

Since the last Meets Circular was published, the AGM has taken place, as has the first official working party for 1979 at Tan-Y-Wyddfa. Both events, for similar reasons have been surrounded by a certain amount of discussion and controversy.

At the AGM it was suggested from the floor that the Club should consider the idea of increasing the membership fees substantially so that the work done at huts could be carried out professionally, thus eliminating the need for Working Parties. To say that the discussion that resulted was lively would be an understatement. The discussion was helped on its way by Ron Chambers who would periodically issue a totally irrelevant, but highly controversial statement and then retire to a discreet distance to observe the ensuing argument. He later confided that it was "the best AGM I've been to in years".

There has also been severe criticism from certain quarters regarding the drying facilities at Tan-Y-Wyddfa, and whilst it is agreed that at present the drying facilities are very poor it should be borne in mind that the majority of improvements have been held up due to circumstances outside the Club's control. Unfortunately the criticism often comes from those who are not prepared to help to improve the situation themselves.

PLEASE NOTE: Owing to the difficulty of finding accommodation in the area, the proposed Lakes 4 x 3000' Meet has been abandoned for this year. It will be replaced by a camping meet probably in the Consiton area. More details will be available in due course.

ALSO: Due to the fact that there appear to be teams stopping in all corners of Pembrokeshire (sorry - Dyfed) the Pembrokeshire Easter Meet will be a help-yourself job. I understand that the Oread will be represented at St Davids, Manorbier, and in the north of the area.

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GLEN NEVISAPRIL 13/-ROBIN SEDGWICK

There is the chance to have the final fling of a superb winter, in the traditional home of winter mountaineering. Ben Nevis needs no introduction, with superb walks and classic climbs in all grades.

Accommodation is once more in caravans in Glen Nevis, from Good Friday (April 13th) to Saturday April 21st, cost approximately £8 for week. Booking is on a first come, first served basis, so see me on Tuesday evening or phone me at work on Derby 366711 (if you can't get me - leave a message and a number to ring back.

WORKING PARTY, HEATHY LEAAPRIL 21/22PETER O'NEILL

As usual, there will be plenty of jobs for everyone attending the Meet. Hut Commandant Pete O'Neill has asked that anyone who intends to come along should contact him beforehand in order that the full extent of the workforce may be assessed and also that paint brushes, wheelbarrows, screwdrivers, hammers etc, etc, are available.

RHINOGS

APRIL 28/29

DIGGER WILLIAMS

I am not sure what the translation is, but for those who have not ventured into this hinterland, the word means Tough and Wild Country.

This is a camping weekend and weather permitting, we should traverse the area, hopefully in one day, approx 15 miles, in a north to south direction starting from a small unofficial camping spot at the northerly point of a small lake near Bryn Bwbach: OS 631372, where we will kip on Friday night. From an early-as-possible start on Saturday, we will follow the track to Nant Pasgan-bach then up to the first summit, Moel Ysgyfarnogod, then due south via Clip - Craig Wion - Rhinog Fawr and Rhinog Fach - Y Llethr - Diffwys and finally to camp near the end of the road approx OS 660202.

One important point - we shall need two cars to travel to the south end of the route early on Saturday morning, and leave one car there before returning to the start. If the weather is bad, navigation will be a swine and we may have to make an intermediate bivi at halfway. If we can make it in one day, Sunday can be spend by licking your wounds, or going up to Cader.

Rendevouz on Friday night at the only pub in Talsarnau, OS 612360, and be prepared for anything!

YORKSHIRE DALES

MAY 5/6

ROBIN SEDGWICK

Yorkshire, the land of Gritstone, Gregson and Theakston's Bitter. Malham, Gordale, Ilkley, Almscliffe, the Three Peaks. All this and more on the Oread's visit to God's own county.

The Meet will be based at Hawswick Cote Farm Campsite at Arncliffe. The site is arrived at by driving up the B6160 towards Kettlewell and turning first left after the large overhangs of Kilnsey Crag; the campsite is then on the left and you cannot miss it!

