

OCTOBER 1968

It is many months since a Newsletter appeared. During that time as you will read the Oread has not been inactive. In fact I am sure that when we look back on this year it will prove to be one of the best in the Club's History. There have been quite a number of new members who have joined the ranks of the club and many new faces appearing on meets whom we trust will eventually join. This is a healthy sign. We welcome them all. Also the meets list has been varied and attractive and very well supported. To the critics who say that meets twice a month are too frequent we must reply that not everyone can be expected to attend, but people will find something to their liking many times during the year. Also the Oread now possess two huts.

All these are good signs for the future of the club, but of course we must not stop there. How about a Club Journal? a well compiled and printed record of the years activities of the club perhaps complete with photographs. The Oread is surely in a strong enough position to afford such a luxury, all that is needed is at least one willing worker who can get things moving. Are you the one? How about one of the more recent members having a go. (The older members have been talking about a journal for as long as the club has been running). By the way we are about to get a new Handbook after at least 4 years. For all the hard work to get one printed we must thank Dave Williams, Mike Berry and Les Langworthy, who between them have worked many hours. The handbook will be their memorial, when you get yours keep it safe it may be a long time before you get the next!

Finally don't let's have to wait so long again for a Newsletter, let me have plenty of reports, letters, poems, or in fact anything at all interesting. A Newsletter is about the best way of the ordinary member of the Club airing his complaints, praise or suggestions.

FOUR PEAKS (PATTERDALE) MEETClive Russell

The meet was well attended, but owing to the cowardice of everyone except the meet leader (who was delayed by a broken fan belt on Friday night) (Always thought Rusty was water cooled Ed!) it was decided to postpone the assault on the 4 Peaks until the hard men (Hayes and Dave Williams) for instance) could be coaxed out to reinforce the expedition. Instead a series of wide spread activities took place. Gordon and Doreen, Bob Pettigrew, Ken Hodge and I traversed the High Street range, intending to return from Pooley Bridge on the Ullswater steamer, but delayed by incessant photography we arrived after all public transport had ceased for the night.

PATTERDALE - NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER '68 - CLIVE RUSSELL (EXTRACT)

Various activities took place on the other side of the valley. Ray College made a rumoured first ascent with Honor. Dave Appleby attacked Dove Crag and the Weasons climbed Hellvelyn. (New member-elected Jan 1968)

Sunday was a ridiculous farce, the meet leader's 3ft 6in wife put Himalayan giant Pettigrew to shame by braving a 20 min shower to reach Griesdale Tarn (sheltering just round the corner in a barn known only to the Meet Leader) whilst Pettigrew and Gadsby team sheltered in cars and then only reached 900ft, still a good time was had by all, and one person said "That xxxxxxxx Pretty will be green with envy because he did not come".

Team Alpha has not been inactive during the last months. There have been two actual call outs. The first was called off before most of the team arrived at the control post ~~one Monday morning.~~ ~~(The Post couple walked off the scene without aid).~~ More recently about 20 Oreads were in the team searching on Kinder for two lost girls and a dog. Perhaps it was the thought of finding two girls that gave us such a big team, but it was all credit to the Oread to field such a large group and be one of the first teams to arrive and get out on the search. The girls were found quite close to the Oread search area and were quite well despite a night and half a day out on a very wet and windy Kinder.

In all there were about 250 persons in teams on the search which was called off at 2pm. As the searches walked back to Hayfield Reservoir the clouds lifted to give wonderful views.

The team are to launch a fund raising effort to get enough cash to purchase a portable radio transmitter and receiver. The cost could be as much as one hundred pounds. Money or articles for raffls etc. should be sent to C Hooley Team leader or to Colin Hobday and Paul Gardiner who are in charge of fund raising ideas. Got any equipment which you can spare for a raffle ? A sling or crab etc? Then why not pass then on to Colin or Paul.

If you are interested in Mountain Rescue and would like to join the team contact Chuck. He can make arrangements with your boss at work for time off for genuine call outs which are not too frequent.

