

To the time of writing the activities of September have varied between unfortunate and pathetic. Unfortunate in the fact that two Meet Leaders have been unavailable, and pathetic is the only word I can use to describe the turnout for the Working Party at Tan-y-Wyddfa. In total five Members, one Prospective Member, and one Guest turned up for the Working Party. If you consider that of the six Members/Prospective Members present, three of those attended the previous Working Party, then the total number of 'workers' (?) for 1978 was 11. A very small percentage of the 223 Members/Prospective Members of the Club!

Ron Sant, 20, Ashby Road, Melbourne.

SYMONDS YATOCT 7/8KEITH GREGSON

If you've never been before it's time you gave yourself a treat; if you have, then you'll know what it's all about. There is something for everyone - good walking, climbing and a good selection of pubs, both for drinking and dining. There are also plenty of local places of interest - trips to Nat Allen's secret training camp for the Dovedale Dash may be arranged (no cameras).

I intend to camp at the Forestry Commission site at Christchurch. It is a bit expensive (£1+ per tent) but it does have all the facilities - including an adventure playground for the likes of Welbourn.

The journey takes about 2-2½ hours from Derby - M5, Ross Spur, A40, turn left at Goodrich Cross (about 6 miles beyond Ross), then right, over the old iron bridge and up the steep hill, past Symonds Yat Rock. Follow the B4432 past the 'Rock Inn' at Hillersland. Turn right at the crossroads in Christchurch - the campsite is on the left after a few hundred yards.

The campsite will hold about a million so let's have a good turnout. See you at the 'Moon' the previous Tuesday for lifts etc and at the 'Rock' on the Friday night.

PHOTO MEETOCT 14/15KEN BRYAN

As last year, the Meet will be held at the Village Hall, Baslow, 7.30 pm. There will be the usual bar facilities and our judge this year will be Dennis Gray.

If there is sufficient interest, I will run a Black and White section with a prize for the best print. Prints should be 6½"x 8½" or larger, mounted, and have a mountaineering theme.

Rules

Points will be awarded to slides in each section, the winner being the person with highest total.

All slides must be mounted and spotted in the bottom left-hand corner when viewed correctly. Each slide must contain your name and the section for which it is entered.

Entrants must be Club Members.

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The competition will be divided into the following sections:

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| 1. Mountaineering Abroad | Maximum 3 slides |
| 2. Action Abroad | " " " |
| 3. Mountaineering in Britain | " " " |
| 4. Action in Britain | " " " |
| 5. Club Interest | " " " |

The Club Interest will be judged by the President. There will be an entry fee of 25p per entrant, closing date for entries (which should be handed to me at the 'Moon'), is Tuesday October 10th.

WELBOURN'S WANDER

OCT 20/21

JOHN WELBOURN

The annual AQUA-SPECTACULAR will be held this time at LLANUWCHLLYN, the village situated at the SW end of Bala Lake.

Negotiations with the management representative, Mr Evans, resulted in a 12 acre field being made available for Oread Union members and associates, a fresh supply of water from a spring, and a stand of timber with adequate cover should any member require to perform natural body functions. A provisional number of members who may be attending this meeting was pressed for by Mr Evans: 70 was the figure agreed upon by both sides.

Approaching the village from Bala (A494), a left fork is taken into the high street, continue through the village until a left-hand, 90° bend is reached at the River Dee bridge. Up the slight hill, a junction to the right is reached. Just below this junction is the drive to the farm - continue along the road to the second gate on the left-hand side of the road (a few hundred years). (?) yds.

Farmer's name and address: Mr G Evans, Pant-Y-Ceubren, Llanuwchllyn Road - no 4403.

FAMILY MEET - WELSH HUT

OCT 28/29

GORDON GADSBY

It's here again - that rare weekend when a hut full of children will bring no complaints or letters of disapproval. If you have a family - this is the meet for you.

Saturday will be spent on the mountains and Sunday most likely on the beach.

To book your beds, see me at the 'Moon' or write, post haste, as this is a very popular meet.

INDOOR MEETS

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The following Indoor Meets have been arranged (at great expense) throughout the winter months, the venue being the 'Royal Oak' at Ockbrook in each case.

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| Oct 3rd | Auction | |
| Nov 7th | Members' slides | |
| Dec 5th | Turkey, Atlas Mts, Benidorm | Brian Royle |
| Jan 9th | Yosemite | Pip Hopkinson |
| Feb 6th | Everest 1976, SW Face | R Holmes |
| March 6th | To be fixed | |
| April 4th | 1979 Alpine Propaganda Night | |

AUCTION

OCT 3

8.00 PM

The first Indoor Meet will be the Auction, conducted by Alan Squires. Bring along your surplus climbing gear, ski gear, books, etc, etc, and Alan will attempt to get the best prices for you.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership have been received from PAT CARNELL and PAUL GARDNER. Would anyone with views on the suitability of the above applicants, please communicate them to the Hon Sec or any Committee Member.

NEW MEMBER

Congratulations to DAVE HELLIWELL who was elected to full membership at the Committee Meeting on 5th September.

ADDRESS LISTS

If anyone requires a list of members' addresses etc, please send a large, stamped envelope to Keith Gregson at 4, Clarke's Lane, Aston-On-Trent, Derbys, DE7 2HU.

NB Changes of address should be sent to Ron Sant.

OREAD JOURNAL 78

Robin Sedgwick still requires material for publishing in the forthcoming Journal and its early submission will be appreciated.

For anyone who has been in the Alps this summer, please send a summary of your Alpine achievements to Keith Gregson who will provide a review of the activities for the Journal.

FOR SALE

Calling all sailing enthusiasts (if there are any in the Oread).

One almost superb Mirror Dinghy has had its use by the present owner, so does anybody else want some fun learning to sail?

Only been scraped once, otherwise almost perfect - a bargain at £220 o.n.o. (ie open to offers). (Purely monetary, I would imagine! Ed). Full inventory.

See Martin (Popeye) Musson, either at the 'Moon' or ring Sheffield 79630 (daytime).

BOG ROLLS

John Welbourn has expressed his amazement at the number of bog rolls being used at Tan-y-Wyddfa. Bearing this in mind, I've set my slide rule into motion (so to speak) and the following facts have emerged. 4 doz Rolls used this year - ie 48 Rolls in 37 weeks. The hut normally used 2 days/week - ∴ 48 Rolls used in 74 days. Say there are 200 sheets/roll ∴ in 74 days 9600 sheets have been

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used - ie 129.7 sheets per day.
Say on average 8 people use the paper once per day, then the
average use of paper per sitting (you did say sitting? Typist)
is 16.2 sheets.

Quite amazing!

Ron Sant

Meets Secretary