his first international vest. Mike is the son of Brian and Pat Fanning, attends Keswick School, and has had a tremendous fell-running season, he came 11th in a field of nearly 400 in the Langdale Horseshoe Race.
2. Congratulations to Margaret Price. She has been voted 'Woman of the Year' in Preston for her work for MENCAP.
3. Congratulations to Vivienne Parker. She has been awarded her degree in Psychology, well deserved after many years of part-time study, bringing up four children and coping with a climbing/fell-running husband Dave.
4. Dave & Jane Fenna on their world wander sent me a post-card from the Markha Valley, Zaskar, Northern India. Just about the most remote place to get to, all food has to be carried in, it is very cold, hard trekking at about 15,000ft. The river gorges are crossed by sickening rope suspension bridges. They are due home in March, and will probably have a tale or two to tell.
5. WANTED . . . by John Foster. Duvet Jacket in good condition, please ring 0744 894512.
6. LOST AT BISHOPSCALE in October. Pink cotton Jacket. Left behind by accident and one week later was seen, then it 'walked'. Please phone Maureen Pitchford 0484 605898.
7. JOGGERS have yet another menace to be wary of. Doctors in Switzerland have treated twelve runners in the past two years for scalp lacerations inflicted by European Buzzards. No cases of rabies were reported.
8. BMC MOUNTAINEERING CONFERENCE - Buxton March 21/22 1986. Speakers include Layton Kor and John Gill from the USA, Rowland Edwards and Tony Howard from UK, Jean Claude Droyer and Silvain Soudain - La Belle France. Book Early BMC, Crawford House, Booth St East, Manchester

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9. BMC WINTER TRAINING COURSES. SCOTTISH WINTER - 1 Week.

8 - 15th Feb, 22nd Feb - 1st March, 1st - 8th March. £135.
 BMC members (all Achille Ratti Members are members of BMC, the club pays the BMC) 2 day Courses at Glenmore Lodge 30 - 31st Jan with two day extension locally, £59. 1 - 2nd Feb £49., Ski Mountaineering in Arolla for Leaders 2 - 12 April; Personal Skill 5 - 12 April, Arolla £130. For any of these bargains ring Chris Dodd on 061 273 5839.

10. FOR SALE

Clog Vulture ice-axe £12. Salewa Crampons French style straps, size 1 new and unused £28. Ring Windermere 2907

Koflach Ultra Boots and Everest Crampons size 7½. Never used, too small. Absolute bargain at £60 for both. Ring Dave on Leeds 629784.

Scarpa Fitzroy Mountaineering Boots. Brand new soles. For Sale for only £12. Owner has more boots than years left to wear them all up in. Size 7/7½. Bargain for junior member or impecunious person. Rigid soles for crampons. Telephone Tom on Morecambe 0524 55724.
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COMPETITION

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1. Name the four 3,000' summits in Wasdale.
2. What are the names of the two pubs in Nether Wasdale.
3. What is the name of the deepest lake in Wasdale.
4. Name a famous personality who lives in Wasdale.

THE Prize is a free weekend at Buckbarrow on the weekend of 15/16th March.

Many of the Club's skiers will be in France then, to give the rest of you a better chance of winning. Everyone who enters, wins the prize. ENTRIES must be handed personally to Frank Whittle : on Friday evening 14th March.

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THE BISHOP'S SPONSORED WALK

A large and willing band of helpers assembled at Bishopscale to plan the marshalling for the Bishop's Walk. After weeks of rain we were fortunate to have a pleasant day with only one heavy shower.

After some initial hazy map-reading, all the marshalls were at their stations, this a minor miracle; cooks were preparing vegetables for the evening meal at Bishopscale for all the helpers; under Chris Benjamin's watchful eye, water was heating at Hawkshead Public Hall; and our team of checklists all junior members were ready and waiting. Jack White-side, Nev Haigh and George Partridge were at Hawkshead Car Park and it was 9.15am.

The first bus arrived and once more the Annual Sponsored walk was under way.

