

# ALPINE CLUB

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## CALENDAR

<b>February 22</b>	Informal Meeting -- Dennis Gray "Climbing in South Africa"
<b>February 22</b>	Northern Lecture -- Andy Kirkpatrick "Patagonia in Winter"
<b>March 3-4</b>	North Wales Meet
<b>March 14</b>	General Meeting -- to be arranged
<b>March 27 Monday</b>	Lecture at the RGS -- Dr Roger Bilham "The Science of Everest"
<b>March 28</b>	Informal Meeting -- to be arranged
<b>April 11</b>	General Meeting -- to be arranged
<b>April 18</b>	Informal Meeting -- Bear Grylls "Facing Up"
<b>May 5-6</b>	Peak District Meet
<b>May 9</b>	General Meeting -- to be arranged
<b>May 23</b>	Informal Meeting -- to be arranged
<b>June 14</b>	Eagle Ski Club Lecture
<b>July 8-15</b>	Joint ABMSAC/AC/CC Alpine Meet -- Bregaglia Circuit
<b>July 15 -- August 12</b>	Joint ABMSAC/AC/CC Alpine Meet -- Pontresina
<b>September 22-23</b>	Lakes Meet
<b>November 11</b>	Symposium at Plas y Brenin

## SEE BACK PAGE FOR YOUR 2000 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

### LECTURE PROGRAMME

The position of Assistant Hon Secretary - Lectures, with responsibility for organising the London lecture programme, is currently vacant, and any member willing to take on this important and enjoyable job should contact the Hon Secretary on (01494) 792073, as should members with lectures to give. Ed Douglas is continuing to arrange the Northern Lectures in Hathersage, and can be contacted on (0114) 236 5589, ed\_douglas@compuserve.com

**Members should telephone or email the office, or look on the website, to discover the details of future lectures which are yet to be arranged.**

### GENERAL MEETINGS

#### London: Meetings at the Club House

Both General and Informal meetings start at 7.30pm sharp, with the bar opening from 6pm. On street parking is legally available after 6.30pm in Charlotte Road. The Library remains open until 7pm.

**March 14**            **to be arranged**

**April 11**            **to be arranged**

**May 9**                **to be arranged**

## INFORMAL MEETINGS

These meetings provide a good opportunity for members to meet one another, and exchange news, views and information. New members and prospective members are particularly welcome. Such meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The bar opens at 6 pm, lecture starts at 7.30 pm. The library is usually staffed by volunteers between 5 and 7 pm.

### **February 22      Dennis Gray "Climbing in South Africa"**

Dennis has made numerous visits to South Africa including the Drakensberg, Wave Cave, the Silvermine and Cedarberg. There are a large number of developed climbing areas which Dennis will tell us about.

### **March 28            to be arranged**

### **April 18            Bear Grylls "Facing Up"**

Ed Grylls is one of our newest members. At the age of 23 he is the youngest British person to have climbed Everest successfully. In his relatively few years he has done a lot: climbing, being in the Army, studying Spanish, doing martial arts and now writing. He tells of his many adventures.

### **May 23             to be arranged**

## BUNKHOUSE

There are blankets in the Bunkhouse, so full sleeping bags should not be necessary. However we would like to urge members using this facility to bring a sheet sleeping bag if possible. The Bunkhouse is available on weekdays to members only, when they are on Club or other mountaineering business (these are the conditions accepted by our insurers as set out in a letter from them. Please confirm availability with the Asst. Secretary.

## NORTHERN LECTURES

After the success of these evenings held in Longland's Restaurant above Outside in Hathersage, here are more Northern dates. The lectures start at 7.30 pm.

**22 February            Andy Kirkpatrick            Patagonia in Winter**

### **RGS LECTURE      Monday 27 March            Dr Roger Bilham "The Science of Everest"**

There is to be a lecture on Monday 27 March 6 pm at the RGS on 'The Science of Everest' by Dr Roger Bilham of the University of Colorado. He will deal with Everest as a geological remnant destined for death by erosion, problems of height estimation and the relationship with earthquakes in the Himalayas. Members attending are advised to take their AC Membership Card.

