



## CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS:

Gentle readers

In the coming months in the newsletter all members will receive the proposed amendments to our constitution that has been worked on over the past three years. The committee has endeavoured to bring these matters up to date, there is nothing sinister about this, and all we have tried to do is incorporate the current legislations (Child Protection, Health and Safety etc.) into its realm.

I'll ask each member to read and fully digest what it says and comment if necessary, it is your club constitution after all. Can I take this opportunity of wishing all the members a happy New Year.

**There was positive feed back of the Mass for the deceased and social gathering following the AGM last November and it is proposed to follow the same format this year.**

**Following discussion at the committee meeting in December it was agreed that we would try and arrange a dinner dance for this coming year and it was suggested by members to have the event separate from the AGM and a bit earlier in the year. This has been done; see elsewhere in the newsletter, it is now over to you if you wish this event to be a success you have to commit!**

**To the climbers and ramblers may the rock be golden brown and warm to the touch**

**To the fell runners and cyclists may the wind be always at your back**

**To the walkers and the RV drivers may your horizons be nearer than you think!**

**John**

**Membership Secretary's Notes    [susan.d.carter@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.d.carter@hotmail.com) (address & phone no on Meets Card)**

**Membership renewal** has been a very long drawn out affair.

I do thank those members who pay by direct debit and prompt cheque payers, but sadly there are a lot of members who have to be reminded again and again to renew their membership. Please can I encourage members who are late paying their subs to seriously consider going onto direct debit.

I have taken several names off the membership list due to non payment including quite a number of, previously junior members, who are now over 18 and have not applied for full membership.

**Please can I remind members to advise me if they change their address and or bank details.**

I have had post returned to me by the GPO for the following members:-

Rev Fr G M Farrell, Rt Rev Bernard Foley, Michael Kenny, Neil MacFarlane, Andrew McNulty, Daniel Morgan and Anne Reaney. If anyone is in touch with any of these members please would you ask them to let me have their current address.

Thank you.

Letters were sent just before Christmas to 25 non catholic probationary members who had been on the membership waiting list for quite some time, asking if they wished to apply for full membership, as the percentage ratio is now line with the requirement of the constitution. To date 21 applications have been received.

There are currently 38 associates - non catholic, membership applicants - who have been given permission to use the huts, and are on the waiting list for membership.

Please can I ask members to reply as soon as possible to any letters/emails I send, this will help me to keep the membership records up to date.

**Direct debits** – any changes to direct debit payments for the next membership year, 2010/11, I will advise members through the newsletter nearer the time.

*PTO.*

**Probationary members** – Please can these members write to me when they have served their 12 month probationary period to request full membership, and support their request with a brief summary of what they have achieved whilst visiting the club during the year.

One of our probationary members, Edmund Addington is an army officer and has been injured in Afghanistan. He is currently undergoing rehabilitation. Please can I ask members to pray that he will make a full recovery.

**Deceased member** – It is with great sadness that I report the death of one of the club's life members. Tom Walmsley died on 6<sup>th</sup> January, as the result of a brain tumour. Tom had been a member since 1965. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of club members to Zeta and daughters Georgina and Phillipa, several members attended his funeral.

#### **CLUB DINNER:**

A dinner and dance has been arranged for Saturday 23rd October 2010

The venue will be the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale

The cost of a ticket will be £25 and this will cover the cost of the meal and a celidh band.

The maximum numbers that can be catered for is 60 and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

The Hotel has accommodation available for members who might wish to stay. There are ten double rooms and two single rooms available for the Saturday night and there is some accommodation available on the Friday. The cost for bed and breakfast will be £50 per person per night. If you wish to stay at the Old DG please contact Arthur who will arrange this for you.

As in previous years members may wish to stay at the New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel or other accommodation in the valley. Members wishing to do this must **make their own arrangements** by contacting the hotel direct.

Arthur Daniels has very kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator and all requests for tickets for the dinner should be forwarded to him at 6 Ibbotroyd Ave., Todmorden, Lancs. OL14 5NY, telephone 01706 819706

To book a dinner ticket please forward the total cost of £25 per person by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, cheques payable to ARCC, please **enclose** a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your ticket.

**FORTHCOMING MEETS.** See Meets Card, but imminent are :

JAN 30/31 Fell runners meet Langdale Hut. All abilities, Pie & Peas supper. Contact Dave Makin 01257 255930.

FEB 13/14 Work weekend Langdale Hut. Outside & inside jobs. Contact Arthur if you are coming, to give some idea of numbers for evening meal. 01706 819706

MARCH 5/6 YORKSHIRE DALES MEET. Thornton In Lonsdale nr Ingleton. West View GR 688742

14 place only in 2 dorms of seven. Self catering, showers, lounge etc. Good pub 3/4 mile Marton Arms (does food). 3 Peaks area, good walking, cycling, climbing etc.

**£10. deposit** made out to ARCC to secure a place, to Dave Hugill 01524 734467. Cost £15.00 per person per night.

**Club Journal.** Many thanks for the articles from John, Natasha, and Pete, but more material is needed to make a journal viable this year. So please let us know of your adventures, in word and photos, no matter when they occurred, so that we can compile a 2011 edition! E mail [ahugill@btinternet.com](mailto:ahugill@btinternet.com) or send hard copy.

**Club Calendar.** Also, many have asked what happened to the Calendar, we just need people to contribute photos, to make one viable, it's your club, so have a go! Many Thanks, Dave H.



### **Golden Oldies**

Several members of Achille Ratti from bygone years met at the funeral of Tom Walmsley on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Lancaster, and later at the Strickland Arms near Tom's home in Brigsteer. (Tom died on 6<sup>th</sup> January) Zita, Tom's wife and family were delighted to see the club so well represented. Tom had been a member for many years from the 1960s.

Fond memories of those years were shared and the decision was made to organise a reunion at Bishop's Scale on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The invitation is extended to any member or friend of the club.

Those who wish to go on the fells for an hour or so should arrive by 10-30a.m. and be back at the hut for 12 noon.

Do bring some food (and perhaps a drop of wine etc) to make the reunion worthwhile. If you have any old photographs or items of interest, bring them too. I have some old 8mm film of ARCC members which is now on a DVD.

If you remember Coniston Old Man when he was a young lad, do join us.

Please contact Barry Ayre on 01524 701318 or write to him at Crinkle Cottage, 9 The Green, Silverdale, Lancs. LA5 0TJ

**ARCC FELLRUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP RACES,** See website for list of races for this year

**Achille Ratti CC Civil Liability Insurance:** Individual Members are not insured for claims by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party unless on an official club meet where the individuals liability may revert to the club. The Insurance taken out by Achille Ratti is to cover claims against the Club, its Officers and the Trustees. The premium is based on the number of members.

For those other times when not on club meets, members are **not** insured under the Club Policy and may like to consider taking out personal 3rd Party liability insurance. (BMC).