

SPECIAL A.G.M. EDITION

EDITOR'S NOTES

Another A.G.M. passes into history and in the sober light of morn we take stock.

Our first lady chairperson, the Stair Hut to be demolished and replaced by a Pizza Parlour and more committees, sub-committees and advisory committees than we have members.

It was all a bit much for the editor who rather lost track of things. Anyway I've done my best to piece it all together and its in the following pages somewhere, along with all the usual rubbish.

Take a deep breath and best of luck.

NEW MEMBERS

The following are welcomed as introductory members:-

M. Donnelley, 7 Heaton Mount Ave., Fulwood, Preston.

K. Seddon, 149 Marsden Road, Blackpool.

B. McNeill, 157 St. Anne's Road East, Lytham.

Brian and Alison Hudson, Smithy House, Smithy Lane, Stalmine,  
Blackpool.

FULL MEMBERS

Terry O'Neill

Tom Knowles

Brian Nelson

Dave Chadwick

Eric Maymon

Andy Dunhill

Glen Shirley.

HELLO SAILOR

Those two crusty old salts, Ray Varley and Dave Earle inform me that they will be a danger to shipping in the Firth of Clyde from the 24th April to the 1st May when they spend a week's holiday afloat in a 6 berth Sailing Cruiser.

Unfortunately one third of the crew, George Parker, remembering the Titanic, has jumped ship well in advance and the lads would like to fill the four empty bunks and extend a welcome to anyone wishing to join them. Experience before the mast or even after the mast would be handy but is not essential and non sailors need not be deterred.

Don't wait for the press gang to come for you.

Contact Dave Earle Poulton 890283  
or Ray Varley Fleetwood 77428.

THE ADVERTS

A nice letter arrived from Debbie Mabbett the other day, and I am happy to report that the young lady is still giving them 'Hell' at Southport Hospital and hopes to be well enough to go home permanently in the not too distant future.

Grateful thanks are extended to all those associated with the sponsored run and Debbie is hoping to go to the Alps some time in 1983.

Climbing however is out and consequently Debbie is offering her gear for sale - see overleaf:

7 nuts - 2 Hexentrics - 7 + 5 )  
 1 Moac - 2 ) £6.  
 4 Rocks - 7. 1,3, + 4 wired )

Ice Axe + Hammer Holsters - New - offers.  
 1 Stitch Plate - Salewa - as new - £2.  
 Ice Axe - Stubai - used once - £10.  
 1 Pair Berghaus gaiters - £3.  
 1 Pair, Size 7, Rigid Soled Boots - £10.  
 1 Pair, size 7, (not zinxed) E.B's - £5.  
 1 Long John Wet Suit (Medium) + Boots (6-7) - as new - £15.

#### FUTURE MEETS

2-3rd April	Family Weekend - Stair
17-18th April	Working Weekend - Little Langdale. P.Caley Clev.854521
1-3rd May	South Wales Camping D. Earle Poulton 890283
"	Family Weekend - Stair
8-9th May	Working Weekend - Stair S. Swindells B'pool 67867
16th May	Coach Meet D. Smith B'pool 56173
22-23rd May	Members' Meet - Stair J.Wiseman Clev.826594
29-31st May	Arran Camping S. Swindells B'pool 67867
12-13th June	Lakes 3000 B.Wilkinson Fleetwood 2594 & Martin Pickup Longridge 3158
20th June	Coach Meet, Rydal to Threkeld D.Nicholl Clev.869950

#### SOCIALS : BUCCANEER 8.30pm

21st April	Skye Audio/Visual Paul Robinson
28th April	New Zealand Lewis Baker.

#### HUT AVAILABILITY

April 16-17th	Working Weekend Langdale
" 23-24th	Stair
" 30, 1st & 2nd May	Family Weekend Langdale
" 30th, 1 & 2nd May	Stair
May 7-8th	Working weekend Stair
14-15th	Langdale
21-22nd	Stair Member' Meet
28-5th June	Langdale (Whit week)
28-30th	Whit Weekend Stair
June 11-12th	Stair (4 Peaks)
18-19th	Langdale
25-26th	Hut to Hut
July 2-3rd	Langdale
9-10th	Family Weekend Langdale
9-10th	Stair
16th-17th	Langdale (raft race and fell race)
23-24th	Stair
30-31st	Langdale.

#### THE A.G.M.

Encouraging to see a slightly higher turn out than last year and some fairly lively debates on one or two issues, though older members seem disappointed that we never seem to get any fights these days.

<u>Committee</u> - Chairman	Barbara Sealey
<u>Officers</u> - Vice Chairman	Martin Dale
Secretary	Dave Earle
Booking Secretary	John Wiseman
Little Langdale Hut Secy	Phil Caley
Stair Hut Secretary	Steve Swindells
Treasurer	Dave Greenhalgh.

Members - Eddie Craig, Dave Laycock, Don Nichol, Peter Rafferty, Paul Reid.

Hut Dues and Subs. To remain the same but committee empowered to introduce three separate charges for members, members' guests and outside parties.

The Club may shortly enter the timber business when two trees fall on Little Langdale Cottage. Committee to ascertain if this is a real danger and take preventive measures, if necessary.

Major extension and alterations proposed at Stair. Cost uncertain but figures as high as £9,000 mentioned. Opinion divided on this issue but general feeling that Stair needs external appearance improving and possible work on roof. Sub-committee formed to examine feasibility of these proposals and to report back to main committee and an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Coach Meets still increasing in popularity but turn-out still largely dependant on efforts of organiser.

Season Ticket for huts was suggested for anyone who feels their hut usage warrants this.

