

RECENT MEETS. — ANNUAL DINNER 1962

GEOFF HAYES.

The ANNUAL DINNER was of course once again a great success and is now, according to one member, "The event of the Mountaineering Year". The 'Green Man' once again provided a fine meal which was followed by the usual crop of good speeches. Brian Cooke in his last year as president gave a good review of the clubs active and social life, then he was followed by the two chief guests, Dennis Davis and Gwen Moffat. Jack Ashcroft and Phil Falkner spoke on behalf of the club. The evening was particularly merry because Wally Smith, who was celebrating his 21st, provided a very large barrel of 'E' which meant plenty of pints for all. Wally was presented with a Sleeping Bag and Hut Key from members of the club. Oliver Jones once again put on a fine show with the pipes and lead the singing, which with the aid of the extra beer, went on for the rest of the evening. The quote of the night came from Jack Ashcroft who was presented with a toy elephant on a plaque, surrounded with all the gear he had lost during the past year. Later Jack asking why he had been given the elephant said, "Is it because I am thick?" Everyone was sorry when the evening ended especially Wally who was rescued from the arms of a lady at the hotel, or perhaps it was she who was rescued. Bad luck if you were not at the dinner, you certainly missed a good evening.

Nupse,

One of the finest Mountaineering lectures was given by Dennis Davis when he came to the St. James to talk on the successful British ascent of Nupse. It's a pity that only a few Oreads were present at this indoor meet. A lecture of such quality deserved far more support.

BULL STONES I expect Harry Pretty to write at length an account of this meet at a later date, it certainly deserves a full report. The weather once again was all that you could wish for, on Saturday it was misty and provided that air of "mistry" and surprise so necessary on this walk, and leaves people hopelessly lost and floundering in the maze that is Bleaklow. Sunday weather was brilliant sun and cold wind. Walking conditions were excellent after a night of severe frost. (Those without a good bug bag, who spent the night on the stone floor of Bullstones Cabin, will tell just how cold it was). 16 bodies were crowded the floor of this cabin when four of us arrived at 4.30 a.m. on the Sunday. (No we had not got lost, but did not leave Derby until 2.30!) Our arrival provided Pete Janes to practice his German on us, but one or two of the others did not appreciate our looking them up at such a late (early) hour. I look forward to reading all about Pretty and his mob in a later edition of the Newsletter or Journal.

Christmas at the club hut. About 20 Oreads spent a very enjoyable Xmas at Rhyd Ddu and once again the weather was perfect, even better than last year when it was said that there would never be one as good as this again. Highlights of this extra long week end were a trip to Nevin Bay and the descent of a sea cave by all the party (Chuck

must have had something to do with this) and Burns almost had to swim for his life when he decided the water at the bottom was not too deep, in fact it must have been more like 20ft than the few inches he thought it to be! Another highlight was the night spent on top of Snowdon on Xmas Eve - this was only enjoyed by Gordon and Doreen Gadsby and Barry Williams. Then there was that fine Xmas day spent on Llyn Croesser. It was frozen of course and the fortunate few who took skates to Wales had the best days skating of their lives, perfect ice a cloudless sky and magnificent scenery at 200ft. The fine seven course meal at the Prince of Wales in Carnarvon rounded off the day. Well done Colin for finding such a good place for the eats. The final epic was one of cider, started by myself and Celia Berry, but finished by Barry Williams who accepted a bet from Chuck about the quantity he could drink - Barry lost and also lost most of the meal in the process.

HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS.

LAURIE BURNS.

Passing through Germany, when going to and from the Alps, perhaps one may be forgiven for first mistaking the frequently occurring sign Umleitung as being a direction to the roseat illumined abode of an oriental lady of easy virtue. However experience will tell you that there is no connection whatever with pleasure. It is a teutonic device calculated to see you spend your holiday in Germany. Once having entered the labrynth not even Theseus could get you out again.

Webb and I, trying to leave Augsburg on the road to Don,, were misdirected so completely that we passed through Augsburg four times and eventually found ourselves on the Munich Autobhan.

Beware Umleitung .

