With the welcome appearance of the sun during the Alstonefield weekend it would appear that summer has finally arrived — if only for a brief spell. The 'George' once again provided an excellent venue for a thoroughly enjoyable social weekend and many thanks go to Derek Carnell who seemed to spend the majority of Saturday evening clearing dirty pots from tables. I must disagree though with the individual who suggested that Derek would look "nice" in a short black skirt with a frilly white apron.

The Alpine Meet again sees the Oread united in its division with a large splinter group, ie the majority, staying at the campsite used for last year's Official Meet (I'm sure I sent the Circulars out on time?). Included below is general description of the location of the Cogne Valley Campsite and the St Moritz Campsite at which another party of Oreads will be entrenched.

I trust that wherever you may end up, either home or abroad, a very enjoyable time will be had by all.

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ALPINE MEET

JULY 14/-

COGNE VALLEY (GRAN PARADISO)

Approaching from Switzerland via the Grand St Bernard Pass, (there is also a tunnel which starts fairly high up the Pass and is also quite expensive), descend to Aosta; on the outskirts of the town turn right along the bypass for Courmayeur. After approx 4 Km turn left for Cogne (25 Km). Last year's experience showed that the best bet for a campsite is Camping Reggio Verde, Epinel (pronounced Effinel by the majority of last year's party), which is located some 3 Km down the valley from Cogne. The campsite is signposted on entering Epinel.

Facilities:-

Campsite shop, bar, clean toilets/washroom/showers/public telephone.

Useful information:-

Petrol coupons make petrol 1/2 price for visitors.

Small change in shops is sometimes non-existent and by way of change you may receive sweets, stamps etc, or local credit notes which should be spent locally before leaving.

Exchange rate:-

Approx 1740 lr = £1.00.

Guide book:-

Graians East - Gran Paradiso.

Maps:-

The best map for the area is No 3, Il Parco Nazionale Del Gran Paradiso, which is readily available in most of the local shops.

ST MORITZ (BERNINA)

The area is best approached via Zurich, Chur and over the Julierpass to Silvaplana. The campsite is actually situated between St Moritz Bad and Champfer and a right turn is made from the main Silvaplana-St Moritz road at Champfer. After approx 2 Km the campsite is signposted to the right and is adjacent to the Olympiaschanze (the ski jump is a good landmark to look out for).

Facilities:-

Campsite shop, toilets/washroom/showers etc.

Exchange rate: - .

Approx 3.65 SF = £1.00.

Guide Books:-

Bernina Alps) West Col publications.

Maps:-

1:50,000 Sheet 268 Julier Pass

1:25,000 No 1277 Piz Bernina

1:50,000 Sheet 278 M. Disgrazia

These maps should be available in the local shops.

AGDEN

AUG 12

RON SANT

At the present time, I propose to make this a one day meet, but the proximity of Heathy Lea will no doubt encourage many to make a weekend of it.

The crag is situated approx half a mile from the village of Bradfield (268925 Peak District Map) and may be approached from either the Sheffield City Centre direction or via the Ladybower Reservoir and over the Bradfield Moors.

There are climbs of all grades and to suit all tastes and if climbing isn't your scene, then there's bags of scope for walking.

LLANBERIS

AUG 18/19

KEITH GREGSON

This will be a camping meet and the site to be used is the official one just down the valley from Ynys Ettws (NOT THE YNYS ETTWS FIELD).

Some of the finest climbing/walking in Wales is within easy reach of the 'Pass' so only the best excuses will be accepted for not attending the Meet.

Due to the date of the Meet being very near my return from the Alps it would be appreciated if anyone requiring lifts/information contact me at the earliest opportunity.

OLD MAN OF HOY/PEMBROKE

AUG 25/-

DAVE HELLIWELL/ LES PEEL

Unfortunately, I have not received write-ups for either of these meets. This may be due to a combination of holidays/Postal dispute etc, so I can only suggest that if either of these meets takes your fancy, you contact either Dave or Les directly.

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TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

JULY 6/7 Club Meet

JULY 13/14 Empty

JULY 20/21 2 Beds booked

JULY 27/28 6 Beds booked

AUG 3/4 6 Beds booked

AUG 10/11 16 Beds booked

AUG 17/18 Empty

AUG 24/25/26 Empty

AUG 31/

SEPT 1 Empty

FOR SALE

Remember 'Radders and the Bottomless Pit'? - latest batch of Dyna-Climbs now available - £10 per pair, or £5.50 single. Contact Derek Carnell on Derby 50634. Get yours now in time for the crevasses of summer.

WANTED

Preferably for a short period of loan, one pair of crampons to suit size 38 boots, and one pair of crampons to suit size 41 boots. Please contact John Welbourn at Svolvaer, Laurels Estate, Bangor-is-y-Coed, Wrexham, Clwyd. Tel: 0972-780751.

QUOTES

Below are two contrasting schools of thought.

Quote from Ron Chambers - "The sight of that girl with the large attributes really turned me on.":

Quote from Ray College - "The sight of Harborough really turned me on.".

Ron Sant Meets Secretary

P.S.

1980 MEETS LIST

I am at present compiling a Meets List for 1980. If you fancy visiting a particular area or leading a Meet next year, please contact me at the earliest opportunity.