If you do not think much to all this just think on the words of a team member who said " Although it was most inconvenient for me to turn out I would have never have forgiven myself if the team could not have turned out through shortage of members and that a life could have been lost because of this. Will team membets please note that there will be a practice search on the Sunday after the Club Dinner and that the next Team Alpha meeting will be on Wednesday 1. th February 1969.

OREADS IN SHORTS ETC

The Committee recently discussed the idea of a club badge. What do you think of the idea and any suggestions for the design of a badge?

The Oread now have three representatives on the Midland Area of the National ski Federation. The Turners and Les Langworthy.

The Dovedale Dash will take place this year on Sunday November 3rd. The start will be from the centre of Thorpe Village not the Youth Hostel. Are you running FOR the Oread?

OREAD ANNUAL SOCIAL AND DANCE will be held at the Sherwood Hotel Derby on Thursday evening 19 December 8pm to 1am. Tickets now on sale are 7/6d and this includes a buffet. There are only 120 tickets available so make sure you get yours now. It will be a really swinging evening with music arranged by Ray Handley and games and larks and dancing will be run by Mick Berry and Geoff Hayes. Plenty of prizes and surprizes

Subscriptions, there are still one or two members who have not paid up, if you are one of them send the money to L. Burns 51 Cranmer St, Long Eaton Notts. Anyone not paid up by the next committee meeting will be removed from the list of members. This means that you would have to pay a further entrance fee to join the club again!

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ESKDALE SPRING MORNING

The Eastern Sun, still hid behind the hill.  
The shadowed vale is quiet and sleeping still.  
The captive stream is dark in it's imprisoning ghyll.

All wait the warmth the mist and dew dispel  
To light the moor and crag on distant fell.  
Enfolding all and watch in Lakeland spell.

The golden light of early morn will bring  
Again to life the bright green coat of spring.  
The singing larks aloft on beating wing.

Dew wet the webs the bracken fronds enlase  
Glisten in the sun in silvery space  
As dawn steals in the cold dark night displace.

At daybreak walk the high steep paths alone  
Let solitude enhance the favours shown  
Enchantment here elsewhere is never known.

Lol Burns

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEET OCTOBER 1968

A large crowd of Oread's and friends were once again entertained by Douglas Milner in his by now, well known critical style, when they assembled at the Royal Oak, Bakewell on the Saturday night. D. Burgess was in charge of all arrangements and did a pretty good job, but did not manage to get enough drink down the Judge to win first prize!

With quite a big entry there were many fine slides to give Milner a hard task of finding the first three best slides in each section.

The President was unable to judge the Club Interest section until the evening, but he managed to solve this in his usual unflappable way. There was a sad lack of scantily or even fully covered females shown in the club interest section - are all those slides now "under the counter"? The result this year was - first prize Cup and book token - Chris Radcliffe. Second - Cup and book token - Gordon Gadsby. Third Prize - book token - Lol Burns. Congratulations to them all, to Lol for getting a place at last (He says he has competed 18 times). To Gordon for his usual high quality photography, and to Chris one of our most recent members for getting a 'first'.

It was nice to see so many of the old faces, the Cooke's came down from Nothumberland, Jack Ashcroft, John Welbourn, Jim Kershaw were also seen. One member was heard to remark that the Photo Meet was more entertaining than the Dinner, which is either a compliment for the Photo Meet or does not say much for the dinner!

Most of the campers were on the Calver site with the overthrow at Moorside farm. Sunday was rather damp and dull (not a day for colour photographs) but members of the Oread were seen performing on Gardoms and Birchens Edge. There was also quite a gathering at the Derbyshire Hut where another large bonfire disposed of more of the rotting contents of the barns. Get taking those colour sides for next years contest chaps!