In a fit of mental aberration, probably due to the hot Italian Sun, or the mellowing influence of unaccustomed Vino, Welbourne weighed himself. The machine, when aroused from its torpor, by the admistration of 20 Lira and several considerable thumps, delivered a totally incomprehensible ticket, which, after a perfunctory butchers, was pouched for later perusal. At a moment of leisure, that is when past having the resumption of the fast hut flog, he produced it, and with the assumption that the digit refered to Kilograms, and reference to the conversion tables, we arrived at Welbournes weight 8cwt 3qrs 27lb. At first we thaught it excessive and probably inaccurate, but had he removed his Rucksack?

SAFETY ON MOUNTAINS

The B.M.C. lists of DC'S and DON'TS on Mountains:-

1. Plan, with maps. Ask experienced people to help you.
2. Don't try too much too soon. Move gradually to bigger things.
3. Go with others and keep together always. Until experienced, don't take charge of others; then take only ten or less.

Safety on Mountains continued.....

4. Equip against the worst. Be well shod: have warm clothing and a weatherproof cover, spare clothes and food for all, map whistle torch and compass.
5. Give yourself ample time, and more as a reserve. Move steadily Don't hurry and don't waste time.
6. Don't throw down or dislodge rocks or stones. Know and observe the Country Code.
7. Eye the weather; it can change completely in a few hours. Don't go on recklessly if it turns bad. Don't be afraid to come down
8. Don't do rock, snow or ice climbing without an experienced leader.
9. If lost don't panic or rush down. Keep together and deliberately work out your position and your best way down.
10. Leave word behind you of your route and when you expect to be back. If you can't arrive where friends expect you, phone them or tell the police. (Do these to save needless searches).

The above advice is particularly important during the winter months on British hills. Short days and extreme weather conditions have caused many accidents in the past and will do so again this season!

OREADS IN SHORTS

The new Hut Bookings Secretary for the Rock and Heather Hut at Baslow is, Margaret Booth, 103, Bells Lane, Cinderhill, Nottingham. All applications to use the hut should now be sent to Miss Booth.

Quote from the President: "I don't think we shall see any more of those agricultural Karabiners"

"Pete Janes has not been out of his ski boots for days" - Barbara must have a job on to keep the sheets clean.

New Address: Dave Widdows, The Laurels, Church Road, Quarndon, Derby.

The A.G.M. PRINCE OF WALES - BASLOW SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 7.30pm. Members are reminded of rules 8, 9, and 17 regarding election of officers and Committee etc.

Ski tows are now in operation at Turnditch (8 miles from Derby), Crookstone Knoll in Edale, and one above Chapel En Le Frith. The tow at Turnditch and in Edale is run by the Derby Ski Club and can only be used by members, there is no information about the other one at present.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RULES

The Committee have proposed a set of rules for the Annual Photographic Competition. Your comments are invited.

1. There are two separate competitions. (1) Colour transparencies and (2) Black and White prints.

2. The winner in each competition shall hold a cup for twelve months

3. Sections. The division of sections will apply for both competi

(1) Mountaineering at Home.

(a) General views.

(b) Action

(2) Mountaineering Abroad.

(a) General views

(b) Action

(3) Club Interest. (Note this section to be judged by the President)

4. The first three slides (or prints) in each section to be awarded points : 3,2,1, for 1st 2nd 3rd respectively. The competition winner being the entrant with the highest number of points.

5. No. of entries to be 3 in each section. ie. maximum total of 15 Colour and 15 black and white.

6. No print or transparency placed 1st 2nd 3rd in any previous Oread competition to be entered.

7. All colour transparencies to be mounted in glass (or plastic) preferably 2"x2" (other sizes to be accepted but may not be shown on the night if projector not available). Slides should be spotted in bottom left hand corner (looking at slide correct way round) and marked with competitors name, section and sub section in which entered. Black and White Prints to be not less than whole plate in size (8½x6½) and mounted. Print to be marked with name and section and sub section in which entered.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO PART OF STANAGE EDGE

The Peak Park Planning Board are pleased to announce that negotiation have been completed, giving public a right of access to an area of about 1½ square miles of open country, comprising part of Stanage Edge and most of White Path Moss.