Dr David Hilling, Hon Sec of the Geographical Club (forerunner of the RGS) has suggested that on this occasion it might be appropriate to have one of his Club's dinners jointly with members of the Alpine Club after the lecture. The dinner will be at 8pm at Lowther Lodge (RGS), and there will be a pay bar before the dinner. The cost of the dinner is £23 including wine with the meal and port. Cheques should be made payable to The Geographical Club, but sent to the Asst Secretary at the Alpine Club, who will gather the names and cheques together and pass them on to Dr Hilling. Deadline Thursday 24 March.

## CLIMBING MEETS

### **REGIONAL MEETS AND OUT OF LONDON DINNERS**

As AC members are scattered all over the UK, these Meets present a great opportunity to get to know fellow members in a mountain environment. The Dinners which are open to ALL, whether on the Meet or not. A lecture will normally follow the Dinner.

Meet stewards will, if asked, try to coordinate transport and try to find climbing or walking partners for those arriving without one.

Accommodation: normally some places will be available at a local hut or bunkhouse, but members may of course book their own accommodation if they so wish, and contact the Meet steward to co-ordinate activities.

The following have been arranged:

### **NORTH WALES            3-4 March 2000    RUGGED AND UNPREDICTABLE**

Steward: Mike Gilbert. Tel: h (0151) 648 5717, w (0151) 255 1333

A very popular meet. Book early to ensure a Hut place at the Gwydr Club hut in Capel Curig. The hut is a short walk away from the dinner at the Tyn y Coed Hotel. Directions to hut: leave A5 at Pont Cyfyn. Grid ref: 734572 for hut at ref. 737567.

## NORTH WALES

Booking form to Mike Gilbert, 11 Marston Avenue, Irby, Wirral, Merseyside L61 3XT

Please book me on the North Wales Meet

- I will make my own accommodation arrangements
- or*
- Please book me ..... places at the hut @ £4 per night
  - Please book me ..... places at the Dinner @: £15.50

I enclose cheque for £ ..... made payable to Mike Gilbert

Name(s) .....

Address .....

..... Tel .....

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### PEAK DISTRICT      5-6 May 2000      SUN-KISSED GRIT

Steward: Graham Holden. Tel: h (0115) 947 5180

The Meet will be based at the very conveniently placed hut of the Derbyshire Pennine Club, Carlswark Cottage, Stoney Middleton. The Hut is in the grounds of Stoney Middleton Hall (Grid Ref. 231755) and is approached through an entrance 80 metres to the east of the Moon Inn, on the north side of the A623.

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### PEAK DISTRICT

Booking form to Graham Holden, 161 Rolleston Drive, Lenton, Notts NG7 1JZ

Please book me on the Peak District Meet

- I will make my own accommodation arrangements
- or*
- Please book me ..... places at the hut @ £4 per night
  - Please book me ..... places at the Dinner @: £15.50

I enclose cheque for £ ..... made payable to Graham Holden

Name(s) .....

Address .....

..... Tel .....

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### ALPINE MEETS 2000      8 July - 12 August

The following joint ABMSAC/AC/CC Meets have been arranged:

#### The Bregaglia Circuit      8 -- 15 July 2000

This will be a mountain walking tour of the Val Bregaglia. The Tour will begin in Maloja and following the traverse of the Northern Wall to Soglio will cross the southern flank by a high level route traversing high passes and glaciers back to Maloja. Accommodation will be in pensions and SAC huts. Storage facilities for surplus luggage will be arranged.

#### Pontresina      15 – 29 July (Hotel-based participants), 15 July – 12 August (Campers)

This will be the traditional hotel/camping Meet (that we all know and love) to the premiere mountaineering resort of the Engadine.

