

MEETS CIRCULAR - JUNE/JULY 1975

Here we go again with another 'amazin' collection of things to do in and around the ale houses of Europe over the next couple of months.

In future I hope to produce a circular every couple of months or so. This may seem to be rather a long time between publications but bearing in mind the escalating postal costs I feel that it is a reasonable compromise, if not you will no doubt let me know?

I am also trying to organise the program of events for next year in order that meet leaders stand a reasonable chance of being able to book huts etc., especially for the winter meets. Would anyone who wants to visit a favourite crag, new area, secret woman in some remote valley etc., or who wants to perform some masochistic walk and who is willing to share the delights of such a venture by leading a meet please get in touch with me.

Previous meet leaders are also reminded that the 'Newsletter' relies on them to a great extent for its wit, comedy, and literary standing. Contributions (on scented note paper only) from them and anyone else with a story, grievance, problem(?), etc. will be gratefully accepted by Dave Appleby.

Keith Gregson

BEESTON TOR 1st JUNE 1975

KEN BRYAN

My original intention was to climb at the Alderley Cliff at Earl Sterndale. However, since the printing of the meets card I've discovered that climbers are requested not to climb there during May and June due to the presence of a rare species of owl which nests there.

I have therefore decided to hold the meet at Beeston Tor instead.

The crag offers longer routes than Alderley of all grades from about Diff. If the weather isn't so good the area has plenty of good walking for a Sunday meet so there should be something for all.

If you need a lift see me at the Moon the Tuesday before the Spring holiday (two weeks before the meet) and I'll try to fix you up.

Note The A.G.M. of the B.M.C. is to be held at Eyam on the Saturday before this meet (31st MAY). Details can be obtained from the Hon. Sec.

WASDALE 7th/8th JUNE 1975

STUART BRAMWELL

The Oread needs no introduction to Wasdale since this is one of the really great mountaineering areas in the Lakes but here is a quick run down of activities for people unfamiliar with the district. Probably the most popular crag is on Great Gable giving routes of varying grades but the energetic types might go for a quick burst up Black Sail Pass and knock off a route on Pillar Rock. For the walkers there is the Yewbarrow-Pillar group on one side and the Scafell-Great Gable group on the other. So the position could hardly be better, all we need is a goodly number of Oreads and some decent weather. Camping will be on the usual site G.R. 183076.

PRESIDENT'S MEET 21st/22nd JUNE 1975

GORDON GADSBY

THE FOURTEEN PEAKS WELSH WALK

For the benefit of prospective members or newcomers to the Club the aim of this meet is to traverse the 14 three thousand foot peaks in North Wales in one long day. The Welsh hut has been booked for the occasion and I shall endeavour to lay on either a football or cricket match on Sunday for the survivors on Black Rock Sands.

I intend to depart from Snowdon summit at first light on Saturday morning and traverse the first group, descending to the Pass by the North Ridge of Crib Goch. Then walk down to Nant Peris and start the next group - Elider Fawr, Y Garn, Glyders etc., descending to Ogwen by the North Ridge of Tryfan where it is hoped cups of tea will be laid on in the car park below Tryfan (look out for Green Renault 4 - PRF 659L.).

From there, for those who are still with it, up Pen Yr Olwen and over the Carnedd's (not forgetting Yr Ellen) to finish at Aber. There will be a glass of ale waiting in my car for all finishers (while stocks last). Cars will be parked at the end of the road leading up from Aber - we hope!

For this meet to be a success, we need wives and girlfriends who can drive so that there will be transport waiting at Ogwen and for the finish at Aber.

I would like to offer a little advice to anyone on there first 14 Peaks attempt. All are welcome on this walk, male or female, but to anyone not used to Oread long distance walks, I would stress, please make sure that you have your own map, compass, torch, whistle etc. - in the event of getting separated in bad weather these long walks can easily become an every man for himself job. Also carry a bivvy bag! I forgot mine one year and found myself bivvying with George Reynolds just below Crib Goch summit in one hell of a storm. Needless to say George was quite cosy in his poly bag and kept up a cheery conversation until it was light enough for us to finish the walk.

Finally, unless you fancy yourself as a hard walker, don't try to keep up with Crampons Ashcroft or our old man from Biddulph, George Rhodes.

And, whether you finish in twelve or twenty-four hours or not at all, don't forget the main thing is to enjoy it and have a good day.

