

EDITOR'S NOTES

Reviewing the Club's activities during the past year has been a generally encouraging exercise and we would seem to be continuing the trend towards a more participant membership. I wrote in 1980 that a great number of club meets had been poorly attended and a high percentage cancelled. It gives me considerable pleasure therefore to report that 1981 has seen a vast improvement; almost all meets took place and most enjoyed a good turnout, even the minor miracle of a full hut for a working weekend was achieved.

Members have again travelled widely both in Britain and abroad. The rockclimbers continue to climb to a remarkably high standard and have notched one or two notable new routes. The walkers too have enjoyed themselves but little has been heard from the fell runners, what modest chaps they are!

On the debit side of course, readers of this newsletter will be aware that behaviour at the huts was again a problem and it was necessary to warn some members as to their future conduct following a number of complaints, mostly about noise late at night. Unfortunately this edition also carries an item regarding the state in which huts have been left after use by members. A black mark for someone.

Finally to return to brighter things, the move to the Buccaneer has proved popular and club nights and socials usually find a good number of members present.

All the best for 1982.

Eddie Craig.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 10th FEB. 1982.

Having just written that members are taking a more active interest in the Club it would be nice if we saw a lot of them at this year's A.G.M.. Amongst the items to be discussed will be a proposed major project to extend and alter the Stair hut, plans to be available at the meeting, so big stuff is obviously afoot.

Maybe a night to remember, Agenda enclosed.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as introductory members:-

- Mr & Mrs. Tony Turner
- Miss Leslie Days
- Mr George Banks.

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SOCIALS : BUCCANEER.

Jan. 20th	Scottish Evening	Jack Jowett	8.30pm
Feb. 10th	A.G.M.		7.30pm
Feb. 24th	Mt. Kenya	Bill Ruthuen	8.30pm
Mar. 10th	Mt. McKinley	Brendan Conlan	9:00pm
Mar. 4th	Doug. Scott at The Tithebarn, Poulton. Tickets £1.50.		

FUTURE MEETS

7-9th Feb.	C.I.C. Hut	Terry O'Neill	Cleveleys 853810
14th Feb.	In Search of Snow (Mk 19)	Jack Jowett	Cleveleys 853039
20-21st Feb.	Family Weekend, Stair		
26th-27th Feb	Ladies Meet, Stair		
5-6th March	Lagangarbh	P. Roscoe	Blackpool 43970
14th March	Coach Meet	B. Wilkinson	Fleetwood 2594
20-21st Mar.	Beginners Rock Climbing, Langdale.		
27-28th Mar.	Ladies Meet, Stair	J. Wiseman	Cleveleys 826594

HUT AVAILABILITY

5-6th Feb.	Langdale
12-13 Feb.	Stair
19-20 Feb.	Langdale
19-20 Feb.	Stair (Family Weekend)
26-27 Feb.	Stair (Ladies)
5-6 Mar.	Langdale
12-13 Mar.	Stair
19-20 Mar.	Langdale
26-27 Mar.	Stair (Ladies)
2-3 Apr.	Langdale
2-3 Apr.	Stair (Family Weekend)
9-11 Apr.	Stair (Easter)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"How Green Was My Clifftop"

Dear Sir,

In reply to your recent article "Les Rochers des Red Bank", I was appalled to read of a growing band of what can only be described as loudmouthed, drunken yobbos, flocking to the quiet, sedate and, may I say, beautiful cliffs of Bispham. Of course, this was bound to happen with the increasing popularity in vandalism of the countryside. I am speaking of those already desecrated areas of the Lake District, Wales and Scotland.

However, as spokesman for the Bispham Conservancy Action Group, I feel I must speak out. The cliffs of Bispham have been untouched and much loved by the indigenous peoples of Bispham for many many years. They provide valuable nesting areas for gulls of every description and the wild flowers and moss which grow there provide an asthetic appeal unrivalled in the North Fylde area. Now they appear to be threatened by your members and their EB's (eroding boots) and chalk. Dash it all, they will probably be bringing their axes and hammers with them next! Empty beer cans

and remnants of buttys will litter the promenade and no doubt, the gulls will choke to death on the abandoned cigarette butts. I suppose once their popularity reaches a peak, you will want to build one of your confounded huts in the area, with all the debauchery and terrorism that goes with it. The Bispham Hotel will no longer be a sactuary for the quiet, unassuming resident of Bispham, but a beer swilling brothel and juke box emporium. Come the Winter Season, your compatriots the 'après ski set' will invade the slopes of Anchorsholme swigging bottles of Martini and building chair lifts, left right and centre.

No Sir, this has got to be nipped in the bud, before it gets out of hand. Will you please inform your members that if I or any of my fellow conservationists, spot them vandalising our beautiful countryside, they will be reported to the military who, I hope, will deal with them in the appropriate manner.

HUT CONDUCT

Yours outraged.

On Friday 4th September a party of our members arrived at Little Langdale and found the hut had been left in an intolerable state the previous weekend. The smell was foul, caused by a full waste bin and a cardboard box full of festering food scraps. One pan had a few green beans in the bottom and a thick layer of mould on top, beans and pan were thrown in the dustbin. Open food and a food box were on the worktop. The water heater had been left on all week. The fridge door had been left open and the fridge switched on. It was covered in a thick layer of green mould. Needless to say the electricity main switches had not been turned off nor had the gas. The risk of the cottage becoming infested with mice or rates is obvious.

The previous weekend was August Bank Holiday and the hut was full of our members. The Committee has been unable to find out who was responsible for leaving the hut in this state. We wish to remind all members before they leave it to ensure that the gas and electricity (and water in winter) are turned OFF and that no food is left behind, including emptying and rinsing the waste bin. The refrigerator should be switched OFF, wiped out and the door left open.

J. Wiseman, Booking Secretary.

COACH MEET - 14th March 1982

The coach on 14th March will be from "Grasmere to Seatoller". Meet Leader Brian Wilkinson is taking bookings and his home telephone number is Fleetwood 2594.