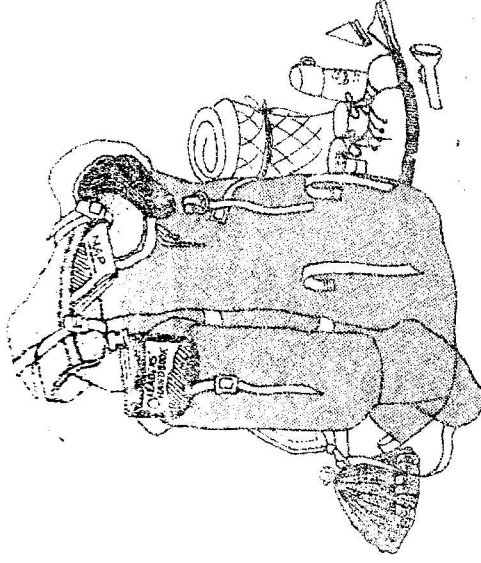


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NEWSLETTER



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**D I A R Y**

Today: pay any overdue subscriptions

Late August-Early September
Recovering stairs etc Langdale

Sept 5th - Trial run of proposed
Counties Top Race: Help needed.

Sept 19th: AGM deadline for any
proposed constitutional changes.

Sept 20th: Club Fell Race Langdale

Late Sept- Early Oct: new Boiler
Tyn Twr

Oct 2nd: Bulk Order closes

Oct 3rd: Collect Bulk Order at
Langdale

Oct 3rd BISHOP'S WALK Langdale

Oct 10th Langdale Fell Race

Oct 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Preston

Nov 14th Club Dinner

November: Tree Planting Dunmell

May 28th: Skye Meet Glen Brittle

Summer made a brief appearance this year co-incident with the JUNIOR MEET. For those of us who missed it, the outlook is warmer rain in Wasdale.

The FELL RUNNERS have remained undaunted though: three more club members have completed the Bob Graham Round.

The FELL WALKING and CLIMBING sections got off to an early start this Spring with a foray to Skye. However judging by the reports flooding in (?) they seem to have gone into early hibernation.

Thankfully this quiet period has allowed the aspiring Newsletter Editors time to find their feet ... or is it their pens?

NEWS *** NEWS *** NEWS

1. One last reminder, need I say plea, to pay your SUBSCRIPTIONS. Monies to Nev Haigh, 752 Devonshire Rd, Blackpool.

2. The Club FELL RACE will take place on Sunday SEPTEMBER 20th 1987 at Langdale.

3. The BULK ORDER at Frank Davies Climbing Shop closes on OCTOBER 2nd 1987. All purchases must have been entered in the specially provided book, together with your name and address. If gear was ordered or set aside earlier before the book arrived, then it must be entered in the book to obtain the discount.

All gear is to be paid for and collected on October 3rd 1987 at the Langdale Hut.

Further details can be obtained from Joyce Foster-Kent: tel: (0253) 697948.

4. The BISHOP'S WALK will take place on Saturday October 3rd 1987. Volunteers are required to help organise and marshal the event. Free Dinner on Saturday night for the helpers! Pre-booking at the Bishop's Scale Hut is essential for this week-end. Contact Alan Kenny: Tel:(0254) 414615.

5. The LANGDALE FELL RACE will take place on Saturday October 10th 1987. Volunteers are required to marshal checkpoints. (Warm clothing and waterproofs recommended.) Contact Leo Pollard: Tel: (0204) 694657.

6. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ARCC will take place on Saturday October 17th 1987 at 2.00pm prompt at Marston House, Knights of St Columba Hall, Beech St, Preston

Members approaching Preston from the North, East and South leave the M6 at Junction 31 by the Tinkled Trout, Salmesbury Island. At the island at the top of the hill, near the Telegraph Petrol Station, fork right following the ring road A5085 to Blackpool. After crossing the ring road park, cross four further sets of lights and at the fifth set turn left into Tulketh Road, then left again into Beech Street. Marston House is on the left and the bar should be open.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM held October 1986.
2. Matters Arising.
3. President's Report.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Reports from Hut Wardens.
8. Election of Officers and Committee Members.
9. Any Other Business.

Members are reminded that nominations for vacancies on the Management Committee must be received by the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the AGM.

Management Committee meetings are usually held at two monthly intervals, either an evening in Preston or more usually one of the Huts, often Bishop's Scale. Those nominated should be prepared to work and to accept responsibility. Nominators should be prepared to introduce the nominees to the AGM if that is required.

There are vacancies for the positions of SECRETARY and for ONE ORDINARY Committee Member.

All Hut Wardens and the Bulletin Editor are appointed by the Management Committee for a period of three years and members willing to serve in these positions are at liberty to offer their services.

