

# **ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2010**

## **Notes from Membership Secretary Sue Carter.**

Annual membership renewal. Please can I remind members who do not pay by direct debit that membership renewal date is 1<sup>st</sup> October. The fee is £25 or £12 if you are a full time student aged between 18 – 21, cheques payable to ARCC. My address is on your meets card.

Junior to full membership. In August I wrote to all junior members who have recently attained the age of 18 to see if they wished to request full membership. To date I have not had any replies. Please can I remind members if this applies to any of their children or grandchildren that they should apply for full membership within 6 months of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Otherwise, if left to a later date they would then have to apply as a new member and serve a probationary year.

Newsletter by email If any member would like to receive their newsletter by email (I do already email them to members abroad) this can be arranged and will save postage which is quite a high cost to the club. Please let me know if you like to be included in this arrangement.

Membership cards I apologise to any members whose new card has red lines on it, I had a gremlin in my printer!

## **Change of Contact Nos.**

**Arthur Daniels will be on mobile No. 07845125077 from Christmas 2010**

**Beryl Daniels will be on mobile No. 07881434767 “ “ “**

## **Note from Bulletin Editor Dave Hugill**

**If you would like the Newsletter by E MAIL rather than a hard copy in the post..... Please let us have Your E MAIL ADDRESS ! Sue Carter or Dave Hugill [ahugill@btinternet.com](mailto:ahugill@btinternet.com)  
If you change your postal address . PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

**Club Journal .** Thanks to all who have contributed with articles and photographs , the journal should be out with the May newsletter. Many thanks also to Brian Hodgkinson for his work on the layout and printing.

**HUT BOOKINGS:** TYN TWR 12/14 NOV 19/21 NOV 10/11 DEC ( Catered meet booking essential)

BECKSTONES 8/9 OCT . 12/13 NOV ( Fellrunners weekend Dunnerdale Race. The hut is Liable to be full with D Makins fellrunner group and busy all weekend.(AGM Weekend).  
10/11 Dec.

**AGM 2010 SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> NOV VILLAGE HALL CHAPEL STILE 1.30 PM . See enclosed agenda .**

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## CHAIRMANS RAMBLINGS – OCTOBER 2010

Gentle reader

The political parties have had their conference and departed Manchester/Liverpool/Brighton we on the other hand have ours to look forward to!

The Annual General Meeting is to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at the Village Hall in Chapel Stile the agenda and minutes are included with this newsletter. I urge all members to attend this is your chance to indulge in democracy.

Following the AGM at approximately 4.00pm Mass for deceased members of the club will be offered in the chapel. At the end of Mass you are invited to attend an informal buffet in the hut at Bishopscale. To help with catering please let Arthur Daniels know if you are intending staying for tea.

The proposed amendments to the constitution and rules were forwarded to you with the last news letter as no comments have been received the document as it stands dated 6 June 2010, a further copy of which is enclosed with the news letter, will be put to the vote at the AGM.

In the last ramblings I asked for comments on the future of Dunmail and the fact that the club needs to spend substantial amounts of money to refurbish the property I have received not one comment. For information Dunmail was originally purchased for the use of Catholic schools and allied organisations to bring kids to the Lakes and show them the great outdoors. Since then things have changed and Dunmail is mainly used by climbing clubs and organisations looking for larger premises to hire in the Lakes.

We as a club have spent very little monies on the building and thanks are due to Mike Crawford and his band of helpers who have maintained and improved the place over the years.

Dunmail is our cash cow occupied virtually every weekend of the year, a consequence of this is that our members seldom have access to the place, new members, and some old members have no loyalty or affinity to the place which is a shame. It is an important and vital part of the club. We are faced with a conundrum: Do we

- a) Spend large sums of money and put in place a major refurbishment bringing the building up to standard in fire regulations, health and safety issues and the possibility of creating a small section for members to use when the hut is occupied by visiting groups.
- b) Do nothing.
- c) Sell Dunmail and with the money received buy another hut in the Lakes. Consideration would have to be taken of a falling selling market and the availability of property in the Lakes similar in size and position.
- d) Hand over the hut to a Management firm who would run the property for us. We would draw a small income from this. The downside of this is whether there is a company that would take over the premises in their present condition.