Later that day 51 of us sat down to a delicious meal prepared by Marion Armstrong and her helpers. This Club Event shows the strength of the core of active members who always respond when asked for help. Thankyou everyone.

George Partridge, Chairman.

SKI-ING NEWS

FIFTEEN members are going to Meribel, Three Valleys, French Alps in March for one or two weeks on a trip organised by Christine Benjamin. Self-catering, by bus from Blackpool with Red Guide. A mixed group, in both sex, age and ability. The two previous years trips were to Tignes, French Alps. This trip was advertised in the bulletin, so watch this space for next years holiday and if you are interested in any last minute cancellations that we may have ring Chris at 02572 68917.

Ski - Newsletter There are some 21 names included on the Ski-newsletter list. If you would like to receive a copy please contact George Partridge.

X.C.Enthusiasts The following members have agreed to act as snow correspondents; ie. if it snows telephone them for conditions - they may know? And may be organise companions for a trip.

North Wales/Clwydians George Partridge, 16, Centurion Close, Meols, Wirral
Tel.051 632 5963.

Lancs/Pennines/Winter Hill Christine Benjamin, 2, Talbot House, Lancaster
Lakes. Court, Chorley 02572 68917.

South Manchester/Derbyshire Archie Bradley, 43, Gorsebank Rd, Halebarns
Cheshire. 061 980 5013.

Edinburgh/Cairngorms Nicki Baker, 8, Bellevue Terr, Edinburgh.

Easter 1986 Is there any interest in a XC/ Ski-mountaineering trip to Cairngorms or Elsewhere? Last Easter the weather in Scotland was poor but if there is any interest please write or telephone George Partridge, and a group trip could be arranged.

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RUNNING SECTION NEWS

British Fell Running Championships 1984 -85

Congratulations to Angela Soper for her great achievement in taking 3rd place in the ladies fell-running championship. Angela was presented with an engraved glass goblet at the Fell Running Association AGM, at Chapel Stile after the Langdale Fell Race.

I would just like to say, that as a Running Section we are beginning to make progress. This year we completed our first Club Running Championship, with Jim Harding taking first place. He was presented with a trophy at the Club Dinner by the Chairman George Partridge.

The Club Championship is designed to create competitive running within ARCC and to get maximum ARCC entry at particular race venues.

Progress is not only about entering races, but running a faster time in them, and in this we have seen success with Mickey Pooler and Mike Lomas improving with every race. Keep it up Lads.

The Langdale Fell Race - First may I say a big thankyou to the members of ARCC who helped to make the Langdale Race the success it was. This is not

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..... just from me, but all the running section, the fell-running fraternity in general and Ambleside Athletic Club. They were delighted with the help they received. There was a record entry of 438 runners, the largest entry for a fell-race in the 84/85 season.

Mike Fanning ARCC member, running for Keswick A C, blasted round the Langdale in a time of 2hrs.10mins.08secs. This was an outstanding run Mike, well done.

Tony Brindle running for Eskdale Outward Bound did 2hrs 34mins 20secs another good run.

We have lost Mike to Keswick A C and his time in the Langdales proves that he made the right decision. I hope we don't lose any more runners to other clubs, then we will have a chance of keeping the future generation of runners in this club.

ARCC FELL-RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP 1985-1986

This year the races will all be classic fell-races, consisting of three short, three medium and three long with three road races.

Short	Wansfell	3miles/1500'	Dec 1985
	Blisco	5miles/2,000'	Apr 1986
	Thieveley	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles/900'	Sep 1986
Medium	Winter Hill	11miles/2,650'	Nov 1985
	Black Coombe	10miles/3,000'	Mar 1986
	Fairfield	9miles/3,000'	May 1986
Long	Chew Valley	13miles/2,000'	March 86
	Three Shires	13miles/3,000'	Sep 1986
	Langdale	16miles/4,000'	Oct 1986
Road	10km, 10mile, Marathon.		

The points system is the same as last year. Finally, if there are any other runners around on the fringe . . . Come on in, we need you.

Leo Pollard. . . . Runner in Chief.

