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Many know the well worn groove between Edale and Alport Dale as followed by countless Oreads night and day on December Meets but even the Club President with "tiger" Holden got lost some years ago on the western end of Kinder. They dropped down to Hayfield with their car at Hope- I think. Anyway enough of this rude reminising. All I want to say is if you want to get lost on Kinder do it in style on a Club Meet. Saturday 15th Sept. will be your day to traverse the plateau at various points and visit its surrounding hostelryes. It will be a long walk - a little contrived some may think - but at least there will be the opportunity to drop out of the planned route and curtail the distance if desired. I give no more clues except I calculate a 12 hour day. Come along and see how wrong I can be.

Camping will be at G.R. 184829 behind the Travellers Rest at Hope from Friday evening.

Sunday will be a climbing and rest day with possibly a visit to Derwent Edge or Castle Naze. Arrangments can be made on Saturday evening - coherence permitting.

I've invited members of the Castle Mountaineering Club, Sheffield to join us on the walk, the road from Stanage Pole gives that away! See you on Friday 14th.

Top points will be awarded on Saturday for walking past pubs. More than 8 pints and your disqualified. Hardy drinkers will be allowed 16 pints.

SYMONDS YAT

SEPT 22/23

KEITH GREGSON

Yet another opportunity for many of you to sample the delights of this superb area for the first time. Those of you who have been before will need no persuasion. For the uninitiated the area offers superb climbing of all grades with fine walks in the Wye Valley and some splendid pubs, both for drinking and dining. (When you've been to Wintours Leap don't tell Ken Wilson - He'd have to re-write Classic Rock!).

I intend to camp at the Forestry site at Christchurch which is very well appointed and will hold millions.

The journey takes about 2½ hours from Derby (at petrol conserving speeds) - M5, Ross Spur, A40, turn left at Goodrich Cross (approx 6 miles beyond Ross), then right over the old iron bridge and up the steep hill past Symonds Yat Rock. Follow the B4432 past the Rock Inn at Hillersland. Turn right at the crossroads in Christchurch - the campsite is in a few hundred yards on the left.

We shall probably be climbing at Wintours Leap on the Saturday and

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Symonds Yat on the Sunday.

If you get lost on the Friday night make for the Rock Inn where you will doubtless find friends.

I look forward to seeing you.

PATTERDALE

SEPT 29/30

JOHN LINNEY

Patterdale is often described as the most scenic valley in the Lake District. Good walks can be had over Raise, Helvellyn, and Fairfield to the west, whilst High Street and Stoney Cove Pike are not without interest on the eastern side of the valley.

Patterdale is also the centre of climbing in Grisedale, Deepdale, and Dovedale and offers a good variety of routes. None of the crags are near to the road, the closest being Eagle Crag in Grisedale which is reached in about 30 min. Dove Crag is one of the most forbidding crags in the Lake District and is finely situated at the head of Dovedale (about 1 hours walk). Apart from many Extremes it has a classic V.S. and a very good H.V.D. All the crags take along time to dry out.

Location:- Camping at Side Farm Patterdale G.R. 399161

Take the small track down the side of the S.A.C. George Starky Hut which is almost opposite the church, thro. farm buildings, turn left towards the lake and camp in the field on the left.

Sustenance:- I hope to be in the Glenridding Hotel on the Friday evening. See you there.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA HUT BOOKINGS

Sept 8/9 Working Party.
Sept 15/16 16 Beds booked.
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Sept 29/30 16 Beds booked.
Oct 6/7 3 Beds booked.

HEATHY LEA HUT BOOKINGS.

Sept 29/30 12 Beds booked.

NEW MEMBER.

Congratulations to Derek Mountford who was elected to full membership at a recent Committee Meeting.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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

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