



Application for Membership.

Barry Williams, 1, Stanford Street, Heanor, Derbyshire.  
Proposed: G. Hayes. Seconded: M. Lowe.

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Paul Craddock, 27, Templeoak Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham.  
Proposed: E. Wallis. Seconder: W. Smith.

Members should write to the Hon. Secretary with their views to the above candidates suitability for election to the club.

NEW MEMBERS.

Rodney Craddock, 27, Templeoak Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham.  
Dave Williams, 101, Wood Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

OREADS IN SHORTS - NEWSLETTER, JULY 1962

The "Green Man" Hotel Ashbourne has been booked again for the Annual Dinner to be held on 17th November.

Heard at a recent committee meeting. Pete Janes - "Tennis Shoe in the rain. Sounds like a new Pop Song".

Ray Handley now lives on Curried Chips.

Clive Web to Jim Kershaw - "Have you ever thought about working abroad Jim?" - "Well I have never really thought about working".

So far this year Cloggy has yielded (so I am informed) seven new routes. Martin Boyson and Colin Mortlock recently climbed the Pinnacle Arete to the right of Gargoyle - Pete Crewe ascended the big wall between Chimney Route and November, this was almost completed several years ago by Joe Brown. - The big groove to the right of Red Slab was climbed by Crewe.

The new guide to Cloggy is now in preparation and should make very interesting reading for those not so up to date with the big crag. I believe the XS routes outnumber the VS of which there are at least 20. I wonder which Oread will be the first to make the new guide out of date?

Although there should be a full report in the next newsletter about the Cloggy meet held at the end of June, it is worth mentioning that Eric Wallis and Wally Smith spent most of the Saturday on the West Buttress, in very unpleasant conditions (rain and mist). They almost completed the Girdle of the west - a very fine effort indeed.

A number of Nottingham Oreads spent a good week end on Burbage. The weather was fine and warm. Eric and Wally put up a new peg route in one of the quarries. The president and family arrived on the Sunday Geoff Hayes retired quietly after fighting his way up Bynes crack VS followed by the president who on the top remarked that he thought it only Severn. (In 'PA's).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - JULY 1962

Current reports indicate that yet another climbing ground is to be closed to the climber, one that is possibly not too well known but never the less one that offers the best climbing discovered in Derbyshire for many a year. I refer to Willersley rocks at Cromford. In the last month there has been two accidents there which have come to the notice of the landowner, and has resulted in the police being asked to keep climbers away. There was previously no objection to climbing.

Willersley is a limestone crag, the top portion and indeed the larger part of the crag at the right hand end being of a 'dolomite' type, the rock is however loose in places although the main routes, following grooves and other natural lines, are fairly solid.

To climb on Willersley demands much of the climber, to climb safely on the steep rock without overloading holds requires experience that is only gained from many years of practice; to know when a piton is necessary for protection (without overpegging and spoiling climbs), whether or not a loose hold can be trusted, even the question 'is it better to retreat', these are all points that come with experience.

Both the accidents at Willersley need not have happened, in both cases the climbers were youngsters who, even if they had the gymnastic ability to scale the crag, lacked the fundamental experience necessary to climb safely. The same can be said of many of the accidents in the country today.

It is up to all of us therefore to direct the enthusiasm of the youngsters along the right channels, to see that they receive a good basic knowledge of all the techniques of climbing before branching out unto harder routes. In this way we might preserve their lives and, with luck, a few crags on which WE may climb.

D. Burgess

NEWSLETTER - JULY 1962

We all know how great the litter problem is in Derbyshire, particularly in the area of the Gritstone Edges. The Scavenger Meet the club holds each year to clean up Gardoms and Birchens Edge becomes increasingly necessary and last year a great amount of tins etc were collected from the camp site at Froggatts farm all left by the campers - mainly Mountaineers. None of this mess was of course necessary as the farmer provides a bucket in which you can put your ~~own~~ tins. My chief fear is that the small mountain camp site not controlled by a farmer, for example by Llyn Bochlewyd, in Glencoe by the river and by Blca Tarn Etc., The usual practice for getting rid of tins is under the nearest stone. By now most of the boulders are covered with tins instead of the tins being covered.

The answer to this problem is to carry a large polythene bag in the rucksac and carry all the rubbish back in this to the nearest waste bin or even back home - if you can carry it out with you you can easily take it back, after all empty tins don't weigh much. If we all use this method and pass the message on to others we may still save some of our favourite sites.

The following letter has been received from Robert Lawrie Ltd., and may be of interest to members.

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Guide Book News.

The long awaited "Guide to Climbs on Derbyshire Mountain Limestone" Published by Cade for the Manchester Gritstone Club at 12/6d, is now on sale. Similar in design to the Gritstone Climbing Guides of the Peak District, this well illustrated guide describes of all grades on the Limestone Crags of the Peak. Over 80% of the climbs in this guide are without artificial aids.

The "Guide Book to the Pennine Alps" at 21/- has just been published. This is the first guide in English to this area.

