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Welcome back to Bob Pettigrew! It was just like old times to see Pettigrew back in Britain and at the Photo Meet. Bob and Dina will be stopping until Jan 1st.66, when they return to India for a further two years.

During his short stay Bob hopes to give a talk, with slides, of his experiences and travels in distant lands during the last few years.

Another Oread is in the news. Roger Turner is opening (Mid November) a Mountain and ski equipment shop in Nottingham. This is the first venture of this kind by any Oread and I am sure all members will give him every support. Roger's shop can be found at Canning Circus Nottingham (Phone Nottm 47230). He will be pleased to see Oread's and friends there any time.

Those of us who were fortunate to go to the bonfire meet at Ilam and saw the Pantomime (The Valliant Queers) must congratulate these Oread's who took part. Tinsel Allan whose idea the show is each year, did a magnificent job not only writing the script and directing but also making most of the artists' clothes. She was of course ably assisted by Nat, complete with dead cat fur stole and topper. The lead was taken by Henry the Eighth who portrayed Harry Pretty - a job for which he was well suited. Pete Janes took the part of Cardinal Wolsey complete with dirty ha .. Roger Turner was seen as the headless ghost but even this state did not shut him up. Beryl Turner was one of the king's sisters and Tinsel the other. Burgess of course played the "Fool" and Janet Burgess looked ravished in her bridal gown as she played the part of one of the wives. Meet leader Wes Haydon took parts of both Man (Young Henry) and woman in the Panto' we decided he was far better as the latter!. Many thanks to them all for such a good evening's entertainment. The cross country race (Mud up to the eyes as usual) was again won by George Rhodes - Congratulations. Other Oreads were well placed including young Richard Allan, Fred was thereas team coach. He should have a good representative in a year or too.

Further Congratulations go to Celia and Mick Berry on the birth of an 8lb Son Stephen. All are well.

Also congratulations to Clive Webb who was recently married.

It is pleasing to report that the recent working party at the hut was a success with 20 members and friends lending a hand. It must have been very pleasing to Chuck Hooley and his Sub Committee, who usually have the thankless task of organising the meet and then doing most of the work themselves, to get so much help. It is indeed fortunate for the club that Chuck who has so much of his time taken up with Cave and Mountain Rescue organisation still finds time to take interest in the hut. Let's admit it, it's a rather thankless task, so well done Chuck.

It looks as though this will be the last Newsletter until next year - the Editor having worse things to do between now and Xmas. May I wish all Oread's and friends a happy Christmas and jolly good New Year. May 1966 be a safe and good mountaineering year for us all. Don't forget to let me have your reports and comments for next years Newsletter.

Geoff Hayes.



NEWSLETTER NOV '65 (EXTRACT)

The main climbing on Arenig Fawr is situated on the crag to the west (behind) Lyn Arenig Fawr. Approaching from the camp site at Bryn Ifan the main mass of cliff is on the left as the buttress bends back to form the side of a valley. A feature being a White Streak, this provides a route of that name for 300ft approx H.V.S. A series of grooves leads to the foot of a steep slab. This is climbed on the left hand side with a hard move right across the top to enable a large grass ledge to be reached. From the left side of the ledge a chimney leads to the top of the pinnacle whence a short groove leads to the top of the crag.

Further to the left there is a low rib and following round beneath the crag a large boulder forms a natural chasm between itself and the parent crag. From a rock behind this starts a route (S). Enter an orquard groove and move leftwards across the slabs to the rib. Ascend this and the slabs above to a tree (stance). Continue up the rib to a large grass field. The rib continues further right. Scramble across grass and crag angled slabs to regain ridge, this continues steeply to a grass ledge and stance (old peg Belay). The left corner groove leads to the top.

Continuing the traverse left beneath the crag the path climbs and more climbable rock appears in the form of slabby walls. The first wall is distinguished by a zig-zag crack with an old peg near the top. Left again is another crack (S) much narrower, zig-zagging up the slabs. This lands one on a terrace confronted by a 20ft slab which is a pleasant pitch and lands one on a grassy shelf sloping down to the right. The wall in front is traversed low down to enable an easy chimney to be reached which goes to the top of the crag.

The crag steps out again to the left and then there is another slabby wall (V.Diff). From a small pinnacle a move right enables the slab to be reached and climbed pleasantly to a grassy break. The wall behind can be climbed more or less anywhere, a traverse to the extreme right offers however a pleasant and exposed line.

Left again, on the corner, a rib edge offers a route of diff standard to the same grassy break. Further up the crag becomes too low to be of any real interest.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND MEET - CRAG LOUGH - AUGUST 1965

This was the first meet in Northumberland. About 12 members and friends were there. Jack Leeson, Geoff and Anne Hayes, Clive Russell, Bob Gill and friend from Coventry, Tom and Sue Frost and family, Lloyd and Mary Caris and two lads from Sutton way.

