

The publication of this Meets Circular will hopefully coincide with the AGM which traditionally has been held at the end February/early March for many years. However, all indications are that the trend of people taking winter holidays, as experienced in previous years, will continue and probably grow. To this end it has been suggested that the date for the AGM may be changed, possibly to early December to alleviate the problem.

The weather obviously has a great bearing on the number of people who are available to attend the AGM and with the continuation of the superb winter conditions to date and the fact that British Summer Time starts in approximately three weeks, we have the very interesting prospect of Wednesday evening climbing with ice axes and crampons!

Ron Sant  
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Melbourne

TAN-Y-WYDDFA WORKING PARTYMARCH 10/11

The Working Party will take the usual form with a few hardy Oreads flogging their guts out for the weekend. There is still a great deal of work to be done at Tan-y-Wyddfa and it is in the Club's best interests that as much work as possible is carried out during the Working Party. A detailed list of jobs will hopefully be produced before the Meet and your presence, with your own tools/paint brushes etc, is requested.

WASDALEMARCH 17/18CHRIS WILSON

To quote the guide "...although good ice conditions are relatively rare in the Lake District, excellent winter climbs can often be found." If they cannot be found in this present winter of winters, then they never will be. Wasdale is perhaps the finest area for winter climbing in the Lakes, with the following crags nearby:

Scafell (with four classic gullies - Mickledore Chimney (I), Moss Ghyll (II-III), Steep Ghyll (III-IV), and Deep Ghyll (I-II)),

Pikes Crag, Great End, the Napes, Gable Crag (the summer descent from Engineer's Slab is said to be good - grade II), and Pillar Rock (Walker's Gully is "a ferocious grade IV", but there are easier routes).

I haven't arranged any accommodation, so now is an excellent opportunity to wear all your down equipment whilst camping on the National Trust campsite at the head of the lake. Hopefully the excellence of the climbs hereabouts will make the rigours of two harsh nights under canvas seem worthwhile. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee the weather but there is some good walking around, should it be evil - training for Brian Wright's epic later in the year perhaps? I hope to make it to the Wasdale Head Hotel on Friday night (please note: I am not arranging any accommodation in Preston!) but failing that, will see you on Saturday.

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HEATHY LEA

MARCH 24/25

KEITH GREGSON

This Meet will be a total please-yourself weekend and is an ideal opportunity to use the Club's own premises in Derbyshire.

Depending on weather there is endless walking and cragging to be had in the area and there is even a remote possibility that a certain amount of alcohol may be imbibed on Friday and Saturday nights.

BORROWDALE

MARCH 31/APRIL 1

DAVE PARNHAM

As yet I haven't received a write-up for this Meet, and I can only suggest that you pester the living daylights out of Dave in order to obtain any information.

However, I do understand that camping has been/is being arranged and everything is going to plan? \*\* SEE LATE NEWS.

STANAGE

APRIL 7/8

GORDON GADSBY

After the best winter weather for 16 years, spring is upon us (we hope!). Now is the time to get tuned up for what could be a great summer. Where better than the delectable Gritstone of Stanage, the greatest and most impressive of all the gritstone escarpments?

For the uninitiated, if there are any! Stanage provides climbs of all standards on steep, clean, sound rock. The Edge is over four miles long and includes three miles of rock, between 40 and 80 feet high.

It is situated six miles west of Sheffield and 1½ miles north-east of Hathersage at an altitude of 1,500 feet. Guide book - "Stanage Area", £2.60.

This is a two-day meet; Saturday we will concentrate on the Black Hawk, Robin Hood and Mississippi area and on Sunday, Stanage End and High Neb. Just turn up either day, and whether you climb, walk or fester, enjoy yourself.

INDOOR MEET - ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK    8.00 PM    MARCH 6    LES PEEL

This meet at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook will be a members' slide evening to promote the area in the Alps, or otherwise, you hope to visit in 1979.

HEATHY LEA BOOKING

March 30/31          12 beds booked.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership has been received from ALAN SQUIRES. Would anyone who has views on the suitability of the above applicant please communicate them to the Hon Sec or any Committee Member.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dave Parnham    to    5 Tudor Court  
Darley Abbey  
Derby.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions are now overdue. For the benefit of those of an absent-minded nature, subscriptions are:-

Single person           £4  
Married couples       £5.

FOR SALE

Brand new Super RD's, size 8. £45.

Contact Ron Sant.

For sale, or preferably, exchange, size 8, hand made Austrian Mountain boots, reasonable cash offer or exchange for size 8½/9 mountain boots.

Contact John Mountain  
15 Gorsey Bank  
Wirksworth.

For sale - two pairs of cross-country ski poles, 25p each.

Contact Derek Carnell.

WANTED

Robin Sedgwick would like a pair of breeches for a large-bottomed, long-legged lady (his description, not mine - Ed).

Wanted - pair of ski boots, size 40, skis, bindings and sticks (plus first aid kit! Ed).

Contact Von Sant.

QUOTE

Quote from Paul Bingham, whilst removing snow from under his crampons. "One tap with your ice axe and your balls drop off!".

Ron Sant  
Meets Secretary

\*\*\*LATE NEWS\*\*\*

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

March	2/3	16 beds booked
"	9/10	Working Party
"	16/17	16 beds booked
"	23/24	10 " "
"	30/31	15 " "
April	6/7	16 " "

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Just arrived - courtesy of Wells Fargo - on the last stage to Swadlincote, Dave Parnham's Borrowdale write up. Better late than never!

BORROWDALE

MARCH 31/APRIL 1

DAVE PARNHAM

Well its Borrowdale time again, although a little earlier than last years successful meet organised by Gordon Wright. Regrettably we don't have the advantage of the extra days holiday this time, but there will be plenty of climbing on the many crags in the area.

Camping (no this is not an April Fools joke!) will be as last year, at Hollows Farm, Grange.

Coming from Keswick turn right into Grange Village, over the bridge and turn left after the last shop. Follow a winding lane for about 300 yards to the campsite which is on the right. Late arrivals are reminded not to make too much noise when falling into the stream!

Oh!, and bring your crampons; the way things are the ice might still be there.

Names of those interested to Dave Parnham at the Fighting Cocks

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