

After what was, for most of us, a damp Bank Holiday, we can only hope for better things for the main summer holidays. However, we seem (touch wood!) to have been a bit more fortunate with the Wednesday evening meets. Don't forget that there are official evening meets on July 6th (Dovedale), and August 24th (Black Rocks).

I had a message a few weeks ago from John Linney that he again had cheap films available for purchase. I hope that this is still the case, but will have to leave it to members to contact him themselves. His phone number is Penkridge, Staffs (Code 078-571) 3342.

Beryl Strike, 9 Bailey Street, Derby DE3 6SD

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

The payment of Membership fees was discussed at a recent Committee Meeting and the Committee wish to draw attention of each member to the fact that, according to the Club's Constitution, Subs are due on the 1st January and after 6 months lapse, membership is technically terminated.

Both the Hon Treasurer and the Committee do not wish to enforce this rule, but it must be recognised that due to mounting costs of circulars, postage etc that a certain amount of cash flow is necessary. This is independent of any cash required for Huts up-keep which is provided for in a separate account funded by Hut bookings. This is also the case for the Welsh Hut Project, funded as you know from members' voluntary contributions and the Sports Council grant.

The Committee feel that it is in the best interest of the Club that members should pay up their Subs before forgetting or lapsing and that the rule stated could be actioned if necessary. Those who have not done so should please pay up NOW.

THE COMMITTEE

ALPINE MEET - SAAS-GRUND

16 JULY - 5 AUGUST

K. HODGE

The Alpine meet this year will be based once again at Saas-Grund in the Pennine Alps.

There are two category 2 campsites in Saas-Grund, "Bergheimat" and "Am Kapellenweg", but unfortunately I have only been able to obtain information and tariffs relating to the "Bergheimat" viz.-

Tariffs	Adult per night	2.50	Swiss	Francs
	Children 6-16 years per night	1.30	"	"
	Tent per night	1.00	"	"
	Car per night	1.00	"	"
	Visitors' tax per night	.30	"	"

Reductions for Camping Carnet holders.

The campsite has all the usual mod. cons. offered by category 2 campsites i.e. hot & cold washing cabins and showers, toilets etc. It isn't possible to reserve plots on the site so this may possibly be the best bet for our base, no doubt first arrivals will "suss-out" the best site for us.

For those who have not visited the area before the following maps and guide books will be useful:

Maps: 1:50,000 Cartes Nationales De La Suisse series sheets 284 (Mischabel) and 274 (Visp).

Guides: the area originally was covered by 'Selected Climbs in the Pennine Alps Vol. I', but I understand this has since been split into two volumes itself.

Saas-Grund is a handy centre for the Weissmies Hut and Almagelleralp Hotel for routes in the Weissmies Chain on the Fletschorn, Lagginhorn, Weissmies and Sonninghorn.

Saas-Fee is a five minute drive or a thirty minute walk away and offers some of the finest scenery in the alps with views of magnificent splendour, from the cirque of rugged 3,000 metre peaks encircling the head of the valley to the gentle beauty of the lush meadows with their profusion of wild flowers. Saas-Fee is the starting point for the Britannia and Mischabel Huts, the Langfluh Hotel and routes in the Mischabel Chain on the Strahlhorn, Rimpfischhorn, Dom, Taschhorn and Alphubel to name but a few.

If there is any time for relaxation, then Saas-Fee will provide all the necessary. See you there!

ROCHES 30-31 JULY

R. SQUIRES

(Reg gave me permission to do the write-up for him, except for the camping details which he gave me, so I can indulge myself in lumbering him for leading all comers up the Sloth and Saul's Crack, followed by a blindfold solo ascent of Valkyrie and a ditto descent of Via Dolorosa, followed again by treating everyone to a pint. However, I feel that the latter is unlikely, so will restrict myself to saying that I am sure that if you turn up, preferably on Saturday, there will be plenty of scope for enjoyment. See Reg - if he doesn't take off for Kenya in the meantime - for more detailed info. re. camping, lifts etc. Ed.)

Camping will be at the farm below Hen Cloud, on the right. Ask at the farm if you are first, for permission.

Cheap (NEW!) Boots. Gordon Gadsby reports that he has seen Dachstein and Kastinger boots cheap (average £17.50), some reversed leather, at the camping shop in the Urmston Centre, near Stretford, Manchester. Must be old stock, as Gordon estimates that they would be around £30 value.

Child's Boots for sale, continental size 31, about £2.50. See Colin Hobday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian and Liz West on the birth of their son, Simon, at the end of May.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron Sant and Yvonne Taylor who have finally named the day - July 9th. Ron reckons that he knows nothing about it (the wedding, that is!), but we wish them all the best anyway. (New address - "Treen" (I don't believe it, it says 'Aroma Villa' on the name-brick set into the wall. Ed.), 20 Ashby Road, Melbourne, Derbys. Tel: Melbourne 3579.)

ADDRESS STICKERS. you should find enclosed with this circular an address sticker giving details of the names and addresses of the committee, which should be stuck in your members' handbook.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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