The weather was fine though cool and windy. Several of the best climbs were done by various parties. Hadrian's Buttress and the Central Buttress being the most popular. The steep basalt columns weathered into clean cut high vertical grooves, cracks and narrow faces, give exposed and exhilarating climbing high above the lake. A pair of wild swans and their six cygnets paraded back and forth, seemingly undisturbed by the migrating Oread. Saturday evening it rained quite hard and we assembled in the "Twice Brewed" where Rustys' interminable stories passed the night away. "Pink Horses" seemed to be the favourite.

Northumberland Meet. continued.....

On Sunday, harder routes were climbed, a bikini clad maid was enticed into the lake, and a few walked along the Wall to the remains of the Roman Climbing Club Hut at Housesteads. Here there was plenty of evidence that they used artificial aids even in those days!

Next year I hope the Club will make the Northumberland meet as successful as this one was.

Brian Cooke.

Photographic Meet

Raymond Handley.

The meet was well attended by approximately 50 members and friends. Douglas Milner was the judge and as usual gave one of his entertaining evenings. He apparently thought the unofficial entry by Subardeer Robert Gavin Pettigrew Sherwood Foresters retd, of a Bombay damsel, deserved first place in each class!

Eleven people entered the competition, which resulted in Colin Hobday being 1st with 8 points, myself second with 5 points, Eric Wallis and Jack Ashcroft tied for 3rd place with 4 points.

The black and white section was eliminated this year but if people looked at the Black and Whites kindly exhibited by Edgar Siddall they must have been very envious and decide to start a Band V Section again next year.

The following people had slides mentioned.

Allen, Burgess, Merle and Eric Wallis, Hobday, Hayes (Geoff and Anne) Ashcroft and John and Ruth Melbourne.

INDOOR MEET - JIM BURY

NOVEMBER 9th

The club were indeed fortunate in getting one of its members to give such a good evenings show of slides. I think Jim must have about the largest collection of mountain slides of anyone anywhere! It was such a pity that so few members supported this indoor meet at Borowash, those who were not there missed an excellent show.

Jim took us with his slides to most of the mountain areas of Europe and further east. Many of the lesser known areas were dealt with including Corsica, Pyrenees, Greece, Turkey, and North Norway including Lyngen

Many thanks once again for a good evening Jim.

Bob Pettigrew will give a lecture to the club in the near future, so watch out for the information on the next Circular.

Don't forget the indoor meet on December 7th. The evening includes a cave rescue film and a very good colour film of skiing in Norway.

Bob and Dina Pettigrew's address in Nottingham until just after Christmas is: 100 Shepton Crescent, Aspley Notts.



From the very start it looked as though it would be a complete shambles when I was unable to find where prospective member Allan lived despite having picked him up at home on previous occasions. I later found the house had been painted, but only after about half an hour of searching (It's a big place Nottingham). The next little snag was to find the country home of one Thomas Frost at Marsden Montgomery. That very name excludes it from sign posts for a start because of it's length! However that little problem was solved by about 9pm and I relaxed expecting the next part of the trip to gales to go like clockwork. Too late I realised Frost (of North wall fame) was map reading and we were completely lost within a minute of leaving his cottage. I realised this of course when Tom started muttering about if we steared by the moon we shoul soon be O.K. and it would not matter as long as we missed Cheedale which of course we did not! I will not bore the reader with our tour of the potteries and many places south and east, but we did at last arrive at our camp site under the Arennig some time that evening.

I was pleasantly surprised to see Lol Burns and Jim Kershaw there, so in all the meet totaled five persons, which is I suppose not bad for that area especially when I heard the comment of Burns when I told him it was nice to see him on my meet - "Yes you Bugger you don't deserve it when I last had a meet here no one turned up!"

Of course the weather was perfect. Tents were erected on a fine piece of turf in bright full moon light. We awoke to a perfect bright Autumn day and were soon off over Arennig Fach's lower ridge to Llyn Arennig Fach looking like the gem in a barren setting. The crag proved to be dry and warm and we enjoyed a route or two until we ran up against a "Burgess Diff" - I have got that in writing. We shoul have realised something was odd because we could see two pegs in the first pitch and evidence of others having been in place a some time. After about half an hour we decided it was too nice a day to climb and set off over Arennig Fach to try and find Kershaw and Burns. After a perfect summit with good views we returned to the camp site which was just catching the final rays of a setting sun. However it never got dark at all that night for the full moon soon took over and provided enough light to read a map without torch. Frost had a better night now because he proceded to thrash both Allan and myself at chess befor I suggested it was time (10pm) to leave for the Moor of Migneint and of course Cefngawr! At this Allan promptly got into his bug ba but Frost pulled on his N. Wall hat andpacked his bivvy sheet. Our trip across The Wettest Moor in Wales was uneventful except for the odd excursion into knee deep bog and water. The moon had by now gone to Tom's head and he began to think that boulders on the stream bank were 1000 ft hills. But despite all this we hit the deserted farm spot on and spent a perfect night sleeping in the shelter of it's walls. (The grass was pronounced softer than the floor of the main room).