Further information on both these Meets is available on receipt of an s.a.e. from Alastair Andrews, 19 Rankin Road, Edinburgh EH9 3AW, home tel. (0131) 667 0630

**LAKE DISTRICT                      September 22-23**

Hut places at the George Starkey Hut in Patterdale and Dinner at the Ullswater Hotel. More details in the next Newsletter.

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2000**

At the Annual General Meeting on 7 December 1999, the following were elected:

<i>President</i>	D K Scott
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	P Braithwaite P F Fagan
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	G D Hughes
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	A L Robinson
<i>Honorary Editor of the Alpine Journal</i>	E Douglas
<i>Honorary Librarian</i>	D J Lovatt
<i>Honorary Guidebooks Commissioning Editor</i>	L N Griffin
<i>Committee</i>	E R Allen J C Evans J F C Fotheringham J M O B Gore G C Holden W A C Newson C J Radcliffe A Vila B M Wragg

At its meeting on 11 January 2000, the Committee appointed the following non-elected officers:

<i>Assistant Honorary Secretaries</i>	
<i>BMC Liaison</i>	t.b.a.
<i>Lectures</i>	t.b.a.
<i>Meets</i>	A Vila
<i>Membership</i>	G Holden
<i>Winter Dinner</i>	M H Johnston
<i>Librarian Emeritus</i>	R Lawford
<i>Hon Keeper of the Club's Pictures</i>	P Mallalieu
<i>Hon Keeper of the Clubs Monuments</i>	D J Lovatt
<i>Hon Keeper of the Club's Artifacts</i>	R Lawford
<i>Honorary Archivist</i>	t.b.a.
<i>Asst. Editors of the Alpine Journal</i>	J L Bermudez G W Templeman
<i>Production Editor of the Alpine Journal</i>	Mrs J Merz
<i>Honorary Solicitor</i>	P Sanders

The Committee also re-appointed the following Sub-Committees (followed by the name of the Chair)

<i>Finance</i>	R F Morgan
<i>Guidebooks Editorial and Production Board</i>	L N Griffin
<i>Honorary Membership</i>	The President
<i>House</i>	M H Johnston
<i>Membership</i>	G C Holden
<i>Wine</i>	J Temple

The Club is very grateful to all of the above who give their time to help. There are many others who do not feature in the above list, but to whom the Club is equally grateful. These include the members of the various sub-committees and the Guidebooks Editorial and Production Board, and those who represent the Club on other committees such as those connected with the Alpine Club Library, the Mount Everest Foundation and the BMC. There are also the Meet organisers, the lecturers, those who provide food at lectures, those who help run the bar, voluntary librarians, helpers for the Himalayan Index, members who look after the premises -- we are fortunate to have so many people to thank.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE STICKERS 2000**

Members this year receive an update sticker for their membership card. If we have received your 2000 subscription, you will find your sticker attached to this Newsletter.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

We are very pleased to be able to hold subscriptions at the present level for a further year. Subscriptions have now been unchanged

since January 1995.

Subscriptions for 2000 fell due on 1st January and are listed below. All rates are inclusive of the amount handed over to the BMC based on a per capita levy of £4.25. Please note that therefore members are not affiliated with the BMC until their subscription has been paid. If you are not affiliated with the BMC you are not covered by the BMC liability insurance scheme.

<b>Full and Aspirant Members of the Alpine Club</b>		<b>ACG Members</b>	
Aged under 27 on 1st January	£22.00	Aged under 27 on 1st January (not receiving the AJ)	£11.00
Aged 27-64			
-- living within 40 miles of London	£50.00	Ditto receiving AJ	£22.00
-- living elsewhere	£30.00	Aged over 27 (not receiving the AJ)	£19.00
Aged 65 or over			
-- living within 40 miles of London	£43.00	Ditto receiving AJ	£30.00
-- living elsewhere	£26.00		
Long-standing members		Reduction for shared AJ (all classes)	£11.00
-- excluding the AJ	£ 5.00		
-- including the AJ	£10.00		

