

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Meets Circular

Welsh Walk

May 18th

This hardy perennial is once again showing signs of budding and the stimulus of a few days warm sun may well bring it to a head.

The Welsh walk this year will be a repeat of the 1960 classic - the Rhinog - Moelwyn traverse, which the leader converted from tragedy into triumph by those sterling qualities of leadership for which he is justly renowned. For the less knowledgeable, the 1960 walk was notable in that it was the first occasion on which it became apparent to Welbourne's close friends, that he is no longer the well maintained, highly organised 'Grimpeur' that he used to be, when on the summit of Rhinog Fach in torrential rain, he discovered he had forgotten his Pak-a-mac. It was this same idiosyncrasy, now developed to a much higher degree, which manifest itself at Bullstoned in the affair of the cheese.

The camp site will be at the head of the road leading north from Bontddu towards Diffwys - the first mountain in the range. The map reference of the site is 655202 - Sheet 116. O.S. The hamlet of Bontddu is on the A 496 Barmouth - Dolgelly road. It seems logical to rendezvous in the 'Cross Foxes' at the junction of the A 458 and A 487, 3 miles from Dolgelly in order to 'tank up' for the long night ahead. It was here that Pettigrew pulled the handle from Pretty's car in 1960. Later, Pretty who was still muttering darkly about people who were unable to take their drink asked a chap who was on the job in the shop doorway, if he (Pretty) was going the right way for a fork in the road. The chap informed him in a far from jocular manner, that if he (Pretty) didn't move on rather smartly he would be going the right way for a poke in the eye.

It is intended early on Saturday morning to move the cars to Maentwrog and return in one which will be left at the start. After traversing the Rhinogs, it is hoped to make a bivvy in a barn map ref. 657371 - Sheet 116 O.S. on Saturday night. On Sunday morning the cars will again have to be moved this time to the hut and the return journey made in one as before.

The final leg will take in 2 of the principle summits of the Moelwyns and provides two alternative finishes, the more arduous one over Cnicht and Yr Aran or the lowland route through Croesor and Beddgelert, which it seems reasonable to suppose will be followed by the 'Owd uns'.

Finally, knowing that blokes like Gadsby and Hayes do not get out onto the hills very often, might I suggest that a useful piece of equipment would be a flysheet. It is unnecessary to carry a full tent and in any case some clod (usually Burgess) invariably burns a hole in the groundsheet.

FOOTNOTE: If you want the inside story on Jim Kershaw's latest activities, domicile etc., this walk is a 'must'.

P. JANES.

Working Party

May 25th

The hut is reserved for a working party by the Hut Sub-Committee on the above date. No hut fees will be required from any participants. The programme falls into 2 sections. A party of approximately 6 people will be required to assist in replacing the last remaining bargeboard which is rotten (A 'head for heights' is a necessary qualification for this job).

The remainder will be painting inside the house under the skilful direction of Master Painter G. Gadsby. Again 6 persons will suffice for this. It would help greatly if 'would be' painters could provide their own brushes. Cleaning fluid is provided.

As the job of replacing the bargeboard is a long and arduous task, I would be pleased to see members who assisted with the previous one, helping with this. This job must be done, because all the materials have been ordered and will be delivered, come rain or shine.

Members intending to climb on this particular weekend are asked to keep away from the hut.

For and on behalf of the Hut Sub-Committee

C. HOOLEY

Hut Custodian.

(It would greatly facilitate insurance claims if intending participants bring along their Union and National Health Cards.

Ed.)

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Island of Arran

Whitsun

The Arran meet will be centred in Glen Rosa as usual. Map reference 994381 Sheet 66. O.S. Anyone who has not climbed in Arran will find the coarse-grained granite, clean and sound with routes of all grades. The Main ridge is second only to Skye for fine views. The Rock Climbing Guide to Arran is available from S.M.C. 369 High St., Edinburgh. Price 3/6d.

On one of the days we hope to cycle across the island to Drumadoon Bay (not to watch the sun go down either) and return by the North Coastal Road. Cycles can be hired for a nominal sum in Brodick. (The Meet Leader has a Fairy cycle on order).

The ferry leaves on Saturday morning at 6.55 a.m. from Fairlie to Brodick and at 10.10 a.m. from Ardrosan to Brodick. Cars can be left on the pier (sounds like the Gadsby concert party) or garaged nearby. Anyone offering or requiring lifts should contact me in the Bell or phone Geoff Hayes, Nottm. 256750. For further information on Ferry services see the current A.A. Handbook.

G. GADSBY.

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Hut Bookings

May 17th - 19th Rugby M.C. - 15 Beds allotted.  
1 Bedroom vacant for Oread use.

August 16th - 18th Cennant M.C. - 15 Beds allotted  
1 Bedroom vacant for Oread use.

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