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PEMBROKESHIRE - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MEET / -G.GADSBY (EXTRACT)

After a long tiring drive from many parts of the Midlands, 61 Oreads and friends encamped on Mr. Jones's splendid site above White Sand Bay. We clocked 230 miles from Nottingham whilst ~~Mick Berry~~ Geoff <sup>Hayes</sup> and gang managed to cover 269 miles via the Birmingham back streets. Jim (Spitzbergen) Kershaw walked it from Dolgelly in two weeks, and looked remarkably fit.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, the long hoped for good weather had arrived. A strong team headed for the much vaunted crag and found them well up to expectations. After the miserable weather in the Alps it was sheer delight to climb on warm dry rock. Most climbers finished the day with a swim in the boiling surf on one of the many sandy coves. In the evening we drank our fill at the Ship Inn at Solver. Some of the climbs done on Saturday were - On Craig Carn Porth Long, Reptilian 420ft V.S. by D. Burgess Ray Handley and Ray College. Barad 320ft Extreme by Chris Radcliff and Pete Scott. Reptilian was also climbed by our youngest members Tom Green and David Brady. The rest of us Craig Coetan (The Red Cliff) where the routes are of a less demanding nature. Some of the routes done were- The Crack 110ft S. and Descent Buttress 150ft Severe by Ron Chambers and Howard Marshall. Wall climb 70ft severe and Corridor 250ft D. Geoff Hayes Colin Hobday, Rosie Grayson, Mick Berry Mark Clark and Wendy Bottomly. Central Route 200ft H.S George Reynolds G. Gadsby C. Cully. The Reg Squires John Dench team was also active in the area but I have no details.

On Sunday Morning 40 Oreads assembled on the slipway at the Life Boat station Porthstiman. After some hard words with various boat owners 25 of us eventually set sail for Ramsey Island. Fare 15/- return. The next six hours on this idyllic island were worth double. On production of a letter from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, we were given the run of the Island. Whilst 6 hard men searched for new routes the rest of us explored as much of the Island as we could in the time available. The Island is over run with rabbits and in October is the breeding ground of the grey seal. The Highest peak on the island rises to a majestic 445ft but the view from the summit more than surpasses that of many a three thousander. Looking N.E. we could see the coast line from St. Davids Head to Aberystwyth and beyond. Due East South Wales was like a map at our feet culminating in the rugged skyline of the Brecon Beacons. South Eastwards across St. Brides Bay the bird Islands of Skomer and Skokholm beckoned us across a simmering sea. At our feet was a carpet of the finest heather I have ever seen, whilst away to the West across the highest cliffs of Ramsey and the Bishops and Clerks Archipelagoes seemed only a stones throw away.

Later we all watched the lads finishing their routes (D. Burgess, Ron Chambers, Pete Scott, Chris Radcliff Tom Green and David Brady). On the return trip some of us received a soaking as the boat forged through the impressive tide race.

Monday was another wonderful day for weather. Many Oreads left for home in the evening, but not before the crags had received another thrashing. Robin and John Dench did a girdle of the harder parts of the Red Cliff. Ray College, Doreen and I did several routes on this crag, also David and Tom. Reg Squires was seen leading a small party towards Strumble Head in search of new routes. He was closely followed by a Footpaths Preservation Official who was very impressed with Reg's size 15 boots and wanted to sign members of their committee!



Ron Chambers led the magnificent Reptilian route followed by Howard Marshall, Andy and George Reynolds. On the stomach traverse George ripped his trousers open and his guide book fell to the bottom of the crag. Ray College made his second ascent of this route followed by Doreen and I. Pete and Chris did some hard route on a crag further away.

Tuesday was the best day of all for weather and we made a bee line for the beach. Surfing, Football, Sunbathing, Swimming, Climbing, you name it Chris Radcliffe did it! He should be called Mr. Perpetual Motion. As well as the 2,000' girdle of St. Davids Head he also managed all of the above sports. Robin Green and J. Bench made an ascent of the White Tower, a 60' Pinnacle in the next cove. (Apossible 1st ascent?). Mr. True Form himself (Reg Squires) turned up on the beach in the afternoon, having walked nearly a mile and a half along the cliff top in true Alpine Fashion, (Roped Up and carrying coils!). Most of the tourists halted their sunbathing and beach games to get a good view of the caravan. (Reg, Ann Thornhill, ~~John~~ and John Crosse made their base camp on the beach!). Doreen, Janet Reynolds and Kath sunbathed all day.

