

Bill Billings

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Bill in mid-November. He was a long-standing member of the club, which he joined in 1987. He was an amazingly fit man for his age, but did not attend any club events in recent years due to his increasing frailty. I well remember waking early in a semi-darkened dorm in Braemar Youth Hostel one morning, the heavy scent of embrocation filling my nostrils, trying to figure out what the two whirling pink-clad apparitions were in my view. It was an upside-down Bill doing his early-morning

exercise regime, his Damart lined legs birling round furiously as he "bicycled" away on the dormitory floor! I think he was in his early-eighty's at that time, and that was in 1995. Bill was quite a character and in fact is mentioned frequently in Peter Kemp's book "Of Big Hills and Wee Men", at the period when he was most active and in his prime. He was an original, and on a walk was the one chap who frequently prompted the question, "Where's Bill?"

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