

Tan y Wyddfa Working Party

June 4/5

Pete Amour

As Spring is sprung, so thoughts of Spring cleaning and maintenance work at the Welsh Hut should be coming to the fore. Required for this momentous occasion are 15 - 20 eager beavers, preferably with stamina levels akin to Daley Thompson.

Referring to the last Tan-y-Wyddfa working party on which everyone concerned put in so much effort, a certain amount of concern was felt by the Committee on the amount of cash paid out for out-of-pocket fuel expenses from which Scotty is still taking the Valium tablets. In order that the club's limited finances may be utilized to the full, it is requested that the maximum number of passengers per vehicle are carried, in order to reduce the number of cars involved.

Would anyone good enough to offer their vehicles (and bodies!) for service, please contact myself either at the Rowing Club on Tuesday evening or on Belper 6219 after 6.30 pm in order that I may co-ordinate same.

'Golden Oldies'/Bathchair Revival

June 5

Beryl Turner

Roger and Beryl Turner will be on Birchen Edge from early Sunday morning where they hope to meet any other over-fifties (over-forties or any other Oreads will be welcome). Anyone climbing in nails (What's them? Ed.) will be offered a top rope. Photography permitted.

Oread/Pinnacle Joint Meet

June 11/12

Pete Scott

The Venue for the Joint Meet of the Oread M.C. and the Pinnacle Club will be the Emily Kelly Hut at Cwm Dyli (SH 653541), and the joint leaders will be Pete Scott, Belinda Swift-Howe and Avis Reynolds.

The Hut lies off the old road down the Nant Gwynant Pass from Pen y Gwryd to Llyn Gwynant. It is a cottage lying at the foot of the pipe line descending from Llyn Llydaw and is close-by the H.E.P. Station connected with this pipe line. The best approach is to drive down the new road to the lake, then turn round and drive back up the hill again for a few hundred yards, when there is a fork-off to the left. Follow this road for approx. 2km. The Hut is situated in extremely pleasant surroundings; quiet, but centrally situated for any of the Snowdonia crags.

There are 10 places reserved for Oreads in the Hut. The rest - camping in the garden. The Pinnacle Club meet organisers are catering on Saturday evening for all those attending the meet. Probably a buffet-style meal around about 8 pm at Cwm dyli. This allows ample time for most parties to return from the hills and, if necessary, have a few jars before the socialising.

This meet is a new event on the Oread calendar and is likely to appeal to Oreads of all persuasions. If you would care to come along, please contact me at the Rowing Club or by phone (Home 842108, Work 47181 Extn 49 - leave a message).

North York Moors

June 18/19

Pete Lancaster

The last two meets to this region of uncrowded beauty have been well attended and enjoyed, so this year the meet has been brought forward to a more reliable season. Peak Scar remains excellent and for those that don't appreciate the delights of Whitestone Cliff there are plenty of other excellent crags to choose from e.g. Scugdale or Wainstones.

It would be good to see more walkers this year. There is an abundance of interesting rambles, long and short and uncrowded. Camping will be at 'York House Caravan Park', Balk, Sutton under Whitestone GR 100/476808, 3 miles S.E. of Thirsk off the A 170 on the Bagby-Sutton road. It is worth remembering that fees are per tent, not per person, so it will be best to get someone to fill your tent up!

I shall be in the prominent pub on the main road through Sutton on the Friday night, Fred Philips will advise on extensive crawls through the excellent hosteleries of Thirsk for Saturday night.

Alstonefield

June 25/26

Derek Carnell

Despite the fact that the last two years have dared to give us misty weather, I have once again made the necessary arrangements with our good friends at the 'George Hotel' for a "Fill yer neck and Tum" weekend, specifically for those Oreads to whom the merest chance to lift their elbow (whether clutching fork or glass) is sufficient.

Needless to say, in a bid to encourage you to once again bring along your "Better Halves", I have laid on a sumptuous evening of eating in the old style - Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudd with all the trimmings! (Those with an aversion to red meat can of course have a Dove-tickled Trout instead). The Cost? A lip-smacking £6.50p each - ALL IN - including the first glass of mead! Get in quick - there are only 36 places available for the meal - Ring Derby 550634 or see me at the Rowing Club. for a place at the table and in your loved-ones' affection! Radders will no doubt be along with suitable padding (minimal, of course) to play the part of Henry VIII and/or the Court Jester!

The weekend begins, as old stagers know, with the impromptu "sippers" on Friday night when a quantity of us get some practice in for the more serious part of the weekend - FLOATING FLUIDITY!! And, even if you don't wish to have the meal, you will be most welcome for all, or part, of the weekend. Camping is available at the back of the George, or across the road, and ensures little walking (staggering) home and minimal traffic hazards. So, let's see you there and.....Oh, yes, the CLIMBING's pretty good there too - Beeston Tor, Dovedale and the Manifold Valleys all waiting for Gregson and his furtive chalk bag (keeps his nuts in it, I'm told!) So get with it, and give me an early call for the meal.