Looking back on the meet the main recollections are, the wonderful weather, the first class climbing, the look on Ray Handley's face as he toyed with the decision to board the boat for Ramsey Island, the look on Janets face when she realised she would have to climb down the rocks to board the boat for the return trip, the first appearance for at least 5 years of Mike and Meg Moore on a long distance meet, the welcome given by Mr. James the campsite owner and last of all 'Reptilian'.

Oreads and friends on the meet were- Jim Kershaw, Mike and Meg Moore and children, J. Dench, R. Squires, Ann Thornhill, D.Carnell, Pat Carnell, Allan Squires, Robin Green, Judy Skinner, D and J Burgess and Garry, Joan and Andy Oakden, D. Gadsby, Jand D. Reynolds, R. College, P. Cradlock, Christine Brady, David Brady, Tom Green, Ron and Kath Chambers, Stew Bramall, Kath, Bob and Clair Clark, Mat and Maureen Obrian, C. Radcliffe, P. Scott, C.Culley, Ray and Maria Handley, Bernice Heason, Howard and Margaret Marshall, Tony, Dave, Marje. John Crosse, G. Hayes C.Hobday Wendy Bottomley, Rosie Grayson, Mark Clarke Andrew, John Fisher, Mary, M. Berry, and two friends of Janet Burgess. If I've missed anyone out I'm sorry, thanks for turnig up.

~~First mention of C. Radcliffe and P. Scott on Oread~~ <sup>Meet</sup> ~~Some~~ <sup>Meat</sup> ~~Ed.~~

DOVEDALE MEET AUGUST 24th

The campsite at the rear of the 'George' at Alstonfield was well filled on the Sat. evening, everyone being keen to enjoy the privilege of drinking without the worry of the breathalyser. Good weather blessed the meet and after a brief skirmish on various crags on the Sat.

Everyone converged on Tissington Spires on the Sunday to rendezvous with the Sunday-ites. The climbing was good, especially after fighting through the jungle type undergrowth, and most Oreads stood for the first time on the summits of the Spires- surprised at the quality of the climbing and the airyness of the Position.

A meet with a difference and enjoyed by all. D. Burgess.

THE WELSH HUT - OCTOBER 1968 (EXTRACT)

Although there were only 11 Oread's on the recent working party at Rhyd ddu there was an amazing amount of work carried out. Perhaps the main thing to catch your eye when you next visit the hut will be the new tiled floors in the dining room and kitchen. The hall and stairs were also painted as was most of the outside woodwork. The roof was also repaired and the front door now has a glass panel giving the hall much more light. A new toilet seat was fitted (who wore the other one out?) and there is a new work top in the kitchen.

Plans for the next year at the hut include the completion of outside painting. New tops to dining tables, further cooking rings and more floor tiles on the ground floor. It is also hoped to replace the tatty furniture in the living room.

The committee have decided that the Welsh Hut shall always have one spare room reserved for club members every weekend, and that other clubs who use the hut can only have ~~the~~ other bed space on two week ends per month. The idea behind this new ruling is to give members more chance of finding room in the hut at any time. Previously other clubs were able to take the whole of the hut. For all information and hut bookings please contact the new Hut Warden Dave Appleby, 121 Old Chester Road, Derby. DE1 3SA. Dave can give you advanced details of all hut bookings. He also asks that members using the hut should make prompt payment to him and fill in details in the Hut Book and a payment form, copies of which will be left with the book in the hut. If members take guests to the hut it is their responsibility to make sure that all hut fees are paid to the warden. If a group of Oreads and friends use the hut at week ends it would help if one person could be responsible for collecting all fees, fill in the form with all names and details and pass it and the money to the Warden at the earliest date.

