

MEETS CIRCULAR - APRIL/MAY 1975

At last the combined forces of pen and paper have sprung to life and here is the first circular of the Oread year. I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to this document for their speedy response at short notice. I hope that in future the 'by yesterday' factor wont be necessary and that the requests for write-ups will be dealt with in the same helpfull way.

May I apologise to Dave Appleby and to John Welbourn for omission/lack of advanced publicity for their meets, unfortunately this was unavoidable.

Finally would anyone whose address is incorrect or who knows of anyone not receiving information please contact the Hon. Secretary or any Committee Member so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

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WELBOURNE'S WANDER 25th/27th APRIL 1975

I propose to camp for two nights at Dolwyddelan, at the farm beneath the castle:

MR. PIERCE
BRYN TIRION FARM

There are a number of walks which can be done from this spot, such as Moel Siabod and Cefn Garw, so much depends on the weather.

The use of cars will be cut to a minimum.
Eggs and milk can be obtained at the farm.

J. WELBOURN

10th/11th

CWM COWARCH 2nd/~~3rd~~ MAY 1975

REG SQUIRES

A little south of our normal stamping ground, Cowarch is a splendidly situated venue. Craig Cowarch is a vast, if somewhat unusual crag, with 1½ miles of rock around the head of the cwm, and offers varied routes of all grades. The two big peaks of the area are Aran Fawddwy and Aran Benllyn. If either were a hundred feet higher the Welsh 3000rs would be a very trying walk indeed and as it is they provide a good day out from Cowarch. Opportunities abound for further walking on lower but delightfully unpopulated peaks in the area. There is an excellent campsite on the common just across the river. Cars should be left at the the end of the metalled road and gear carried across.

Situation - G.R. 854190 on O.S. 116 - Dolgellau.

Approach - Either the long way round - A5, Bala, Dolgellau, Dinas Mawddwy, or (better) Shrewsbury, Welshpool, and turn north to Cowarch just before Dinas Mawddwy.

See me in the 'Moon' on the previous tuesday for getting/giving lifts.

STANAGE 18th MAY 1975

PAUL BINGHAM

Something for everyone regardless of age, experience, or the weather. Just a sunday meet for most but of course there are sufficient routes for even the most active weekender. I shall be a day tripper and start at the traditional Black Hawk - Robin Hood area and then work towards the less crowded north at a speed governed by the size of the crowd. For the walkers there is a variety of moorland and valley walking in all directions. Have a quick burst and tune up for Whit.

ARRAN MEET 24th/31st MAY 1975

CHRISTINE CRADDOCK

After an absence of a few years, I have decided to once again introduce the Arran meet to the Oread calendar, and from the reports which have drifted down to these southern parts, i.e. South Bucks., I gather there is going to be a good turn out of Oreads on this meet.

The Isle of Arran is a very picturesque island set in the Clyde estuary, and for those of you who have never visited this island then I can recommend this meet, as there is plenty for the walker, rock climber, cyclist, sun-bather, etc.

The boats to Brodick (on the island) sail from Ardrossan (time - 1 hour approx.). For those who intend to take their cars on to the island, I would advise immediate booking if this has not already been done. For those of us who are attending this meet in true Oread spirit and are not taking their cars on to the island, then there is ample car parking (free) in the harbour car park at Ardrossan.

Paul and I will be travelling up to Ardrossan on Friday (23rd) with the intention of catching the 07.00 hours boat on Saturday morning, so we shall meet any Oreads travelling on that same boat.

I have handed to both Gordon Gadsby and Reg Squires details of the boat timetables for distribution to interested persons, but if anyone requires any further information then please contact me.

I have ascertained that camping is still allowed in Glen Rosa. This is not an official site and there are no facilities. Hope therefore arrangements can be made for the 'bog' tent to be conveyed to the island - if only to satisfy Welbourn!!! 'What about the 'bog' tent?', he muttered to me - Is that all he intends to do on this meet? Time will tell!!!

Glen Rosa is about 2 miles from Brodick and is situated in the heart of the mountains. It is the start of many fine ridge walks and peaks such as A'Chir and Cir Mhor, and at the head of the Glen can be found some superb rock climbing on Rosa pinnacle. All well worth a visit.

As a means of transport on the island, bikes can be hired at a charge of £1.80 per week (plus returnable deposit), tandems £3.00 per week (plus dep.). Nothing can compare with the Arran bikes for comfort and reliability!!! For anyone on this meet a few years ago, they will recall seeing a pair of feet, believed to be owned by Squires, furiously pedalling an Arran bike along the road from Corrie in an effort to beat a deflating tyre. This exhibition was repeated all the way back to the campsite, but without much success!!!

I have also obtained details of hire charges on the island for anything from golf clubs to televisions!! For further details contact me.

The pubs close at 10.00 p.m. (prompt) under Scottish Law, but I hope this will not deter anyone from attending this meet.

Should anyone require any further information, please contact me at The Shielling, 14 Hill Field Close, Downley, Bucks., telephone High Wycombe 27635 (home) or Maidenhead 31003 (works).

BERNINA ALPS

At a meeting arranged by courtesy of Pete and Sue Scott and attended by 14 members, it was decided that this years alpine meet would be held in the Bernina Alps in Switzerland over a period of 3 weeks.

These predominantly snow mountains contain routes of all standards with some classic mixed climbs at heights of up to 4000m. The Sella mountains can also be reached from the huts in this area - they are lower in altitude and present less serious mountaineering, but still offer very fine snow and ice routes.

Main access to the Bernina Massif is from the level valley containing the lakes of Silvaplana which runs from Pontresina to the Maloja Pass and it is intended to camp somewhere in this valley if possible. Camping details will be announced later.

If time and weather allows the meet leader also intends to climb in the nearby mountains of the Bregaglia East, an area seldom visited by British climbers and dominated by the Monte Della Disgrazia.

Anyone intending to go on the meet please let me know so that lifts etc. can be arranged. If you are unable to contact me in 'the Moon' please write to me at:-

Konstind,
7 Imperial Avenue,
Beeston,
Nottingham. NG9 1EZ.

Maps and guide books required are obtainable from Roger Turner's, 120 Derby Road, Nottingham, tel Nottm. 47230.

1. Bernina Alps - Collomb & Talbot (This also includes Sella).
2. Bregaglia East - Collomb and Talbot.

These books are produced by West Col, 1 Meadow Close, Goring on Thames, Reading, Berks..

Maps:-	1:50,000	Sheet 268	Julier Pass
	1:25,000	No. 1277	Piz Bernina
	1:50,000	Sheet 278	M. Disgrazia