

E A S T E R P E M B R O K E S H I R E

FANTASTIC! No other word could adequately describe the spell of fine weather that settled over the Pembrokeshire coast line for the Easter period.

With cloudless skies every day the 40 members and friends on the meet made full use of the warm red rock. The red cliff (Craig Coeton) was attacked by every possible route and then on the other days numerous (new) routes done on the mainland cliffs. Thirty one Oreads crossed to Ramsey Island on

Sunday morning. Once again we had special permission to climb on its spectacular cliffs, two or three routes were done, possibly first ascents! Ray Handley missed the boat for the second year running. He got up late then accused every one else of being early! Never mind Ray, third time lucky.

Mr James, the farmer told me that two years ago the boat to Ramsey turned over in the tide race and three bird watchers were drowned. If you make an independant trip I would advise you to cross with Mr. Dave Chant, not Mr. Davis.

Highlights of the meet- Welbourne back on the rocks at last (boots of course). Fred Allen's proposed three mile jaunt to the Sloop Inn, we covered most of the peninsular between St. Davids and Fishguard, luckily for Fred we made it in time (just). Tom Green's comment after doing a hard new route with the President, "Gripping" - Ray Handley's vivid description of a 1,000ft (or was it 2,000ft) traverse of the mainland crags with George Reynolds. (New route?). John Welbourn reading the bedtime story to Liza and Helga. The three hour football match on White Sands in glorious weather on Tuesday. Fred Allen playing in goal let in 3 goals in the first five minutes. Members and friends who actually did climbs were- D. Burgess, D. Bradey, T. Green, D. Gadsby, M. Hodge, C. Bradey, K. Hodge, H. Johnson, G. Reynolds, R. Handley, R. Hewing, C. Culley, J. Welbourne, F. Allen, (P Bingham J. Gill D. Shaw and D. Hewitt, (prospective members) Peter Allen.

Walkers, Footballers and sunbathers were- Janet Burgess Garry Burgess, Paul Craddock, Maria Handley, Janet Reynolds, Bernice Heason, Brenda Allen Penny and Victoria Allen, Ruth Welbourne and Liza and Helga Welbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Brady, Gwen Hewing Margaret Day, Andy Blackburn, Judith Hewitt. 40 with the meet leader.

Thank you all for coming.

Gordon J. Gadsby.

NEW HANDBOOK ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

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OREAD ALPINE MEET 1969 19 July / 10 August 1969.

At a recent meeting in the home of the new President, who will be leading this very popular meet, it was agreed that the Pennine Alps should be the area for this years Alpine meet and the Saas Valley seemed to offer most requisits to make the meet a success, they are, Excellent mountaineering of all types and fine high mountains pleasant valley walks good shopping and night life and a good camp site. They are not necessarily listed in the correct order of course! The Village (or town) of Saas-Fee is a most pleasant Alpine resort. Although a busy little spot there is no fear of being mown down by cars but there is a real danger from a charging horse and cart! All vehicles must be parked at the entrance to Saas-Fee. Because the camp site in the village was not regarded as suitable for everyone going on this meet it was decided that the site in the Village of Saas Grund should be ideal. Saas Grund is just over a mile away from Fee and has the advantages of cheaper and flatter camp sites, more sunshine (Its not under a mountain wall as much as Fee) and most likely cheaper shopping. All the routes on the

Weissmies side of the valley start from Grund.

Although the Alpine meet will be spread over three weeks in practice it looks as though most Oread s will be there for the last two ( July 26 to Aug 9th).

Much of the information required for mountaineering in this area can be obtained from the new "Pennine Alps Climbing Guidebook Vol. 4 (Saas and Zermatt area). Price 37/6. This new guidebook lists most of the routes which are regularly ascended on all the main peaks and also many good practice climbs and wet weather suggestions on lower crags and peaks.

At the moment it looks as though it will be necessary to obtain two maps to cover the whole area in question. Geoff Hayes is looking into this and will obtain any maps and guidebooks if requested.

D. Burgess should be contacted if you are in difficulty with transport, he has also a list of Chalet type accomodation which is very cheep. Although it is now too late to book a complete building to accomodate the club it is suggested that this could be done next year.