For the information of new members, you can obtain a Hut Key from the Hut warden for a deposit of 10/1. The bedroom reserved for Oreads use is now indicated on the outside of the door.

→ I understand that this Rule is still applicable vis a vis guests who ~~at~~ attempt to use the Oread room ~~Ed~~ when they have booked the entire hut - Ed.

THE DERBYSHIRE HUT - OCTOBER 1968 (EXTRACT)

The Club have now taken possession of Heathy Lee Cottage below Chatsworth Edge. For the first year (until March 1969) the club will use the cottage on a trial basis, if the owners and the Club agree a lease will be signed for approx. 15 Years. Until that time it is not intended to spend much money on improvements and decorating. Etc. At the time of writing the hut is not ready for use but within the near future there should be limited bed space for use by members. The Hut Warden is Harry Pretty.

A hurriedly arranged working party at the beginning of September saw a small group of members (mainly Hut sub Committee) take stock of all work needed to make the cottage fit for use. A vast quantity of rubbish was disposed of from the barns at the rear and the cottage was cleaned out very thoroughly. It now awaits interior decoration, cooking rings and beds before it can be used. Outside much of the undergrowth, that was threatening to over run the buildings, was cut back and burnt and a parking area was marked out at the rear of the cottage.

THE DERBYSHIRE HUT CONTINUED.....

Parking of cars presents one of the big problems for future use of the Hut. The owners do not wish the area to change in any way and attract the passer by and all cars must be parked out of site of the main road. Cars should not be left in the main driveway to the hut. This road is used by lorries of the Chatsworth Estate and Water Board transport. (The pumping Station is attached to the main building). There is enough room for about three cars by the cottage and until further parking space is made at the back members cars will have to be parked away from the area.

When finally a lease is signed work and occupation and use by the club can go on unhindered. It is intended that the Derbyshire Hut shall be for the sole use of Club Members and will not be available to other Clubs or associations. Future plans include the conversion of the barns for further sleeping room and large common room, and the installation of a flush toilet with septic tank etc.

There will be a number of working parties needed before that time for decoration and for the fitting of kitchen equipment, so watch the meet circular if you would like to lend a hand.

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OREADS IN SHORTS

New Address. Clive (Rusty) Russell has moved to 89, Daleside, Upton-by-Chester, Chester Cheshire. Telephone 21416.

Next Committee Meeting - November 4th at Dave Westons House.

Meets List - Change of Date. Please Note that Harry Prettys Bullstones meet will now be held on the Week end of November 30th and will be based on the Barnsley Club Hut in the Snake Pass.

Address. W. Richardson. 55 Knowles Hill, Rolleston on Dove Derbys. Telephone Tutbury 2304.

New Address. Bob Pettigrew . White Cottage, White Cottage Lane, Tonbridge Kent. Telephone 07322 3977 home  
07322 3544 office

EVENING INDOOR MEETS are now being arranged by D. Burgess who would welcome any useful suggestions for lectures etc.

New Address. C. Hooley, 11 Greenway, Moss Lane, Hulland Ward, Derbys .  
Telephone Hulland Ward, 463.

Wedding Congratulations To Paul Craddock and Christeen Brady. They were given a good Ice Axe and confetti send off by club members when they left for a Skye honeymoon.

ANNUAL DINNER. Don't forget November 23rd is the date. George Reynolds is in charge and there will be an all star cast of speakers . Get your tickets now (limited number available) and ensure a good meal and an entertaining evening with all your old friends in the club. There is no increase in charge from last year.



## LANGDALE MEET 1968

Over 30 Oreads and friends encamped on the National Trust site at Langdale. Not a bad turn out as most of the big guns were at Nats party in Derby.