#### NOTES:

- **Members who pay by direct debit** need do nothing as the computer has dealt with their subscription (with a few exceptions).
- **Members who pay by cheque** : we look forward to receiving your cheques as soon as possible without involving the Club in the expense and work of sending reminders.
- **Husbands and wives who share a Journal:**
  - those paying by direct debit will have had their payments reduced to cover this.
  - those paying by cheque should deduct £11 from their subscriptions.
- **Long-standing Members:** the criteria for new admissions to this category remain unaltered, viz:
  - Age plus number of years membership equal to or greater than 120
  - Offered at the discretion of the Committee from whom it has to be formally requested. Note that *per capita* affiliation fees are not paid to the BMC on behalf of members who have elected to be recognised as 'Long-standing members'. They are thus not covered by BMC third party liability insurance.

**PLEASE NOTE;** *As a small step to reduce the work of the Asst. Secretary in chasing subscription payments, the back cover of this Newsletter carries a statement of your individual subscription position. If you are in arrears, please rectify the situation without further reminder.*

## ALPINE JOURNAL BACK NUMBERS

Members are reminded that the Club holds large stocks of nearly all back issues of the Journal, going back to 1905. These are available for sale to members at very reasonable prices. Contact the office for a full list.

## GUIDE BOOKS

The following is the full list of the guide books in print available from the office.  
(each volume plus 75p postage unless collected from Club House)

	<i>Members</i>	<i>Shops</i>
Dolomites	£11.00	£15.00
Ecrins Massif	£11.00	£15.00
Mont Blanc Vol. 1	£11.00	£15.00
Mont Blanc Vol. 2	£11.00	£15.00
Bernese Oberland	£11.00	£15.00
Bernina and Bregaglia	£13.25	£18.50
Valais West	£14.15	£19.50
Valais East	£13.25	£18.50

## GIFT TO THE CLUB

Ken Wilson has kindly presented a framed photograph of Beatrice S. Tomasson (1859-1947) with her guide Arcangelo Siorpaes. She made the first ascent of Marmolada South Face in 1901.

## ALPINE CLUB LIBRARY – Situations Vacant!

**Livia Gollancz writes:** On 31<sup>st</sup> December I resigned as Honorary Archivist. I shall continue to take an interest in the Club's collection of holographic material but, after ten years, I have given up overall responsibility. The Club needs an **Honorary Archivist** who will come in once a week (preferably on Tuesdays) to help outside researchers and to carry out a certain amount of other work. This can often be very interesting, particularly to someone with a knowledge of (or wish to learn about) mountaineering history, and Tuesday is often a very sociable day at the Club premises.

The new Archivist should be available as suggested and live within easy reach of London. An orderly mind and a flair for cataloguing and indexing would be desirable, and computer literacy an asset. Interested applicants should contact me at home (020) 8348 3362 to arrange a time to come and see the collection and to discuss the future plans for it.

**George Band writes:** The Library also needs one or two **Assistants for Bob Lawford**, our Librarian Emeritus, who surprisingly is beginning to admit that he cannot go on for ever. This involves work on the **photographic archive** and also dealing with **gifts of books** which are surplus to the Library's collection. In particular, there are plans to seek funds in a joint project with the RGS for professional assistance in the computerised cataloguing of all the Everest photographic material, to be completed by 2003, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first ascent. This should be a very interesting and rewarding project, and the techniques might then be extended to include the rest of the Club's photographic archive.

Interested applicants for work on the photographs or books or both, who might in due course take over these roles from Bob, and who should therefore also live within easy reach of London, should contact Bob (020) 8460 5641 and George Band(01252) 843173 to view the collections and discuss the work involved.

Finally, our **Honorary Treasurer** for the last eight years, John Peacock, having recently moved to deepest Devon feels he must soon hand over the reins. A successor need not be a chartered accountant but some financial budgeting experience would obviously be desirable, coupled with ample enthusiasm. Volunteers are invited to contact John (01647) 277489) or George Band.

