

# ALPINE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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July 2002



Pik Koroleva (5816m) from SW. The mountain has had only one ascent, probably by the hanging glacier from the left side of the face. The NE side is even more impressive, particularly the sustained-looking E Rib. (Photo: Paul Knott)

### Calendar...

#### July 20/27th

ABMSAC Meet: Vanoise Alps, Tarantaise

#### July 27th

AC Summer Meet: Les Choselets, Chamonix

#### Sept 1/13th

ABMSAC Meet: Tour du Mt. Blanc

#### Sept 10th

General Meeting: **Andre Hedger** 'Ethiopia to Antarctica'

#### Sept 9/16th

AC/CC Cornwall Meet

#### Sept 18th

Northern Lecture **Paul Knott**(see below)

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'Tenzing and the Sherpas of Everest'

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Annual General Meeting

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Annual Dinner

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Northern lecture ACG Meeting

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Alpine Club Position Paper

### MOUNTAINS AND BOLTS

Mountaineering involves the application of climbing techniques and judgement in an extreme and hazardous environment. In such a situation the climber has to deal with many other factors in addition to the technical difficulty of the route. Confronting the raw challenge of the mountain environment is central to the character of the activity and the mountaineer must exercise judgment in evaluating the nature and extent of the risk inevitably involved in this. Skill and experience are important qualities for the mountaineer in addition to technical climbing ability and enable the risk to be minimised. The mountaineer's greatest reward is derived from the successful application of all these attributes to make a competent ascent of a challenging route.

Thus actions that reduce the challenge of a route also reduce the potential reward and devalue the mountaineering experience. Equipping a mountain with lines of bolts, chains, or fixed ropes erodes its natural character and devalue the climbing challenge. By their presence bolts make other protection techniques redundant, remove the skill and judgement intrinsic in reliance on natural protection and provide an artificial escape thus reducing the level of commitment. The nature of the climbing is made more predictable and the outcome more certain.

Fixed equipment may also encourage onto the mountain

climbers who have not yet acquired the full complement of mountaineering skills otherwise necessary for a successful ascent. Paradoxically, this may lead them into situations which they might lack the experience to deal with, especially in the event of bad weather or some other crisis. Whilst recognising that bolts and fixed ropes may have an application in rescue operations and other situations where safety could otherwise be a concern (e.g. the Hinterstoisser Traverse), the Alpine Club considers that it is self-defeating to equip an alpine climb with bolts since it will degrade the mountain's wild character, create a potentially dangerous allurements and diminish the quality of the mountain experience.

The Alpine Club welcomes the adoption (in May 2000) by the UIAA Council of the document **To bolt or not to be** prepared by its Mountaineering Commission. The Alpine Club accepts and endorses the concepts in that document and encourages all mountaineers to respect them. The Alpine Club especially condemns the retro-bolting of established climbs. The absence or strict limitation of fixed equipment on classic climbs is particularly important in order to protect their character and challenge.

