

ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS

Every time I attend a working party at the Club Hut and I see the same old faces, I am filled with a sense of anger and frustration, thinking of all the club members who use the hut, criticise the hut, its amenities and (I like to think enjoy its improvements.) Therefore it's not surprising that anyone who has undertaken the Hut Custodians job becomes thoroughly fed up at the lack of constructive interest in the hut.

It may surprise members to learn that although we have qualified people in the club most of the work has been carried out by amateurs, and it is to their credit that you (members) have hot water, a bathroom, roofs repaired and all the rest of the maintenance work done.

It seems quite obvious that the majority of members are in the club for what they can get out of it without putting anything in. Many have served the club in the past by performing offices on committees, on the other hand all the old faithfuls who appear on every working party have also served the club in the past and some are still doing so. Therefore if anyone is sitting back in smug self complacency, thinking well I have done my bit, they are so wrong.

It can easily be shown that the inclusive cost of running the Club Hut can never be met out of the hut fees from members bed nights alone, we rely on visitors fees for most of this. One does not need a blueprint to realise that when the old faithfuls become fed up of doing all the work the club will have to pay skilled craftsmen to do it, this was done once and I still hear the cries from the back benches.

There is one more working party this year, it's on the next card so why not reserve this date and give a hand at the hut, skilled and unskilled there's something for everyone. I have no wish to be swamped with offers, a baker's dozen will do nicely but new faces with renewed interests are what is needed.

As Hut Custodian I have had my grouse I will endeavor to tell you about the last working party. It was quite successful. THREE people completed the replacement of the rotting sparge board and re-slatted the required portion of roof, a splendid effort, I was one of them the others were Laurie Burns and Ernie Phillips. If anyone is planning a roof squatting venture, I am the man to contact, I have become an expert. Ernie and Laurie hold a new record for the Forteen Three Thousanders, ladder steps, not peaks!

After an evening in the Brothels and Beer Halls of Caernarvon, the Nottingham Painters arrived, the work they shifted on Sunday has to be seen to be believed. Waldron F. Smith Junior appeared in smart check trousers 50% wool 50% nylon with a matching shirt of soft wool patterned to give a touch of the Canadian lumber Jack. Smart suede shoes and a neat ankle sock completed this, (also 1963). These he announced were his painting legs (they were too)!

At one period we thought the weather was turning bad, a Hayes descended on the hut, he seemed to be everywhere at once. Gordon Gadsby (Ferman Painter) could not be found at all! Then someone lifted the bonnet of my van. There he was taking notes on the 105.E.

I am not sure what Colin Hobday did, he kept appearing at the back door immaculately dressed, then at the front door, paint brush in hand, adorned in old paint splattered clothes, muttering about die Fider und die Fenster, he must have been the inside man.

And of course the ladies, bless them, how would any workparty manage without them, Ronnie washed scrubbed and cleaned for us, Margaret kept us supplied with hot water to wash our tired bodies (and scrubbed our backs for us in the bath). Always they both laid on lots of hot drink and biscuits throughout the long hours.

Again my many thanks go to these people whose faces I have come to know so well, if there are any honorary memberships going these are the people who I think should get them.

Chock Hooley.

Hut Custodian

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#### ISLE OF ARRAN MEET

As though returning from the night  
In pale translucent morning light,  
Midst wheeling gulls and gleaming sea,  
Faint outlined hills appear to be .  
The Isle of Arran's misty land  
To eager watch, on Fairlies' strand.

On the whit ship the Oreads bore  
In strengthening sun by Cumbræ's shore  
The dip of Rosa is clearly seen,  
Etched in black above fields of green.

Heavy burdened they reach the quay  
Heavy plodding impatient to be  
Camping in Rosa's sunny Glen  
Or climbing on some shadowed 'Ben.

Others, cunning cycles hiring  
Passing swiftly, Walkers tiring  
By burdens growing in the sun  
each upward mile made hardly won.

Some walked and climbed on stern A'Chier  
Some lazed and bathed and drank some beer,  
Tales of turret, crag, and gendarme,  
And conscience given neer a quarri.  
But gentle reader, on your behalf,  
I cut 40 cycled miles by half.

I trust all Oreads payed due reverence to the BURNS Memorial!

## Applications for membership.

The following applications for membership have been received by the committee;

Christopher Culley,  
8, The Castlaway,  
Willington, Nr. Derby.

Proposed: Wally Smith.

Seconded: Gordon Gadsby.