Saturday was a fine pleasant day and most parties headed for Gimmer, the most notable route done being Kipling Groove by Chris Radcliffe and Peter Scott. Main Wall route was climbed by Ron and Kath, Ken Hodge, Stewart and Kathleen also by Ron and prospective members Tony and Crecia. Brian Cooke took Lloyd Caris up Ash Tree Slabs and Oliversons, Lloyd's first big route since the accident in Glencoe at Easter. Rusty climbed on Pavy Ark and gave prospective member Bob Clark an interesting time in Rake End Chimney. Long standing prospective member (about 4 years) Mrs Claire Clarke from Coventry was walking in the area with Pam Weston and Jean Russel.

In the evening a large group of us took over a room at the White Lion Ambleside and finished the evening off with Fish and Chip Supper!

Sunday. A warm sunny morning with a strong wind blowing up valley sent the climbers looking for sheltered crags. We (Ken and Margaret Hodge, Doreen and Brian Cooke and self) found a real sun trap on upper Scout Crag, we did three routes, the best of which was Zero climb.

Chris Radcliffe, Pete Scott, Ron Chambers and Allan Heason did three hard climbs on White Ghyll, Haste Not Laugh Not, Do Not, and also found the crag sheltered. Most of the others walked over to Bowfell, Rusty and Lloyd climbing the Buttress Route (Wind very strong). Roger and Beryl Turner arrived on Sunday and spent the day on Gimmer Crag.

Oreads and friends on the meet - Brian Cooke, P. Scott, C. Radcliffe, L. Caris, A. Heason, Ann Eldridge, R. Chambers, Miss K. Tebbutt, C. Russell, Jean Russell, D. Gadsby, Ken and Margaret Hodge, Bob Money, Crecia, Rosie Grayson, Dave and Pam Weston, Tony Dave and Marjie, S. Bramwell, Kath, Bob and Claire Clarke, Roger and Beryl Turner, G. Gadsby, Doug Cooke, Pat Cooke, Richard, and Dave Movely and Girl Friend.

Thank you all for coming. Meet leader Gordon Gadsby.

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Club Meets 1968 (being a run down of some of the meets the editor has knowledge of but not having an official report since the last Newsletter)

As far as I know Welbournes Wander on Sept. 28th was 'nt! It's a pity because John had gone to some trouble to arrange a route. Of course I was not on the Ladies Meet which was held to the South of Cadder. The new Coventry climbing club Hut was taken over by five keen ladies (only one single!) (quote from another single girl "why should I be interested in a ladies meet?").

The September Working Party at the Welsh Hut is reported on in this edition and the Dove Crag Meet became the Langdale meet because no hut was available. Also the Laddow meet was dropped mainly because of the absence of the meet leader and because of the shooting season in that area. A small Derbyshire Hut work party was arranged. You have read all about the August Bank Holiday meet in S. Wales. Burgess has reported on the Dovedale meet and Rasty on the 4 Peaks, Thanks!



Twenty members of team Alpha turned out for stretcher lowering practice at Stanage Edge.

After a chat by Johnny Lees and a demonstration by Edale Mountain rescue Team, Alpha lowered four bodies down the crag. All survived.

The system used entailed the lowering of the stretcher by two men whilst a 'jockey' or stretcher attendant went down on a separate rope.

The team's proficiency was pronounced just in time to allow for tanking up at Fox House.

P.W.G.

WELSH WALK 1968 - GEOFF HAYES (EXTRACT)

The thing which stands out most in ones mind about this meet is that those present were subjected to yet another series of Williams culinary fiascos.

The fact that, on Friday night, he was encamped nearer to the Rhondda than he has ever been since his mis-spent youth had the most wayward effect.

On Saturday's walk up the Afon Toweey we were afflicted with renderings from William Shakespeare and at the lunch break by his Consommé Ospiz which dissolved Chris's cup on contact.

By the time the watershed above the Elan reservoirs was reached we were being regaled by Churchillian war speeches. It is well known that William's ability as a map reader is, to say the least, suspect, and he engaged in his usual terrier like diversions whilst the rest of the party pursued a straight line. However, he later admitted that, as Bombadier Williams. D; C.M.D., he had spent all map reading training sessions in a public bar. At 4p.m., when all food and drink had been consumed, Janes was still asking ~~for a stop for lunch~~ for a lunch stop.