The Friday night drinking venue will be at the 'Falcon' at Arncliffe, easy to find as it's the only pub for miles around.

From here the possibilities for excellent climbing and walking are boundless, as those who went on last summer's meet will testify. Sportsplans are best left to individual teams, but a recommendation would be - Saturday and Sunday on the Limestone, and a move south on the Monday to sample the Gritstone. The sunshine is booked, so see you there. Robin Sedgwick (Citizen of Yorkshire).

INDOOR MEET - ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK 8.00 PM APRIL 3 LES PEEL

The April slide lecture will be by Ray Colledge.

The subject will be the 1938 route on the Eiger North Wall, the Walker Spur on the Grandes Jorasses, and the Pear Buttress on the south side of Mont Blanc. All these routes were climbed in one short holiday in 1969.

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ARRAN

MAY 26/-

CHRISTINE CRADDOCK

I shall be doing a full write-up of this meet nearer the date, but for anyone who is intending to take their car over to Arran, then I would advise them to book early. I have obtained a booking form, fare list and timetable from the boat operator, and I have taken copies of these documents which I have sent to Ron Sant. He will (I hope) hand these out to anyone who enquires and wishes to book their car on the boat.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

April 6/7	17 beds booked
" 13/-	15 beds booked
" 20/21	Empty
" 27/28	10 beds booked
May 4/5	Empty.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Frank and Shirley Goldsmith to 5, Charles Avenue,
Lenton Abbey,
Nottingham.
Tel: 0602 257427.

Beryl Strike to 109 Churchside Walk,
Parliament Street,
Derby.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions are now overdue. The subs are:-

Single person	£4
Married couple	£5.

FELL RACE RESULTS

NAT ALLEN

(Please see overleaf page 4 for results table.)

Splendid Alpine conditions gave us our best day yet for the Fell Race in which Hillary just pipped "Digger" for the coveted trophy, by a large chest and 30 seconds; alas Super Sedgwick packed in with a (smaller) chest complaint, below Birchens. Beryl took faint on the first checkpoint and had to pack it in before the fast men arrived, and an extra 3 mins was added to their handicap. Beryl hurt her leg on Saturday in a "roll" in a snowdrift with Chris Wilson. It seemed to make him go faster. Alan Squires is going to try it next year. Welcome guest athletes this year - Denis Davis (NUPE), John Ward (GPO) and Paul Gough (Rusty's Family) made up the happy band. A special thanks to the ladies and checkpoint manners. Many thanks to all who came along.

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FELL RACE RESULTS

	NAME	TIME	MINS H/CAP	GROUP	ADJUSTED TIME	POSITION
1	H Reed	1.23.00	34	1	49.00	1
2	D Williams	1.29.30	40	1	49.30	2
3	B West	1.10.00	14	2	56.00	7
4	D Davis	1.15.15	20	2	55.15	5
5	J Linney	1.22.25	24	2	58.25	10
6	R Chambers	1.23.35	22	2	1.01.35	12
7	M Greenhalgh	1.24.15	19	2	1.05.15	15
8	C Hobday	1.17.10	42	1	1.05.10	14
9	S Hobday	1.16.55	45	1	1.01.55	13
10	C Russell	1.09.45	3*	3	1.06.45	16
11	K Gregson	1.09.45	13*	3	56.45	8
12	A Squires	1.12.10	11*	3	1.01.10	11
13	P Wragg	1.14.30	21*	3	53.30	3
14	R Eyre	1.14.40	17*	3	57.40	9
15	M Musson	1.15.10	21*	3	54.10	4
16	C Wilson	1.15.35	20*	3	55.35	6
17	C Barnard	1.46.20	20	2	1.26.20	23
18	P Davis	1.31.05	20*	3	1.11.05	17
19	P Gough	1.31.20	18*	3	1.13.20	19
20	D Mountford	1.32.20	20	2	1.12.20	18
21	J Ward	1.33.20	16*	3	1.17.20	21
22	P Bingham	1.35.30	20*	3	1.15.30	20
23	D Hull	1.39.15	21*	3	1.18.15	22
24	R Sedgwick			3	Did not finish	