

NOTE:- IMPROMPTU EVENING MEET 17TH DECEMBER 1980

As in previous years a pre-Christmas evening meet will be held at Black Rocks followed by a session at the 'Gate', Brassington.

JANUARY 1 BRASSINGTON

A good opportunity to blow away the cobwebs after the excess of alcohol which will probably have been consumed during the previous evening.

Bevvies will be taken at the 'Gate' at lunchtime and with a bit of luck winter sports will follow in the afternoon.

JANUARY 6 INDOOR MEET - 8 P.M.

As usual the venue for the evening will be the 'Royal Oak' at Ockbrook and the subject will be Easter's remarkable ascent of the Croz Spur by Mr. President and Pete Holden.

Let's have a good turn-out for what should be a very gripping evening.

JANUARY 10 - 11 HEATHY LEA DISCO P. O'NEILL

Make a note in your Diary now so don't miss what will be a 'reet good do'. The format will be as for past do's - bring your own beer and butties - Radders will provide the noise.

See you in the 'Wheatsheaf', Baslow, at opening time.

JANUARY 17 - 18 LITTLE LANGDALE G. WRIGHT

Once again I've booked the Fylde M.C. Hut in Little Langdale and hopefully I've also booked the snow and fine weather which usually goes with this hut in winter. Early booking will certainly be necessary as there are only 15 places.

For access take the Kendal turn-off from the M6, then A591 to Ambleside and A593 towards Coniston. For Little Langdale take the next turning left after the Langdale turning, the first left again and then left again after passing the 'Three Shires' Hotel, in Little Langdale village. The cottage is the centre one of three old slate miners' cottages about half a mile further on, on the right at the point where the road deteriorates into an unmetalled road. G.R. 315029.

I hope to be in the 'Three Shires' by 10 o'clock. See me at the Rowing Club or phone Burton-on-Trent 813690.

JANUARY 24-25 WASDALE R. TRESIDDER

At great personal risk I have engineered a tentative return by the Oread to the premises of the Fell and Rock. This fragile reunion will take place at Brackenclose on the shores of Wastwater. This is usually a good time of year for snow and ice climbing and the playgrounds are sufficiently varied to ensure good conditions somewhere. Scafell offers a variety of good

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routes of all grades; Moss Ghyll and Steep Ghyll are the plums. When these are not in condition, the easier gullies on Scafell Pike often are. Great End is the best known (and most crowded) winter crag, while Back O' Gable conceals an occasional treat. The walking (and running) is often excellent in January, so I shall be equipped to tackle the magnificent Mosedale Horseshoe as well as Steep Ghyll - that elusive prize.

I have booked places for 12 men and 6 women. See me at the Rowing Club, write or ring me straight away on 062-982 3953.

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1

TAN-Y-WYDFA

K. BRYAN

With a bit of luck there should be plenty of snow and ice about. An opportunity to practice some ice climbing or possibly the Snowdon Horseshoe in winter conditions. But whatever your thing, I'm expecting a large turnout for this meet. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis, so book early.

If you wish to go, ring me on Sandiacre 397132 or see me at the Rowing Club,

FEBRUARY 3

INDOOR MEET - ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK 8.00 P.M. PROMPT

Terry King has kindly agreed to give a slide lecture on his alpine style attempt on the North Face of Nanda Devi. Please give him your full support.

FEBRUARY 7 - 8

OGWEN VALLEY - JOINT MAM-OREAD MEET

J. ASHCROFT

The 14 Peaks in winter has been done before but I have yet to hear of an Oread success!! This I thought might be the year. Rather than spend an idling Friday night supping ale and sleeping if off, what about a moonlight walk in crisp conditions over the Carnedd's - second breakfast at Glan Dena and a day on the Glyders and Snowdon - you know it makes sense! So come along, get your crampons and ice axe out to savour the winter delights of Ogwen yet again.

Ring Sheffield 890717 to book a bed, etc.

FEBRUARY 15

FELL RACE

R. FREESTONE

After spending the best part of the year scratching my head in search of a way out of the Fell Race, I finally came up with the only justifiable dodge and that was to organise it. So I'm now appealing for volunteers to operate the soup kitchen, clock the survivors in and man the twenty-odd check points scattered around the county.