On Saturday night we camped above Cwystwyth where Williams, surveying the "job lot" of ex W.D. food which he always carries on walks, decided to build himself up with Pretty's tinned fruit whilst Harry was engaged elsewhere, elsewhere.

Sunday dawned clear and bright with hard frost - it was fortunate that Welbourn was on hand to do a spot of brazing.....!

By the time the Newtown - Aberystwyth road was reached rain showers were becoming more frequent( although this did not particularly bother Welbourn who had just fallen in the Wye whilst attempting to cross it,) but as luck would have it a TEAS sign hove in view and without more ado we were in. This was the scene for a further Williams master touch - the preparation of good, strong, refreshing tea without the use of water.

A fast walk took us to the summit of Plymlimon for fine views at all points of the compass. The final descent was carried out in a more leisurley manner

Welsh Walk Continued.....

Mileage for the week end was something over 30 and there were no reported cases of 'usfuterus'!

Walkers:- John Welbourn, Colin Hobday, Peter Janes, Dave Williams, John Crosse, Gordon Gadsby, Chris Taylor, Harry Pretty, Longshanks Kershaw, Paul Gardiner, Camp Organisers:- Ruth Welbourn, Betty Gardiner. (Thank you ladies.)

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RAVENSDALE MEET

Geoff Hayes

We were fortunate to get a dry week end for this climbing meet on Derbyshire Limestone and on the Sunday the crag was covered with Oreads and hangers on and I'm sure that almost every rout was climbed at least once and many of the more simple climbs more than once. Everyone who were visiting this fine crag for the first time remarked on the quality of the climbs in the severe/easy V.S. Standard. The routes climbed and People seen in the area are far too numerous to print here because I'm doing the typing! It was quieter on the crag on the Saturday and I managed to catch Pete Janes and Nobby Milward at work training for the Alps and also doing a climb or two. College was putting Howard through his paces doing all the best climbs on the main buttress without rest until a cry from the camp site sent them to the aid of Margaret who was having a rough time fending off the pigs (not Oreads). It was evident that the pigs would win in the end so tents were dismantled and re erected in the top field which must have been set aside for thistle harvest. Most of the campers managed a drink in 'The Monsel Head' on Saturday evening. Quite a successfull first time meet at Ravensdale.

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BELSTON TOR MEET

This week end saw a very big gathering of members at the fine camp site in the Manifold Valley. The perfect weather brought out the family campers and by Saturday evening there were getting on for 30 Oreads under canvass. The Sunday trippers swelled the numbers to over 60! And the crag saw a big invasion with almost every route climbed. The hard men were out in force and even beginners had a taste of some of the finest and longest limestone climbing in the Peak District.

Surely this meet will become an almost permanent feature on Oread Meets Lists in the future.

Tom Green was the leader.

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The 14 Peaks Walk

From all accounts there was a mix up in transport arrangements on this meet and because of this many of the walkers dropped out at Llanberis after spending the night on Snowdon. The Others made Ogwen before dropping out. The report is that at least two Oreads were wooed away by two delightful females after the first three Peaks and spent the rest of the day with almost nude swimming. With such attractions how could the walkers be expected to complete all 14? Will it be a male only do next year?