June 2002

Alan Blackshaw - President

Jerry Lovatt - Vice President

Martin Wragg - Vice President

(note: Copies of **To bolt or not to be** are available from: UIAA,

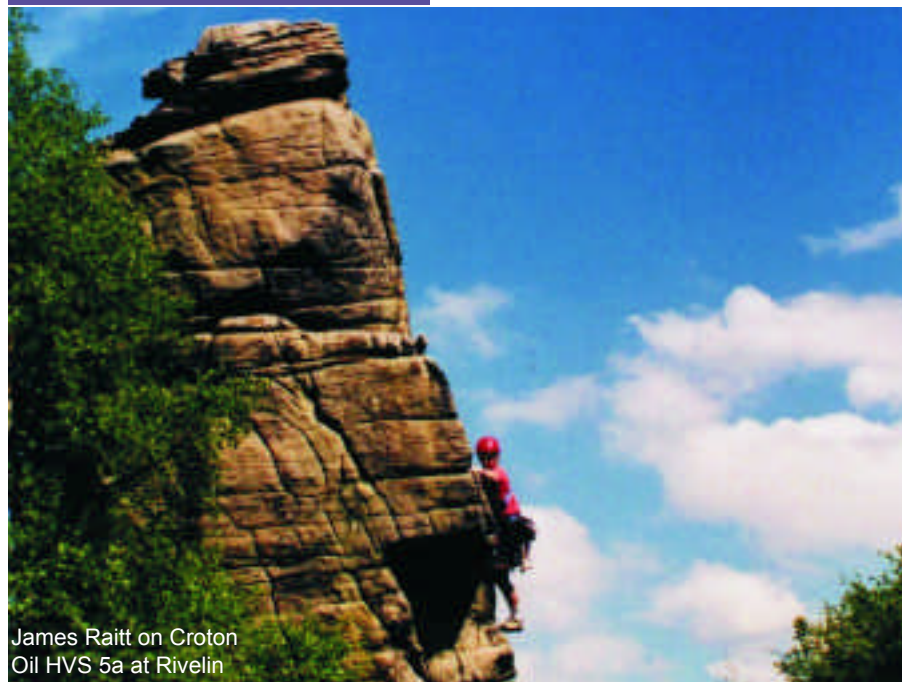
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## MEETS REPORT



James Raitt on Croton  
Oil HVS 5a at Rivelin

This year's **Peak District Meet** followed the usual format with accommodation at the excellent Derbyshire Pennine Club hut in Stoney Middleton and a dinner at the Sir William Hotel in Grindleford. On the Saturday we climbed in glorious sunny weather at Rivelin, where we had the crag almost to ourselves. Routes included the very fine Croton Oil and Blizzard Ridge. On the Sunday we climbed at the north edge of Stanage, warming up at Crow Chin before tackling harder routes at the Marble Wall area. Sadly the meet was very poorly attended with only 5 members (out of a club of 1200) climbing. We do plan to run the meet again next year and hope for better support from the membership. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact [rupert.hoare@westerngeco.com](mailto:rupert.hoare@westerngeco.com)

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### PETER BOARDMAN AND JOE TASKER: TWENTY YEARS ON

On 17 May 1982 Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker were last seen on Mount Everest, attempting to traverse The Pinnacles on the unclimbed North East Ridge at around 7800 metres. Their deaths marked the end of a remarkable era in British mountaineering.

Peter and Joe left two legacies. One was their great endeavour, their climbs on high peaks - and it was their style that captivated mountaineers, both of their own era and a generation of younger climbers. Their methods were bold, lightweight and innovative; their goals exploratory. Dunagiri, Changabang, Kongur, Everest and Kangchenjunga were among the highlights: summits they celebrated in their second, more lasting achievements - the books they wrote and left behind.

Their accomplishments, both climbing and literary will be recalled in an illustrated lecture to be held at the Royal Geographical Society on Friday 8 November at 7.00pm by [Chris Bonington and Charles Clarke](#), with [John Barry](#), [John Boardman](#), [Paul Braithwaite](#), [Maria Coffey](#), [Jim Curran](#), [Hilary Rhodes](#), [Doug Scott](#), [Paul Tasker](#) and [Martin Wragg](#).

This fund-raising event for the Boardman Tasker Charitable Trust for mountain literature will include unique slides and films, including Everest SW Face, Changabang and Kangchenjunga.

**Ticket price £15 - send a s.a.e. to the Trust at St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3A 8JX (tel: 020 7816 8100).**

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### 1924 Everest Veteran Dies

Ang Tshering, the last survivor of the 1924 Everest Expedition passed away on May 22nd 2002, aged 98 years, at his home in Darjeeling. He suffered a stroke 3 weeks previously and never regained consciousness. He was cremated on May 24th.  
(Message received from Judy Tenzing.)

### New AC Ecrins Guide

The new AC guidebook to the Ecrin mountains is now available to members from Charlotte Road. Price: £12.95 p&p 75p  
Also available from all good alpine equipment retailers.