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CAVING SECTION report Gone underground. Going through a dark period. Tom's lamp went out.

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CLIMBING SECTION Still a bit rocky. Crag X is still being developed by Barry Rogers, Tom Walkington and Jim Cooper (Lancaster). The new guide to Buckbarrow Crag is available from Rock & Run £2.50.

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CYCLING SECTION Dave Hall set off from Stockton to Wales. Due to atrocious conditions had to leave his sturdy steed in Hawes and arrived at his destination by lorry.

Joyce Foster-Kent has had to buy a new back wheel. Tom Walkington has bought a bike but hasn't used it!!

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GEAR FREAK'S SECTION

£2,900 was spent on the bulk-buy at Frank Davis' Shop, before discount was deducted. Watch these pages for news of the 1986 buy.

Excellent banana-flavoured ice-tools are on sale at Rock & Run, Ambleside.

John Foster has bought a pair of the very latest step-in crampons. Now, he will be able to tip-toe across the ice slopes with ease!

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NON-ACTIVE SECTION

Very active, but not a lot to report.

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WHY NOT FORM A LOCAL ACHILLE RATTI GROUP?

Approximately 55% of the Club's members live in the Preston-Blackpool-mid Lancs area. The remainder are widely scattered throughout the UK, with some overseas, the furthest being in Tasmania. Many members are unaware that other ARCC folk live in their area.

How about forming local groups? North-East England; Leeds-Bradford, Manchester, Nottingham, Midlands or London?

The cost of travel to huts could be shared by members living further afield. So get together and share expenses. The same principle could apply for trips to local crags and hills for those remote from the Lakes and Wales.

My appeal at the AGM and Dinner brought an immediate and gratifying response. But we need more volunteers to act as local ARCC reps.

NOTTINGHAM - David Benjamin, 222, Green Lane, Clifton, Nottingham.

LEEDS - Peter McHale, 533, Foundry Lane, Leeds 8.

LONDON - John Parsons, 22, Bencombe Rd, Purley, Surrey.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

I am willing to act as an Area Rep.

Name :

Address:

Telephone No.

Return to George Partridge, 16, Centurion Close, Meols, Wirral.

If you feel doubtful about the involvement, or can't be bothered to fill in the form just phone George on 051 632 5963.

JUNIOR MEET

Do you think there should be a Junior Meet this year? Provisional date June or July, but we need to be assured of both participants and helpers.

If we have a moderately enthusiastic response, we may endeavour to run two meets. If you and your off-spring are interested, please write to George Partridge giving details of name, age and address of Junior and also likely interest w/king/ rock climbing and which month, June or July.

If you are prepared to help PLEASE, PLEASE get in touch with George.

MEETS PROGRAMME to JULY 1986

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. KEEP THESE DATES IN A PROMINENT PLACE.

February 16th Buckbarrow. Scottish week February . . . fully booked.
 March 8th Tyn Twr
 March 7th . . . one or two weeks Meribel skiing, fully booked.
 March 15th . . . Working weekend, Buckbarrow. . . Free weekend.
 April 26th . . . Catered Meet Dunmail . . . see booking form.
 May 10th Long Walk 3 Counties Tops . . . Bishopscale. (Catered Meet) see booking form.
 June / July Provisional Junior Meet.
 June 7th Derek Price/Micky Pooler . . . Bob Graham attempt.

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DUNMAIL CATERED MEET 26/27th April 1986

An opportunity to savour the comforts of Tom & Rita Baron's "Show Hut". Break new ground on the Eastern Fells, Climb on the high Eastern Craggs.

There will be Dinner with wine on Saturday Evening and hope that new members and graduates particularly, will come to this meet. Feel not offended you older, long suffering members, you are still welcome.

Cost : overnight fees and Saturday dinner £4. Please complete the booking form, and then send it to Barry Ayres, 23, Low Rd, Halton, Lancaster.

Name Other Members

Address

Tel No ;

Total No. I enclose a cheque value made payable to ARCC. £ . . .

Barry Ayres Tel No. 0524 811899.