Matters to be considered at the AGM other than those on the Agenda should be notified to the Secretary by any two members within the seven days prior to the meeting.

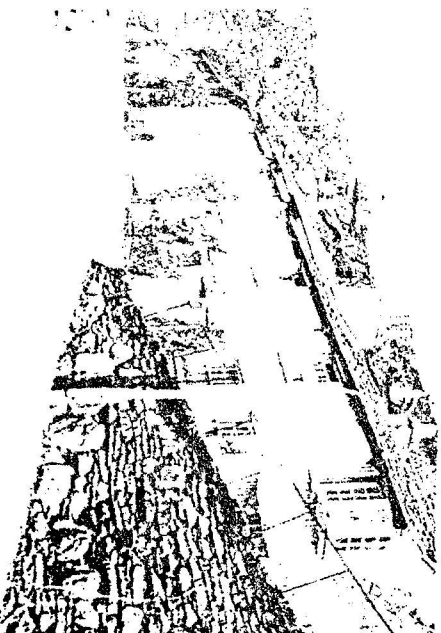
Proposals for changes to the Club Rules must reach the Secretary by Saturday September 19th 1987.

ONLY FULL MEMBERS and LIFE MEMBERS, not Graduates or Juniors, are eligible to vote at the AGM.

PLEASE ATTEND - IT IS YOUR CLUB.

7. The CLUB DINNER will be held at the Waterhead Hotel, Ambleside on November 14th 1987. Meal and accommodation prices are the same as last year. Details and Reservations: Telephone Barry Ayre (0524) 811899.

8. DESTINATION SHEETS (see John Foster's letter) are now available at the Club Huts. Fill them out if you wish, but please note that this places no obligation on the Club, its Officers or other members to come out and find you.



Bob Graham Round.

Mike Quinn and Dennis Clouston completed their rounds anti-clockwise i.e. Norwich - Honister - Wasdale - Dunmail - Threlkeld in 23 hours 40 minutes. A civilised start at 9.00am provided reasonable weather during the day but deteriorating conditions made the night section atrocious. Chris Farrell braved very bad weather and a midnight start and although losing contact with the support party at one time completed the round in 23 hours 37 minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS to you all and thanks to the Support Teams.

FEEL-RACE PROGRAMME

After 12 of the 18 races, with all results in except Wasdale and Bootle Black Combe (at which, since they coincided with the above Bob Graham, we assume no one ran) the championship leaders are:-

Robert Green	160 Pts - 8 races
Leo Pollard (0.50)	170.5 Pts - 10 races
Jim Harding (0.40)	136 Pts - 8 races
Peter McCabe (0.40)	113 Pts - 7 races

Congratulations are due to Peter who has at last emerged from the shadow of his mentor in soundly trouncing Leo at Skiddaw.

In the Ladies, half a point separates Angela Soper and Sheila Anderton, both (write it in whispers) rumoured to be lady veterans.

Best Race of the year so far, in the opinion of the four connoisseurs, was the Royal Dockray. The sun shone, the atmosphere was informal, the course was good and all finishers got a pie and a pint included in their £1.50 entry fee, and the prize giving was like a village fete on the pub lawns. Make it a date for next year.

Dockray was also notable for Steven Cammock's run in the Junior Race as the first ever official Achilli Ratti entrant in a Junior Open Fell Race.

The Saunders 2 day Event saw Achilli Ratti success too. Clare Kenny and Frank Whittle completed the Wansfell class whilst John Hope and John Nixon, suffering an identity crisis (Horwich 1st claim but running in Achilli Ratti vests) were 3rd in the elite.

The last bulletin advertised the Club Fell Race as taking place on two consecutive week-ends. Please note it will take place on the Sunday after the Little Langdale Race on Saturday, and NOT the previous week.

Jim Harding

COUNTIES TOPS RACE

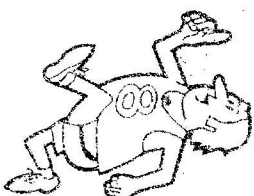
Leo Pollard, John Nixon and John Hope are planning to inaugurate a race over the Lake District Old Counties Tops i.e. Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire.

The route will be New Dungeon Cragg, Hellvellyn, Wythburn, Esk Hause, Scoull, Cockley Beck Bridge, Conistone Old Man, Three Shires Stone, Side House Farm.

A trial run is anticipated on Saturday September 5th 1987 to check out the route etc. Helpers are required. Please contact Leo Pollard: Tel:(0204) 694647. The Fell Race is planned for June 1988, details later.

NEW ROUTES IN THE LAKES

Tom Alkington has developed two new V.S. routes on Long Grag, Eskdale (G.R.230051). There follow up recent developments at Scar Lathing (G.R.225048). Together they provide a diversity of grades in a small and easily accessible area.



