

After the Dovedale Dash - one of the few painful operations which involves anaesthetising yourself after the event - comes the Bullstones, where they do the thing the right way and are pretty well unconscious before they start! Then of course, it's Christmas and here's hoping everyone has a great time and is well enough to turn out for New Year's Day at Brassington to work up a thirst to quench at the "Gate". And by the way, don't forget to put on clean underwear for the Dinner - you never know.....

Beryl Strike, 9 Bailey Street, Derby DE3 6SD.

BULLSTONESDEC 2/4JOHN LINNEY

If you are lucky enough not to know what this meet entails and wish to find out, I suggest you meet me on the Friday evening in the "Nag's Head", Edale, prepared for a real "rough-it" weekend. The rest of you who do, like me, want your heads looking at.

It was my desire (Now watch it, this is a family paper! Ed.) to keep up the traditions of this meet and it seems it could be more traditional than I envisaged, for I haven't been able to book Lockerbrook Farm, and if an alternative in the same locality cannot be found we may find ourselves at Poltergeist Barn once more. Ain't it exciting, not knowing when you set out for the "Nag's" where you're kipping that night. Turn up and all (I hope) will be revealed

Once again, I have provisionally booked 30 places at the "Jolly Rambler" Hotel for those who wish to retire there (after the "Nag's" of course) for the usual meal on Sunday afternoon at about 3 pm. Gammon, peas and chips, tea, bread and butter £1.75 (inc VAT) per person. Will those of you who wish to finish the meet in fine style with this meal please let me know by the weekend before, so I can finalise the numbers with the Hotel. Finally - for those of you who can't make it - tough! For those of you who can, though we may regret it - see you in the "Nag's", Friday night.

CHRISTMAS - TAN Y WYDDFAKEITH GREGSON

Only a few places left, so if you haven't already booked, you'd better be swift! The meals which the Christmas "bunch" went out to last year were greatly enjoyed, and two more have been booked this year. Both are at the Tan Ronen at Beddgelert, one on Christmas Eve, and the other on Boxing Day. If you wish to book in for either or both of these meals, please let me know as soon as possible, so that bookings can be confirmed with the hotel.

INDOOR MEETS - ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOKDEC/JAN

Just a reminder that December 6th is Member's night - bring your slides and help to make this a success.

Jan 10th - Antarctic - Rock Hudson. Some years ago, Rock spent approx a year in the Antarctic. I'm sure his experience will be of interest to the Oread.

Ken Bryan.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT - FOR SALE: Koflach Ski Boots, Size 5. Lady's model, silver grey with fur lining. Very good condition £20.

Also navy boot bag £5.

Contact Rosemary Grayson, Langley Mill 3653.

TELEPHONE NUMBER. The Welbourns are now on the phone - Bangor-on-Dee (097 872) 751.

WANTED Fireside-type chairs for Tan y Wyddfa, also cutlery and mugs (ho!ho!) for both huts. See Ken Hodge for Tan y Wyddfa and Peter O'Neil for Heathy Lea.

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TAN Y WYDDFA BOOKINGS

Dec 3/4 4 Beds taken Dec 10/11 19 Beds taken Dec 17/18 EMPTY
Dec 24/Jan 1 Oread Meet Jan 7/8 16 Beds taken

BMC TRAINING GRANT

Below is reproduced a letter received from the BMC. (The Committee have written in support of the BMC to the MP for Derby North, who has said that he will put the views expressed in the letter to Dennis Howell, to whom a copy has been sent.) At the foot of the letter was space for name, date and address and signature, prefixed by the words "As my local Member of Parliament, I ask you to press that the training grant be restored to the BMC forthwith."

"BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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14th October 1977

URGENT - TO ALL MOUNTAINEERS

The BMC is now in serious dispute with the Sports Council which is supposed to INFLUENCE British sport, not CONTROL it. (See Sports Council Annual Report 1975/76, Foreword by Sir Robin Brook).

Within the last few days, arbitrarily and without consultation, the Sports Council has cut off the BMC Training Grant thus jeopardising the future of a well proven and well run operation existing for over 5 years, guided by the Technical Adviser, Peter Boardman.

The Sports Council propose to cut the BMC grant by 50%. Not only does this affect the training side of the BMC, it endangers all the functions of the BMC, and its continued operation.

The BMC considers that the Sports Council is wrong, ill advised and destructive.

It would be wrong and unsafe for a body other than the BMC to attempt to set standards of competence in mountaineering since the BMC in its membership embraces some of the best climbers and climbing educationalists in the world.

We urge you to TAKE ACTION NOW by sending this letter, duly signed, to your local MP.

(signed)

Robert Pettigrew - President

Chris Bonington - Vice President "

The Committee strongly suggest that any Club Members who wish to write in support of the BMC should do so as soon as possible, sending letters to their local MP's.

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