

## ACHILLE RATTI CLIMBING CLUB SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2010

*Notes from the Membership Secretary: Sue Carter.*

Please can I ask **full** members who propose prospective **new** members , to ensure that the new members are aware that they must be prepared to take part in meets, events , working weekends at the huts during their probationary year , this is in order to meet other members , and to make themselves known to the hut wardens. More times than not when probationary members apply for full membership after 12 months , they have not taken part in any of the club activities or only an odd event . **A new member must show an active commitment to their membership .**

I would like to point out that if new members have children , they will not be able to take them to stay at the huts , until 18 months after full membership has been awarded ; therefore their children cannot be made junior members until that time .

**Direct Debits** Please can I ask members who requested a direct debit form to return them to me . The direct debit payment due 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2010 for Life members who have kindly agreed to make a payment to cover the annual insurance , will be £5 . I will make any necessary adjustments required to those direct debits , to collect that amount . Thank you .

**Reunion .** A reunion event took place at Bishop Scale on 5<sup>th</sup> May . A total of 38 past& present members, attended including our President Monsignor Slattery . He kindly led the group in a few prayers in the chapel . Everyone contributed to a magnificent buffet and a great time was had by all . It was a very happy day . Sue Carter .

**TYN TWR** Hut bookings and forthcoming ARCC events.( also see yellow 2010 Meets Card)

12<sup>th</sup> June Climb & Curry weekend-places still available

Place to climb is weather dependant and will be suitable for all levels from novice to experienced. Curry supper will be provided and the cost shared between all partakers .

18<sup>th</sup> June Family Meet . Please contact Tash Fellowes for any further information .

26<sup>th</sup> June Midsummer Madness : Gary Pollard is organising for us to shoot the Menai Straits in sea kayaks, tides & weather will rule the actual timing of the event. For those wishing to have a gentler, calmer day on the water we will mess about in the safety of the beach , and the adventurers will join us later. Anyone not wishing to take to the seas can do their own thing . We will all meet back at Twn Twr for the BBQ early evening . Please bring your own choice of meat or fish to BBQ , and we will provide the salads ,vegetables , desserts ,and a glass of wine; the cost will be shared between us. Please ring John McGonagle to book a place 01254 265574 .

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Maintenance Meet .

### VISITING CLUBS

20<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June Simon Wells Reaseheath College

10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July St Helens Mountaineering Club

17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Sept Triplex

12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Nov Reading Mountaineering Club

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

**See yellow 2010 Meets Card but other forthcoming events& meets are ;**

June 19/20 Langdale to Beckstones Walk/run/cycle (catered). Contact Dave Ogden 01253 398252

July 10<sup>th</sup> Langdale Meet BBQ etc. **Names to Arthur 01706 819706 by June 30<sup>th</sup> .**

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Langdale Meet. Langdale Passes Classic bike ride (catered) . Names to Arthur as soon as possible .

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Derek Price Memorial CAFOD fell race . (helpers required ) Alan Kenny 01524 701648

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Family Meet Langdale Chris & Natasha 01695 623768

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 3 Shires Weekend (club fellrace on Sun ) Dave Makin 01257 255930

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner & Ceildhi dance Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel . Tickets from Arthur Daniels .£25.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> AGM Chapel Stile village hall, mass then buffet at Bishopscale Hut .

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**Note from Bulletin Editor Dave Hugill.**

**As John has mentioned in his Chairman's Ramblings , I intend to stand down from the committee ,at next Nov's AGM , and pass over the job of Bulletin Editor to someone new . After 10 years , I feel it is appropriate to hand over the reins to someone who maybe has fresh ideas and enthusiasm , and dare I say, a younger person , who can maybe do the job electronically and more efficiently. It can be an interesting & rewarding job , so have a think about working on the committee , and doing a valuable job for your club . Many Thanks .**



## CHAIRMANS RAMBLINGS

Where were you when we needed you? The working weekend at Langdale was supported (grateful thanks to those who turned up) but it was interesting to note that of the 20+ members who turned up (we have an adult membership of 776), six of those are currently members of the management committee who already regularly give of their time. Please when you see working weekends advertised contact the warden concerned and offer your help, don't forget the old building trades' adage "if you can piss you can paint"; it takes time but I can organise 776 paint brushes – and to misquote JFK Don't ask what your club can do for you. Ask what can I do for my club?

The celebration for Arthur's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday went with a swing and thanks to Tash and the family for co-ordinating the party, providing games etc. for the young people and for the making of a superb cake with a look-a-like Arthur. Everyone's contribution to the Jacobs join was great and the beer wasn't bad either.

Our property at Dunmail, which provides a good source of income for the club as a whole and has subsidised our other properties, is in need of substantial alterations. The Management Committee are currently looking into ways of doing this and if it is to go ahead it will inevitably mean spending large amounts of money. Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the committee as to whether this work should be undertaken. What are your feelings regarding the property, we need to know, please to write to the Secretary, or talk to Committee members.

Included with this newsletter are details of the changes to the Rules and Constitution that the committee wishes to make. Please read, make any comments via the secretary. These proposed amendments will be submitted at the AGM in November and a vote will be required at the meeting to either accept or reject. Remember an abstention from the vote is recorded as a no vote.

Do you sign in immediately on arrival at any of the huts? A reminder that this is an important club rule and MUST be adhered to. The registers, as well as being an accounting record, also serves as a health and safety requirement for fire regulations.

Our web site is looking good and communications are being followed up from the contact page. Our thanks to Alex for all his hard work and dedication in setting up the new changes. We are grateful for the photographs that are sent in please continue it is good to follow the events of the club in picture.

Don't forget you budding photographers we are looking for your efforts to publish in an ARCC calendar. Views from different seasons, club events, amusing incidents caught on camera, club achievements something you can share with other members. Please submit to Dave Hugill by end of September, ready for publication and sale at the Dinner and the AGM.

Have you purchased your dinner tickets for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, please contact Arthur Daniels.

Thanks to Arthur and his crew for all their effort put into the Long Walk, the Chairman didn't complete the full walk – was cast aside like an old sock but nevertheless had a great day out.

Thanks again to Arthur, and his understudy Chris Lloyd –who is learning the ropes from the expert ready to take on the responsibility next year - for the Old County Tops Race. A good turn out and blessed (possibly not for some) with good weather. I understand a number of teams were unable to finish. A big thank you to all the volunteers either out on the fell or undertaking necessary administration, safety and feeding. Thanks also to our sponsors for the tee shirts.

The three Ordinary members of the Management Committee will complete their term of office in November 2010. Nominations are invited for the posts as follows: Appointment (1) to serve for a one year period; Appointment (2) to serve for a two year period and Appointment (3) to serve for a full three year period. Please consider if you feel able to take on this role. All nominees must be full members of the club. Each applicant requires a signed letter of recommendation from two full club members. All applications, with supporting letters, to be sent to the Secretary by 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010. A vote will take place at the AGM 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

The committee works together to ensure the club continues to flourish. They are responsible for the management of the properties owned and leased by the club. They encourage and promote the fellowship and ethos of the membership of one of the largest climbing clubs in the country. The Ordinary members act as a link between the membership and the committee

And finally Dave Hugill, who has done a sterling job as bulletin editor and collator of the meets card for numerous years, wishes to relinquish this position. We are grateful for all his work and effort on our behalf. Do you feel able to take on this mantle? If you would like further information please speak directly to Dave Hugill or approach any member of the committee.

Looking forward to seeing you at the various club events.

JOHN MCGONAGLE