The Club and the Library are greatly indebted to those volunteers, past, present and future, who give liberally of their time to help safeguard and improve our unique collections.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our member Audrey Salkeld has been awarded the 1999 American Alpine Club Literary Award in recognition of her may tremendously important contributions to mountain literature.

## EASTER CLOSING

The office and library will be closed from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

## DEATHS

Since the last newsletter, the Club has learnt with regret of the deaths of Arun Samant and John Streetly.

John Streetly, who died on 3 December 1999, will be particularly remembered for his daring ascent of Bloody Slab on Cloggy on 10 June 1952.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for his Life at 12 noon on Saturday 18 March 2000 at the Church of the Ascension, Dartmouth Row, London SE10, followed by light refreshments in the Church Hall. All friends and family are welcome but, if you plan to attend, please advise Elizabeth Streetly so she can estimate the amount of refreshments required (tel: 01392 250167 or 020 8858 4774)

## ELECTIONS

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following newly elected **Full Members** whose candidacies were announced previously: Philip William Amos, Edward Michael Grylls, Jamie Hall, Charles (Stan) David Halstead, Keith Howard Lambley, Stuart MacDonald, Stephen Anthony Marshall, Denis Mitchell and Ian Michael Venables

Welcomed as **Aspirant Members** are

Patrick Bird  
Holly Cottage, Baker's Lane  
Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 3RN  
British. Geologist  
Proposer: Dave Hamilton  
Seconder: John Kentish

Adrian Clifford  
2 Osier Holt, Saltfleetby St. Peter  
Louth, Lincs LN11 7UD  
Scottish. NHS GP  
Proposer: Jon Tinker  
Seconder: Sandy Allan

Liam Colleran  
63a Upton Road  
Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8LN  
British. Civil Engineer  
Proposer: Glyn Hughes  
Seconder: Mike Esten

Dr. Barry Denyer-Green  
Dunsley South, Park Road  
Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5BX  
British. Barrister  
Proposer: Malcolm Creasey  
Seconder: Graham Holden

Adam Wild  
Springfield Cottage, South Road  
Weybridge, Surrey KT13 9DZ  
British. Risk Manager  
Proposer: Glyn Hughes  
Seconder: Mike Esten

The following candidates have applied for **Full Membership** of the Club and, as provided under Regulation 18(1)b, members are invited to communicate their views to the Honorary Secretary.

Martin William Cooper  
148 Loxley Road, Malin Bridge  
Sheffield S6 4TE  
British. Physician  
Proposer: Jonathan Morgan  
Seconder: John Whyte

Michael Cottam  
28n Lancaster Close, Great Ecclestone  
Preston, Lancs PR3 0UT  
British. Lecturer  
Proposer: Jeremy Whitehead  
Seconder: Pamela Holt

James Edwin Raitt  
c/o 39 Pinnaclehill Park  
Kelso TD5 8HA  
British. Royal Marines Officer  
Proposer: David Nicholls  
Seconder: Tony Streather

Colin William Scott  
16 Walgrave Gardens  
White Waltham, Maidenhead  
British. Air Traffic Controller  
Proposer: Stevan Jackson  
Seconder: David Nicholls

George Spenceley  
26 The Daedings  
Deddington, Oxon OX15 0RT  
British. Lecturer  
Proposer: Paul Braithwaite  
Seconder: David Smith

## DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER

Members wishing to publish in the next Newsletter please note that material should be given to the office by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2000.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### BOARDMAN TASKER AWARD FOR MOUNTAIN LITERATURE

This prestigious award, now of £2,000, is made annually. This year the award ceremony takes place on Friday 12th November at the Club, its usual venue. 15 books were received and there was a short list of six books chosen by the three judges David Gregory (chair), Kathleen Jamie and Alan Hankinson: The winner was:

The Totem Pole -- and a whole new adventure.