Booking for beds at the Hut can be arranged through seeing me at the Moon or writing to 'Konstind', 7 Imperial Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1EZ. It looks like being a popular meet, so book early for a bed, anyone not booking must be prepared to sleep on the lounge floor.

ALSTONFIELD 27th/29th JUNE 1975

DEREK CARNELL

This meet will once again be placed on the 'George' campsite - in the paddock at the rear - late arrivals (Burgess please note) may have to overflow to Bert's field opposite. Don't stay away, there's room for all. I shall be in the George on Friday night or at least, if I am unable, my proxy Nat Allen will be, and he no doubt will drink with anyone who cares to turn up!

On Saturday I intend to 'get lost' down Dovedale, where most of the Seekers of Pleasure will be unable to find me - try the Col du Turd, there's some new routes being hatched there. On Saturday night a certain Bacchanalian Orgy will take place as usual. I have booked most of the meals at the George but, owing to the popularity of last years event, almost all of these have already been taken. The room will be available for all after the meal and I'm sure many of the day's events will become coloured as the night wears on. About this time, Burgess should appear, fresh from his last route, probably preceded by whoever is unfortunate enough to be his partner (Janes, please note!).

Sunday you may climb wherever you like - I shall be getting over the Hangover!!!

See you, I hope.

CLOGGY 5th/6th JULY 1975

RON CHAMBERS

'Cloggy' being one of the finest cliffs in North Wales is a must for anyone who calls himself a keen climber.

Even if you don't feel up to leading anything it is at least a chance to be taken up a route or two and if you have never done classics like Great Slab, Curving Crack, Longland's etc. they are an experience never forgotten.

As the base for this meet is Tan-y-Wyddfa this years Alpine men should find the walk over to Cloggy very beneficial.

As there is bound to be a rush for beds make sure that you see me and get yours booked as soon as possible.

I'm hoping to be in the Quellyn Arms (Rhyd-Ddu) Friday evening until closing time.

Further to the last circular, I have now received information from two camp sites in the Bernina area. I think the best idea is for the first arrivals to choose between the two. (There are at least three other sites, but I have received no replies). The sites are:-

1. Pontresina - The Site called PLAUNS and marked the same on the map. It is situated 3 kilometers beyond the town and before the turn off for Morteratsch.
2. St. Moritz Bad - this site is away from the town between Bad and Champfer and is believed to be the one we used in 1966. It is situated by the OLYMPIASCHANZE.

The sites are only half an hours drive apart, so could the first arrivals please leave a card fastened to their tent with OREAD written on at whichever site they choose to stay at. In the unlikely event of both sites being full or unsuitable, please leave a message at the reception kiosk stating which campsite you have chosen, i.e. Silvaplana, Maloja, Poschiarvo, or Punt Muragl etc. All campsites in the area are grade 2 with facilities such as shop, showers etc. and at the time of writing the charges at the chosen two are as follows:

Person per night	2.50	Swiss Francs
Car per night	1.00	ditto
Visitors Tax per night	1.50	ditto
Children under 12	1.25	ditto

For anyone not sure of the route to take from Calais, I would recommend the following - St. Omer, Arras, Perone, Rheims, Chalons sur Marne, Langres, Belfort, Basle, Zurich, Chur, Julier Pass (7,500'), Silvaplana, St. Moritz, Pontresina - a distance from Calais of around 600 miles.

For anyone arriving early and not knowing the areas, I can recommend the following peaks which can be ascended as training climbs without using a hut:

Piz Dela Margna (3158m)	Piz Fora (3363m)
Piz Corvatsch (3451m)	Munt Pers (3207m)

Each one is a magnificent view point. A cable car can be used part way for the latter two peaks, if you can afford it at 9 Francs single. Or if you are not keen to go so high, the walk from Sils or St. Moritz Bad to the restaurant on the Fuorcla Surlej at 2755m gives one of the finest panoramas in the alps, and takes about 3 hours.

If anyone wants to get to the harder climbs straight away, the classics of the area are the Ice-Nase on Schersen, the Biancograt on Piz Bernina, the Esselsgrat on Piz Roseg, and in Bregaglia East, the traverse of Dizgrazia by Corda Molla, A popular route of course is the traverse of the Piz Palu.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 20th or 21st July.

NEW MEMBER

At the Committee Meeting held on March 24th JOHN DOUGHTY was elected a full member. (Apologies for late announcement.)

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