WORKING PARTY WEEKEND 26 MAY 1962.

Work Done:-

4 Chimneys capped.  
New lock fitted  
Coal store sorted out.  
Bathroom laid out (waste pipes etc.)  
Trees Trimmed.  
Painting.  
Repairs to leather furniture.  
Cutlery polished.  
New furniture installed.

Once again another working party bites the dust and there was plenty of it. The battle of the Bathroom was fought admirably by Messrs. Gardiner, Burns and Appleby, several chimney pots were lost during the siege but were swiftly capped by the bathroom party during a lull. Messrs. Hooley, Phillips and Appleby took up positions as lookouts in the surrounding trees, several limbs were lost during this time. These were quickly camouflaged with green paint by D. Appleby acting then as runner and ground support.

Food and hot stimulants were provided by the womenfolk, who also, in between mealtimes rendered first-aid to damaged furniture and polished fighting irons, did painting where needed and ferried supplies from Caernarvon.

On Saturday evening, leaving one person on guard at the hut, a small scouting party entered the nearby village and gained access to the local inn, here they found another battle raging and after a brief struggle they gained a position near the liquor store. They were in the process of sacking this when heavy drifting smoke and (local) activity forced them to withdraw to the hut. It is to their credit that they did not return empty handed. On the whole the battle was not won, the bathroom still has to be finished.

I would like to point out to members that a Yale lock has been fitted to the bog door. This was due to the using of the bog by foreign personnel. Note. If anyone is daft enough to leave the key inside the bog, walk out and lock the door, well thats it. The thing to do, is to leave the key in the lock till you come out and then return it to its place on the hook from whence it came.

I would like to thank all the old faithfuls and newcomers for the work they did at the weekend.

Those present were:

L. Burns, D. Appleby, R. Phillips,  
E. Phillips, B. Gardiner, P. Gardiner,  
M. Hooley, C. Hooley, and Doggarnit 'Kim'.

C. Hooley. Hut Warden.

Since this report was put to print, Paul Gardiner, Chook Hooley, and Laurie Burnes spent a hard weekend finishing off the plumbing in the bathroom. The Bath and wash basin are now connected to the hot and cold water supply and can be used. All that remains now is for the walls to be rendered and the room decorated.

The working party in August should see to some of that.

## HUT NEWS

Friday July 20th to August 13th 1962. All enquiries bookings Etc., regarding the hut to P. Gardiner, Birdind, Cadgwith Drive, Darley Abbey, Derby.

SKYE - WHITSUN 1962

COLIN HOBDAV.

One has only to read the information on the back of the Scottish Mountaineering Club guide, particularly the one for Skye, which informs you that it is printed on wet-resisting paper and bound in water proof cloth, gives you an idea what to expect.

Five of us, Pat and Doug Cooke, Pat and Brian Lee, and myself, left the Friday evening before Whitsun, for Skye in glorious weather. This soon changed to rain as we crossed the border into Scotland. Travelling overnight we arrived in the early hours of the morning at Glencoc. A couple of hours sleep had been had when we were awakened by a hammering on the side of the van to see Hayes's face peering in (what a sight) He was soon joined by Margaret, Doreen, and Gordon. After cups of coffee all round we pushed on to Skye with shouts of "see you there" echoing round the glen.

At Sheil Bridge, instead of turning right for the Kyle of Lochalsh ferry, we turned left for Glenelg which gives some very sporting driving with gradients of 1 in 5 and hairpin bends in abundance. Not only is this ferry quicker than the Kyle, but the run is far more scenic and can be recommended to any Oread going to Skye.

A quick stop for tea and scones and then on to Sligachan where we met up with the Nottingham party again. They said they were waiting for the weather forecast on the radio before setting off down Glen Sligachan, but actually I think they were waiting for the pub to open.

We set up camp at Glen Brittle, finding a party from White Hall also camping there.

Sunday was cloudy but fine as we set off for Corrie Lagen and the Sron-na-Ciche crags where we climbed Little Gully, Cioch slab and onto the Cioch, from which we had splendid views of Corrie Lagen and 'The Crack of Doom'. From the Cioch the easy traverse was taken into easy gully to enable us to reach the tops quickly as the weather was showing signs of deteriorating. This enabled us to get good views from the top of Sgurr Sgumain 3104ft of the Cuillin Ridge. The clouds descended as we crossed over onto the top of Sgur Alasdair 3251ft. and then we descended the great stone shoot, which was enjoyed by all.

Monday saw the arrival of the rain and our departure for Portree and the Old Man of Storr, which is a pinnacle well over 150ft. high and 40ft. in diameter and overhangs on all sides, the rock not lending its self to climbing.

The weather was even worse on Tuesday so we left Skye for the Lake District, camping at Stonethwaite in Borrowdale, from which we visited Shepards Crag, Sargents Crag, Eagle Crag and a walk over to Gable via Angle Tarn and Sty Head Pass. The last day was spent on Gimmer where we saw the Nottingham "shower" and learnt that Glen Brittle had been washed out the day after we left, so we had 'nt missed much.