

TALK ABOUT A QUORA XIAT

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1963.

COMMITTEE NOTES.

L. Langworthy and G. Gadsby have been appointed as ordinary members of the Hut Sub-Committee. C Hooley remains as Hut Warden.

A printed meets card has been or will be issued shortly for 1963/4 meets.

The Annual Dinner will once again be held at the Green Man at Ashbourne (16th November 1963).

A note on hut bookings is included elsewhere in this Newsletter. It is intended to keep members informed as to the availability of accommodation at the Hut throughout the year, either in the Newsletter meets circulars.

The Question of expedition funds (raised at the A.G.M.) was discussed at great length and your committee considered that there would be very little response to a call for funds without a particular expedition in mind and that consideration would be given when the occasion arises. (This of course has been done in the past).

Access to Craig y Bere is being investigated by the committee. (Many members have had more difficulty getting to the crag than climbing on it!)

The following people are listed as prospective members.
Graham Clarke. Guy Lee. P. Buxton. J. Wildsmith. Paul Grainger.

OREADS IN SHORTS

With Easter only a week past reports are still coming in of rough weather and rougher camping during that holiday. Many tents were 'broken' in Wales the Lakes and even Cornwall. The meet in Scotland seemed to get the best weather with only two feet of snow!

The Club Hut proved popular with members and friends at Easter. According to reports there was quite a family gathering. The weather was so wet in Snowdonia that Welbourne even got wet in Lockwoods Chimney!

Hawkins Masters. Arvon Jones of Bethesda informs us that these British P.A's can be re-soled and fitted with New Bands and leather uppers at under £1. Care should be taken to see that the boots are repaired if, or when the leather upper becomes worn through because if the canvas is worn it cannot be replaced. (It can of course be patched before any of the canvas is likely to be worn.)

"That's a BITTER bad luck"

"That's not putting it MILDLY"

Overheard on a WhiteHall visit to the crags.

"Would you like to take those two ladies?"

"Are they experienced?"

"Yes - and they are quite good climbers too!"

"When you get to grade six you reduce your circle of friends"

- Welbourne in the 'Bell'.

TALK ABOUT A WET EASTER!

Rock

By the sound of running water
By the fire at Tan Yr Wyddfa
Big chief Phillips holds a Pow Wow
With Wader Hooley and his Squaw
Where are they open and how far
Can you get in time by car.
Elder warrior, Hawk Faced Welbourne
Muttering "Hell" and "Whats' the use
Wanders round disconsolately
Followed by his small papoose.
Lone Jim Kershaw still abed
Visible only his balding head
All others hope of sleep had fled
When young Hebog bawled to be fed.
Young buck Hobday, full of fire
Accosted each member to enquire
If to Lockwood Chimney they aspire,
Lead them through the blooby mire.

- Big Chief Burns.

FOR HIRE.

Chalet at Pramous near Arolla, Valais Alps, to hold at least five for period August 17th-31st. Apply to Tom Frost, Stone Hall Cottage, Riggs Lane, Marston Montgomery, Derbys.

Climbing in the Churnet Valley.

In a recent letter Tom Frost writes: "Cook (Brian) and myself gave a terrible exhibition of climbing last week end using four thin slings joined together as we had both forgotten our ropes! The area positively bristles in overhanging problems. I'm going out most Friday evenings - let me know when you are free and we will arrange a conducted tour."

(I must apologize to 'North Wall Frost' for publishing part of his letter to me. At the moment there is a great lack of News for the Newsletter. Can you help? All articles etc to-

Geoff Hayes,
1, Elm Avenue,
BEESTON,
Notts.

Also dont forget the Journal - Send your items NOW to Tom Frost at the above address.

BOOK NEWS. The eagerly awaited "Married Mans Guide to the Night Life of the Cairngormes" by Harry Pretty will soon be on restricted sale. There are also chapters in the book by Pete Janes, Fred Allen and Dick Brown. The Director of Public Prosecutions has passed this book but the wives of the above have yet to give it the O.K.

Rock and Heather Club Hut Baslow.

The Rock and Heather Hut situated behind the 'Prince of Wales' Inn at Baslow, is much used by Oreads. A revised list of information and rules for this hut have been issued. (See Colin Hobday for full details).