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#### RECENT AND FUTURE CLUB MEETS

The February indoor meet was a lecture by Dennis Grey on his recent (1968) expedition to the Himalaya. He told, with the aid of slides, in his powerful style, of the successfull ascent in the Himalaya.

The May Indoor meet was an interesting evening of colour films by Vice Pres. Ray Handley. The films ranged from some of the first movies showing adolescent Janes and Fred Allen climbing in shorts and nappies to more recent Alpine Ascents. A good entertaining evening Ray.

Wastdale Meet In may does not deserve a long report because of the bad weather conditions. Although the meet was well attended the heavy rain both days kept most members in the valley and pub. Scawfell was climbed by one or two and on Sunday a brave group went up to the Napes and had a gripping time on the easier climbs in the wet.

As I motored over the top of the Pennines at the head of Teesdale above High Force, with snow towering well above the roof of the van and blue sky above I remember thinking why go to Scotland surely it can't be better than this. This was on the Thursday evening. Returning on the Tuesday evening five glorious days later I remember thinking that's the best Easter weather in Scotland for at least ten years. It was 1959 when I first went on the Oread Easter Meet in the North. That year it was held in Glen Nevis and I had some excellent days on the Ben and nearby hills with Pretty, Kershaw, Pettigrew and Co. The weather was good that year but 1969 topped the lot.

By Friday morning there was a good crowd of Oreads camped amidst the trees close to the Inn of Dee. The sunshine seemed to drive away the fatigue of the long trip and it was soon off and away to the climbing and ski grounds. Only one team seemed to feel the strain but I'm told Wendy Allan, Pete Scott and Simon Cross did manage to drag themselves out of the tent after dinner! We realised later that Pete and team were making the most of a restful time before that Human dynamo Chris Radcliffe arrived on the Saturday. Excellent ski-ing was had on the Cairnwell with plenty of tows and lifts, a number of club members had a first bash on the boards that day - no broken legs. Brian Cooke and Lloyd Carris decided on an easy day and spotted a crag which the guidebook said could be approached by car, however a locked gate gave them a ten mile walk as well.

The Dynamo arrived about eight am Saturday having driven across Scotland in about two hours. Pete Wendy and Simon were first out of the tent that day! A few went ski-ing but the main group of about 14 climbed on Lochnagar. It was the first time on this fine peak for everyone. The heat of the sun on the snow was sending minor avalanches down the cliffs when we arrived. This did not stop Lloyd from ascending the Black Spout and Brian Cooke and Self and Wife did a fine steep snow slope to the summit ridge. On the top we met the others. I can recommend the cliffs of Lochnagar, it has the finest snow cliffs I have seen away from Nevis.

Easter Sunday was to be an easy day, one or two went to Glen Shee for the snow, the others sat around enjoying the sun and the fine camp site, but not for long. Chris Radcliffe decided that a fine Scots Pine would provide good pegging practice and roped up loaded with dozen slings and Crabs. Progress up the tree was slow, too slow for Lloyd who shot up the 150ft to the top before

Chris had got his forth Peg in. Chris Martin wisely moved his new car just in time to miss a lump of tree from the summit. An early dinner and everyone set out for a short walk up a nearby valley to see the waterfalls. This short walk eventually took in a small peak with a bit of snow. The views from the top were terrific with all the Cairngorms set out without a cloud in the sky. Even Brian Cooke, who was in suede shoes up to his knees in the snow and Paul Gardiner who was seen with Douglas on his back, enjoyed it all.

The Bar at the nearby Mar Lodge was popular each evening. It was a very hospitable place with a fine open log fire, which seemed to consume a giant tree every night.

