

At last it looks as though the long hot summer has come to an end, still there is always the possibility of a long hard winter to look forward to!

News on the Welsh Hut project is that planning permission has been obtained and so we are now awaiting the grant decision which should be available within the next few days. Meanwhile the extension fund has now topped the £500 mark but we are still well short of the £1000 target - - -.

Looking forward beyond the next couple of meets, Members will doubtless be wandering about the traditional Christmas Meet at Tan-y-Wyddfa. In the absence of alternative meet leaders (Santa Claus couldn't make the full weekend) I shall be organising the Christmas Spectacular. I intend to book a couple of meals, probably on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day and to pull in a few other entertainments! All will be welcome, as will suggestions and help regarding the organisation of the festivities. If you intend to join the Christmas Meet at the Hut please get in touch with me. Beds will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

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LIMESTONE WALK 9th/10th Oct 1976

DIGGER WILLIAMS

After a short briefing with a few interested members I am now proposing that we rendezvous at Derby railway station at 6.15pm on the Friday evening. We shall then take the train to Edale departing at 6.40pm (change at Sheffield, price £1.75).

This will both minimise transport problems and give a nostalgic flavour to the start of the meet. Unfortunately British Rail will not put a steamer on, only a smelly diesel.

On arrival at Edale we shall proceed to the Nags Head (no introduction necessary) and bivi in as orderly fashion as possible in the fields at the back - or somewhere out of sight!

On Saturday we shall sally forth due south via Mam Tor to Dam Hall (sounds like Digger's navigation - Ed), thence following the Dales to Miller's Dale and Monsal Dale via the railway tunnels - torches a must if these are not blocked off. The route will then continue via Deep Dale and Moneyash.

At the time of writing I am awaiting a reply to the booking of the Orphius Caving Club Hut situated near Newhaven at OS 146629 on the One Inch Peak Tourist Map (not metric). Failing accomodation we shall have to bivi again. In the light of this uncertainty it is recommended that bivi gear be carried including shared fly-sheets, tent poles, and the usual multifarious cooking paraphernalia.

The walk on Sunday will end at Ashbourne - via the George at Alstonfield of course! Will all participants arrange their own transport from Ashbourne and give lifts where possible?