Sunday was again a perfect day. Frost started off well making two lots of portage one for us both and the other for the table and floor, he decided not to scoop it up as Preety had used the table as a bed the previous year.

Our plan was to cross Migneint to the east and meet the others at Llyn Arennig Fach. We did not spot them and in fact provided them with an entertaining half hour as we fought our way up the rock and (mainly) steep heather of the East face. Our reward was a fine deserted summit with grand views of the Main mountains of North Wales. After a couple of hours in the

topping up our summer tan we managed to prod ourselves into life and return for a meal and pack up camp. The prospect of a further days excellent weather made our return to the steamey stuffy midlands all the more reluctant. The trip home was amazingly without incident!

If you do decide to sample the charm of the Arennig do try and pick a week end such as ours and if you do decide to cross Migneint at night get a full moon for assistance!

#### Applications for Membership.

George And Jannet Reynolds. of 15, Bridge Farm, Lane, Glapton Notts, have been proposed for Full Membership of the club by Mrs. D. Gadsby and seconded By G. Hayes. Any member wishing to comment on their suitability for membership for the club should write to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

#### MOUNTAIN RESCUE - OREAD TEAM(ALPHA)

Will all members of the team please note the additional names to be put on the call out list :-

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15 Bridge Farm Lane,  
Glapton, Notts.

Home Tel No. Nottm 211610

Mr. P.F. Craddock,  
27 Templeoak Drive,  
Wollaton, Nottm.

Works Tel. No. Sandiacre 2661.

Although the meet leader was unable to get on the Cadder Meet Dave Weston has given the following report of the four members on the meet.

#### CADER IDRIS MEET NOVEMBER

#### DAVE WESTON

Grand weather for this weekend - cold- but blue skies and sunshine. Geoff and I put the tent up on Friday night, whilst Anne and Pam sat it out in the car (really hard types). Later when we were all installed, Geoff had a good shot at trying to get the tent down again with his primus. We decided the reason for this was because he was cold and not the primus.

We arose late next morning to find snow on Cader. The first few flakes were found at the foot of the Foxes Path, with about 3" - 4" on the summit we didn't linger long here but carried on down the ridge and found the path down to Llyn Cau where we had dinner after which we carried on to the road at Dol-y-cae and had a pleasant view as we walked by Tal-y-llyn Lake (looking for future camp-sites as this looked quite a good area). So on to Pentre Dolamarch where we ascended the track which goes over the sholder of Cader. By now evening was drawing in on us and we were having to move as quickly as possible if we were not to be be-nighted. Geoff had his radar going and it was a tired but succesful party who got back to the tent. We were then treated to another show of how not to light a primus by Geoff, Anne banished him to the depths of the tent and proceeded to light it perfectly. She said Fred Allan had been showing her the way - we hope this is all ne's shown her. Sunday saw us all dashing round Llynau Cregennen as we had an early afternoon start back home. A thoroughly good weekend with marvellous weather.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

New address of Phil Falkner is  
4, Kingston Place,  
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Cheadle Hulme,  
Cheshire.

HULME HALL 2282

Tel. Hulme Hall 2282.

Phil is now working at John Dalton College, Manchester.

The temporary new address of Jim Kershaw is  
22, King Street,  
Normanton,  
Yorkshire.

Revised address for G.R. Gibson is  
10 Cross Lane,  
Rothley,  
Via Mountsorrel,  
Loughborough, Leics.

Meets Secretary. Gordon Gadsby has resigned the office of Hon. Meets Sec. for personal reasons. The Committee place on record their great thanks for all the work he has done. Paul Craddock has agreed to carry on in office until the next A.G.M. Pauls address is 27, Templeoak Drive, Wollaton Nottingham. All information and enquiries of meets should be sent to that address.

Mountain rescue. The Oread Mountain rescue team is now ready for operation and eagerly awaiting it's first call out! The members of the team are: D Weston, D.C. Williams, C. Hobday, C. Hooley, P. Janes, J. Corden, L. Scragg, P. Craddock, G. Gadsby, C. Martin, R. Turner W. Kirk G. Lee, G. Hayes, T. Stayley and G. Reynolds - a fine body of men I'm sure you will agerr!

A complicated series of call outs should ensure that the team assembles at Baslow before moving on to the area of search. A practice turn out will take place one Sunday in November.

Congratulations to Brenda and Fred Allen on the birth of Twins (two girls) early in October, all are well, even Fred!

The White Hell of the Pitz Palu - Indoor Meet Film

A really good crowd was present at Borrowwash to see this epic film. Despite being over 30 years old the film caused many a laugh and at the same time gripped the audience with fantastic shots of bodies falling down North Faces all over the place!

In all a very worthwhile film despite a finish which left you with the feeling that there should have been another reel at the end (perhaps it got lost some time!).

Ray Handley did a magnificent job changing all 8 reels!

It was nice to see Janet Ashcroft heading a strong team from Coventry at the film show. Jack was baby sitting.