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RECENT AND FUTURE MEETS .

DEEPDALE July 6th.

Quite a large number of Oreads turned out to share this meet with Lloyd Caris who was to be married some weeks later and this was to be his last meet as a batchelor! The climbers took Scrubby crag by force on the Saturday but were soon involved in a rescue - a young man stopping at the local Youth Hostel had a nasty fall on to the scree but was soon on the way to hospital thank's to the work of Oreads and others. The walkers were well out of all this over the valley on 'High Street' and surrounding hills. The walk was longer than expected and Roger Turner claims a new record because of this - The highest milage walked by any Oread without boots - he only got through one pair of socks in six miles. Lloyd was duly toasted at the 'Local' in the evening. Not put off by the accident the climbers returned to the crags in Deepdale whilst others walked over Helvellyn or festered on the lake.

STANAGE July 13th.

Although I was in the Alps and not able to get to the edge, from all reports it was a jolly good meet. I have done my best to get a full report from Rod Craddock (The elder) but it appears that a certain young lady of the Hadlum family was present on this meet and poor old Rod is still suffering from the effect she had on him.

RHY -ddu. Bank Holiday Meet.

Members arriving at the hut on Friday night soon realised Wales had been having some freak hot sunny weather. Bathing costumes were haninging about the place and the Hut Warder (straight from the trees) was stripped to the waist. - To scare off members who had not booked? The weather of course broke on Saturday and was typically Welsh for the rest of the time. Everyone was in holiday mood however and there were frequent trips to the coast, dance halls and swimming in the lake at 2am. A party went round to Ogwen on Saturday and managed a few routes before heavy rain set in. The Turners and party had a good day on Llewedd. Mick Berry and myself enjoyed the traverse of the slabs East Wall - a fine little used route. John Fisher and Dave Apelby were at work during the day in the Gwynant and at night in Caernarvon!

CRAIG COWARCH August 17th. 1963

Gust Hayes

Cowarch is possibly the most secluded and beautiful of the Welsh Valleys. We were all made very welcome by the friendly farmer and family on whose land we camped, possibly this was because his dogs had the best week ends food supply at our expense - yes the "Dogs of Cowarch" are still there as crafty as ever - is it true that they can really climb trees for food? The moderate climbers of the party found the rock not to their liking. Harry Pretty lead a successful assault on North gully, Crampons would have been usefull as they had to kick steps - in the moss! Burgess and Party had a good day on Sunday climbing what was possibly the only ascent since 1956 of a Harding V.S. They said it was a really fine route.

## OREADS IN SHORTS

THE NEW ADDRESS of Tony and Margaret Smith is 129, Millburn Road, Coleraine, Northern Ireland. We wish them both every success across the water. '

### OREADS IN SHORTS - AUGUST 1963

Contrary to reports Colin Hobday and Geoff Hayes did get to the Alps. They wish it to be made known that the only climbing they did was not in Munchen but in the Ortler - Seven peaks in all including the Ortler and Konigspitz. Anne and Uschie send their best wishes to friends in the Oread but want to know if the club can offer anything better in the way of mountaineers than the above two so called Alpinists.

Burgess climbing with Ray Colledge had a good fortnight in the Alps. making the most of rather unsuitable weather. Route Major was one of their achievements. There was the first ascent this year. - A very fine show indeed. ~~Lets hope we can soon read about it in the Journal.~~

The President, Vice president and Roger and Beryl Turner have just returned from the Dophine. Ashcroft broke his crampons, or at least the crampons he borrowed whilst he still looks for the pair he had borrowed for his trip to the Himalayas! The team managed quite a number of good routes including the boulder problems at Fontemblue on the return journey.

Congratulations to Ruth and John Welbourne on the birth of their second daughter at the end of July. John has now left for the Alps to recover!

Bob and Dina Pettigrew have returned to Rajhot after a holiday in Kulu. Dina climbed the Rhotand la, 13050ft solo - Bob was baby sitting! They send warmest good wishes to the Oread.

The Gadsby's with Rod Craddock and three friends spent an excellent week in the far North of Scotland. The weather was perfect. Making a base camp at Lockinver they climbed all the major peaks in that area. Moving South to Skye they were joined by Paul Craddock, who had hitched all the way from Nottingham in under 20 hours. The weather was again perfect and by the end of the holiday they had climbed about 16 peaks.

Paul Craddock is the proud possessor of a new red Duvet. He wears it most of the time. On Skye when the temperature was about 80 he spent a hot afternoon trying to stare out a bull who also took a fancy to his Duvet. In the end Paul managed to escape in the Gadsbys Van - but only just!

Eric Wallis has been in Saas-Fee instructing the Mountaineering Association course at the Chalet Rosa. On the way to the course he and Guy Lee attempted the Hornli Ridge on the Matterhorn but had to turn back about 400ft above the Solvay hut because of the bad snow conditions. It took eight hours to return to the Hornli Hut. Eric reported that all the high peaks in the area were out of condition. One day the party had a gripping time in an electric storm whilst on the Mittaghorn.