Guy Leo,  
43, Morley Street,  
Sutton in Ashfield, Notts.

Proposed: Geoff Hayes.

Seconded: Gordon Gadsby.

The committee welcome comments on the above applicants suitability for election. Please write to the Hon. Secretary, Colin Hobday.

## COMMITTEE NOTES.

It was decided that the exponce necessary for the printing of a new handbook should be avoided and that amendments to the existing one should be sent to members. (These amendments have already been issued to members ready gummed, so please stick in the correct page of the handbook).

Access to Craig y Berra was discussed and the B.M.C. Snowdonia Committee has been told our views and difficulties on this subject.

Discussion took place on the question of children at the club Hut. This arose after the large number of families with young children used the hut during the wet Easter Holiday. The Oread is one of the few clubs allowing children to use the hut at any time. The general view of the committee was that most of the year no difficulty occurs but it may be necessary for some restrictions during the popular holiday week ends. One or two suggestions were discussed and it was decided to ask for the views of members, whether married or single. Please send your comments to The Secretary or to myself if you want them to show up in print.

The committee also discussed the increasing difficulty in finding camp sites and Farmers general hostility to Mountaineers. This all stems from the misuse of the Country Code ; the leaving of litter, misuse of existing Camp Sites and general selfishness . It was decided to draw the attention of the Country Code to future members and explain to them that it's observance is one of the conditions necessary for membership to the Oread.

G.H.

## QUOTES

"Since reading one of Dick Brown's letters Barbara has never opened any of my mail again." - Pete Janes.

"We could always ask Welbourne to speak, it might get him to the dinner".

"Does he gabble? Still if he is a mate of Turners he must do".

Doreen Gadsby's latest quote ..... not fit for print this month!

## OREADS IN SHORTS

"Can I borrow your crampons?" "Yes, when do you go to the Alps?"  
"It's not for the Alps, I want to air the lawn!" - John Welbourn

### LIONEL TERRAY

The Midland Association of Mountaineers have arranged a lecture by Lionel Terray on Monday 30th September 1963, at the Birmingham Midland Institute (Large theatre) starting at 7.45pm. Terray will be showing films on the Andes, Peru, and Mont Blanc. The cost of the lecture is 3/-. There is a limited number of tickets and anyone interested should give their names plus 3/- before the end of June to the Hon Secretary. C. Hobday, 6, Findern Close Allestre, Derby.

THE CLUB HUT is partially booked by the Tuesday Climbing Club on the week end of 12/14th JULY. One room is reserved for Oread use and two of these beds have already been booked by Oreads.

A NEW BIRD IN THE CAGE - Congratulations to Betty and Paul Gardiner on the birth of a son at Whitsun.

"I'm not disfond of children, I've got children of my own, I think!"  
Quote from Laurie Burns at a recent committee meeting!

NEW ADDRESS of our Meets Sec., is 61 Friar Gate Derby. All future correspondence to Burges should be sent to this address.

The President has moved to Coventry and his new address is,  
53, KENILWORTH COURT, COVENTRY - Best wishes in your new abode

PRESTIDGE, of 350 Normanton Road, Derby are stocking, as well as Jack, a very large selection of climbing boots, The new Hawkins "Masters" (English P.A.). The price is 85/- and they are stocked in sizes 5-10 including  $\frac{1}{2}$  sizes.

FOR SALE. Empty bottles which have contained "Brunitex".  
Apply- G. Gadsby.

Wally Smith represented the club at the recent meeting of the B.M.C. Snowdonia Committee held at the P.Y.G. Among subjects discussed was access to Mountains in Snowdonia. It looks as though it will take some time before the problem of access to Craig y Berra is overcome.

The Peak Park Planning Board have provided a Thomas Stretcher with full mountain rescue kit at Edale.

The Kinder Scwd Mountain Training Centre will have two vacancies for instructors to teach at beginners level from the second week in July until the last week in September. Applicants should write to the Director of the School at Fox House Corner, Longshaw, Hathersage.

Chuck Hooley was recently involved in the recovery of the body of a man from Mandale Mine in Lathkill Dale. Further details in the next Newsletter.

Translucent light  
On silver scree;  
Dipping clouds that  
Swirl around  
The climbers stand  
Gazing upwards,  
Eager to ascend  
The shimmering heights  
Tentative at first....  
Confidence gained  
As the climb begins,  
Continues and finally  
Ends in that sublime  
Moment when all the  
World is conquered.  
The dales beneath,  
The sky above;  
The triumphant moment  
Of conquest...  
And peace all around.

