

ORLAID MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER
THE DERBYSHIRE HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION 1961. JANUARY 1962.
Preliminary Report.

Pending the preparation of a comprehensive account and map describing the activities and journeys of the expedition the following notes are sent for your information.

The expedition was in the field from the end of May to the middle of July 1961.

listed below are the ascents achieved by the expedition:

- (a) White Sail, 21,148 ft.
The second ascent.
- (b) Deo Tibba, 19,687 ft. (Twice)
The fourth and fifth ascent.
- (c) The Manikaren Spires, 17,692 ft. and 17,000 ft.
First ascents.

The expedition also made the first ascent of the 18,000 ft. Ice Pass in the Bera Shigri/Kulu Devide, and completed a plane-table survey of the East Tos nullah glacier.

At a point some 800ft. in vertical height below the summit of Indrasan, 20,410 ft., on the West Ridge, the final assault pair were forced to turn back defeated by the sheer difficulty and length of the rock and ice climbing. An attempt on the East ridge was abandoned at a lower level for the same reason.

Bob Pettigrew.

Pettigrew reports that a fuller account should appear in a later edition of the Newsletter.

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TAN-YR-WYDDFA.

If anyone has the odd ted spoon going spare it could be put to good use at the hut. These items seem to be departing in considerable numbers from the cutlery box recently. Any contributions to F. Allen, P. Gardiner or L. Langworthy.

It is hoped to organise some heavy transport soon with the object of getting furniture to the hut. No-one needs reminding of the state of the lounge seating. If anyone knows of reasonable furniture going cheap (or free) please contact the above. It would be of assistance if any such furniture could be available about March-April time in order to coincide with transport

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Tan-yr-Wyddfa continued...

WORKING PARTIES.

The proposed programme of work at the hut has been a little disrupted due to the need for urgent weatherproofing work on the roof. A good start was made on this at the last working party and plans are in hand to complete the job at the next, which will be in April.

Other jobs for the W.P. are:-

Finish capping off chimney pots.

Further painting in the hall.

A start to be made on the bathroom.

Thorough Spring Clean of the Hut.

It is also hoped to make a start this year on replacement of mattresses. This will take a little time in view of the expense involved, but the Hut Sub-committee feel that investment in some type of Dunlopillo or plastic foam mattresses will be better than renewing with the usual damp absorbing things which we have at present.

Further working party details will be circularised.

Please make an effort to attend at least one per year.

IT'S YOUR HUT.

PAUL GARDINER.

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MEMBERS HAND BOOK.

Work has begun on a new club handbook and the Committee request ideas for improvements and alterations on the existing issue. Also all changes of address should be sent immediately to Geoff Hayes, 1. Elm Avenue, Beeston, Notts. Phone Nottm.256750. Unless any ideas from members are not sent within the next two weeks the handbook will be similar to the one now in use with a few additions, so don't forget write to the Secretary NOW.

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Congratulations to Mick Berry and Celia fox, they are to be married in February spending a ski ing holiday in Scotland.

Mick Berry recently purchased a double electric blanket - we wonder why!

FOR SALE

Welbourne has a Cap Nord Bug bag for sale any offers to John.

BIVOULACK

The world around is deathly quiet and still
An air of mystery and expectation
Far above the earthly station
Surrounds our chosen hill.

To spend the night in such a place
Rewards the mind with spectacle and thrill
As moonlight flits from icy crag
Across the mountain face.

Nestle close in your cocoon of down
Endanger not your mind
With thoughts on frozen feet
But circulate the body
With willpowers given heat.

If this is not enough to stem the flood
and satisfy demands of flesh and blood
Invigorate yourself with half numbed hands
Until the Golden orb lifts in the East
And heavenly fingers warm the mountain lands.

Shake off the frost that's formed around your shell
Enjoy the scene as misty vapours swell
And leave the deep set valleys far below
While Snowdon's crags hold hard the fiery glow.

Avail yourself with rope and trusty axe
And as the dawn light lengthens into day
Retrace your steps along the frozen snow
With thoughts on life most people never know.

Gordon Gadsby.

(Written after spending Christmas night 1961 on the
summit of Snowdon.)

