

MEETS CIRCULAR - DECEMBER 1975

The season of good will and bad heads draws near and at last the 'summer of 75' seems to be fading away. However there are still a few choice offerings to serve up before the silly season takes full control and we begin planing next seasons climbs, reminiscing the old ones, and climbing neither!

The traditional Christmas will of course take place at Tan-y-Wyddfa and environs and is being unofficially organised (as all the best occasions are) by Ray (Biggles) Handley. Rumour has it that Santa will arrive in a tiger moth and will be sporting a handlebar mustache rather than the traditional flowing beard - such is progress.

Talking of progress, the Committee agreed at the last meeting to help the Peak Park anti-litter campaign by adopting Chatsworth Edge. Under this scheme we, as a club, undertake to maintain the edge in a reasonably tidy state. In fact this should cause very few problems to us provided everyone helps by using the odd half hour at the Derbyshire Hut to collect a few tin cans etc. from the crag. Polythene bags and instructions for the disposal of rubbish are to be found at the hut. What action you take with the powder puff and resin brigade is entirely up to you!

Keith Gregson

ROYAL OAK 2nd DECEMBER

A general miscellany of continental skiing films courtesy of Les Langworthy.

PLUS another exciting new secret venture into the unknown?

Please note: Entrance to evening meets has been raised to 15p in order to finance the purchase of a club slide projector.

BULLSTONES 6th/7th DECEMBER 1975

DIGGER WILLIAMS

At the time of going to press I am still awaiting confirmation of the booking of Lockerbrook Farm for the Friday night sleeping quarters. Failing this confirmation I propose the following alternative:-

After the usual fortifications at the Nags Head in Edale on Friday night we proceed in a northerly direction via Golden Clough and 'over the top' crossing the Ashop river just south of Wood Cottage, and then follow the Snake Road to Oyster Clough. There is a good path on the left hand side of the valley leading to the cabin at the head of Oyster Clough. Accommodation is capacity at 16 to 18 bodies. Any overflow can put up at the Snake Inn at three star prices. The distance is approximately 6 miles from Edale, much the same as Lockerbrook. If the weather is foul we will resort to tradition and kip in the Poltergeist Barn above Edale (OS 115859).

In any event Saturday will be spent in traversing vast areas of Bleaklow ending in the haven of Lower Small Clough Cabin (OS 148959). On Sunday we shall probably make a 'B line' to Edale in order to make the pub before closing time. This will be followed by high tea at the Church Inn at Edale as this has proved so popular since Harry Pretty initiated it. The cost will probably be around £1.50 per head.

For any new 'Bullstoners' this meet can be (and often is!) a rough one so be prepared for the worst.

The final plan will be sealed on the night. See me in the 'Moon' for transport etc..

BLACKHILL/CASTLE NAZE 14th DECEMBER 1975

NAT ALLEN

A Sunday meet for all ages in a classic area somewhat neglected by Oreads of late. The assembly point is on the lane leading up to the Lightwood reservoirs (O/S PEAK DISTRICT 747055). It is possible to park cars on the grass verge of the latter parts of the lane, or if there is no room you may have to park on the roadside nearer to Buxton. I propose we assemble at this point for an 11.00 am start. We walk Black Edge to Castle Naze for an hour or so climbing, sunbathing, and enjoying some or all of the crags 30 or 40 classic grit climbs of all grades which should try us all. Here we could take lunch and then complete the circuit of Coombs Edge past Whitehall and Curbar Hill back to the motors. As I said, 'a nice social day out', so lets have yer!

Yet another wild orgy in the barn. Bring your own booze and glasses. Would volunteers to provide food for the Norwegian table please contact Kath Chambers or myself in order that efforts may be coordinated and not duplicated.

HATS must be worn to gain admission - there will be prizes for the feller and filly with the most amusing headgear. Climbing helmets, balaclavas and other mountaineering hats are too obvious, so they are banned.

Any climbing/walking over the weekend will be of a purely spontaneous nature.

TUESDAY VENUE

Many of you will be aware that the committee has been considering whether or not the club should change its Tuesday evening venue. The suggestion was that we should use a private room at the Conservative Club, Spondon.

At rather short notice, interested parties were asked to go along and 'case the joint' on Tues 30th Oct. Approximately two dozen people turned up and aired their views.

Most expressed the opinion that the room was very pleasant but felt that it would lack the atmosphere of a pub. Only one person felt strongly in favour of changing; the rest either weren't bothered one way or the other or felt that the place would have to be tried out for a few Tuesday evenings before they could make up their minds.

At the committee meeting on Monday 3rd Nov. it was decided that a move would not be recommended and that we should stay at 'The Moon'. The major reasons were:-

1. The Oread would be obliged to let the Conservative Club know that the room was not required on such occasions as Bank Holidays and Indoor Meets. Besides being inconvenient to both sides this liaison would create yet another job for the committee to do.

2. Lack of atmosphere and no crumpet to ogle at (except of course, that bounteous supply which the club itself possesses)

3. Nobody likes Marstons anyway!?

NEW MEMBERS

At the Committee Meeting on Nov. 3rd. Yvonne Taylor was elected a full member of the Oread M/C. At the same meeting applications for membership were received from:-

JILL GREGSON
& JUNE PRICE

Would anyone with opinions on the suitability of the above applicants please communicate them to the Hon. Sec. or any Committee Member.

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