

OREAD NEWSLETTER - JULY 1983

Roaches

July 2/3

Dave Wright

Always a popular Meet, always good weather. You can either climb on the Roaches and Hen Cloud, or walk around the picturesque Three Counties Border Country.

Chee Dale

July 10

Nat Allen

Two problems with this Meet are i. I can't get on Saturday, and ii. Where the hell shall we go? I gave the Old Meets Card wrecker (Burgess) a couple of places and he turned them down as awful. So I waited until he went home, and with the wealth of Meets on the Card in the area I decided that we should centre on Chee Dale - 10.00 to 10.30 am in the lay-by on Totley Pike (you can't drive to the cottages anymore). "Chee Dale" - Plum Buttress, Third Lift, Moving Buttress, The Girdle, etc, sunbathing on the railway line. All the gems of the Peak at our disposal - Stalk, Tendril, Succulent Corner, Firefly Crack, Sirplum, Thin Thin Groove, Dangleberry, Whistling Crack, Chee Tor Girdle, every egg a bird! No need for chalk - I'll get 'Fawcett and Phil Burke' to chalk 'em all up on Saturday for us. If it's p-ssing down we'll meet as arranged and I'll take you a walk to a good pub and back. So, it's Sunday only I'm afraid - hope to see you there.

Cloggy

July 16/17

Brian West

As the Oread yet again exhibits an incredible conceit by decreeing, Canute-like, on which date the sun will shine on Cloggy, so yet again does it fall to me to try and salvage something from the wreckage that must surely result from such a reckless display of hubris - so I'm going fishing. Hut bookings via me, please.

The Alps

July 23

'Rock' Hudson

Following are some details about the Meet at Grindlewald from 22nd July to 14th August. The Campsite address is:- Eigernordwand, Bodenwald, tel (036) 531242, and directions for getting to it are as follows. About 800 metres below Grindlewald bear right to the Railway Station. Pass the Station on the left, turn right over the bridge, then right immediately and follow railway for 500 metres, cross bridge over stream, then immediately right. Site is visible at side of hotel. Most people who are going on the Meet are travelling out between 20-24th July and hopefully those arriving first will be able to obtain a suitable area for the Oread. I would like to state that conditions and weather will be good for the three weeks but that's not possible! I can state that the Alpine Meet is always a good laugh, even if other factors are not, so hope to see a good gathering of members and friends this year. It would be helpful if those going on the Meet, but who have not already contacted me, do so in case any problems arise while abroad - tel. Radcliffe on Trent 3031.

Alpine Insurance

Ron Sant

Application forms are now available from Ron Sant. They need to be filled in and returned with your remittance immediately. Info and costs from Ron Sant, 27 Melton Avenue, Melbourne, Tel. Melbourne 3579.

I. WORKING PARTY June 4/5 1983.

Many thanks to all those who attended or contributed to the last working party early in June; an effective and enjoyable weekend blessed by glorious weather. Jobs accomplished were:-

1. Electrical meter changed and a larger money box attached.
2. New connecting piece from boiler to chimney fitted (manufactured by J.Welbourne).
3. Chimneys swept.
4. Kitchen walls and all kitchen equipment cleaned.
5. Two bedroom walls sterilized and cleaned (Snowdon side).
6. Lounge cleaned.
7. Extra fridge, lounge furniture and bedroom furniture transported from Derbyshire and installed (supplied by Mr. & Mrs. Hooley).
8. Old coal store converted into a wood storage facility.
9. Rendering removed from external walls of hut (from 2" above internal floor level to ground). Ground level lowered and drainage trench dug around the Hut adjacent/ to walls. All soakaway drains surveyed and made good. New soakaway dug. All freshly exposed walls and foundations scraped out and re-pointed.
10. All drains surveyed.
11. Chimney and roof surveyed.
12. New door supplied (by J.Welbourn) for tool store and transported to Wales.
13. Car Park further in-filled and drainage channel enlarged.

Those who attended:-

Margaret and Chuck Hooley, Margaret and John Linney, Georgina and Pete Amour, Clive Russell, Fred Phillips, Pete Scott, Dave Owen, Keith Gregson, Ian Brindle, John Shreeve, Mick Jaggs, Pete Lancaster, Laurie Burns.

Thanks also to Stuart Godfrey for the supply of builders equipment, cutting tool and concrete mixer - many apologies to Stuart Godfrey for sawing his extension cable in half!

II. FUTURE PROJECTS June to December 1983

- A. Damp Although surveys and quotations are being received and considered for injected damp-proof courses, it is unlikely that action will be taken until 1984 until the effectiveness of the following have been determined:-
 - (i) The lowering of the soil level, removal of rendering and drainage of water away from external walls of the Hut immediately below internal floor level (see item 9, Working Party June 1983).
 - (ii) The complete removal and rebuilding of the main chimney stack on the Snowdon side of the Hut. This particular job is to be undertaken by a local builder as quickly as possible.
- B. Plumbing A toilet will be fitted upstairs within the next few weeks. Alternative schemes to rationalise the total hot and cold water system in the Hut will be considered and one implemented in 1983.
- C. Electrical Re-wiring to be implemented in 1983.
- D. Safety Urgent review of current safety systems to be considered and any action considered necessary to be taken as soon as possible in 1983.

The above items A,B,C,D outline areas of important project work where action is currently being taken or where work will be undertaken in the immediate future. Information regarding any other aspect of use, maintenance and projects on the Hut may be obtained from the Committee of Management.

The Oread Club Committee confirmed the appointment of Dave Owen as Welsh Hut Custodian at a meeting on 20th June 1983.

May we remind you that all Hut bookings should be made through:-

Fred Phillips,
1 Sun Lane,
CRICH,
Derbyshire. Tel: Ambergate 3029.

Weather Forecasts

Weather forecasts are available for the Snowdonia National Park as from May 30th 1983 - these may be obtained any day (except Xmas Day) from 07.30 by ringing Llanberis 870120.

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