Paul Pritchard. Constable, £16.99

### ALPINE SKI CLUB AUTOPHON HIRE SCHEME

The Alpine Ski Club operates an autophon hire scheme which is open to non-members of the Club. The minimum charge for a period of up to two weeks use is £12, (£8 for members of the Alpine Ski Club or the Alpine Club). Autophons are sent by registered post at the hirer's expense, or may be collected from the Alpine Club or the Manager of the Scheme. For further information and an application form please send an SAE to :  
A J Franklin, ASC Autophon Scheme, 88 Carlton Hill, London, NW8 OER.

### ARCTIC EXPEDITION TO SVALBARD

I am in the very early stages of planning an expedition to Svalbard (Spitzbergen, part of Norway) to ski to and climb Newtontoppen, ~ 1600 m, the highest peak in the island group and am looking for travelling companions who may be interested. The special skills you would need are:- winter campcraft; to be able to cover distance efficiently on skis (nordic equipment is normal), pulling a sledge; use of ice axe and crampons (although the mountain is not thought to be technical); roped glacier travel/crevasse rescue techniques; ability to load and carry safely and shoot accurately, a rifle. Apart from the usual mountaineering risks there is a small, but not negligible, risk of encountering polar bears. I am currently acquiring information to prepare a budget, but the cost is likely to be in the order of £1,000. (Comparable commercial expeditions with Norwegian leaders are available starting from Tromso for ~ £2000 + ~ £400 return air fare from UK). The trip is expected to take place in Spring 2001.

John Starbuck, 37 Daleview Gardens, Egremont, Cumbria CA22 2LN  
tel. (Home) 01946 822032; tel. (Work) 01946 774223; e-mail: j.starbuck@talk21.com

### TERRIS MOORE

The widow of our member Terris Moore, Katrina Hincks Moore, has written a book which comprises her diary accounts over a period of 50 years, starting in 1933, of journeys that she took with her husband. It includes accounts of mountaineering activities in South America, Alaska and Tibet. At the moment there is a limited print run, and it is being distributed on a complimentary basis to anyone who would like one. Contact Terris Moore's daughter, Katrina Smathers, 675 Orange Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022-3947, email: ksmat@cs.com

### OLD MAN OF HOY – SPONSORED CLIMB

Mike Banks, Angela Soper and Dick Sykes plan a sponsored ascent of the Old Man of Hoy during May 2000 in aid of Westcare UK, a registered charity devoted to the relief of suffering from ME. Dick is Director of Westcare UK. Members and their friends are warmly invited to help the cause by sponsoring these Old Men (and a Lass) of Hoy. Please send sponsorship cheques made out to Westcare UK to:  
Annalisa Solla, Westcare UK, 155 White Ladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2RF

All support will be gratefully acknowledged unless requested otherwise.

### MIKE BINNIE'S RIVER WALK

Early in January 2000 Mike Binnie set off from the mouth of the Narmada River, about 150 miles or so north of Bombay, to its source 800 miles upstream in the forested hills of Central India. The Narmada is the most sacred of all Indian rivers. Mike is "doing" this walk, on his own, on behalf of Global Cancer Concern (India), a British charity which provides palliative care for incurable cancer patients in India. Wait till you hear of his return and then should you wish to support this cause, please have your pens ready to write out a cheque to Global Cancer Concern. Thank you.

### LOPPE PAINTINGS?

Marie Noel Borgeaud is researching the work of Gabriel Loppe (1825-1913). She would be pleased to know if any Alpine Club members own a painting of his. She would like to know the title and dimensions. Please contact her at Chalet les Campaines, 169 chemin du Clos du Savoy, 74400 Chamonix, France, email Borgeaud@aol.com

**RUSKIN LECTURE**

The Ruskin expert Cynthia Gamble is giving a talk John Ruskin: Geologist and Artist in the Alps to the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society at East Croydon United Reform Church, on 23 February 2000 7.30 pm. For further details/booking contact: Brian Lancaster, 68 Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2AD, tel: (020) 8668 6909.