The event will follow its tried and tested pattern of many a year with a map being posted in the Barn at 10.45 a.m. with the check points marked. At 11.00 a.m. the first group of never-say-dies will be waved off, followed 20 mins. later by the second bunch of triers. The pride of the Oread will be unchained at 11.40.

After-race refreshment can be had at the 'Robin Hood' while the sums are done and the results and presentations will take place in the Barn around 3.00 p.m.

A White Peak map and a compass might be a help and a 20p. entry fee paid to me before the race will provide soup, tea and beer on the day. Once again, no children please and al-

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1981 ALPINE MEET - at the recent Alpine venue meeting the following centres were agreed upon:-

VISP - Although not a holiday resort like Zermatt or Chamonix, Visp has a lot to offer as an Alpine centre. It lies in the centre of the Rhône Valley which has the warmest and sunniest weather in the Alps - last year the only rain in 3 weeks came from two thunderstorms. The campsite is comparatively cheap, shopping in Visp is also cheap and there are many pubs and restaurants in the town.

Most important, however, it is only a short drive from Saas Fee, Tasch (for Zermatt), Zinal in the Pennine Alps, the Lötshentäl and several other valleys in the Bernese Oberland offering more 4,000 metre peaks with routes of all standards of difficulty than anywhere else in the Alps.

The campsite is the municipal one approached by turning left from the main road just before the river bridge when entering Visp from the west. The large swimming pool is next to the campsite which is surrounded by meadows and orchards and the site has all the usual facilities except a shop.

GORDON WRIGHT

AROLLA - Arolla lies at the head of the western branch of the Val d'Hérens. It is very small and can't really be called a village. Camping and shopping facilities are limited although there is a climbing shop and a bar. The eastern branch of the Val d'Hérens ends at Ferpectle which has even fewer facilities than Arolla. Probably the best compromise with regard to camping and climbing is to camp at Les Hauderes which lies at the junctions of the East and West branches. Here the valley widens a little and there is a pleasant campsite with reasonable facilities (but no swimming pools, etc.). There are shops in Les Hauderes (grocer, bootmaker) but the best place for provisions is Sion which is quite some way away at the foot of the valley.

The climbing in the area is varied and Arolla has a reputation as being a good place for both novice and middle standard climbers. For example, Mont Blanc de Cheilon, only half an hour or less from the Dix Hut, offers routes of all grades. To climb that superb mountain, the Dent Blanche, one goes to the Rossier Hut which is reached from Ferpectle which is a short drive from Les Hauderes. There are plenty of good walks available, although it should perhaps be mentioned that getting to the Dix Hut involves a ladder pitch and to the Vignette, a crevasse-d wet glacier has to be crossed. For those who have not been to the area before it is well worth considering.

C. P. JONSON

HUT INFORMATION - TAN-Y-WYDDFA

Fees - subject to Committee approval, Hut fees will be increased on January 1st 1981 to keep abreast of rising prices. The new fees will be -

Members	60p
Prospective members	90p
Guests	£1.20
Day fee, members	30p
Day fee, guests	60p.

Tan-y-Wyddfa Bookings

January 1 - 4	Oread Weekend - 9 beds so far
9 - 10	16 beds booked
16 - 17	Oread Weekend
23 - 24	11 beds booked
30 - 31	CLUB MEET
February 6 - 7	16 beds booked
13 - 14	Oread Weekend
20 - 21	15 beds booked.

Just a reminder to club members and prospective members that all casual bookings for Tan-y-Wyddfa should be made through Ken Hodge by phoning Derby 72407 (home) or Derby 661461 (work) or see him at the Rowing Club.

Please note:- the Tan-y-Wyddfa electricity meter now has a 10p slot instead of the original 5p.

HEATHY LEA

Impromptu Working Party - the Club Committee wish to thank Mike Wren and his brother-in-law for their help in assisting Pete O'Neill with the chimney repairs. Thanks also to Stuart Godfrey for the loan of his scaffolding.

If anyone has a spare extendable ladder, either wooden or aluminium, to replace the one stolen from Heathy Lea, Pete would be glad to hear of it.

New Members

Congratulations to Chris Jonson, Chris Fitzhugh, and Don & Wendy Prior who have recently been elected to full membership.

Applications for Membership

Applications for membership have been received from Peter Lancaster and David Jeffereys. If you have any views on the suitability of these applicants, will you please communicate them to the Hon. Secretary or any Committee Member.

KEN HODGE

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