### Get Well Soon, Phil.

Members will be glad to know that Phil Wickens is recovering faster and better after his horrific parapenting accident than was originally expected. I am sure that everyone in the club wishes him a complete recovery.

## ARTISTS AND ALPINISTS

We are currently trying to compile a comprehensive list of A.C. members who were also artists (professional or amateur).

Any information about the following would be most helpful:

George Barnard, Edward William Cooke, Thomas Stuart Kennedy, Hugh B.B. McCalmont, H.G. Willink, Elijah Walton, Edward Whymper, E.T. Compton, Alfred W. Parsons, Colin B. Phillip, Alfred Williams of Salisbury, Gabriel Loppe, Charles Pilkington, Arthur Croft, A.D. McCormick, B.J.M. Donne, Cecil A. Hunt, Ellis Carr, Sir Henry Bergne, E. Russell Clarke, W.G. Collingwood, Alfred East, L.J. Steele, J. Hardwick Lewis, E.T. Coleman, T.H. Somervell, Alfred Wills, Sir Robert Collier, ? Blackstone, Arthur Cust, Edmond von Fellenburg, John Lumsden Propert, Rev. R.H.J. Tyrwhitt, The Hon. John Collier, Josiah Gilbert, Andrew McCallum, Charles R. Ricketts, Benjamin J.M. Donne, J.W. Garrett Smith

We have examples in the collection of works by many of the artists mentioned, but many others are only known by their contributions to early exhibitions at the Club.

Any details, including pictures of the artists themselves, whereabouts of any of their works and information about their artistic and climbing lives would be much appreciated as indeed would information about artists and members not mentioned above, particularly those from the modern era and from the Ladies Alpine Club.

**Please send information to P. Mallalieu (Keeper of Pictures) at Charlotte Road, or by email to [p.mal@virgin.net](mailto:p.mal@virgin.net)**

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Alpine Club Symposium Editorial  
AC Newsletter April 2002

Dear Sir,

Much as I admire the way the new team have brightened up the AC newsletter and various other aspects of the club, I really take exception to the editorial in the April 2002 Newsletter berating us members like naughty school children for failing to turn up to the International Alpine Symposium. I think that the reason why the turnout was not great was obvious, so obvious in fact that I informed the Editor of it prior to the event. It was, in a word, March - ie the prime month for the Scottish Winter Climbing season of which Simon Richardson reportedly spoke so eloquently. Unlike Simon, many of the rest of us do not perhaps have such a good understanding arrangement with our spouses, or indeed with our own consciences, when it comes to weekends away from the family. Thus a system of Brownie Points (mental if not actual) is played out where in return for a weekend of good conditions away in the Highlands several poorer weekends are spent at home replacing worn out tap washers, finally paying those bills, and going for long family walks in the drizzle. Now in November or October when the weather is constantly foul, then yes, maybe we may be prepared to use up our precious points in going to listen to others talking about climbing, but in March? Never!

And what does the Hon Editor know of the personal circumstances of the members he is ticking off? Here are my own, awkward perhaps, but by no means exceptional. My wife has been in and out of hospital for the last year. With two young children and no relatives within a hundred miles of us, every day out climbing is hard won through juggling a logistical nightmare of weather forecasts, child-minders and school runs. My one day's winter climbing in the Highlands this season was rewarding - Galactic Hitchhiker with an accidental new start - but it was won at a cost; an expensive child minder for two nights, numerous favours owed to various school run parents, all that petrol and those hut fees, not to mention the days of exhaustion afterwards from climbing something that really should have marked the

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culmination of a season, not virtually its only route. To achieve a climb like that it was all worth it, but to do the same just to listen to better climbers than myself, most of them unencumbered with small children, spouses (convalescent or otherwise), or probably even jobs - no thanks, I can make myself quite miserable enough thinking about it all without actually being there.

