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In the last edition of the Newsletter you will remember that I wrote about a certain pipeline, well, Malcolm Padley has written to me with the news that the pipe carries Methane. The Peak Park Planning Board are aware of it's existence, and will be taking action on the matter as soon as they possibly can. This is welcome news and the Board can count on the support of the Oread. Any member care to take a walk that way one evening with a box of matches?

A short report on last week ends A.G.M. will be found in this edition. Those of you who were there will know the concern members showed over Tuesday evening informal get togethers. The "Bell" is not being supported and it was suggested that another venue, somewhere between Derby and Nottingham, should be fixed. Somewhere where parking would be easy or would be welcome. Our new(?) Committee will be working on this but any further suggestions as to a place would be welcomed. Please write to the Secretary.

Meanwhile I suggest that members continue to support the "Bell". There is always an Oread or too up stairs in the more popular bar and if enough people turn up there is nothing to stop you from returning to the old room down stairs which is invariably almost empty.

One other matter which was raised at the A.G.M. was that of the responsibility of meet leaders. The Editor asks all meet leaders to send in a meet report not later than one week after the meet. This will enable a Newsletter to contain at least something topical each month.

G.H.

Congratulations to Bob and Dina Pettigrew on the birth of their second daughter. - all are well.

For sale Rod Craddock, now retired is selling some of his gear and offers a "Brand New Unused Mischable Dom Ice Axe £ 4 - 5 - 0. Write to him at 27 Templeock Drive, Wollaton, Nottm. Or see Paul Craddock who is not quite retired - yet.

The Oread have Reciprocal Rights with the Barnsley M.C. Their hut is of course well situated in the Snake Pass.

Quote at the A.G.M. "I think that the Committee should be given a grant to investigate all Pubs in the Derby area for a place to replace the "Bell".

"We've got four German wives in the club but it's not enough to go round!"

When asked if he would be getting out on the Sunday after the meeting a members wife was heard to answer "No Time; we are on honeymoon you know."

"What we want is a five Inns walk in Stapleford"

Congratulations to Colin and Uschi! They were wed in Munchen at the end of the month (to each other of course). They had an alpine ski honeymoon.

Quote at a Committee Meeting when applications for membership were being discussed. "She has done more in 18 months than I have in 18 years."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1965

The meeting was once again held at the rear of the Prince of Wales
Baslow.

The new Officers and Committee for '965/66 are.

President.	Pete Janes.
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs R. Phillips.
Assistant Secretary.	Dave Williams.
Treasurer.	Laurie Burns.
Meets Secretary.	Gordon Gadsby.
Hut Warden.	Chuck Hooley.

Committee. Chris Martin. Ray Handley. Derek Burgess. Colin Hobday. Roger Turner.

Jack Ashcroft the retiring President spoke of the clubs activities during the past year and the many good meets which were well supported. His final pleasant duty was to announce a new Hon Member - Nat Allen. He said that we all know Nat's fine work for climbers and climbing for many years, particularly in the Peak District, and welcomed him in the club.

At the end of his speech Ashcroft sat down and handed over the proceeds to Janes. Roger Turner the retiring Secretary gave his report stating that club membership was up slightly during the year and was around the Hundred mark. A new Handbook of pocket size was issued during the past year, he thanked Roni Langworthy for her help particularly in connection with the new Handbook. Roger also thanked his colleagues on the Committee for their valuable help. Meets organised by the committee had all been a success, particularly the dinner and Photo meet.

Laurie Burns presented the accounts and gave the good news that there would not be a draw for Hut repayments this year because there was enough money in the Hut account to pay off the remainder of the Hut loan outstanding. Owing to increase in costs, postage etc it would be necessary next year to increase the annual subscription to 25/- for members and 35/- for married couples who are members. If any members wish to pay club subscriptions by bankers order, Laurie has the necessary forms.

Burgess the retiring Meets Sec said that many meets had been very well attended but a few others hardly took place at all! Distant meets in Wales the Lakes and Scotland all proved very popular but local meets, not the social meets, were not so popular. He stressed that it was the duty of meet leaders to go out and make the meet popular, and in general take more interest in the meet they are leading.

Chuck Hooley said that the hut was still popular. There were 1155 bed nights during the last year. Guests outnumbered members 70% to 30%. A new 1/- in the slot Meter had been installed at a cost of £ 14 - 0 - 0. This new Meter would enable further electrical points to be fitted, and it an adjustable type. A new kitchen window has been fitted at a cost of £27 - 0 - 0. It has an alloy frame and special thick glass to withstand the high winds in that area (Voice from the crowd - "Wind from outside or inside?") The first working party of the year consisted of two members and two guests but a later one was a success. The hut had been painted outside but much interior decoration remains to be carried out. Looking to the future the Hut Warden said that it was intended to install an immersion heater for small parties hot water. The large stove in the lounge was about at the end of its life and would be replaced by a small one of the same design. The lounge must be decorated during the year and the exterior painting finished off. Looking further forward it is hoped to replace all the windows and frames in the hut, perhaps one each year.

