

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEMBERS' SLIDE NIGHT. 11th. MARCH.

This will be held at the St. James Hotel in the usual room. Please bring along your slides and help to make this function as successful as those of previous years.

SPECIAL LECTURE. FRIDAY. 21st. MARCH.

Repeat, FRIDAY 21st. MARCH. George Band has been invited to lecture on his recent trip to the Andes. The usual room at the St. James Hotel will be the venue. This should be the last lecture of the 1957/58 programme, and the last purely social function of the season, and in view of the eminence of the speaker it is hoped that everyone will be there to welcome him.

CLUB HUT.

The negotiations for the new Club Hut are now only waiting for planning permission from the Ministry of Town and Country Planning. The response from Members to the appeal for loans to enable the purchase to be made has been very good, but there are still a few who have not yet sent in the contribution which they agreed to make. We still have not sufficient cash to buy the place and the Contract to buy the place cannot be signed until the funds are available. If you are broke now but expect to have some of the folding green within the foreseeable future please let the Hon. Treasurer know as soon as possible so that a final assessment of the position can be made. It's now or never.

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We, the undersigned, propose for the position of

PROPOSER.....

SECONDER.....

I agree to serve in the position of if elected.

SIGNED.....

This form must be in the hands of the Hon. Sec. by the 8th. of March.

Easter Meet 1958

Glencoe - Fort William

Gerry Britton.

In view of the second meet in the Lakes, it is anticipated that the Scottish meet will be small, and it is not proposed to arrange coach transport. Will car owners with spare seats, and those who would like transport, please contact the meet leader before the A.S.M. at which we will try to finalise travel arrangements.

Most of the party will travel during Thursday night, April 3rd and we hope to set up camp in Glen Etive early on Good Friday morning - Map ref. 24354C on Ordnance Survey sheet 54 (Loch Etive and Glencoe). Last summer the Glen Etive road was being widened and car parking should now be easier. Most of the party will probably be climbing on Buchaille Etive on Friday and Saturday, the programme therefore will depend largely on the weather. With Easter coming earlier there should be plenty of snow, but if it is scarce in Glencoe we will move on to the Nevis area - Campsite in Glen Nevis about 1/4 mile above the Poldubh bridge, Map ref. 656,914 on the Fort William O.S. 1-inch map (Sheet 47). Here's hoping the weather will be kind and this year I hope we are not turned out of camp by a heath fire.

P.S. Maybe some Oreads don't know that there is caving (of sorts) in Glen Nevis. Map ref. Sheet 47 approx 676917.

The Easter meet at Haweswater will have to be to another venue as it is apparently not possible to camp in this area, further details will be given later.

Annual General Meeting. 1958

As announced already, this will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bastos, 7-0 Pm. Saturday, 22nd. March 1958.

The following alterations to the Rules have been proposed:-

Rule 5 (Five) Proposal by D.C. Cullum.

The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, General Sect^y, Meets Sect^y, Assistant General Sect^y, Treasurer and Hut Warden all being Honorary Officers. All of these with the exception of the Vice-President shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election. When a President, having served for two years, becomes ineligible for re-election in accordance with rule 8, he shall automatically become Vice-President and the former Vice-President shall then retire. No member may become Vice President by any other means. Additional Officers may be appointed at the discretion of the Committee. Such Officers shall end automatically at the next A.G.M.

Rule 7 (Seven) Proposal by E. Phillips.

Addendum: After the last word add "Trustees shall be indemnified out of funds of the Club against all costs and expenses properly incurred by them in respect of any part of the property of the Club."

Rule 15 (Fifteen). Proposal by E. Phillips.

Addendum: After $\frac{11-11-6}{11-11-6}$ per annum or less eight add

Members who are permanently resident abroad may, if they wish, pay a reduced subscription of 12/6d. per annum.

Married couples, both being members resident abroad, may if they wish, pay a reduced joint subscription of 15/-.

At the last Committee meeting, the following were elected members.

R.A. Hodgkin Esq., Abbotsholme School, Rochester, Ultoxeter, Staffs

C.D. Martin Esq., 19, Aylestone Drive, Aspley Park, Aspley, Notts

599, Burton Rd

Lilleover, Derby

3/13/58.

O R E A D M O U N T A I N E E R I N G C L U B

PURCHASE OF A CLUB HUT

Since the Club authorised the Committee to take steps to replace Bryn-y-Wern, the by-roads of North Wales have been well and truly scoured, and the estate agents of the area consulted at regular intervals.

The search culminated at Christmas when a "highly desirable property" was located at the south end of the village of Rhyd Ddu $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Beddgelert (Map ref. 571527, Snowdon 1" sheet.) It is a commodious house, somewhat smaller than B-y-W., in a good state of repair, with main water and electricity laid on. It could be put into commission as a Hut immediately, although we should naturally have to carry out minor alterations inside so as to make it suitable for our purpose, after which it should house about 25 Oreads.

Situated at the foot of the track up to Snowdon about 80 yds. from the road, it is not far to "Cloggy" while Lliwedd and Cwm Silyn are within easy reach. Of the lesser trodden cliffs, Moel Hebog, Moel Lefn, and Craig-y-Bera are just across the valley, and that means of course that Cwm Pennant is not far away for the nostalgic types.

The plutocrats will find the huge car park very useful, while for those less fortunate the Caernarvon - Beddgelert 'bus will drop them at the door..... and there is a shop, pub, and post office in the village.

The price quoted in the agent's "blurb" was £800, but this was negotiated down and an offer of £550 made and accepted, which seemed to be very reasonable at the side of other property that has been viewed in the area.

The method of administering the property has drawn heavily on the reserves of midnight oil in the cruses of the financial advisers, because the Club itself is not a legal entity and thus cannot own property; two alternatives have been considered. One is to set up a Private Company while the other is to set up a Trust. The original proposal to set up a Company has been looked into very carefully and although it is possible to do this there are considerable technical difficulties in the way, mainly due to the nature of the business it would transact. That is equally important, however, is the fact that the expenses incurred over the period envisaged would be an appreciable proportion of the capital involved. It is considered that this money would be better employed in repaying that which is borrowed.

The recommendation is, therefore, that a Trust should be

set up to enable the Club to own the property legally: the Trustees will sign legal documents on behalf of the Club, and also see that the terms of the loan are observed. Trustees are, of course, appointed by the Club, and may be changed from time to time, as necessary, in accordance with the wish of the Members in the usual way.

Part of the Hut income will be set aside each year to repay the loans and it is anticipated that this would be completed within ten years. If the place proves to be as popular as we expect it will be, this period could be appreciably reduced, of course. It is not possible to say at present however, when the first instalment of the repayments will be made.

It will no doubt be appreciated that many problems remain to be solved, but if anyone requires further details the Officers of the Club will be pleased to provide such information as may be available.

The growing urgency of the situation may be underlined by the fact that on Jan. 31st. the Hon. Secretary received a letter from the solicitors asking for the earliest date at which the Club can vacate Bryn-y-Wern.

By the time this circular reaches you, the Club will in all probability have made a deposit of ten percent on the property described above, the go-ahead from our solicitor being the only thing awaited, in spite of the fact that the response to the first appeal was inadequate. The maximum effort is required on everyone's part so that we can be assured of a place of our own free from the whims of this or that landlord.

It is essential however that the Hon. Treasurer should receive your contribution immediately, so that the Club is in a position to complete the transaction as soon as possible.