OREAD MEETS CIRCULAR FEB/MARCH 1978

For those of you who bother to read the purple prose outpourings at the top of each circular, this is just a reminder that the pleasure of your company is requested at the AGM on March 4th at Baslow. Details are included later in this circular, so please put a note in your diary - preferably a 1978 one. (We're having a whip-round to buy one for Burgess, who is still using his 1971 Patience Strong edition!)

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JOINT MEET WITH MAM FE

FEB 10/12

TREVOR BRIDGES

For those who do not know it, the MAM hut, Glan Dena, is situated at the head of Llyn Ogwen.

The area needs no description. In previous years we have climbed gullies on Y Garn in perfect snow conditions, ascended Tryfan and Bristly in similar conditions, climbed on the E. Face of Tryfan in shirt sleeves and watched continuous pouring rain from the windows of the hut. Ice axes are essential if you want to be sure of doing more than walking round the lake.

Glan Dena is a cold hut, so bring plenty of warm clothes. Based on previous years' experience, a full plumber's kit, Elsan toilets and a spare boiler will also be useful. However I am hoping my run of bad luck on hut facilities has run out by now!

I shall only start taking bookings 2 weeks before the meet and will only reserve half the hut until the Tuesday before. This is to give MAM members the chance to book up.

FELL RACE

FEB 19TH

NAT ALLEN

Once again, or should I say for the second time in history, the opportunity for Oreads and their immediate enemies has arrived to do battle in the Fell Race

The conditions remain as last time. The course is a closely guarded secret, as is the handicap that rules the final placings. Three or more check points that must be clocked in at will be cunningly placed throughout the surrounding countryside. The entry fee (no inflation) will be 10p to offset running costs etc. Entries whould be made to Nat Allen, as soon as possible to give some time to do the sums. But it will be possible to sign on the line. We will require the ladies that can't or won't run, to man the soup kitchen, and a couple of check point marshalls will be needed; the only qualification for this task is a Doctor's note. The rest run! Youth and a few friends are welcome, but please, again I think, "no children". Dress according to the day_remember last year! (Could we ever forget?? Ed.) A $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (1:2500) map of the area - Calver - and a compass may prove useful, and of course, the maidens again, in case Sedgwick needs the kiss of life.

Three groups- the first one starts at 11.00am prompt, say Ashcroft, Rusty and Johnny Corden. The second group, 11.20, those who finished a bit higher last year, say O'Neill, Strike and Sant, and the hotshots handicapped out of it with no chance, Digger Williams, Brian West, Hobday and Hairy Radders at 11.40am.

Turn up early for the unveiling of the secret course map, and of course it is a weekend meet. I will be in the "Wheatsheaf" Friday night, so put on the boxing gloves now lads and give it hell!

FEB 25/26

SEDBERGH

KEN BRYAN

After a successful winter camping meet in Swaledale last year, I am hoping to repeat it this year, but with a slight change of venue. I plan to camp at Cross Hall Farm (Mr and Mrs T Harper), Coutley, Sedbergh, Cumbria. The site was used on Harry Pretty's meet 18 months ago; it is marked on the 1:50000 First Series Sheet 98 (Wensleydale & Wharfedale) top left hand corner and approx. 3 miles N. of Sedbergh, on your right proceeding along the A683 towards Kirby Stephen.

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Mr Harper will show the first arrivals which field to use. The fells and dales are exceptionally beautiful at this time of year and completely free from tourists. For further details see me at the "Moon".

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 4TH 1978 COMMITTEE

The AGM will be held at the Village Hall, Baslow, commencing at 7.30pm prompt. The Hall is situated in the centre of Baslow next to the public car park. A bar will be provided.

Your attention is drawn to rules 8 and 9 in the handbook:- nominations for Committee membership should reach the Hon Sec 14 days before the meeting.

The Committee nominate the following for election as officers of the Club:

HC Derbyshire	P O'Neill
HC Wales	J Welbourn
Committee	
K Greason	L Peel
K Hodge	C Wilson
1 vacant positio	on
	HC Wales <u>Committee</u> K Gregson

SUBSCRIPTIONS - these are now overdue. Those who have not paid should note that it is the intention of the Committee to carry out the rule 15 as defined in the Members' Handbook.

INDOOR MEETS 8pm ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK FEB/MARCH K BRYAN

A reminder that Douglas Milner's "More Mountains For Pleasure" evening is February 4th. Not to be missed.

<u>March 7th - 1933 Everest Expedition - Jill Gregson</u>. The original film; a piece of mountaineering history. Should prove both interesting and entertaining.

Advance notice - April 4th will be Alpine Propaganda Night. Although the venue for the Alps will probably have already been decided, will members bring along their favourite Alpine slides.

NEW MEMBERS

An application for membership was received at the Committee meeting on 9th January from COLIN FREDERICK BARNARD. Would anyone with views on the suitablility of the above applicant please communicate them to the Hon Sec or any Committee Member.

ADVERT Robin Sedgwick would like to photostat index of Mountain 1 - 25. The grateful Robin will buy a pint for anyone willing to lend index.