I personally would love to see a modern climbing hut at the top of Dunmail Raise, with a small sign on the door telling the world how we are. There are many reasons why this must have the backing of the whole membership not just me. Please let the committee know your views e-mail, write or phone the secretary an opportunity will be available at the AGM to air your views.

This is a reminder to you that we are looking for members to apply for a place as Ordinary Member on the management committee, act now your club needs you.

George Partridge a long standing member of the Club who has held many positions within the Management Committee is standing down as a Trustee of the club. We are very grateful for all the time, effort and dedication George has given to ARCC. Michael Pooler has agreed to take over this role and the legalities of the appointment are currently underway and our thanks to Michael for taking on this role.

The annual dinner is to take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, all places have been taken and we are looking forward to a good night out. Thanks go to Arthur Daniels for organising this event.



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Are you a budding writer, do you have display skills can you organise information into a newsletter if you can do any or all of these things we need you. Dave Hugill, as reported previously, wishes to hand over this job to someone else he has done it for a considerable number of years. Help and assistance is available from your dedicated Management Committee – apply to day.

The club is in need of someone who is prepared to take care of the club clothing enterprise. We currently have t-shirts, vests, hats etc. available to club members. Arthur Daniels would like someone to take on the responsibility for ordering and selling the products. At present stock is kept at Bishopscote and purchases are made when members visit, alternative arrangements could be made for a willing volunteer

Look forward to seeing you at the Dinner and the AGM

John

**TYN TWR:**

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October      Maintenance meet there are still vacant beds! It is the intention to demolish the old coal shed, level and back fill the ground. General cleaning and gardening and as the saying goes many hands make light work. All meals catered for on the Saturday.

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December      Christmas at Tyn Twr, places still available. This is a fully catered meet from breakfast Saturday morning until breakfast on Sunday. The opportunity to have a walk on Saturday (or do your own thing) returning to a full Christmas Dinner menu.

Please contact John and Ann McGonagle 01254 265574 to book a place.

**Visiting clubs:**

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November      Reading Mountaineering Club

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November      King James Fell Walking Club

## Langdale Family Meet September 2010

Despite an unpromising start to the weekend with pouring rain, the meet was very well attended (23 kids with parents / grandparents / uncles in tow) and was a great success, with lots of adventure packed in!

On Saturday a big gang scrambled up White Ghyll, which was flowing well, and then walked on up to Stickle Tarn. The good weather route choice from there had been via Jack's Rake onto Pavey Ark summit, but the recent rain meant that it would be a little too serious for such a big group. So instead we took the diagonal gully which slopes up to the right from the bottom of the Rake, and had fun going up there, especially with a slippery crux where we were glad of a rope. From there we carried on up the footpath to the top. With the weather improving we visited Harrison Stickle and Pike o' Stickle, and then descended to the Stickle Tarn pub via the Dungeon Ghyll path, with some good opportunities to practice our downhill fellrunning on the way. A swim in Stickle Ghyll rounded off a fantastic day. Back at Bishop's Scale we barbequed and then let off some Chinese lanterns.

On Sunday 17 kids did the annual ARCC Junior Fell Race. For the last few years the fell race has been held on the fellside at the back of Bishop's Scale. This year we decided that most of the children are now old enough for a bit more of a challenge, and so the race returned to a variation on its original route around Side Pike. It started above Langdale campsite. There were 2 different length flat routes for the under 10s. The under 12s and under 14s went up to the wall just below Side Pike, and the lonely under 16 carried on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stile on the way up Lingmoor. It proved to be about the right distance to challenge them all but not kill them, and the sun shone which always helps. Back at Bishop's Scale Leo Pollard presented the prizes, and then the kids finished off their weekend with a final swim in Stickle Ghyll.

Natasha Fellowes Sept 2010

## DEREK PRICE MEMORIAL GRISEDALE HORSESHOE CAFOD FELLRACE

At last we had a fine day for the race after two years of wet weather . The event was a great success a total of £534 was raised for CAFOD. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day, the marshals on the checkpoints , the people in the hall involved with registration and timekeeping and also the ladies providing the food and drink , without all your invaluable efforts it would not be possible to hold the race .

Alan Kenny

( Alan received many emails from runners thanking him for organising the race and to say how they appreciated the overall event ) .