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My Bill's a climbin' man you know-  
 'E's always tellin' people so  
 I met 'im in a lovely caff  
 down by the road at Matlock Bath.  
 'E likes to dress up smart, does Bill-  
 it gives me ever such a thrill  
 to see 'im in 'is mothers coms  
 all sewn up tight wi' leather thongs  
 and tucked inside 'is jungle boots  
 'E's made 'is shirt from parachutes-  
 'E says it's Spanish terylene-  
 it's yeller, black and olive green.  
 'E's got a lovely 'at 'e took;  
 'E found it 'angin' on an 'ook.  
 It's orange, shinin' like the sun-  
 I think it's aluminium.  
 'E's borrowed my suspender belt  
 and covered it wi' purple felt.  
 It looks a treat when it's all laced  
 and pulled in tight around 'is waist.  
 'E uses it to 'ang things on  
 like nuts an' bolts an' a ~~nut~~ <sup>Army</sup> prong  
 what 'ammers into solid rock.  
 ('E clings to it or else e'd drop.)  
 Sometimes 'e takes me for a walk-  
 I think it's nice to 'ear 'im talk  
 to other climber men and say  
 "It's nice for ~~belagin' today~~ <sup>tyin off today</sup>"  
 and "what a lovely abseil ~~thrutch~~"  
 or "do you oil your runners much?"  
 'E keeps on shoutin' all the time  
 about the crags 'e's goin' to climb.  
 Before 'e does, I really 'ope  
 'E's goin' to buy a ~~bloody~~ <sup>bloody</sup> ' rope. ~~bloody~~

ANON.

WHITSUN MEET CLUB HUTSaturday

A large group of climbers headed for the crags on the Moelwyns near Festiniog. After a short flog to the foot of White Slab the heavens opened and a heavy drizzle started and lasted until five o'clock. The main routes were too greasy, but Ron Chambers and Tom Green were not deterred and reached the top of the crag by a devious route. The rest of us spent our time prussiking up to a large overhang as a prelude to the Alps. Other parties visited Cloggy and Tremadoc, whilst Fred Alleff's team had the best of the weather on Anglesey at Newbury Warren.

WHITSUN MEET - TAN YI WYDDFA - 1968 (EXTRACT) - G. GADSBY  
~~Whitsun Meet Club Hut Continued.....~~

~~Prospective~~ Prospective members Peter Scott and Chris Radcliffe climbed Narrow Slab on Cloggy. The rest of us (22) spent the day at Morfa Nevin, climbing, footballing and swimming. (the swimming was for fanatics only). The keen ones climbed on Tremadoc in the evening, just beating another thunderstorm. (David Brady, Ron Chambers, Tom and Roy Sawyer)

Monday The best day for weather, very hot, even in the early morning. A large party of walkers and climbers set off for Craig-yr-Isfa. Stew Bramall and Tom Green did Ampitheatre Buttress. Pete and Chris did Muir-y-Newl and Pinnacle Wall. Roy and April Sawyer walked over the Carnedds, also Ernie and Ronnie Phillips and Wendy and Richard Allen.

Most went home on Monday evening after a good week end. Thank you all for making it a good Whitsun.

Gordon Gadsby.

More Oreads in Shorts

Birth Congratulations to Lloyd and Mary Caris on the birth of their second son.

Guide Books. The Scottish Mountaineering Club are at last revising their regional guide books. The first to appear in print will be The Cairngorms and the Central Highlands. The Price will be about 45/-

Radio Ops' Paul Gardiner and Dave Appleby spent a Sunday with a difference on Bleaklow recently. They were taking part in a Radio transmitting and receiving training course arranged by the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation. After crossing Bleaklow with Radio Sets strapped to their backs Dave said that the sets must weigh at least 90lbs. He was told they were only 30!

Don't Forget to send your contributions for the next Newsletter to!-

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ALPINE MEET - GRINDELWALD 1968 - GEOFF HAYES

This is just to let those who did not get on the Alpine meet, and there can't be that many who did not because there were at least 80 men women and children from England on the camp site at some time or other! In general the weather was very bad and a number of mountaineers did not tread a high snow peak! The best climbs being the traverse of the Schreckhorn under not very good conditions, the North Face of the Doldenhorn and a mass English ascent of the Monch by the easy ridge from the Jungfraujoeh. The route up the Monch was started until 10am! Everyone agreed that given good conditions the Oberland is a really fine area with very shapely peaks. The Huts were not crowded but the campsites in Grindelwald were, but we were fortunate to find a nice small site about six miles down valley.