

Firstly may I apologise to the few Prospective Members who did not receive the last Meets Circular until after the first write-up contained therein.

Attached to the December Meets Circular was the Meets List for 1979 and I hope in the near future to be able to send out the normal Meets Cards - the delay has been caused by the inability to find my "Bulldog Printing Set".

The start of the New Year hopefully will see some good winter conditions and I trust that the 'OARs' (Oread Alcoholics Recreational Society) will have digested the recent article in "Climber and Rambler" on 'Climbing and Drinking'. Whilst on this subject, I can now confirm that the man involved in an accident in Winnats Pass, climbing without boots, and with an alcohol content of 342, was not Gordon Wright after absconding from Sheffield Royal Infirmary.

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HEATHY LEA SURVIVAL WEEKEND

JAN 13/14

COLIN HOBDAY

With Christmas over, the 1979 meets programme can get under way. For all those who have over-indulged in Christmas Pud and alcohol, this is the meet for you!

I propose to go to Heathy Lea on Friday evening in preparation for an early start on Saturday to do the Kinder circuit.

Saturday evening should see the main activity of the day. It is hoped to organise an informal slide lecture in the Barn to be followed by the Radders Disco Road Show; please bring your own beer and drinks. Buffet to be provided.

Sunday - could well be spend recovering or even cragging.

Bookings - see me in the 'Fighting Cocks' or telephone 551594.

LITTLE LANGDALE

JAN 19/21

G WRIGHT

I've been assured by the Fylde Club Booking Secretary that last year's double booking fiasco will not be repeated so if you fancy a winter weekend in the Lakes this is the meet to come on. With only 15 beds in the hut and very restricted floor space, early booking is advisable; it will have to be on a first come, first served basis.

To reach the hut, travel M6 to Kendal, A591 to Ambleside, A593 towards Consiton, turn right, then left for Little Langdale after 4 miles. In Little Langdale village turn left after passing the "Three Shires" Hotel. The hut is the centre of three old slate miners' cottages on the right at the point where the road becomes a track (about ½ mile). Parking is at the hut, but as it is somewhat restricted, please park as closely as possible. Map ref: 315029.

I hope to be in the "Three Shires" in Little Langdale on the Friday evening for the usual before going on to the hut at chucking-out time. See me at the "Fighting Cocks" for booking and transport arrangements or phone me at Burton-on-Trent 812642.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA

FEB 3/4

RON SANT

This weekend, like one or two others during the year, is included in the calendar to make best possible use of the Oread's own premises in Wales. The Meet will be totally informal with no particular objective other than getting out and enjoying yourself. Given luck with the weather there may be some ice and snow to test yourself on after practising on the Little Langdale Meet.

For Hut bookings and lifts etc, see me at the "Fighting Cocks".

INDOOR MEET

JAN 2

8.00 PM

The January Indoor Meet at the "Royal Oak", Ockbrook will be a slide lecture by Pip Hopkinson and Ron Prior who are members of the Notts Climbers' Club.

The subject is climbing in the Yosemite Valley and the lecture is not to be missed by anyone interested in the big rock routes of that area of the USA.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on February 24th at Baslow Village Hall.

If any member wishes to nominate another for a position on the Committee or as an officer of the Club the nomination must be made in writing to the Hon Sec at least 14 days before the AGM (Rule 9).

Also proposed alterations to the Club Rules must be made in writing to the Hon Sec at least 28 days before the AGM (Rule 17).

JOURNAL

ROBIN SEDGWICK

Although I was very pleased with the response for articles for the journal, I felt that the finished product failed to represent one important sphere of club activity - that of the official club meets. I did receive three write-ups of meets but felt that they did not stand up in isolation so decided not to publish them.

What I would like to see in next year's journal is four to five pages summarising the club meets over the year. To this end I would be grateful if all meet leaders could let me have a meet report as soon as possible after their meet. These can then be edited into a summary of the year. I shall therefore be chasing meet leaders in the near future.

Apologies for the idiot beagle in this year's journal, who must have been suffering from altitude. Oread subs are now £4 for members, £5 for family, not £5 and £6 as published.

HUT LOANS

The repayment of ten units from hut loans will be made in the very near future and bribes should be sent direct to Lol Burns. (It would appear that John Welbourn was the highest bidder at the previous repayment).

RAFFLE

The raffle held at the Annual Dinner raised £23.30 which will go to

the Mount Everest Foundation.

Our thanks to Jo Royle and Jak Leisure Wear of Darley Mills, for the provision of prizes.

THANKS

A letter of thanks has been received from the Rhyd Ddu National Eisteddfod Committee for the Club's donation to the village's Eisteddfod Fund. A valuable P.R. exercise!

LOST

A pair of PAs has been lost at Tan-y-Wyddfa. Will anyone knowing of their whereabouts please contact a Committee member.

FOUND

A radio and a pair of gaiters have been found at Tan-y-Wyddfa and anyone claiming them should contact a Committee member.

QUOTE

Overheard at the "Fighting Cocks" - a Pete (Chopsy) Davis statement - "I can't get the width of it or the length of it up the stairs!".

Ron Sant
Meets Secretary