After the Officers reports the proposed alteration to rules was passed:-

Rule 12 now reads.....

A person may be elected as an associate member if under 18 years of age and not less than 16 years of age.

Associate Members shall not be eligible to vote at any official meeting nor lead official meets.

Please alter rule twelve in your handbooks.

There was no Hut loan draw this year because the outstanding debt could be completely settled.

In Any Other Business John Fisher asked if the Hut Sub Committee could look into the possibility of reducing the number of Block Bookings and private party bookings at the Hut. It was agreed that this should be done.

Ray Handley raised the question of Tuesday evening meetings at the "Bell" or some other rendezvous. The general feeling was that some other place should be tried and also that the successful indoor meets evenings held once a month at the Scout Hall Borrowash should be continued during the Summer if possible.

This rather quiet A.G.M. ended with the usual Rum sippers thus fortifying those hardy campers who managed to get up to Frogatts Farn.

The whole week end was blessed with good weather, this was quite a contrast to the same week end last year when Oreads were called out to look for the lost scouts in the snows of Bleaklow.

Birchens edge was crowded with Oreads on Sunday and parties drifted over to the other edges including Baslow Stannage, Curbar, and Frogatt.

MOUNTAINEERING BOOK NEWS

"The Scottish Peaks" by W. A. Poucher is a companion volume to the authors "Lakeland" and "Welsh Peaks". Published by Constable at 25/- it is naturally a more substantial work than the others in the series. The photograph on the back of the dust jacket shows the Author clad in immaculate anorack and plus fours and wearing suede shoes. But this is not a guide for the rock climber so perhaps he can be forgiven. As with the other two volumes in the series this book has a fine collection of Pouchers best photographs but these are all spoilt by the white drawn lines showing the recommended routes to the summits. It does seem such a great shame to spoil these fine shots in such a way, a more detailed account of routes in the text would be far better. In all there are 200 photographs 31 pages of parts of 1 inch O.S. Maps in all showing 72 routes up all the popular Peaks North of the border. A good 25/- worth if you can put up with the white lines before the eyes.

If you don't possess a copy of W. H. Murray's Mountaineering in Scotland at 25/- then you may be interested to know that it was reprinted some time ago and is still available, Publishers are Dent.

Just published "Rondoy" by David Wall Pub. John Murray at 30/-. Tells of a London School of Economics expedition to the Peruvian Andes. They lost two of their members so it should be a gripper!

"The Day the Rope Broke" 25/- . Pub Secker and Warburg. An account of the first ascent of the Matterhorn and the charges and counter charges which followed.

This weekend was very successful with a welcome appearance of David Appleby and many more guests and new members.

Saturday, we woke up to rather stormy weather, with blizzards of very fine snow. A party of keen lads left the hut at about 8am to climb a route on Llewedd, in conditions I thought impossible for climbing rock, they found out later that this was so.

Our party, after taking the usual late breakfast, left in hot pursuit of Hayes. After catching up with the "A" team we took the lead to the summit of Snowdon, making the steps for Geoff and team. After leaving the top we turned down the Ranger track, which turned out to be very icy, crampons were used by those fortunate to have them, but for those without steps had to be cut until we reached the "Cloggy Ridge".

Some anonymous members went for a game of snooker in Portmadoc and afterwards went for a short walk down the railway line. Other members lived it up at the "Plas Gwyn" guest house where they went for late dinner, later entertaining the hostess a slide show.

Sunday. The weather was a little better, but still very over-cast. But it takes more than this to put us off, we were away quite early driving round to Ogwen to attempt a gully on the back of Pen-y-Olewyn. After climbing for about three hours we had to retire and traverse off because of failing light.

A party of hard men went climbing on Tremadoc rocks. Hebo; was also ascended.

Mick Berry, Geoff Hayes, Chris. Culley and John Chance traversed the high level route below Crib Goch, ascended Parsley Fern Gulley and traversed the summit of Crib Goch in good snow conditions.

People present on the meet were as follows.

Paul Craddock, G. & D. Gadsby, Leni Smithurst, G. & J. Reynolds, G. & A. Hayes M. & C. Berry, E. & M. Wallis, Bill Kirk, Nigel Horne, John Chance, Paul Grainger, Guy Lee, Steve Read, John Corden, Veronica Leeson, Chris Martin, Lesley, Caris Culley, Mike Pilkington, Dave Appleby and friend, D. Tate and A. Pope.

Five minutes silence was held for Rod Craddock during this meet.

Paul Craddock.

CLIMBING AT TREMADOC

Climbing on Pant Ifan is now strictly controlled by written permit. These permits can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Ronni Langworthy, Tel. Ilkeston 3361 (Business hours only.) As the Hon. Sec. has to write for permits on each occasion, a certain amount of notice is required.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

John Corden	Elected at Committee meeting on 3/4/65.
Ronni Leeson	" " " " " " " "
Merle Wallis	" " " " " " " " 19/4/65

New member re-elected. Geoff Gibson at Committee meeting on 3/4/65.

Honorary Member Nat Allen, 17, Springfield Close, Littleover, Darby.