Junior Meet 4-5th July

The Junior Meet had an excellent turn out and was rewarded with brilliant sunshine. On the Saturday the group split into Climbers and Canoeists, rejoining on Sunday for a walk to Grasmere and Rydal for more water sports. Barry Rogers, Dot Wood and Tony Killen organised the climbers on Scout Crag while Derek Price, Mickey Pooler and company got everybody else wet.

The climbing group demonstrated several totally new ways of ascending rock, dynamic moves with little rock contact being the order of the day. Instruction was on a one to one basis.

A meal was provided by the sunbathing "A" Team for about 30 people - no mean achievement during a day designed for lounging about in the sun; so congratulations to all the unsung heroes who made the week-end a success.

The young members involved were:-

Climbers

Helen Carter, Sarah Carter, Jill Pitchford, John Ogden, Martin Odgen, Peter Ogden and Gregory Cooper.

Canoeists

Sean O'Neill, Robert Hope, Danny Hope, Michael Jenkinson, Martin Pooler, Catherine Pooler, Anthony Pooler, Margaret Ogden and Georgina Anderton.

Everyone canoed on the Sunday.

If any young member or group wants to write in with their story of the weekend, I would be very pleased to include it in a future Bulletin (if I can read it). Parents need not apply.

Young members wanting to do more climbing, canoeing etc or wanting to try these activities should write to John Kelly (address at the back) who will try to arrange members to give instruction on a similar one to one basis.

Two accounts now follow.

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On this superb hot day we drove down to Rydal Water with the canoes and carried them down to a river which led into the lake. All the juniors had a go at the canoeing either going down the river or into the lake.

At about 12.00 it was so hot that some of us decided to go for a swim. We took the big dingy out into the middle of the river and dived off the dingy into the cooling water, then swam across to a small island. We also dived off that. We did this most of the day. There was a handy Ice Cream van and plenty of sun to soak up and we all got quite sunburnt.

At about 4.30 we set off back to the hut, loading all the canoes on top of the cars. Back at the hut, at about 6.00 we had a big nosh-up with vegetable soup and a large main meal consisting of potatoes, vegetables and chicken and then the dessert of either cheesecake or gataue. Later on we went to the pub.

Robert Hope

Sunday July 5th

Today we went a walk. We went up near Harry's Place over to Rydal Water. The sign said three miles. The temperature was 29.C. We had to take our tops off because it was so hot. The place is called White Moss Common. There is a little river there that leads into the lake. That was where we were going. It took about two hours to get there. When we got there we had to unload the canoes. There was a big dingy that somebody had brought. We rowed it out a bit into the deeper parts so we could dive in. Later on we found out about a tree we could dive off. And there was a little island as well that we could dive off. At about 4.30 we went back to the hut.

Danny Hope



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The Nature Conservancy Council has designated the area of Wast Water Screes between Mill Gill Head and Whinrigg as an area of Special Scientific Interest (SSI). This is due to the area's "... unique geographic construction and flora ..."

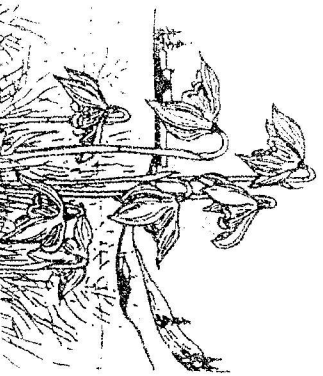
John Foster

LANGDALE TIME - SHARE

Growing disenchantment with Langdale Timeshare has led to limited restrictions being placed on their latest acquisitions. Elterwater Hall, which is to be converted into four dwellings, and a barn conversion have had a "no time-share" condition slapped on them by the Lake District Planning Board. Acquisition of property in the valley by Langdale Timeshare has adversely affected the local property market, reducing available housing stock in an area that is already under pressure due to "strict building restraints". These are the same restraints that were lifted in order to grace Langdale with 75 "typical Lakeland" (wooden huts) time share apartments.

This change of heart by their planners will hopefully temper the zeal of Langdale Timeshare who now control considerable interests in the valley, until the full impact of this investment is assessed.

John Kelly.



Bishops Scale

New floor surfacing and vinyl floor covering to staircase, landing and men's first floor dormitory. We hope to complete the work during August or early September. This will limit dormitory accommodation and access via the stairs whilst the work is in progress. The ground floor men's dormitory will be available.

Tyn Twr

The boiler in the Kitchen is to be removed and a new back boiler open fire unit provided in the lounge. This will provide hot water and central heating. The work will be carried out in late September and early October and we hope completed between Monday to Friday. Notices will be posted in the hut. If you think this may affect any planned visit, contact the hut warden.

Dunmail

If you have visited or passed the centre recently, you should have noticed the excellent new boundary walls. We have the Park Planning Board and their team to thank for this work. We will be putting in hand stage two of the tree planting programme in November. Volunteers please, to help!