No, I think the editor is wrong. I do not think that the "lack of interest shown by the Club" means that we are happy to see the Club "fading away". I think it means that we are all too busy, climbing, planning to climb, or saving up the necessary "points" to go climbing. And when all is said and done, climbing is surely is what it is all about. Not talking about climbing, writing about climbing, listening to tales about climbing, reading about climbing or watching films about climbing. Not journals, newsletters, websites, AGMs and annual dinners. And certainly not indoor events held at a time when most of our active members are hoping very much to be anywhere but indoors. Just climbing.

Yours sincerely,

**Stephen Reid**

Needle Sports, 56 Main Street,  
Keswick, Cumbria, UK, CA12 5JS

**Whilst I agree with Stephen that many of us are busy with such things as family, work and even climbing, I am sure that the AC should summon up more than 40 out of 1200 for such an event! I genuinely believe that a vibrant active club is vital to creating the conditions that will ensure that the AC will still be a relevant institution to alpinists well into the future. Ed.**

Dear Sir,

I appreciate that it is nice to have a Newsletter at last, but it is a shame that it does not present a more welcoming image to the meets. For example, in the case of the AC Summer Meet, there is no welcoming blurb inviting the member who happens not to have a climbing partner at that date or venue, to just come along.

I infer that space is at a premium, but the Newsletter surely has to deal preferentially with contemporary

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matters - at the expense, if need be, of omitting material which, although perfectly good material, is arguably more suited to the AJ.

**Mike Esten.**

**I print details of meets as received from the organisers but I am sure that they will take your point! Space is limited but not at the cost of promoting club activities. I hope that the new newsletter includes interesting items as well as purely informational blurb. I feel that the Newsletter is the best form of inter-club communication (along with the website) and I would like to both represent club members achievements as well as printing important club information. Ed.**

Dear Sir,

In your editorial in the latest newsletter, you lament the poor attendance at the Symposium at Sheffield and ask, "What sort of a Club do we want?" I would have hoped the answer was a Club willing to embrace all sorts of climbers.

Those who show a complete commitment to climbing to my mind are incurable romantics: Epicureans, trying to cram into life the maximum number of fearsome experiences. And Epicurus was an austere man: not a self-indulgent one, like some of his followers. For most of my life, climbing has been simply a delightful recreation. Of course that meant that I never climbed to a very high standard.....

...I was sorry to see -- that the Library is selling Graham Irving's Romance of Mountaineering. I expect the philosophy he expounds there is regarded as hopelessly old-fashioned. For me it is timeless; but then I am prejudiced. He was one of the first to climb guideless. As an old man he gave me my first climbing lesson in N.Wales, just as he had taken Mallory to the Alps and introduced him to climbing a generation earlier. Having the same education, I think Mallory and I would have seen eye to eye, even if we had disagreed about why we climbed. So cannot the Club embrace all sorts of climbers? Will it not be the poorer if it welcomes only those who thirst to excel?

Yours truly, **David Wagstaff.**

(the above is an extract from a longer letter.)

**General Meeting 10th September 2002 - notice of proposal to change subscription structure:**

Notice is hereby given of a proposal to change the subscription structure of the Club, which will be put to members at the General Meeting of the AC on 10th September 2002. The proposed changes have been discussed with the ACG as required under Rule 28.

**Current subscription** categories and rates are as follows:

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

The **proposed new subscription** rates and structure are as follows:

**Full and Aspirant Members of the Alpine Club, and Members of the ACG**

Aged under 30 on 1st January, not receiving the AJ	£ 8.00	Aged 65 or over - living within 40 miles of London	£43.00
ditto, receiving the AJ	£19.00	- living elsewhere	£26.00
Aged 30-64 on 1st January, - living within 40 miles of London	£50.00	Long standing members, not receiving the AJ	£ 5.00
- living elsewhere	£30.00	receiving the AJJ	£10.00
Reduction for shared AJ (all classes)	£11.00		

*NB - existing ACG members aged 30+ will not be required to take the AJ.*

**Explanatory note**

The existing subscription of the Club is ridiculously complicated, largely because this has not been rationalised since the merger of the AC and the ACG. The main purpose of the changes is to bring the AC and ACG subscriptions into line. This will reduce the subscription for younger AC members, and give them the option not to receive the AJ. Older ACG members will no longer have this option, although existing ACG members can continue as at present. Please note that this is a change in the subscription structure, and is not intended to replace any review of subscription levels which may be put to the membership at the AGM in December.

