

CLOGGY

JULY 4/5

B. WEST

Once again, the shadow of this blighted meet stalks the Oread horizon. In recent years, the Cloggy meet has proved to be something of a washout - to the great relief of some, I suspect. Indeed, this must be the only meet where the Saturday raindrops fall upon smiling faces, as the Oread circus, reprieved 'at the eleventh hour, chalks up and slips gratefully off to Tremadoc.

I might also ask, what have I done to deserve this, of all meets? My own weather record is somewhat embarrassing, to say the least. I can only think that this is some subtle Committee ploy to evoke Sod's Law on a cosmic scale. But can they really control the weather? Has Scott the ear of the mighty Sod himself?

Find out on July 4th, at Tan-Y-Wyddfa, booking arrangements as usual. (Admission to Caernarvon Castle extra.)

HEATHY LEA

JULY 11/12

RON CHAMBERS

As this meet is just prior to the Alps, I thought a mixed weekend would be appreciated. With this in mind I propose to do the "Derwent Watershed" on Saturday and climb on the Edges on Sunday.

For those not familiar with the "Watershed" route or who do not have "The Big Walks" (yes, some of us still haven't got it) it goes something like this: Yorkshire Bridge - Win Hill - Mam Tor - Brown Knoll - Kinder Downfall - Mill Hill - Snake Road - Bleaklow Stones - Swains Head - Howden Edge - Margery Hill - Back Tor - White Tor - Moscar Lodge - High Neb - Yorkshire Bridge.

The distance is approx. 40 miles, an average time is probably 12-14 hours, so an early start is required on Saturday morning; however, I do hope to have a support party strategically placed on the Snake Road with welcome brews etc.

See me at the Rowing Club or ring Derby 832467 for lifts, beds, etc.

See you in the Robin Hood on Friday night then?

N.B. It would appear that Heathy Lea is now fully booked, so could all enquiries be directed to Ron Chambers.  
(Meets Sec.)

AGDEN

AUGUST 16

RON SANT

I propose to make this a one-day meet (due to the fact that I don't arrive back from the Alps until Saturday 15th) and centre activities around this delightful sunbaked (?) crag.

The crag (G.R. 264934) lies close to the village of High Bradfield which may be approached from either the M1 (Sheffield North Junction) or Bamford directions. The road from High Bradfield passes behind the edge and the access path is on the left nearly opposite an Electricity Board Sub-Station.

Climbs of all grades exist (the majority being in the Severe/V.S. bracket) but if these don't appeal, then the area offers unlimited walking opportunities.

The weather is booked (I'm not saying if it's good or bad) so let's see a good turnout.

PRESIDENT'S MEET

AUGUST 22/23

PETE SCOTT

Due to the President being in Kenya it looks as though we will be left to our own devices for this weekend. Although Peter has indicated that we are all welcome to join him - Diamond Couloir anyone?

Camping for this meet will be at Rhoson Ganel Farm (Grid ref. 772252, 1" O.S. Sheet 138/151) at St. Justinian, overlooking Ramsey Island and the Lifeboat Station.

From St. David's, follow road signs for St. Justinian and the Lifeboat Station. After about 1½ miles you will see on the left a caravan site. The campsite is in the fields behind the caravans. Entrance to the campsite is up the track at the left-hand side of the entry into caravan site.

WELSH HIGHLAND LIGHT RAILWAY CO.

D. PENLINGTON

This organisation was formed in 1964 with the objective of re-developing the narrow gauge railway which ran until 1946 between Portmadog and Caernarvon.

They have been quietly working on this project over the years. They now intend to purchase the old railway from the Official Receiver. Before purchase it is necessary to ensure that the redevelopment will be permitted. Accordingly they have made applications for Outline Planning Permission for:

- a) the redevelopment of the Railway,
- b) the construction of stations and buildings.

Their present plan is to develop the railway from Portmadog to Ryd-ddu. The application includes for a station, buildings and a siding adjacent to Tan-Y-Wyddfa.

When these plans were made public the reaction by a large body of the Club was immediate objection. This is supported by the Committee and at a meeting held on 8th June the Committee formed a Sub Committee to coordinate activities and actions to fight the proposed scheme. The Sub Committee is L. Burns, C. Hooley, R. Squires and D. Penlington.

Official objections have been sent to the Gwynedd County Council and the Snowdon National Park Dept. L. Burns will attend, as an interested party, the G.C.C. Planning Sub Committee meeting to be held on 23rd June, when the application will be considered. Contacts with other interested bodies including the B.M.C., Ramblers' Association, Snowdon National Park Association, National Farmers' Union who have objected very strongly, the local Parish Council etc. have been made in order to maximise our objections.

Progress reports will be made in future Newsletters.

APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP have been received from:

Dave Parnham, John & Ann O'Reilly and Mike Pearce.

Would anyone with any comments on the suitability of these applicants please convey them to the Hon. Sec.

"EUROCHEQUE" INFORMATION

Robin Sedgwick has asked me to point out that Credit Agricole, the largest of the French banks has opted out of the "Eurocheque" system. They will still cash a cheque but demand a commission of 25 francs per cheque. Alpinists beware!

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

July 4/5	Club Meet
11/12	11 guests
18/19	16 guests
July 25/Aug 30	Empty

JOINT CAF/BMC APLINE NOVICE COURSE

The Club Alpin Francais have offered 6 places for young British climbers and 2 places for experienced instructors on a joint training course to be held in the Chamonix area during early August. Nature of course: an introduction to alpine high altitude terrain on a variety of climbs ranging from F to TD standard. Participants: Novices: should have British hill walking/mountaineering and preferably some rock climbing experinee. Snow and ice experience is not necessary. Instructors: MIC's, Guides or Professional instructors - anyone with good alpine instruction experience. Location: CAF Alpine Centre at Le Tour in the Chamonix Valley. Dates: 2 August to 15 August.

Price: Novices - 600F (approx £60) to include valley accommodation and food, instruction and use of group equipment. 300F (approx £30) will be necessary for transport and hut accommodation. Instructors - free.

Equipment: Full personal Alpine equipment necessary - axe and crampons can be hired (£3). Insurance: Third party, accident and rescue provided. Medical, baggage etc. required.

This is an excellent opportunity for climbers with no previous Alpine experience to be introduced to the mysteries, dangers and rewards of Alpine mountaineering at a very reasonable price under expert tuition. Will anyone who is further interested write immediately giving brief details of previous climbing record, to: British Mountaineering Council, Crawford House, Precinct Centre, Booth St. East, Manchester. M13 9RZ. (Tel. 061 273 5835)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Peter and Marion Northcote who had a baby boy (Russell), born 19th June.

*To Graham & Sue Luker who had a baby girl (Beth) born 26th June*

TAN-Y-WYDDFA PLEA

John Shreeve would be interested to hear from anyone who has a stair carpet which they could give for Tan-Y-Wyddfa.

ITEM RECEIVED FROM J. WELBOURN, ESQ.

(Unpaid) Advertisement.

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