Constitution. For the third year running the Committee was requested to update the Constitution.

Memberships for under 18s was again discussed. The main problem is insurance for this age group and the liability the Club may face in the event of accident. The Secretary has pursued a number of lines of enquiry and no satisfactory answer can be found.

The Lady Chairperson conducted business in a most efficient manner and the meeting was concluded long before last orders.

### RICK REEVE LIVES

It now befalls me to relate a story of heroism of such proportion that I fear my humble pen can scarce do it justice.

Rick Reeve having spent the day alone on the crags of Fairfield was returning down the icebound slopes of Grizedale to a prearranged rendezvous with friends in Patterdale. Having descended so far, Rick, with the unerring instinct of a natural fellsman judged conditions to be such that progress could safely be made without the use of crampons, removed the said items and thereafter promptly slipped and broke his ankle.

And so begins an epic worthy of "Boys' Own Paper" at its most inspiring.

With freezing darkness fast falling and in such pain as can only be imagined, our heroesplinted his injury with ice axe lashed by climbing rope to the broken limb and began a desperate crawl on hands and knees towards the distant lights of far off Patterdale, giving forth the F.M.C. Alpine distress call as he went.

Meanwhile back at civilisation, the rest of the party mindful of the lateness of the hour, the coming of night and the passage of time generally, began to get alarmed. The mountain rescue were alerted (again) and Mick Tolley, heedless of his own safety set out at their head to search the dark frozen mountains for his friend.

Fortune, they say, favours the brave; God helps those who help themselves, and so it was on this occasion. Rick's call was heard. Mick found Rick or Rick found Mick and what a scene it must have been. (sorry about that) Can we picture their manly embrace in that moment of high emotion? Do we want to picture their manly embrace in that moment of high emotion? Or any moment for that matter!

Anyway in no time at all Rick was on his way to hospital and all was well ..... or was it? The tale of his hospital treatment is another story altogether. But see the lad himself for that one. You can't miss him, he leans a bit when he walks.

BEN NEVIS MEET FEBRUARY 1982.

Although the F.M.C. had eight beds booked in the C.I.C. Hut only three hardy - or perhaps - foolish souls actually took advantage of the facilities on this occasion. The walk up to the hut in heavy rain - later snow - was uneventful. The next day was one of low cloud and strong winds. It was decided to gain the Carn Mor Dearg arête by the easiest route. Once there we were met by fierce winds which made progress extremely slow. It was necessary to rope up, put on crampons, and more than once we were blown off our feet. The temperature, too, was a wee bit off the boil. We managed to gain the summit of Carn Mor Dearg and descended rapidly to the hut.

The following morning was better but with such a lot of new snow about we restricted ourselves to an ascent of Ledge route and a descent of No. 4 gully. That night the cloud lifted and the moon came out to bathe those impressive cliffs in an eyrie light. It made my midnight promenade - impelled by the dictates of nature - really worthwhile.

The next day we descended reluctantly in the best conditions so far - 'twas ever thus!

Terry O'Neill

'IN SEARCH OF SUN' MK 19 - 14th February 1982.

Yes, we found it! Not so much snow as in some memorable bygone years when the coach was snowbound on Kirkstone Pass or when members battled with blizzards and snow drifts on Blea Rigg and High Street. Or, for that matter, as much as when the shepherd said that 'it was a white, white world'.

Nevertheless, a meet to be remembered for glorious spring sunshine and a fair covering of fresh snow above 2,000 ft..

The venue chosen was from Grasmere to Dungeon Ghyll and the thirty-two people on the coach (including members, friends and offspring) chose a variety of routes between the points, ranging from Easdale, High Raise, Sergeant Man and the Langdale Pikes. Some decided to do the Fairfield Horseshoe and reported even more snow on the eastern side.

Various groups met on the Langdale Pikes at sunset, with time to watch the colours changing from amber to pink behind the haze from Donald's Pipe.

In short, a happy day in the mountains in perfect spring weather which should help to encourage the renewed interest in coach meets, fill those empty seats and reduce the club subsidy on them.

J. Jowett

MEMBERS' MEETS

After requests from members at the A.G.M. and club dinner for more meets at our huts we are trying to provide them on the new syllabus. The first is at Stair on 21-22nd May. The idea is to try to create the atmosphere of coach meets for a whole weekend. The weekend might go like this - Friday night: convivial evening drinking at the Swinside. Saturday do your own thing on the hills or join in with others. Saturday night: the pub again if you wish. Sunday: to the hills again and why not stop at a pub for the tea on the way home! The idea is informality, the join in or go on your own but to try to get the hut full of old members. Younger members, new members, climbers, walkers, photographers or drinkers.

J. Wiseman

COACH MEET January 1982 - Tebay to Sedbergh

After a week of snow reports on the news, but none in the Fylde, Sunday dawned clear and bright. The coach had been fully booked but a few cancelled for very genuine reasons, the prize being a member of long standing who was with a lorry stuck in a snowdrift in Oxfordshire.

With a light dusting of snow on the roads and fells and clear blue skies the Howgills looked magnificent and majestic as we drove past. The first party left the bus at Tebay and went up Uldale Head to the Calf and down to Sedbergh while some added on Cautley Spout. Some ran, some skied while most walked. Another party took the coach further along the A.585 and went up from Langdale while a third party, which included the families, went up Bowdlerdale. It was windy and cold on top, the views were superb - definately a day to remember. We concluded the day with a visit to the New Holly.

On the coach we admired Brian Wilkinson's 1.40,000 mountain recreation series map of the Howgill Fells. Thanks to Brian the club now has a supply of these at £1.35 each available from the Booking Secretary.

John Wiseman