**The future of the Annual Dinner - important issue for All Members !**

The Committee has been concerned for some time about the limited popularity of the Annual Dinner, and now wish to seek the views of the membership. Please read the following notes carefully, and use the enclosed form to give us your views.

Since its inception the Club has held a formal Annual Dinner in London, usually in December. In fact the Rules of the Club require this. The Committee has been concerned for some time that, in spite of our increased membership, attendance at the Dinner has fallen generally to below 100, less than 10% of the total membership. The Dinner has always been in London, as this is seen as the most convenient location for the major part of the membership. The proportion of members who live within 40 miles of London roughly reflects the high proportion of the overall population of the UK who live in this area. Outside London, the higher concentrations of membership are not in the large cities, but in the main climbing areas of North Wales, the Lake District, the Peak District and Scotland. However, none of these areas has more than 100 resident members.

When the Committee considered this a few years ago they agreed on two approaches. One was to try to increase the popularity of the London Dinner by inviting major figures in mountaineering as principal guests. The second was to

increase the importance of the informal dinners which are held at the climbing meets in North Wales, the Lake District, the Peak District, and Scotland, by encouraging local members to attend the dinner even if they were not on the climbing meet.

The first approach worked very well in 1999 with Heinrich Harrer (175 guests), in 2000 with Joe Brown (140 guests), but it has proved difficult to maintain the momentum, and numbers in 2001 were back below 100. The informal dinners, although usually very enjoyable, have failed to attract large numbers, the Lake District Dinners being the most popular, usually with about 40 attendees.

A new suggestion is that we move the Annual Dinner out of London, and make it a far less formal occasion. A specific proposal has been made to hold the 2003 Annual Dinner at the Shap Wells Hotel in Cumbria. This venue has been used by a number of climbing clubs (eg Fell and Rock, Nottingham MC) and reports have been favourable. Some of the advantages and disadvantages of the different location are given below.

**London**

**Advantages**

- more convenient location for a large part of the membership.
- spectacular venue at Bart's Hospital.

**Disadvantages**

- expensive meal.
- expensive accomodation for regional members.
- early end to evening with bar closing at 11.30.

**Shap Wells**

**Advantages**

- less expensive meal.
- affordable accomodation at the Hotel.
- more relaxed, informal occasion.
- later bar hours.

**Disadvantages**

- remote location for the majority of members, most would need to stay overnight.
- not a good time of year for a climbing weekend.

Please consider these issues carefully, and complete the questionnaire enclosed with this Newsletter. We need your help to make the Annual Dinner a more popular and representative event.

**Glyn Hughes**, Hon Secretary

**MEETS**

**Summer Chamonix Meet.**

**July 27 for 3 weeks.** This is a joint meet with the CC and ABMSAC, camping at Les Choselets and organized by Pam Caswell. 01305-851-872, [pam.caswell@tesco.net](mailto:pam.caswell@tesco.net)

**Lake District Meet. Sept 27/28.**

Rawhead, Langdale. Spaces for 12 men and 6 women. Dinner will be 'in house' (bring your own drink,) speaker tba. This meet is organised by Jeremy Whitehead, 4, Burlingham Park, Garstang, Lancs PR3 1PJ Tel: 01995-606528

**Cornwall Meet. Sept 9-16.** This is a joint AC/CC meet organised by Sally Westmacott. Tel: 01539-822684 [m.westmacott@virgin.net](mailto:m.westmacott@virgin.net)

**Yorkshire Meet Oct 26/27th**

Lowstern, Clapham, Yorkshire Dales. Organized by Ged Campion. Tel: 01922 493006 W, [ged.campion@talk21.com](mailto:ged.campion@talk21.com) Joint meet with Yorkshire Ramblers Club, staying at their hut in Clapham. Possibility of caving trip if enough interest. Gear can be hired locally. Fully catered meet. Ged will be laying on breakfasts and dinner on Saturday, with talk and slideshow on recent China Caves Expedition.