Ann Rawkins.

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### HUT FEES

I would like to bring the attention of club members to the payment of Hut Fees. This is not directed at any individual though it may encompass a few. It is the duty of members to pay me their Hut Fees, not for me to go out of my way to collect them. I have a postal address, and there is a postal service operating in this country. I feel that one month is more than adequate for payment of these fees. After this time I shall refer names to the committee for them to deal with accordingly.

C. HOOLEY. Hut Custodian.

### RECENT AND FUTURE MEETS

Radnor Forest saw the unusually good number (for this area) of members turn out for fine warm week end. Burns, The Hooby's, Wally Smith, the Craddocke, and the Gadsbys made up a happy crowd

### WELSH WALK

Even Pete James and his inspired Meets Circular failed to quell the usual large amount of excuses for not being able to get out on this meet. The Rhinogs were as tough as usual and this year low cloud made the traverse even more interesting. The big joy of this part of Wales is that once one has embarked on the Dolgellau - Maentwrog section there is no easy way out. Even Ashcroft, who as we all know carries a local bus time table with him on all walks of this nature, found it was best to tackle it direct and not make for the nearest road. For further confirmation of this contact Welbourne, who, although not on this year's walk, tried to find "the easy way" when we last covered this area. His quotes and eventual disappearance on Rhinog Fach and reappearance much later in the same spot has of course been discussed at great length in the past. No one tried the same trick this year

## RECENT AND FUTURE MEETS (CONTINUED)

...and as Janes private helicopter, hired at enormous expense, failed to rendezvous with the meet leader, we all managed to get to the bVvy site by legitimate ways at some time or other on Saturday evening. The Cooke 'mobile' was used as Ambulance/Rest home by all and we hope will become one of the added attractions of the Welsh Walk. What took place on Sunday is best left untold, except to say that we all eventually arrived in Beddgelert. Perhaps Janes will furnish us, in his usual brilliant way the full details of this meet at a later date.

ARRAN at Whitsun was once again fine and very hot. Highlights included the departure of the Meet Leader complete with tent, Wife and other encumbrances after finding a hole the size of a large ball in the rear of his ventile tent. Doreen had complained of a scratching noise during the night so it was confirmed that the Rats <sup>one of</sup> in that area are rather partial to Ventile and also loaves of bread, which also found its way out during the night. Other highlights were of course the 45 mile cycle ride round the North of the island. (Jim Kennedy on the strength of his efforts that day immediately joined the C.T.C.) - The finding of a new 'Cloggy' close to Drumadoon Bay - The dance at Lanlash at which we were approached to judge the 'Miss Lanlash' competition - The Cycle ride back over the hills at 2am without lights and the police in hot pursuit - The good rock climbing done by all but particularly Eric Wallis and Paul Grainger and finally the lucky escape of Gordon (thick head) Gadsby who collected a stone the size of a camera whilst climbing on the Rosa Pinnacle. He received it on his nut of course but the only ill effects was a thick head the following day. By the way when you hear the full story the stone may have grown to about football size! Finally to anyone who wants a really quiet holiday Arran is still the place to go we counted only about 12 cars on the road round the North Part of the Island on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon. It was a well attended meet as usual with over 20 Oreads and friends. (Including Jim Kershaw who was spending a week in Scotland before his next trip to Iceland).

The meet held at the hut last week end (June 15th) was a great success, with Saturday being fine and warm. The rock was dry and members set out to Cloggy - Eric leading White slab, and Llwydd. Also the hard walkers had a tough day in the heat on the 14 peaks. (Ashcroft has found out there are only 12!). The hut was full on Saturday night when some of the Nottingham team arrived after climbing in the 'Pass'. Rod Craddock supplied the drinké and we all drank his health - a belated 21st 'do', which should have taken place on Arran had not his van decided otherwise. Everyone was ready for a hard day on Cloggy on Sunday but were saved by the rain. The crowd split up, some for Eastern Arlett others for the Pass and the Rivalls.

Just to finish off this page I would like to give notice of a change of meet. Having just read the latest edition of the 'Journal' and the review of the Marsden-Rowsley walk by those two veterans, Ashcroft and Faulkener, I am filled with nostalgia and have realised it would be a mistake not to have the M-R walk this year, so instead of the 16 Stones walk (which covers about the same ground as Pretty's Bullstones Meet later in the year) please insert Marsden-Rowsley walk on your meets cards. The date of course remains the same - Oct 12th. GEOFF HAYES.