

OREAD MEETS CIRCULAR - JUNE 1978

Despite pretty miserable weather over the past few weeks, Meets seem to be very well attended, particularly Gordon Wright's excursion to Borrowdale to which, I understand, in excess of 60 Oreads and friends turned up.

I am at present trying to prepare a Meets List for 1979 so if there's any area which you feel warrants a visit for its outstanding climbing or hillwalking or other attractions (!) please let me know.

The cost of running the huts continues to escalate at an alarming rate and we have been informed that it is proposed to double the Rateable Value of Tan-y-Wyddfa - I only wish I could print Laurie Burns' description of the Rate Assessing Officer. Bearing this in mind there is a note regarding payment of subscriptions later in the Newsletter; I hope it has the desired effect.

Please note that due to difficulties in booking the facilities at the 'George' the Alstonefield and Stanage Meets have been swapped.

New dates Stanage June 17/18
 Alstonefield July 1/2

Ron Sant, 20 Ashby Road, Melbourne.

SKYE

MAY 27/JUNE 4

KEN HODGE

It is two years since the Oread has held a meet on Skye and there are probably some club members who have not yet had the good fortune to have been there.

For their benefit, may I explain that the rock climbing is some of the best found in the British Isles. The traverse of the main ridge, involving about 10,000' of ascent and descent is one of the finest expeditions in the country, but good weather is essential as it is scrambling or moderate rock climbing for much of the way and route finding can prove difficult in places, even in clear conditions. The traverse can be extended to include Clach Glas and Blaven if you're feeling fit enough.

In addition to the main ridge traverse the area offers climbs of all grades and plenty of good walking.

There is a SMC Rock Climbing Guide in two volumes and a Scottish Area Guide.

If you are thinking of doing the traverse then the SMC 3" to the mile map is a must.

There is a choice of three ferries to get onto the Island:-

Mallaig	Armadale
Gleneig	Kyleshea
Kyle of Lochalsh	Kyleakin.

The latter service is generally used and crossings start from 06.30 Hrs on Saturdays, 10.15 Hrs on Sundays, and 05.30 Hrs week-days. The crossing takes about 10 mins.

I have not suggested a campsite as due to unforeseen circumstances, I now find that I am unable to attend the meet, but in my opinion

Glen Brittle is the most convenient for access to the Cuillins, the only disadvantages being the absence of a pub in the vicinity.

PRE-ALPS WALK

JUNE 10/11

KEITH GREGSON

(Tan y Wyddfa Skyline)

Once again the traditional pre-Alps walk seems to have landed in my shoes. I shall naturally be leading in true Oread style - from the back.

I think the Tan y Wyddfa skyline can stand another session although hopefully we shall be able to do it without snorkel tubes and flippers this time! (Kinky! Ed) The walk should take us some 12-15 hours (thus leaving plenty of time for lubrication afterwards) - unless of course the threatened appearance of Flash-Ash occurs, in which case we shall have to think of something else to do after dinner (I have plan B just in case).

The great advantage of this walk is that everyone can do as much as he/she wishes and then it is an easy matter to head for home, so let's see a good turnout from those of you who can't make Skye for the week.

If the weather is good, a magnificent festering day climbing, sunbathing, swimming etc in the Moelwyns should provide a balanced weekend. See me in the Moon for accommodation, lifts, etc.

STANAGE

JUNE 17/18

KEN BRYAN

You will note this meet has been changed with the Alstonefield Meet. This is due to Derek being unable to book the whole room at the 'George' on this date.

Stanage usually proves a popular meet with the Oread, so I hope to see many of you there.

For those who wish to make it a weekend job, there should be plenty of room at Heathy Lea.

CWM GLAS/YNYS ETTWS

JUNE 24/25

PETE SCOTT

Unfortunately I have to report that our esteemed Meet Leader Radders has done a bunk and will be climbing in the Alps rather than in the Pass during this weekend.

However, if Pete Scott recovers from his dislocated shoulder, ripped-off fingernails and thumb-screw bruises, he has offered, completely of his own free will, to lead the Meet.

I understand that full camping and hut facilities have been booked at Ynys Ettws/Cwm Glas but no doubt more information will be available nearer the date.

ALSTONEFIELD

JULY 1/2

DEREK CARNELL

Due to a technical difficulty, the meet has had to be transferred to the above date, but apart from that all other arrangements stand. The first 36 persons to book will set down to a convivial meal at the

'George' on Saturday night, price in the region of £3.50 per head.