**ABMSAC MEETS**

**ALPS 2002**

**Tour du Mont Blanc.**

This meet generated a great deal of interest but few reservations so it has been postponed until another year. It is replaced by the shorter but no less interesting Tour of the Muverans (qv).

**Tour des Muverans. 1-7 Sept 2002**

The Muverans massif lies between Les Diablerets and Martigny. The Tour des Muverans follows a high level route right round the massif. The walk grants breathtaking vistas in to the depths of the Rhone Valley and beyond to Mont Blanc and the Pennine Alps. Accommodation will be in mountain auberges and huts. The walk starts and finishes at Pont de Nant, near Les Plans sur Bex. A fact sheet for the above meet is available from Alasdair Andrews tel. 0131 667 1529 or [alasdair.Andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:alasdair.Andrews@btinternet.com) N.B. from 24 June until 1 August contact is only possible on my mobile telephone 07703 479 481 between 6pm and 8 pm.

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**LONDON MEETINGS**

**Venue:**

**55/56 Charlotte Road**  
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 Rd. The Library usually stays open until 7pm.

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## London Lecture Programme

**Henry Day**, who has been arranging the London Lecture Programme for the past few years will be unable to continue with this important job for the foreseeable future for family reasons. **If you are interested in helping with this task on a temporary basis, please contact the Hon Secretary Glyn Hughes on (01494) 792073.**

## NORTHERN LECTURES

### Venue:

These evenings are held in **Longland's Cafe** above Outside in **Hathersage**. Lectures start at

**7.30pm.**

The speakers are arranged by Ed Douglas. If you have any ideas for speakers, contact Ed on 0114-236-5589 (0802584974 mobile) or at [ed\\_douglas@compuserve.com](mailto:ed_douglas@compuserve.com)

### Sept 18th Paul Knott 'New Zealand-land of the Stripey Thermals!'

Paul lifts the lid on mountaineering in NZ. If you've ever thought of climbing in the Southern Alps then don't mis this introductory lecture. And if you're planning a return trip, then Paul will also talk about some objectives only the locals know about!

### October 23rd Mick Fowler 'The North Face of Siguniang'

Mick has described his latest route on the North Face of Siguniang in Hengduan as one of the best of his life. The route takes what Mick describes as a Dru-like feature. "The route took six days up and two down the unclimbed N Ridge with five hanging bivouacs in a row. We got very thin. Record weight loss - about three stones between us. Brilliant route though - even though I say so myself!"

### November 20th Ian Parnell 'South West Face of Denali'

Ian, with Kenton Cool, made the 2nd ascent of the Denali Diamond last May, an 8000ft route on the SW face of America's highest mountain. Cool and Parnell spent 5 days on the route with hard mixed climbing at the top of the Triangle itself. the crux pitch was climbed over 2 days, Parnell lowering off halfway up late one evening for the worst bivi of his life!

### Dec 11th Alpine Climbing Group Meeting 'Everyone Interested Welcome'

## NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*Now that we are into the summer climbing season, please remember to pro - pose climbers of suitable competence whom you meet in the mountains and encourage other members you know to do the same. As always, if I can help prospective members in any way please get in touch or suggest that they do.*

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### NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome **Catherine Destivelle** who has accepted her Honorary membership of the Club.