Oreads have reciprocal rights with the Rock and Heather for the use of their hut. The Booking Secretary is Miss Margaret M. Booth, 103 Bells Lane, Cinderhill, Nottingham, to whom all enquiries should be sent. The hut holds 20 people and the charge to members of the Oread is 2/- per night

Recent and Future Meets

The last meet of the Oread year was at the Roaches on March 30th. This proved to be a popular place for the club day trippers. One or two hard members however did manage to get out on Saturday night intending to put up at the barn but found it full of the R.A.F. The rocks on Sunday were rather crowded but not only by Oreads, apart from a White Hall course there were two other club meets at the crag. A large group with Dave Weston the meet leader walked over to "Luds Church" later returning to climb on Hen Clud in the sunny evening.

BURBAGE.

Clive Russell (Rusty) returned from a week's holiday in Skye to lead this meet. On Sunday it looked as though he had brought typical Isle of Skye weather back with him. We even had difficulty in finding the crag from the path, in the low cloud. From reports many members did not meet up at all during the day - climbing close to one another but never close enough to see through the mist. In the afternoon the Turners and Paul Grainger moved South to Froggatt and better weather. Doug Cook and Chris Cully spent the day pegging Millstone. Most of the others attending the meet moved over to Lawrencefield after dining at the camp site at the expense of Rusty, Kay, and Eric Wallis. (They kindly supplied drink for the masses of day 'kippers).

Lawrencefield, was dry and warm and we managed to climb or be led up a number of routes. Others on the meet included - The Gadsbys the Cradlocks Wally Smith, Geoff Hayes, The Hooleys, the Three Welbournes, the Three Westons, John Brailsford and Guy Lee with friends.

THE WELSH WALK.

It is reported that Pete Janes is working out a tough two day epic for May 18th/20th. Details later.

The new hut sub committee are meeting to fix a programme of work to be attempted at the first working party of the year on May 25th/26th.

Gordon Gadsby expects a very large turn out for his meet on Arran at Whitsun. One or two members are combining this meet with a weeks holiday on the Island

Lost.

John Fisher has for some time been unable to find his copy of 'Starlight and Storm'. It has a sentimental value and an amnesty is guaranteed for its return. Look on your bookshelves!

CONGRATULATIONS to Derek Burgess and Janet who were married on Sat 4th May.

Is it worth going to Scotland for just three days? Those Oreads who move North each Easter and Whitsun all agree - yes. This year we were rewarded with one of the finest days on Scottish Hills any of us can remember. whilst down South the rain came down.

Mick and Celia Berry with Jim Kennedy and Sheila, arrived in Glencoe, in the mist, on the Friday. The Gadsbys and myself made it the following day at 3am, after a tough drive over Rannoch Moor- over a ft. of snow and six cars in a pile up blocking the road, and a blizzard.

Because of the rough weather Saturday was a write off really, except that it gave us chance to drive the full length of Glen Etive, first to call on the Summit M.C. and then to have a good look at the impressive Glen Etive Slabs. (Through Binoculars sitting in the car of course!)

GLENCOE - EASTER 1963 (EXTRACT)

Geoff Hayes

Ken Beech with three friends turned up later in the day and Wally Smith with Paul Craddock as navigator (lost twice at least) made it at 2am on Sunday after a 7hr 20 min ride from Nottingham. They of course arrived too late for the climbers dance at Glencoe village Hall - bad luck. When the weather improved on Sunday a group of us spent a good day on skis (hard fast snow - scared to death). The rest traversed Meall a Bhuiridh, this provided a very fine day with good snow on the tops ~~The Ballachulish Hotel provided us with a good evening's entertainment with the film 'Ski-ing round the world' if you get chance to see this show don't hesitate.~~ We all returned to the camp site later that night to make a fire out of our skis!

After a frosty cold night we looked out of the tents fairly early on Easter Monday to see a Glen flooded with bright sunlight and a clear blue sky - Just a day for the Aonach Eagach (Again!) Gordon Gadsby, Mick Berry and myself spent one of our best Scottish days doing the traverse in good snow conditions, making fast time trotting along behing Doreen. Finishing on the Pap of Glencoe we spent over an hour lazing in the sun enjoying the magnificent view out to the western Isles. The others spent an equally enjoyable day on the ski slopes, the heat was terrific and glacier cream a good idea - Celia thought differently and with a face like the rising sun the following day. She made us all hot just looking at her.

We managed half a day on the ski slopes before a quick return to the Midlands and of course, rain.

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"The thing to do is go to the hard climbing areas and pick out the easy routes - I've been doing that all my life". - Quote by Hebog Ashcroft. (PRESIDENT 1963-65)

Hee's been on more meets than you've had bogs in the new toilet tent!
- Quote at a Committee meeting. (Reference: J. Ashcroft)

For the last few months there has been no report of people being charged for climbing on the Roaches, so it looks as though, for the time being at any rate, the owner of the land has realised the opposition is too great.