

OROAD MEETS CIRCULAR OCT 1979

October sees, as you may (or may not) have noticed, a somewhat changed Meets Circular. The change in format has been made for economic reasons and although there may be certain disadvantages I feel it is more important to produce a Circular on a regular monthly basis, and therefore contain up to date information, rather than, say, once every two months. Any constructive comments in this direction will be welcomed.

Whilst on the subject of cost, the increase in Postal charges has not helped matters and I can only appeal to everyone to deliver Meets Circulars by hand where-ever possible.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to difficulties in booking the hall for the Photo Meet the dates of the Photo Meet and Welbourn's Wander have been inter-changed. The Welbourn's Wander will now take place on Oct. 13/14 and the Photo Meet on Oct. 27

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20, Ashby Road.
Melbourne.

LITTLE ORME

OCT 6/7

CHRIS WILSON

And now for something completely different! Three cliffs all situated near the suntrap of Llandudno (on par with Gogarth for fine weather) which is a mere 120 miles from Derby. The rock is carboniferous limestone and is generally steep and good.

Craig-Y-Forwyn

Just above the campsite in a pleasant wooded valley this is the largest of several cliffs hereabouts and faces south. The rock is excellent and the routes all follow obvious lines between 100 and 150 feet in length. There are classic routes of V. Diff., Severe (including Softly Softly - a superb looking groove), V.S. (Sclar and Route 66 being classics but others looking even better), and dozens in the harder grades.

Great Orme

Just inland from the sea with steep exciting routes about 200 feet long, mainly in the V.S. and above bracket, (although there are easier ones). There are several cliffs in three tiers and all have easy access. "Crag 18" gives an account of the climbing.

Little Orme

A sea cliff with 500 to 600 ft. climbs, almost all at V.S. and above. Some of the hardest aid climbing in the country has tended

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to make people overlook the majority of fine, very steep and extremely serious free climbs here. Rhiwledyn (500 ft. Mild V.S.) is excellent, Rabble Rouser (640 ft. V.S.) is now a classic whilst for others Gemstone (500 ft. X.S.), Quietus (350 ft. X.S.) and Genesis (600 ft. H.V.S.) are all supposed to be worthwhile. The cliff has been described as "the dying grasp of a man who must find new routes" and in contrast "a magnificent cliff". Basically, you'll either love it or hate it, but it is worth making the effort and doing a route before passing judgement. (See "Mountain 33")

The guidebook is available locally - North Wales Limestone (£1-00). Camping will be in a field at Plas Newydd Farm, Llanddulas, Abergale. The farmers name is Mr. T. Hale Davies. Turn right at the church in Llanddulas and follow a narrow lane, keeping right at the junctions etc. and its signposted as Plas Newydd Caravan Site (about 1½ miles from the A55).

On Friday evening you will find me in the 'Valentine', the local Bass house. A magnificent pint and some really strange locals! Please let me know beforehand if you're going so that I can forewarn the farmer and organise some transport. In view of the magnificent climbing, the beach, the pub, etc. I can only hope that dozens will turn up.

I may be contacted by phone on - Home, Derby 48215

Work, Derby 31111 Ext. 599

WELBOURN'S WANDER

OCT 13/14

JOHN WELBOURN

Due to the success of last years 'aqua-spectacular' John has decided that the area can stand another visitation by the Oread. A circular walk (probably of the ever decreasing variety) is proposed for Saturday. Saturday evening will be spent in the local hostelry where the venue for Sundays activities will be decided. For those who haven't heard John's stories about the rampant rodent that ran up his trouser leg and took a liberty, or the one about the 300 Amp welding transformer that disappeared down a mine shaft, the pub should provide an ideal platform. Camping will be at Llanuwchllyn, at Mr. G. Evans farm which is called Pant-Y-Ceubren.

Approaching the village from Bala (A494), a left fork is taken into the high street, continue thro. the village until a left-hand, 90° bend is reached at the River Dee bridge. Up the slight

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hill, a junction to the right is reached. Just below the junction is a drive to the farm - continue along the road to the second gate on the left-hand side (a few hundred yards).

FAMILY MEET

OCT 20/21

GORDON GAUSBY

Once again the Welsh Hut is the venue for this very popular meet. Please book early by writing to me or see me at the Rowing Club on Tuesday evenings.

Weather permitting it will be on the mountain on Saturday and the coast on Sunday.

As on all Oread meets if you don't like that arrangement you can do as you please. Children of any age are welcome on this meet! See you in Wales.

PHOTO MEET

OCT 27

KEN DRYAN

As last year, the Meet will be held at the Village Hall, Baslow, 7.30 pm. There will be the usual bar facilities.

If there is sufficient interest, I will run a Black and White section with a prize for the best print. Prints should be 6½"x8½" or larger, mounted, and have a mountaineering theme.

Rules

Points will be awarded in each section, the winner being the person with the highest total.

All slides must be mounted and spotted in the bottom left-hand corner when viewed correctly. Each slide must contain your name and the section for which it is entered.

Entrants must be Club Members.

The competition will be divided into the following sections:

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| 1. Mountaineering Abroad | Maximum 3 slides |
| 2. Action Abroad | " " " |
| 3. Mountaineering in Britain | " " " |
| 4. Action in Britain | " " " |
| 5. Club Interest | " " " |

The Club Interest will be judged by the President. There will be an entry fee of 30p per entrant, closing date for entries (which should be handed to me at the Rowing Club), is Tues, Oct 23rd.

INDOOR MEET

OCT 2

ROYAL OAK , OCKBROOK

The first of this seasons Indoor Meets will take place on Tues., Oct 2nd commencing at 7.30 pm. As usual, the starter for these

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sessions will be the Auction at which any of your surplus climbing gear, ski gear, sex aids etc. etc., may be sold to another (suek) member for a very reasonable commission. Dave - 'would you buy a used car from me' - Guyler will be hosting the event and a good turn-out is essential for the success of the evening.

ANNUAL DINNER

NOV 24

CHRIS WILSON

Its here again, for the 30th time and, as usual, the price has increased, this time by 50p (over last year), which isn't bad when you consider that the cost of the basic meal has increased by 66p! The venue remains the same - The Green Man Hotel in Ashbourne. The dinner - traditionally of turkey, veg., fruit pie, etc - will commence at 6.45 pm.

The guest speakers this year are George Lowe, a member of the successful '53 Everest expedition, and John Barry, the Warden of Plas Y Brenin.

Due to the very great demand for tickets I have devised the following devilish plan: Members will only have priority over Prospective Members until Friday 9th Nov. No bookings will be accepted after Saturday 17th Nov. Please note - just because you have always been to the Dinner I cannot assume that you will coming to this one so please return your booking slip (enclosed) to me as soon as possible.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

Oct 6/7 5 Beds booked.
Oct 12/13 12 Beds booked.
Oct 19/20 Family Meet.
Oct 26/27 Hut Full.
Nov 2/3 16 Beds booked.

QUOTE

Quote from Chris Wilson commenting on the Working Party at Tan-Y-Wyddfa - "Martin (Musson) and myself had a good session in the bedroom".

Hon Sec meets Sec.