

OREAD CIRCULAR

Christmas 1976

The seasons have turned their full circle once again and we are on the brink of another Oread year. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members (from both myself and all the other members) a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the mountains during 1977. I know that I am speaking for everyone when I extend that greeting especially to Margaret and Chuck Hooley - we all wish Margaret the speediest recovery and look forward to seeing you both returned to the Oread scene as soon as possible.

You will see from the enclosed preview of the Meets Card that the Oread is to have a full calendar of events next year and I would like to thank all the meet leaders for there participation. Thanks also to those who have lead the meets this year so successfully. I hope to produce the Meets Card as soon as possible but printing is always difficult at this time of the year and so, in order to keep everyone informed, I have taken the precaution of including the preview with this circular.

Whilst on the subject of meets it is probably worth pointing out that in order to use huts in the spring of 1978 we should be thinking of booking them now. Anyone interested please get in touch - and how about the Glen Brittle Hut for the Easter or Spring bank holiday in 1978?

To change tack a little, our own hut fund still has not reached the target of £1000, although 25 percent of the members have contributed 80 percent of the required loan. If all the members who voted for the scheme were to contribute even a small amount we should raise the money with ease!! - contributions to Lol Burns please.

Finally if any of you have had second thoughts about Christmas there are still a couple of places available in the Welsh Hut. If you would like to come - get in touch.

Keith Gregson

A.G.M.

Members are reminded that the A.G.M. is to be held on March 5th so that any proposed alterations to the Club rules should reach the Hon. Sec. by February 6th (Rule 17).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are also reminded that annual subscriptions are due on the 1st January and should be paid to Lol Burns as soon as possible. Unfortunately the Committee has felt it necessary to increase subscriptions next year in order to cope with inflation etc. The new rates are:-

Individual Membership	£3.00
Family Membership	£4.00

Please forward the appropriate sum to Lol Burns as soon as possible.

WELSH HUT 15th/16th JANUARY 1977

DOREEN HODGE

Here is the ideal opportunity to shake off the lingering spirits of Christmas and New Year and to clear out your lungs with some fresh air. The evenings will be drawing out and the snow and ice are ordered so there is no excuse for staying at home!

The Welsh Hut meets seem to get more and more popular so if you intend to go let me know as soon as possible.

See you in the Cwellyn on the friday night.

HEATHY LEA NOTES

A phantom visitor persists in leaving the main door to the cottage flapping in the wind and has struck again recently. Or possibly a more earthly visitor who has not properly closed the door! Please shut the door firmly, to ensure that the Ingersoll lock has engaged, and check before leaving.

Also a phantom crapper delights in filling the sanitary device to the revulsion of some. A usefull piece of advice should this reccur is - don't tell the custodian or sub committee - empty it! There is a commodious hole at the back of the hut, in the trees about due east of the barn door, for the benefit of those who haven't worked on the night soil run.

The storage heater is proving its worth over this damp weather and there have even been complaints of excessive heat! The cottage is now dry, with a fire going it is even cosy, so no excuse for not stopping. The circuits devised by the electrical team are complex (to a pen-pusher anyway) but are designed so that the storage heater and water heater work on an either/or basis. Please read the instructions in the meter cupboard before wreaking havoc with the various switches.

Our small library is remaining in good condition due to the previously mentioned heater. So that it will remain intact, a fiendishly simple means of control has been devised, namely a small blue book, headed Library Register, hanging near the shelves. Please sign out any books removed from the cottage, so that I can pounce after the statutory borrowing period and collect huge fines.

Lastly, phantom fungii are flourishing in the kitchen - please remove and report large specimens.

Reg Squires.

EVEREST Don't forget Alf Gregory's Lecture - ROYAL OAK JANUARY 11th.

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to Robin Sedgwick, Russell Walker, and Chris Wilson who were elected to full membership at the Committee Meeting on December 6th. At the same meeting applications were received from:-

MIKE DYER
STEPHEN EVANS
MARTIN MUSSON
WILLIAM TUCKER
and BRIAN & LYNN WRIGHT

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

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