

MEETS CIRCULAR MARCH/APRIL 1976

Now that the A.G.M. is over and the winter is drawing to a close (What winter?) we can once again look forward to the more practical/enjoyable aspects of the Clubs activities. To this end some of us turned up at the 'Moon' on Tuesday March 9th in order to discuss the venue of the Alpine Meet. The result was an unopposed decision that we should hold the meet at Chamonix, camping somewhere in the Argentier area. Ron Chambers is going to look into the details of the campsite and will no doubt give us the information as soon as possible. Meanwhile would all veterans of the Chamonix area examine their slide collections and bring along a sample showing some of the routes (and other attractions!) in the area - not just the desperate climbs. These will of course be shown at the next indoor meet at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, on Tuesday April 6th.

Finally there was an omission from the proceedings of the A.G.M. in that there was no vote of thanks proposed for the retiring members of committee. May I now put that right and say thanks on behalf of all our members to the three retiring members, namely Derrick Burgess, Chris Radcliffe and Gordon Wright.

Keith Gregson

PROEGATT 21st MARCH 1976

LES PEEL

A one day affair this, although I expect to be at the Derbyshire Hut on the Saturday night and shall doubtless have to be prized from the bar of the Wheatsheaf in the small hours! The crag needs no introduction, plenty for everyone with a good walk from the hut if you have a hangover to see off. See you there.

WELBOURNE'S WANDER 3rd/4th APRIL 1976

JOHN WELBOURNE

The meet will follow the same pattern as last year and I propose to camp for two nights at Dolwyddelan again. The campsite is at Bryn Tirion Farm (Mr. Pierce) which is situated just below the castle.

There are a number of walks which can be done from this spot, such as Moel Siabod and Cefn Garw, and for the less energetic there is climbing on Carreg Altrem and the Giants Head.

Eggs and milk may be obtained at the farm.

Due to popular demand this meet returns once more to the Oread Calendar. I propose to camp at Mr. James' Farm, Upper Porthmawr, Whitesands Bay, St. Davids. To reach the farm, take the B4583 from St. Davids towards Whitesands Bay (2 miles). About 200 yards before the beach, caravans will be seen on the right at the corner of the lane leading to the farm. We usually camp in the field on the opposite corner of this lane. First arrivals please ask at the farm and mention my name.

To most Oread members the delights of Pembrokeshire need no introduction. For prospective members and others who may be paying a first visit, this is an ideal family place with sea cliff climbing, long coastal walks, swimming and surfing. The beaches are magnificent, especially Marlowe Sands, Newgales, Whitesands and many small coves. The nearest climbing is on Red Cliff (25 min. walk from the campsite), practise your abseils before you come. There are climbs here on good rock from Diff. to H.S. of about 250 feet. Further along the coast there are more splendid cliffs with climbs for expert and tyro alike. Details of these and other climbing areas can be found in the new guide book 'Rock Climbing in Pembrokeshire' by Colin Mortlock (Roger Turner has them in stock at Mountain Sports, Derby Road, Nottingham). There is also John Cleare's book 'Sea Cliff Climbing'. For even more up to date information ask Derick Carnell to show you his list of new climbs (many by Oread members) and don't forget there is still plenty of unclimbed rock in Pembrokeshire.

For wet days (who said that!) the area abounds with pubs, castles, fishing villages and the striking cathedral with its Bishops Palace. It may also be possible to visit the Bird Island of Skomer in St. Brides Bay, weather permitting. If you are still feeling fit after a day's climbing, walking, or festering, beach football will also be arranged before visiting one of the many excellent pubs.

Anyone who would like more information on the climbing etc. see me at the Moon.

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were elected on March 6th. They are PAUL BEVERLEY and JOHN LINNEY. Congratulations and welcome to you both.

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