Alpine Meet, Grindlewald

July/August

Rock Hudson

Having been asked to co-ordinate this year's Alpine Meet, I have obtained the following information. There are three campsites near Grindlewald. Previous visitors have stated that 'a' particular site is the 'best' for a variety of reasons. However, the following is probably the best and I've put down some details: Eigernordwand Site, 1.8 km from town, cost per night per person 3.50 Swiss Francs, (with FICC (?) International Card 3.30 SF), Visitors Tax 1.20 SF, Tent per night 1.50 SF, Caravan per night 2.50 SF, Car per night 1.50 SF, below 12 years of age half tax..

The town tourist office were unable to state if a reduction could be obtained while up at the Huts. Grindlewald has ample shops, pubs, sports facilities, swimming pool, etc.,. Adjacent to the town, and in the valley, are small hamlets, chair-lifts, forests and walking paths for families on those rest days, while Interlaken is only a short drive.

Mountaineering. From the town a wide selection of routes are available at all grades and hence suitable for any level of skill. The Hut walks can be long and some

require the use of the railway to the Jungfrauoch. A short drive into the Lauterbrunnen Valley provides an even greater range of hard ice and mixed routes. The Guide books are Bernese Alps Central and Bernese Alps East. Maps are:- 25 m. - Hurren 1248, Grindlewald 1229, Finsteraarhorn 1249, Guttanan 1230. 50 m. - Interlaken 254, Jungfrau 264, Sustenpass 255. 50 m. Tourist 5004 and 0634 with paths in mountains marked in red.

I hope this first circular gets you interested in coming on the meet. An idea of those hoping to go would be of help and could be of use in organising lifts, climbing partners, holiday periods, etc.. If you want any more information, please contact me.

Welsh Hut Booking Secretary

Ken Hodge has retired as Hut Booking Secretary for Wales and is due a big thanks from the Club for continuing in a demanding position for many years. Indeed, both Ken and Doreen have put in sterling work for the Oread over the years, and I am sure they will continue to support the club actively in the future.

Ken's position has been taken over by Fred Phillips, 1 Sun Lane, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire. Tel: Ambergate 3029.

Welsh Highland Light Railway

Dave Penlington

We have been advised by the Secretary of State for Wales that the Public Enquiry to be held on 17th May is adjourned. The National Parks Officer has informed us that the County Council and the Railway Company have reached an agreement, yet to be finalised, in that permission will be granted to develop the railway to Pont Croesor only. The G.C.C. will purchase the track back and develop the remaining part, all in the National Park, into a footpath. If this is all confirmed, it would seem a satisfactory solution.

Lledr Valley Trunk Road

The Snowdonia National Park Society have drawn attention to plans of the Highways Department of the Welsh Office to drive a Trunk Road from Betws y Coed to Blaenau Ffestiniog through the Lledr Valley. The Society are asking for people to write to the Secretary of State for Wales objecting to this scheme as posing a threat of 'irreparable damage' to some of the most beautiful scenery in the National Park. The Club Committee support the S.N.P. Society's appeal and ask all members of the club to write, as individuals, a brief letter of objection to the Plan and send the letter to: The Secretary of State for Wales, Welsh Office, CARDIFF, Wales.

OBITUARY: Oliver A. Jones, Honorary Member

Oliver died after a short illness on the 19th April. He was elected to membership of the club in the year of its foundation, 1949.

At the Annual Dinner in 1981, he was made an Honorary Member. He remained active on the hills even after having two replacement hip joints, climbing in South Africa and his usual trip up Nevis at Easter. He will be best remembered for his advice to newly-weds at the Club's Annual Dinner, a tradition which he carried out for over 30 years.

For Sale

1. Pair of Scarpa Bronzo Boots Size 8 (42) worn twice only. £40 o.n.o.. Contact Stuart Firth on Wilmslow 530308.
2. Pair of Super Darbellay Boots Size c.6 worn once only. £40 approx. Contact Mrs. Parry on Wirksworth 3494.

Wanted

1. Four Man (i.e. Man, Woman, Child and Dog) Ridge Tent. Must be in Good condition. Contact Ron & Yvonne Sant, 27 Melton Avenue, Melbourne, Nr. Derby. Tel: Melbourne 3579.
2. Annapurna Haul Sac, or equivalent, i.e. approx 100 litres. Must be in reasonable nick - Contact John O'Reilly (Home Belper 7194, Work Derby 365650).

Changes of Address

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Ken Norman,
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Going to the Alps? Want A Lift? Then Read on...

Scott of Milford is, out of the kindness of his heart and notwithstanding a token share of the petrol money, offering a lift to Chamonix leaving on Friday 15th July for the first Oread to contact him on Derby 842108. The lucky Oread will have the pleasure of Pete's witty, stimulating, intellectual conversation all the way across Europe (so Pete tells me!).

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John O'Reilly

Advance warning - the Hon. Editor will soon be on the scrounge for articles for this year's bumper fun bundle - 'OREAD 1983'. Remember that the Editorial policy is 'you write it, I'll print it' - how about an article by the lucky person who manages to get in first for the Scott lift to Cham. all about a journey across Europe in the presence of Pete's witty, stimulating, intellectual conversation!!
P.S. A note for Radders - don't forget that article you promised last year!

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