

MEETS CIRCULAR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1976

May I start the first circular of 1976 by wishing you all a Happy New Year. If the opportunities for climbing are as good as they were in 1975 we should all enjoy another great year in the mountains. Perhaps we could even improve upon last year by requesting just a little bit of snow early on! but maybe that's being just a little too greedy.

I am/was (delete as appropriate) hoping to include the Meets Card with this circular but as yet the printer doesn't seem to have surfaced from the Christmas chaos. Still there is a possibility that it will appear whilst this is at the press, but in the event of it not being available please contact me at the 'Moon' if you have any queries (i.e. if you want to book holidays etc.). Unfortunately I have changed my address during the Christmas holiday and am now temporarily without a telephone, but I will circularise the number as soon as possible. My new address is :- 4 Chestnut Close, Aston-on-Trent, Derbyshire.

In addition to the meets listed below two of our prospective members intend to organise a day in the North Staffs. area to climb and walk in the Churnet Valley on January 18th. The meeting place will be outside 'The Tavern' in Denstone Village which is on the Ashbourne-Cheadle road (O.S. Sheet 120, 099405) at 10.30. Anyone interested should contact either Peter Joules or Peter O'Neil in the 'Moon'. I hope that as many of you as possible will support this venture and that in future we can organise, and publicise!, more of these spontaneous meets. The snowy Scottish season would seem ideal for this sort of gathering.

May I apologise to Brian West for not putting out the circular in time to publicise his Welsh Meet. Fortunately the information seems to have spread via the grape-vine and so the meet should be a success despite my failings.

Finally may I point out that the A.G.M. is to be held on March 6th and hence (rule 17) any proposed alterations to Club rules should reach the Hon. Sec. by February 7th.

Keith Gregson

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WELSH HUT 10th/11th JANUARY 1976

BRIAN WEST

A chance here to shake off that Christmas lethargy and start the New Year as you mean to go on, so what better than an invigorating(???) Welsh Weekend at the never-so-popular Tan-y-Wyddfa?

Doubtlessly due to the grapevine, bookings are already coming in, so if you want to be sure of a bed or to arrange a lift please see me as soon as possible in the 'Moon'.

I shall be in the 'Cwellyn' on the Friday evening, see you there.

BINGLEY FILM FESTIVAL 17th JANUARY 1976

This event is being organised by Bingley College via Pete Livesey, Centresport, and the BMC. It is to be held at Bingley College and will commence at 3.00 p.m. There will be a nominal charge depending on the final cost of hiring the films. A programme of approximately ten films is being arranged and bars and refreshments will be available between showings.

Fylde Mountaineering Club Hut, Stair. - M.R. 211237

This is a modern purpose built hut situated at Stair with plenty of good walking country all round.

If that rare commodity - snow - should be around it is only a few miles to Seathwaite and winter climbing on Great End or Scafell. For those who enjoy frozen fingers there is plenty of rock climbing on Eel Crag and Dale End, and I have heard that Peter O'Neil is going to continue his search for 'One Step in the Clouds' on Shepherds in Borrowdale.

The approach is M6 to Penrith, A66 through Keswick, then left to Portinscale where a right turn leads past the Swinside Inn to Stair. The hut is 100 yards out of stair on the road to Little Town.

I will be at the 'Moon' on tuesday nights to collect names (first come, first served) and arrange transport, and on the Friday night I hope to make it to the Swinside Inn before closing time.

ROYAL OAK - OCKBROOK 3rd FEBRUARY 1976

The next indoor meet will be presented by Dennis Davis and his subject is to be 'NUPTSE'. If Denis is to maintain his reputation this slide show can be nothing short of brilliant, so make a point of getting there. Bring along your friends too and make sure that the evening is a great success. Rumour has it that we may be getting the 'professional treatment' from a guest star projectionist?!

Note We have been requested by the management of the Royal Oak to point out to our members that the presence of children under the age of 14 on licensed premises is illegal.

OREAD/M.A.M. JOINT MEET - OWEN 7th/8th FEB 1976

T. BRIDGES

As usual this meet will take place in the M.A.M. hut - @lan Dena, situated at the head of Llyn Ogwen.

Bookings to me as soon as possible. Initially I shall only accept 12 male and 8 female bookings since I must leave room for M.A.M. bookings. Nearer the date I should expect to be able to increase this. I will sort out transport the Tuesday before.

Full winter gear, including ice axe, essential. With any luck there will be snow though last year we rock climbed in a heat wave!

NEW MEMBERS

At the Committee Meeting on Dec. 1st. an application for membership was received from :-

JOHN LINNEY

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

FOR SALE

SCARPA - Size 7, worn three times. Mens boots, double leather. Contact Mrs. Page on Derby 59932.

WANTED

CRAMPONS to fit Trento Boots (English Size 6), eg Salewa Size 0. Contact Stuart Fifth 20 Dumbles Close, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.