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new Full members: **Colin Watts, Mark Winfield, John Leedale, Martyn Pavier, Elizabeth Bedford, Matthew Hartley and Michael Boos** - Michael has a particularly impressive list of climbs to his credit including such routes as soloing the North Faces of the Matterhorn and the Eiger.

### STOP PRESS

**It is with great sadness that I have to report the deaths of Hunter Johnson and Robin Cooper. They were killed on the NE face of Les Courtes on Sunday 7th July. Full obituries will appear in the Journal.**



Colin Watts



Mark Winfield



John Leedale



Martyn Pavier



Elizabeth Bedford



Matthew Hartley



Martin Dill

We also warmly welcome to the Club the following Aspirant Member:

**Martin Dallison** Reinsurance Broker British

Nick Kekus(P)

Martin Scott(S)

3 Park Cottages, Pigdown Lane, Hever, Kent, TN8 7L

### Candidates for Full Membership

The following candidates have applied for membership and, as per our rules, members are invited to communicate their views:

**Anna McCormack** Expedition co-ordinator British

Elliot Robertson(P)

Lindsay Griffin(S) Expedition Advisory Centre,

1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

### DEATHS

The deaths have been announced of Ursula Corning, Sir Peter Daniell, Stuart Ferguson, Peter Hicks OBE Cdr. CJWS Simpson CBE, DSC, J.F.Snam, & Oliver Turnbull.

**Martin Scott** Membership Secretary



**'Les Environs de St Branchier' by Samuel Weibel**



**Monte Viso by Elijah Walton's**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS 2002**

This year's Christmas card is a quality reproduction of Samuel Weibel's painting "Les Environs de St Branchier", which is in the Club's picture collection. The cards, which do not carry a date and have a simple seasonal greeting inside, are available in packs of 10 from the clubhouse or by post. There are some packs of last year's cards available, Elijah Walton's painting of Monte Viso **Order Form** for these cards is on the accompanying sheet.

**AC GUIDE BOOKS**

The following is the full list of the AC guidebooks in print and available from the office. (Each volume plus 75p postage unless collected from Club House)

	Members	Shop
Dolomites	£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 Bregalia	£13.25	£18.50
Valais West	£14.15	£19.50
Valais East	£13.25	£18.50

**Don't forget that AC members can now buy CC and FRCC guide books at 25% discount from Cordee(01162543579) for CC guides and from Ron Kenyon, 30 Wordsworth St, Penrith, CA117QF for FRCC guides.**

**BUNKHOUSE (at Charlotte Road)**

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. 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.

**The new telephone number for the AC Library is 020 7613 0745.**

**The Librarian is available 10.30 - 1.00, 2.00 - 5.00 Tuesdays to Fridays. For the time being, please leave messages for the Library on the Club's answerphone (020 7613 0755) outside these hours.**

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have been sent an interesting paper by Michel Tailland in *Babel*, revue de littérature française, générale et comparée, on the early history of the Alpine Club's library, discussing its acquisitions, mountaineers as writers, the development of guidebooks, maps etc. In the same journal there is also an article on the library of the D.O.A.V., (German/Austrian club).

The library has received notices about two exhibitions in north Italy this summer which A.C. members in the area would find interesting. The first is called "Dall'orrido al sublime: la visione delle Alpi" at via Senato 14, Milan, until 27 October. This is a major exhibition by the National Library of the Club Alpino Italiano to celebrate the U.N. International Year of Mountains and includes many of the English classics. A copy of the beautifully illustrated catalogue has been sent to us by the C.A.I. library.

The second is part of the "Settimana della Montagna" at Malé/Rabbi, 17-23 August, and focuses on D. W. Freshfield: Douglas W. Freshfield e la prima salita alla Presanella in the Teatro Comunale Malé. It may also be seen in the Forte Strino in Vermiglio at the foot of the Presanella from 21 July to 15 August.

**Please note that the library will be closed Tuesday 17 - Friday 27 September.**

### **Margaret Ecclestone, Librarian**

June 2002

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