

It's nice to know that summer is well on the way again, and we can once again get out our lightweight weatherproofs. But here's hoping that the old chappies who appear on T.V. declaring that their arthritic knees/seaweed are forecasting another scorcher of a summer are right - especially if it's in time for the R. Squires/H.M. Queen joint jubilee jamboree bank holiday.

For those of us unfortunates who can't make Gairloch - don't forget that the next official evening meet is Wildcat on June 8th.

Heathy Lea drains. Those who worked so hard on the unpleasant job of clearing the sink blockage will agree that this subject is 'ripe' for comment (sorry!). However, the blockage was at least partially caused by grease which had been poured down the sink. So - PLEASE POUR UNWANTED FAT INTO AN OLD BEAN-CAN OR SIMILAR RECEPTACLE AND PUT IT INTO THE WASTE BIN.

Tan-y-Wyddfa coal bunker. J. Welbourne Esq. has requested that more care should be taken by those attempting to wrest coal from the new coal bunker, which has a super-heavyweight lid. So far, he has recorded three hernias, one decapitation and an enquiry from the Salvation Army Missing Persons Bureau, and has the tedious job of removing severed fingers from the coal (they're useless as kindling).

BMC Insurance. This is now due on 24th June. Dave Williams has copies of all new premiums. Anyone who has not received one should apply to him immediately. His address is 101 Wood Road, Chaddesden, Derby, and it would probably be advisable to send a S.A.E. if you want one posting to you. The scheme has now been reviewed and if you are interested, you will want to study the different insurance now available.

Meets write-ups for July and August, if possible, will be gratefully received by 14th June.

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

GAIRLOCH BANK HOLIDAY 4-10 JUNE R. SQUIRES

Many Oreads have visited the mountains of Wester Ross, and these need no introduction. For the members making a first acquaintance, the area of Gairloch is a wilderness of big mountains, countless lochs and deep valleys, with a distinct absence of roads. The ridges are amongst the finest in Britain, long, arduous and of a mountaineering standard of interest. An Teallach to the north of the area (which I intend to visit) offers five miles of high peaks and pinnacles, and no cosy means of access. Rock climbing is spread out, but routes tend to be big, some of a high standard, and serious on account of length and remoteness. Carnmore, unfortunately, is fully booked, but plenty remains! Many variations of coastal, bog and valley walking are possible, not to mention pastimes such as fishing and birdwatching! Campsite had been cunningly selected to appeal to camp followers and festerers, whilst being in sight of the hills. It occupies the sand dunes at Big Sands, 3 miles west of Gairloch village. Shop and launderette at site - Gairloch Hotel for the medicinal dram - no need to fear the Scottish climate! Map is OS Sheet 19, Gairloch and Ullapool, and the campsite is at GR 752788. The SMC guide "Northern Highlands", whilst expensive, gives the best overall guide to mountain and crag. Rock guides are available. I hope to arrive on Sat. 4th June. See me at the 'Moon' for lifts and further details. Please turn up or I will lose heavily on site booking deposits!

TAN-Y-WYDDFA ALPINE TRAINING WALK 11-12 JUNE K. GREGSON

I feel that the usual training walk over the "Welsh Fourteen Peaks" deserves a well-earned rest and so this year the pre-Alps thrash will be run (eek! Ed.) on a new course.

I have it on good authority that "Flash Ash" will be in the Lake District on a

pub crawl, so figured that the area should be avoided at all cost in case we either get mown down and trodden underfoot, or lost in the condensation trail. In any case, if HE is going on a pub crawl you can bet the pubs will all be shut.

So the walk will be based on the Welsh Hut and is simple to describe:- the object will be to traverse the entire skyline as seen from Tan-y-Wyddfa. I intend to start early on Saturday morning (7 or 8 am), by ascending Mynedd Mawr, from thence on to Moel Eilio and so on around the skyline over Snowdon and Yr Arran down to Beddgelert for shandies (if you're quick!). Then we shall have a leisurely stroll back over Moel Hebog, along the ridge to Y Garn, and so back to the hut.

The complete walk is approximately 23 miles in length (neglecting ups and downs!) and involves approx. 11500 feet of ascent. It is thus a comparable, though slightly easier walk than the fourteen peaks. It also has the advantage that back-up parties will be unnecessary as the participants will be able to "back-off" at almost any point.

We shall no doubt destroy any beneficial effects of the walk in the "Cwellyn" on Sat. night and on the Sunday I think a climbing/swimming/sun bathing match may be arranged in the Moelwyns.

See me at the 'Moon' for hut places, and at the "Cwellyn" on Friday night to fix the starting prices!

ALSTONFIELD

JUNE 18-19

DEREK CARNELL

Once again the combination of superb limestone and the generally excellent cuisine at the George Hotel coupled with adequate camping facilities will ensure the successful attendance at this Meet of all those people you see out so infrequently. However this year there is a twist - it's going to rain!

Nevertheless, I have booked 36 meals at the George for Sat. night, and consequently, to aid my diet, I shall require at least another 34 people to ensure it gets eaten: (correction: 24 people - Roland and Gregson are going!). There are places, and while many of you were probably put off previously by the suspiciously low price, or the fact that you thought it was all cut and dried beforehand - try letting me know if you want a meal (steak or trout). It has to be 'first come-first served' - what fairer way is there? (Who knows, though, if you went last year, you might want to vote for another method of selection!) In past years a round dozen of us have sampled the ale on Friday night, and I hope this tradition continues. Even without a meal do turn up, preferably with more gear than some people at the Eric Byne Campsite the other week - Meet Leader included! There is plenty to do - climbing Sat. in Dovedale, Sunday where you will, a full social get-together - bring the little lady - and who knows, Radders may yet again amaze us with another of his technical innovations. Be pleased to see you, whatever.

WASDALE

JUNE 25-26

DEREK BURGESS

Wasdale offers something for all - excellent hill walking and the best of climbs at all grades. Camping will be at the N.T. Campsite at the head of the lake and traditionally we camp at the rear of the site (handy for the bogs). This, then, is the meet you should not miss - Scafell, Gable, Pillar - all names to conjure up memories of great climbing done in the past and tempt you to climb the routes you have read about all winter. The weather has been booked (rain!), so let's have a good attendance.

CLOGGY

JULY 2-3

DAVID WRIGHT

For those unfamiliar with this meet (if there are any), Cloggy offers some of the finest climbing in Britain in suitable impressive surroundings with plenty for everyone. As usual, Radders will be doing all the great classics, including

his traditional abseil from the first stance of Shrike. Because this is usually one of the best attended meets, and in order to avoid hut overcrowding, preference will be given to persons who intend to climb on Cloggy.

See me for bed and transport arrangements.

CADER IDRIS

JULY 9-10

RAY HANDLEY

Once again, here is a chance for you to attend this popular meet. The area is beautiful, the campsite idyllic. The crag gives routes of up to 500 feet from Diff. to V.S. The Climbers Club interim guide of 1967 is now included in the new mid Wales guide.

The approach to the campsite is via Dolgellau, leaving on the A493. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mile from the centre look out for a narrow lane on the left. This leads to Llyn Gwernam. After passing this look for a narrow lane on the left with a telephone box adjacent. The campsite is just over the wall near a stream on one's right, so you can't miss it! Toilets at the picnic site just down the road.

The Gwernam Lake Hotel nearby is good for beer. See me at the 'Moon' for details and lifts.