Thinking of the Easter Holiday? Geoff Hayes is leading the meet
in Scotland and says Glencoe is the area. He is thinking up a
meets circular so anyone with any ideas please contact Hayes.

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DOVE AND LATHKILL WALK - FEBRUARY 10/11th JACK ASHCROFT

IT is the meet leader's intention to repeat a walk of Oread days of yore, Ashbourne to Bakewell. This is a pleasant walk - not too arduous - via Dovedale Wolfscote Dale, Hartington Middleton Common and Lathkill Dale. Saturday night will be spent at Hartington - actual place of rest doubtful at present but don't be deterred by that - bring your bivvy sack in case. However, phone me Breadsall 579) or visit the "Bell" the Tuesday before the 10th for final arrangements. (Who knows - it might be a better weekend for climbing than walking.) Meanwhile, the meeting place - Ashbourne bus station 12.15 pm. Saturday. (Buses leave Derby bus station for Ashbourne every 30 mins from 9.30 am.)

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WINTER MEET. OGWEN NORTH WALES 23/25th FEBRUARY GORDON GADSBY.

Accommodation for this popular meet will be at Tyn-y-Shanty, although M.A.M. members may prefer to stay at Glan Dena in comparative luxury.

Seriously though Tyn-y-Shanty is 'nt really too bad and I would like to see more Oreads there than on previous occasions. Bring cooking equipment as for camping (there is a gas stove but it gets rather crowded).

Transport will be by private car and Mini-bus. Anyone interested in the latter means of transport please send me booking and 10/- deposit or see me in the "Bell". If the response is good enough we hope to run two Mini-buses from Nottingham with a picking-up point in Derby.

Ogwen is a very fine centre and with luck we may get a repeat of the fine snow and ice conditions of two years ago when Hebg Ashcroft was seen skiing down the North Ridge of Tryfan.

On Sunday morning if the weather is good (3 stars and no rain) the meet leader together with Doreen, Geoff, Barbara Hayes and Maggie (the latter 3 'by order' of the meet leader - Editors note) intends a short excursion to the summit of Pen -Yr -Ole-Wen. 3,210 ft. in time to see the sunrise. In order to encourage the female side of the club the meet leader will buy drinks at the Bell for all Lady members who see the sunrise from the summit. (Anyone welcome.)

2, Carew Rd.,
Rivergreen,
Glapton,
Notts.

EVENING MEET. TUESDAY MARCH 27th. THE St. James Hotel St. James St. DERBY
THE DERBYSHIRE HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION 1961
Members of the Cread who went on the expedition will give an account of the doings of the party with the aid of colour slides and film. This lecture will start at 7.30pm.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1962 - MARCH 3rd 1962.

In accordance with the usual procedure, the Committee are nominating the following candidates for positions on the new Committee to be elected at the above AGM. Further nominations are invited, as the Committee recommendations are in no way final. See Rules 5 and 6.

President	-	B.Cooke
Vice President	-	R.Pettigrew
Secretary	-	P.Janes
Assistant. Sec.	-	C.Hobday
Treasurer	-	L.Burns
Meets Sec.	-	D.Burgess
Hut Warden	-	L.Langworthy

Committee - 5 required

D. Cooke, F. Allen, R. Turner, J. Welbourne, G. Hayes

Nominations on the attached form in writing must be accompanied by a proposer and seconder and be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM, that is Saturday 17th February.

NEW MEMBERS.

Dave and Pam Western of 70, James Road Derby were elected full members at the January Committee meeting at 142 Allestree Lane Derby.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership have been received from the following:

CLIVE RUSSELL. c/o 91, Shirebrook Road, Sheffield 8.
PROPOSER - Geoff Hayes Seconder - Bob Pettigrew.

GEORGE RHODES. KNYPERSLEY HOUSE Biddulph, Staffs.
PROPOSER - Pete Janes. Seconder - Ray Handley.

JAMES MACLAY. 11 Vicarage Avenue, DERBY.
PROPOSER - Geoff Hayes Seconder - Gordon Gadsby.

The Committee welcome members to express their opinions as to any candidates suitability for election to the club. Write to the Hon. Secretary: Pete Janes,
61, Jubilee Road,
Shelton Lock,
Derby.