In the past this meet has been very well attended for which I offer my grateful thanks, and I am hopeful the trend will continue, so come on Ladies, persuade your other half to take you out on this Meet, and possibly buy you a dinner into the bargain. Even if you don't fancy eating we usually have a big social whirl into the early hours.

Climbing? Walking? Oh, yes, we do that too. Generally Dovedale - Saturday and a free choice, go-where-you-will (can?) - Sunday.

Book early to avoid disappointment (Derby 50634 or the Moon).

I'll be out on Friday night to see Gregson polish off all comers in the pre-drink event (inexperienced toppers please beware!) Camping is in the field at the back of the 'George', the weather will be as usual, come along and enjoy yourself.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- Margaret & Howard Johnson to 'Lowfields'
7 Church Road
Quarndon
Derby
- Hilary Reed to 15 North Parade
Derby
- Peter Northcote to 50 Gravel Pit Lane
Spondon
Derby

NEW MEMBER

Congratulations to CHRIS BRYAN who was elected to associate membership at the Committee Meeting on May 8th.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

MAY 26 - 29	SPRING BANK	4 Beds booked
JUNE 2/3		16 " "
" 9/10		OREAD MEET
" 16/17		16 Beds booked

BMC INSURANCE

Details of the cover offered by the BMC Insurance scheme are now available. Policies range from £2.50 for minimal cover for hillwalking in this country to £13.40 for full cover for climbing/mountaineering at home and abroad. A booklet containing all the details is available for viewing from Dave Williams or myself.

The closing date for entry into this scheme is the first week in June and all application forms should be in Dave's possession by this time together with cheques made payable to the Oread Mountaineering Club.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There is still a large proportion of members who have not paid their subscriptions for this year. For the benefit of those who 'have not got'/'cannot find'/'cannot be bothered to look' at their Members' Handbook, part of Rule 15 states "Subscriptions shall be paid within 6 months of becoming due, and any Member who fails to pay within this period shall be, at the discretion of the Committee, struck off the list of Members."

Below is a list of members who have paid their subscriptions.

Mr & Mrs B Abley	Mr M Dyer	Mr L Peel
Mr & Mrs F Allen	Mr S Firth	Mr & Mrs D Penlington
Mr J Allen	Mr J Fisher	Mr & Mrs E Phillips
Mr R Anthony	Mr & Mrs G Gadsby	Mr & Mrs H Pretty
Mr & Mrs M Berry	Mr & Mrs F Goldsmith	Mr C Radcliffe
Mr P Beverley	Mrs L Gray	Mr & Mrs G Reynolds
Mr & Mrs P Bingham	Miss R Grayson	Mr & Mrs C Russell
Mr & Mrs S Bramwell	Mr J Green	Mr & Mrs R Sant
Mr T Bridges	Mr & Mrs K Gregson	Mr & Mrs R Sawyer
Mr & Mrs K Bryan	Mr K Griffiths	Mr J Shreeve
Mr & Mrs D Burgess	Mr D Guyler	Mr A Smedley
Mr L Burns	Mr & Mrs C Hobday	Miss B Strike
Mr D Carnell	Mr & Mrs K Hodge	Mr C Taylor
Mr D Cheshire	Mr P Holden	Mr W Tucker
Mr J Clarke	Mr & Mrs C Hooley	Mrs J Walker
Mr R College	Mr J Hudson	Mr R Walker
Mr D Cook	Mr & Mrs H Johnson	Mr & Mrs J Welbourne
Mr & Mrs B Cooke	Mr O Jones	Mr B West
Mr & Mrs P Craddock	Mr P Kenyon	Mr & Mrs D Weston
Mr & Mrs C Cullum	Mr M Key	Mr D Williams
Mr R Darnell	Mr & Mrs J Linney	Mr C Wilson
Mr J Dench	Sir Jack Longland	Mr P Wragg
Mr J Doughty	Mr C Milner	Mr M Wren
Mr J Draper	Mr M Musson	Mr D Wright
Mr A Dunham	Mr P O'Neill	Mr & Mrs G Wright
Mr J Dunster	Mr M Padley	

Please note this list does not include Prospective Members.

CONGRATULATIONS! to KATH and RON CHAMBERS on the recent birth of their daughter.

QUOTE

Quote from D. B. of Findern, only taken slightly out of context:

"I've been at it so long I should be making it softer rather than harder!"

Ron Sant
Meets Sec

PS Don't forget the Evening Meet at Wildcat on June 7th.