In the pipeline are proposals to replace bath with showers, a new space heater and improvements to the entrance area.

George Partridge



Several club members and guests took advantage of the good weather during the Spring Bank Holiday Week with a visit to Skye.

A run down of the week saw an early start to the climbing activities. A slight detour at Fort William permitted Ann Cammack, Jim Cooper and Tom Walkington to investigate some routes on the Poldubh Crags in Glen Nevis. By chance they met up with Dot Wood who was travelling home after a week's holiday in North West Scotland.

Activities in Skye were frenetic. Jim Cooper traversed the Cullin Ridge from Gharbh Bheinn to Sgurr Nan Grilleann (N-S) in eight and a quarter hours.

Sandra Corbett made a gallant attempt at the ridge later in the week with two members of another party. They chose a late start and an overnight bivouac to avoid queues (reputed to be three hours delay) at Thearlich Dubh Gap, inaccessible pinnacle and Bhasteir Tooth.

After overcoming the "hard bits", they were forced to retreat when the weather changed to strong winds, hail and sleet.

Earlier that week the climbers took advantage of the exceptionally good weather. Tom and Jim climbed Vulcan Wall (HVS) and Bastinado (EI) in Corrie Lagan. Ann joined them to climb a combination of Malloy's and Central Route in Coire Lagan. Ascents were also made of White Slab in Coire Ghrunda and Pinnacle Ridge.

The highlight of the week was a mass ascent of Dubh Slabs. This is a moderate rock climb that scrambles up the shores of Loch Coruisk, an alirey 3,000' to the Skye ridge. The boat journey from Bigol to Loch Coruisk is recommended.

Tom took a cine camera to ensnare the memories of the holiday. Watch this space for details of the film show.

Ann Cammack

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(No mention of John Foster probably out endurance training in readiness for the AGM. Editor)

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SKYE MEET 1988

Twelve places have been booked in the BMC Glen Brittle Hut for May 28th - June 4th 1988 inclusive. The hut is well appointed with a fridge and a drying room. It has a resident warden during the summer months.

The cost is £2.00 per night. Enquiries and bookings, please contact Ann Cammack: tel: (07687) 73849 or Sandra Corbett: Tel: (09406) 265.

THANK - YOU

A big thank you to Joyce Foster-Kent for her work as Bulletin Editor over the last eleven years. Her work on the Bulletin and on numerous other activities including Long Walks, Bob Graham attempts, and the Bulk Order, is much appreciated by the rest of us.

Thanks also to Fr David Lannon who has kindly agreed to continue as the Bulletin publisher.

The introduction of Word Processing and an electronic stencil cutter should facilitate more scope in the layout of the bulletin. It will now be possible to produce simple line drawings eg maps and sketches in addition to text.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

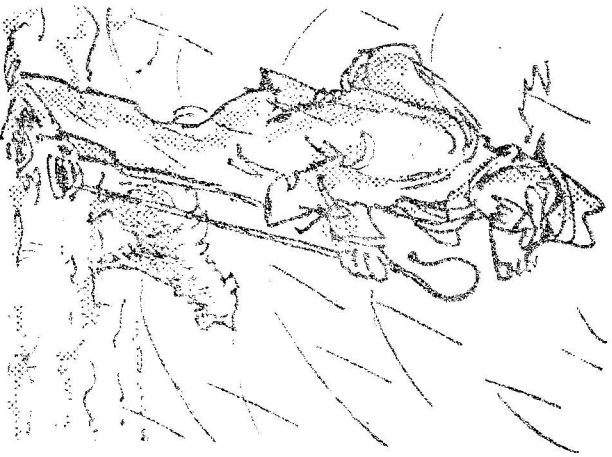
Approximately ten newsletters are returned per issue due to changes in address. It is hoped to have an updated list ready for the AGM for checking by those attending. Afterwards the lists will be displayed in the club huts. Further amendments, and in particular the inclusion of POSTCODES, can then be added. Updates can be communicated via Management Committee meetings.

IF YOU ARE CHANGING ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO THE NEWS LETTER EDITOR.

IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO HAS MOVED,
PLEASE PASS THE MESSAGE ON, AS THEY MAY NOT GET
THIS BULLETIN.

Complaints Dept.

Yet another complaint about the fauna in the
Langdale But: No, not down in the bottom dorm ..
they are members! Having trapped the mice and
evicted the jackdaws, it seems we now have DOGS!
Whose dogs ?



ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB

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Late Extra

ON SAFARI

Tony Brindle has recently
climbed several routes on Mount
Kenya including the Diamond
Couloir.

APOLOGIES

Page 5: For Tom Alkington please
read Tom Walkington. There are also
some other typing errors here and
there: No prizes offered for
deciding which of them was the
deliberate mistake!