

Mid-December traditionally sees us in the middle of the social season and this year is no exception. Even the 'Bullstones' was described by an eminent member of the Club as "going a bit soft", but one of the participants retorted, "When you get to my age you can do with some of the home comforts".

The start of the season was marked by the Dinner and I feel the President should be congratulated for cramming more innuendoes in the first few paragraphs of his speech than in the complete 'Cabaret' script. When asked about his new found talent Chris commented, "I didn't mean it like that - people get me wrong - that was supposed to be the serious bit".

And now for another serious bit; it has been found necessary to revise the subscriptions for both Full Members and Prospective Members. Details may be found below and alterations take effect from Jan 1st 1980.

The New Year also brings us a new Meets List, a preliminary copy of which is attached. The normal Meets Cards will be issued to Members in the near future. I trust the usual co-operation will be received from Meet Leaders by providing write-ups on time for inclusion in the Circular.

In concluding I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ron Sant,  
20, Ashby Road,  
Melbourne.

CHRISTMAS AT TAN-Y-WYDDFA

DEC 21/26

KEN HODGE

There are only a few places left to enjoy this years extended festive holiday at the Welsh Hut, so if you intend to come along please contact me as soon as possible.

As in previous years we hope to sample the excellent cuisine of the 'Tanronen' in Beddgelert. A provisional booking for Christmas Dinner on Christmas Eve (Dec 24) has been made in the managers absence and this is subject to his confirmation.

Tarrif and menu details will be circulated amongst those members attending when they become available.

I am also taking bookings for the New Year's weekend (Dec 28-Jan 1), so again if you intend to stop at the Hut please contact me as soon as possible.

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WINTER WASSAILING MEET

DEC 23

DAVE WRIGHT

This unofficial meet has become increasingly popular over the years and it now seems justifiable to offer it open to the Club as an alternative to the official Welsh meet.

Last year we walked from Edale to the Snake Inn for a liquid lunch, however due to a notice now prominently displayed in the 'Snake', "No Hikers with Dirty Boots", I intend to take our custom elsewhere on the reasonable assumption that no hiker has yet traversed Kinder with his boots still 'bulled' to an acceptable admission level.

Therefore I suggest we meet in the Snake Inn car park between 10.00 and 10.30 and walk to the Nags Head in Edale for some festive drinking.

P.S. Compass essential.

BRASSINGTON

JAN 1

A good opportunity to blow the cobwebs out of your head after the excess of alcohol which will probably be consumed during the previous evening.

The 'hair of the dog' will be taken at the 'Gate' in Brassington at lunch time and with any sort of luck, winter sports will follow in the afternoon.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA

JAN 5/6

RON SANT

If the weather conditions are similar to those of last year we could be in for a reet good weekend. The actual itinerary for the stay will obviously depend on the conditions at the time, but this is an ideal opportunity to make full use of the Club Hut at a time when accommodation appears to be very scarce.

For booking and lifts please contact me at the Rowing Club.

HEATHY LEA PARTY

JAN 19/20

COLIN HOBDAY

I propose to run this meet on similar lines to that of last year, ie. a walk on Saturday followed by the festivities in the evening, Sunday - recovering.

The walk will probably be the Kinder circuit, so reasonably early start will have to be made. If the present weather continues it could be quite a long and hard flog.

The 'party' will be run on a 'bring a bottle(s)' basis and it is hoped to arrange some sort of buffet.

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INDOOR MEET

JAN 8

8.00pm

The January Indoor meet at the 'Royal Oak', Ockbrook will be a slide lecture by Rab Carrington. I'm not sure of the specific subject as yet but I suspect it will be one of his Himalayan Expeditions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (Full Members)

It has reluctantly been decided that the Membership Subscriptions for 1980 will be increased to £5.00 for a single person and £6.00 for a married couple. The increases have been found necessary due to the ever escalating cost of running the Club.

Members are reminded that Subscriptions are due for renewal on January 1st and cheques should be made payable to the OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB and sent to Laurie Burns at 51, Cranmer Street, Long Eaton, Notts. NG10 1NJ.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (Prospective Members)

For similar reasons as above the cost of Prospective Membership of the Club will increase to £2.00 per year as from January 1st 1980. This is the first increase to my knowledge since 1975.

NEW MEMBER

welcome to Peter Davis who was elected to full membership at a recent Committee Meeting.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership have been received from John & Margret Theobald, and Richard Freestone. Would anyone who has views on the suitability of the above applicants please communicate them to the Hon. Sec. or any Committee Member.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA HUT BOOKINGS

Dec 14/15	16 Beds booked	Jan 11/12	16 Beds booked
Dec 21/31	Oread Meet	Jan 18/19	16 Beds booked
Jan 4/5	Oread Meet		

QUOTE

Overheard outside Pete O'Neill's new tent, "Come inside my dear and look how big it is".

Ron Sant, meets Secretary.