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Oread Newsletter July 1988

July 2nd-3rd Derbyshire

Nick Kirk

I assume this meet will be held at Heathy Lea. Contact Nick at 10 Blenheim Drive, Allestree (tel. Derby 552868) for details.

July 9th-10th Tan-y-Wyddfa (Cloggy)

Gil & Gail Male

Get yer Cloggies on and join us for a weekend's entertainment in Welsh Wales. Entertainment will be provided by the assembled multitude, who will surely be clamouring to get on this meet; so book your beds early in the Oread hut.

If you want to have any routes recommended then pick up your guide book, or borrow someone else's, and pick one. **THERE'S HARDLY A BAD ROUTE ON THE CRAG.**

We will be at the Rowing Club on Tuesdays before the meet if you want to confirm your bookings. Don't forget, a small payment to the meet leaders will guarantee you preferred beds in the hut. Hope to see you there.

July 16th-17th Buttermere

No meet leader

This is intended to be a joint meet with the Pinnacle Club. Camping will be at Gatesgarth (GR 194150).

July 23rd - Aug 13th Alps

The venue for this year's meet will be Visp, Switzerland.

July 30th - 31st Gogarth

Ian Spare

The sun, sea and sand meet! Come and try the best sea-cliff climbing in Britain (the world?). Good routes abound, some of the best VS's in Wales, and some classic routes such as T Rex, Dream of White Horses or Freebird, all on fine rock. One day is planned on Castle Helen and another on Wen Slab, and there will be a barbecue on the Saturday night.

Meet in Valley on Friday night in the pub on the right on the corner of the first traffic lights on the A5 on Anglesey. Camping 55p - see me for details or ring 701098.

New Hut Fees

The hut fees at Heathy Lea have been increased to
Members and reciprocal rights - 70p
Guests and prospective members - £1.70
Members' children - 70p
Other children - £1.70

An Incomplete Tribute

D Williams

Lawrence Burns, known as 'Lol' to his many friends, was quite a character by any standards and he will be sadly missed.

His contribution to the Oread had been sustained for over 30 years and was one which would be difficult to be equated. In addition to being Honourary Treasurer he was a trustee of the club and had represented the Oread on many occasions, including serving on the Welsh Committee of the BMC. His wise counselling as one of the club committee members made very valuable contributions to the continued success of the Oread. For his services he was made an honorary member some years ago.

Lol possessed a first class brain which stood him in good stead for keeping the club in solvency! He was knowledgeable on many matters and for light reading read books on advanced physics and could talk, if you could understand him, on quantum and wave mechanics - in between fags.

He had strong views on how to run the country and had not a high opinion of politicians. He liked music but not the jungle variety and one of his sayings was "It's taken thousands of years for man to get out of the jungle but we're getting back in ten ". When Lol was happy he would break into song with " I wish I was a fascinating bitch etc " but when he'd got it on him all you got was a grunt! When he was bored or knackered he would adopt a trance-like posture which was probably his way of recharging his batteries. Most of his outdoor gear came from the Army and Navy Stores or chuck-outs from Chilwell or the local factory shop, but it was always hard-wearing like him! I only saw him once in a suit when he announced out of the blue that he was going to see his daughter in Paris - we never really got to the bottom of that.

Although Lol was not a 'rock tiger' he was a true lover of the mountain scene and a strong advocate for the preservation of the unspoiled countryside. He was an active (if somewhat absent-minded) alpinist and I for one had many memorable holidays with him in the Alps, with innumerable amusing and sometimes hair-raising incidents. I recall one such incident on the Mouch when he dropped his glasses and nearly saw us off in retrieving them. I suppose his finest hour was in climbing Mont Blanc on virtually an empty stomach!

Suffice to say, Lol was a highly individual and colourful character and was well liked by all. Despite serious problems with his leg after an earlier operation on his spine, he kept going on the hills and was more out than in.

I could go on but as I said this is an incomplete tribute as I'm sure others have more to say. What I regret is not having made the effort to see him, when from all accounts he was not well.

Please send all items for the newsletter to
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