



MAGAZINE:

We have issued the fifth club magazine this year. By duplicating the contents, and increasing the number of advertisements, we have been able to produce an excellent magazine with six maps and a first class cover. Despite the heavy losses of previous years, we expect to cover costs, and we hope that the magazine is now permanently clear of financial difficulties. Experience indicates that a semi-permanent editorial staff, which does not change from year to year, would ensure a good production without the expensive mistakes of the past.

I would like to thank John Comino for his excellent cover photograph and design, and the editor, Sybil Curtis. I particularly want to thank Pat Connaghan for the many long hours he devoted to organizing and supervizing the typing and printing of the cover, maps, and ~~maps~~<sup>CONTENTS</sup>; as well as for the time he spent gathering advertisements.

GENERAL:

For two or three years club activities have been predominately throughwalking, but, during the last few months, a marked change has occurred. During second term all basecamps were well attended, but very few people turned up for throughwalks: e.g. only nine went to the Tweed Ranges on the Queen's Birthday weekend. Associated with this there has been a sharp decline in the number and variety of private trips. It has always been thought important that club trips should ~~XXX~~ stimulate members to organize their own trips. This year most people have been content to leave all organization to the club. Private trips constitute the only effective way for exploring new areas, and for finding new routes in old areas, <sup>and</sup> the planning and running of private trips plays an essential part in the training of leaders. At the moment we are short of competent leaders, and, if the present trend continues, this will become a very serious problem. I feel that the present situation has one major cause. If we are to continue training new leaders, older members must provide a suitable example of initiative and leadership. In the last two years many older members have become inactive, and many of those remaining have become too sedate to provide this example.

After a couple of very active years the rockclimbers in the club have been very quiet. This appears to be the result of academic pressures.

No work has been done on the Barney Hut this year. Since many of the old members are prejudiced, I would particularly recommend the maintainance of the new hut to younger members.

This year slackness and <sup>in</sup>efficiency have appeared in a number of aspects of the club's organization. Despite the informal nature of the club there must be limits to our casualness.

I would like to thank all committee members for their help throughout the year, especially ~~XXX~~ Norwood Harrison for his efficient handling of transport, and the secretary, Barry Baker.

Finally I would like to congratulate the new committee, and wish them every success in the coming year.



Don Fotts.  
(President U.Q.B.W.C. 1963)