The boundaries of the area are from the road at Ringinglow to Hathersage approx ¼ mile east of Upper Burbage Bridge across country as far as Stanage Pole thence following the county road known as Stanage Road to Dennis Knoll Plantation.

It is noted that the part of Stanage Edge that lies to the north of this road is not included ie. Stanage High Neb and Stanage End.

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS CIRCULAR

LANGDALE JAN. 26/27th

C. HOBDAY.

All those who attended the Langdale meet last January will remember the snow capped hills and blue skies, and it is hoped that we will be able to enjoy the same weather conditions again this year. Accommodation will be at the Fell & Rock hut Row Head Cottage, where there is room for 18 people. For the "hard men" there are plenty of good camp sites in the valley.

Hut bookings and requests for lifts to C. Hobday in the "Bell" or direct to: 6, Findern Close, Allestree, Derby.

INDOOR MEET.

St. JAMES HOTEL, DERBY.

TUES. JAN 29th

7.45 p.m.

The Oread Lyngen Expeditions.

PHIL FEARNER

There have been many requests by members for a repeat lecture on the early Lyngen Expeditions and Phil has kindly agreed to sort his slides out and oblige. The wanderings and climbs of these youthful Oreads: Sutton, Brown, Pretty & Falkner, in Arctic Norway, were the highlights of the Club in its earlier years, and their exploits are little known to the majority of the present members and should provide ample scope for a good evenings entertainment.

(This meet is to be held in the MAIN DINING ROOM.)

OGWEN FEB. 16/17th

G. GADSBY.

As nothing has been heard from Brian Housley since he moved South to Exeter, the Clubs chief insomniac, Gordon 'no eyelids' Gadsby has been volunteered by his friends to lead this meet. Despite pleas from Welbourne and Janes it is hoped to arrange accommodation again at Tyn-y-Shanty, but as yet this has not been confirmed. Gordon can, of course, be relied upon to provide alternative bedspace, even if it is on top of Tryfan! All interested should contact Gordon or one of his henchmen in the "Bell".

Since the publication of the members handbook there have been the following address list amendments:

D. CHAPMAN	19, GT. GEORGE ST. BRISTOL 1.
K. CLARKE	GWELFON, GORWELL RD. LLANPAIRFECHAN.
N. DOBSON	11, STANLEY DRIVE, LEICESTER. (TEL. 67443)
P. GAYFER	26, KINGSBOROUGH GARDENS, GLASGOW W.2.
D. HADLUM	RESIGNED

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R. HANDLEY	THE RISE, BLACKBROOK, BELPER.
B. HOUSLEY	QUEENS BUILDING, THE UNIVERSITY, EXETER.
J. KERSHAW	22, KING ST. NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE.
B. LEE	117, NOTTINGHAM RD. DERBY.
J. LEESON	7, ORCHARD RD. SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
J. MACLAY	30, BUNBURY RD. BIRMINGHAM 31.
M. McCARTHY	RESIGNED.
R. G. PETTIGREW	RAJKUMAR COLLEGE, RAJKOT, GUJARAT, INDIA.
C. RUSSELL	20, WOODLAND ROAD, DERBY.
G. J. THOMPSON	DECEASED.

The following new members have been elected.

R. CRADDOCK	27, TEMPLEOAK DRIVE, WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.
D. WILLIAMS	101, WOOD ROAD, CHADDESDEN, DERBY.
B. WILLIAMS	1, STAMFORD ST., HEANOR, DERBYS.

Any change of address should be sent to the Secretary (or Meets Sec.)

D. BURGESS

Since the publication of the members handbook there have been the following address list changes:

D. COLLIER	19, ST. GEORGE ST. BRISTOL 1.
K. CLARKE	SWINON, 1 GOEWELL RD. LARKHILL, WILT.
M. DOBSON	11, SHELLEY DRIVE, BRISTOL (TEL. 67413)
I. GATTE	26, LINDSBOURGH GARDENS, GERRARD ST. W.
D. HADJIM	RESIGNED

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