**EXPEDITIONS; FACT OR FICTION**

An illustrated lecture by Professor Keith Miller  
Founders Gold Medallist of the Royal Geographical Society

6.30 pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2000

University of Sheffield, Western Bank

This illustrated lecture will discuss the successes and doubts surrounding expeditions to the Himalaya, Tibet, the Arctic, the Antarctic, Africa, Australia, China and Russia.

The lecture will detail the achievements and disasters of well know and not so well known leaders of explorations to the remote corners of the world, including Shackleton, Scott, Shipton, Hunt, Mawson, Cook, Peary, Franklin, Stefansson, Ghengis Khan and Marco Polo. Even the Yeti will get a mention.

Tickets obtainable from:

R. Allum Esq. Public Relations, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN

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## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY



We have received a run of Himalayan Journals from Miss Mitchell

## RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

- Adams, Ansel. Summit. Vittorio Sella. Mountaineer and photographer. The years 1879-1909. Aperture Foundation 1999  
Alpine Club of Canada. Library collection. Author listing. Alpine Club of Canada, 1995  
Barrie, Patricia. Songs of silence. Honno, 1999  
Boukreev, Anatoli & de Walt, Gary Weston. The climb. Tragic ambitions on Everest. St Martin's Press, 1998  
Bradt, Hilly & Bradt, George. Backpacking in Peru and Bolivia. A guide to the ancient ways and inca roads. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Bradt Enterprises, 1977  
Breashears, David. High exposure. Simon and Schuster, Canongate, 1999  
Brook, Denis & Hinchcliffe, Phil. North to the Cape. A trek from Fort William to Cape Wrath. Cicerone, 1999  
Butterfield, Irvine. The magic of the Munros. David and Charles, 1999  
Camasca, Davide & Maraini, Fosco. Tibet. Incanto orizzontale. Fotografie panoramiche di Davide Camasca. Museo Nazionale della Montagna "Duca degli Abruzzi", 1996  
Campbell, Stuart B. Things not seen. An anthology of contemporary Scottish mountain poetry. Aberdeenshire Council, 1999  
Coffey, Maria. Fragile Edge. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Harbour, 1999  
Curran, Jim. High achiever. The life and climbs of Chris Bonington. Constable, 1999  
Dickinson, Matt. The death zone. Arrow, 1998  
Dowling, Phil. The mountaineers. Famous climbers in Canada. Coyote Books, 1995  
Gugliemina, Paola. Doctor Alp. Medicine e montagna. Vivaldi Editori, 1999  
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**March 28**                    **INFORMAL MEETING**  
**Roger Smith**                **EUROPEAN SUMMITS 1999** (*to be confirmed*)

**April 11**                    **GENERAL MEETING**  
**Paul Deegan**                **FORBIDDEN SUMMITS-** tall tales from the Pamirs

**April 18**                    **INFORMAL MEETING**  
**Bear Grylls**                 **FACING UP-** the youngest Briton to climb Everest

**May 9**                        **GENERAL MEETING**  
**Julian Freeman**            **BRITISH TRANSHIMALAYA EXPEDITION**  
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Johanna Merz has just completed the Herculean task, never before attempted, of compiling a comprehensive Index to these Year-books. It is now being printed in a soft back Alpine Journal format, amounting to 240 pages, in a limited edition of 100, and will be available at the end of February from the

Librarian Margaret Ecclestone at the Club in return for a donation of £10 a copy, plus £2 p&p.

It has been compiled in several sections and, in particular, the first section on People provides a remarkable and fascinating concise history of the contribution of British women to Alpine climbing in the period before the LAC merged with the Alpine Club. There is also an Area Index and a section covering the history of the LAC. The Index is an attractive volume in itself as well as an essential adjunct to collections of the Year-books and to members' own mountaineering libraries.

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