Because the weather was Alpine (cold at night hot sun during the day) and because the snow was also Alpine (hard ice turning to deep slush soon after mid day) we decided that Alpine practice should ensure a very good day. The Call came at 4.30am. The stars were still out and the water frozen. A quick breakfast and an attempt to thaw out frozen boots, a slight delay when Pete Scott's car had to be push started (his Ever Ready U2 battery had failed), and at last we were off for the 'Big Day'. A ferry service of cars took the eight of us to Derry Lodge along the private Road. A herd of stags looked on unafraid as we set off in the brilliant early morning sun. After about about two miles the Luibeg Burn had to be crossed this proved interesting on the ice covered rocks and there were a few wet feet. Later we saw the bridge higher up stream! The Lairig Ghru was reached with Wendy Allan making a fine pace. The crowd of people we saw outside Corrour Bothy as we passed on the other side of the Dee must have spent a real sardire night inside. Our first main objective was to be Cairn Toul 4241 ft. and this took us five hours from the cars at Derry Lodge. A steep snow couloir still rock hard in the shadow gave us the N.E. ridge. The Snow was still hard but now we were out in the sunshine. Our Friendly Giant Pete Scott lead the way. We all agreed that this peak today was more Alpine than Scottish. The Views were extensive particularly to the West where The 'Ben' and Glencoe were immediately recognised. Further still were the peaks of Wester Ross and perhaps even Skye. Not too far away over the snow plateau was the 4248ft Braerach and across the Lairig Ben Macdui looking every bit it's 4300ft. By the time we had crossed the Wells of Dee and reached Braeriach we were all beginning to get sun burnt. Over to the east we could see the sky slopes of Cairngorm. We expected a good glissade from Sron na Lairig to the Pools of Dee in the Lairig Ghru but by this time the sun had been to work and we had to wade it!

Cairngorms Easter continued.....

Here the party split. Paul Gardiner, John Dench, Wendy and Kritia returned by way of the Laig whilst Simon Cross Pete Scott, Chriss Radcliffe and myself went up the long diagonal snow slog to the summit of Macdui. We envied two skiers who had visited the summit as they shot past us going north back to Glenmore. A fast direct decent and we were back at the cars at 7.30pm just 12 hours after leaving them. There was no sign of the others so we drove back to camp. They eventually arrived there about 10.30pm having walked the full length of the Lairig Ghru and then all the way along side the Dee, much further than the Macdui team. It was a tired but happy camp that night. Also on that day Stewart Bramwell had climbed Cairn Toul having walk all the way from the camp sit and back alone, and Brian Cooke, LLOYD and the Kiwi (Leslie from New Zealand- an N.Z. Alpine Bird!) visited the Beinn A' Bhuid group of Peaks with their fine Corries and snow slopes, a very good trip highlighted with LLOYD's attempts at crossing perilous snow bridges over raging streams.

Tuesday was the last day for most and it was spent lazing around on the banks of the river and local sight seeing, with one or two of the keener ones hitting the snow on skis again.

Let's hope that it's not 1979 before we get an Easter like this again! On the meet were:- Chris and Helina Martin, Bill Kirk, John Dench, Stewart Bramwell, Kathleen Towel, Pete Scott, Lloyd Carris, Brian Cooke, Chris Radcliffe, Simon Crosse, Paul and Betty Gardiner, Kiwi, Kritia, Geoff and Anne Hayes, Mrs Kall, and children Douglas Gardiner Michael and Peter Hayes, also Roy Lunn and friend.

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GARDOMS EDGE

MAY 17/18th

Nat Allen

Due to some dull weather the meet resolved itself into a Saturday Afternoon start. For the tiny band of campers that gathered at Ben Froggats. The night of the Oread (8 members camped) seemed overshadowed by the efforts of the two 2 year olds camped up in mountain tents nearby, Ashley Wallis and Gary Burgess. However the ones that did attend had a surprisingly good weekend. A pleasant sunny Saturday evening on Birchens followed by the usual booze up at the Royal Oak at Eyam. This left some of us in no mood for an early start on Sunday morning. The showers packed in by late morning and a crowd of us (seven) swarmed all over Gardoms Edge enjoying the sunny afternoon.

Gardoms Continued.....

Tom (day tripper) Green got his first bird this year. A clapped out racing pigeon. The meet leader heard a new four-letter worded barrage from Krystyna (Creaseyer) in an overhanging chimney. Our President was seen supporting Pete Scott back to his car after a good work out. The Randy old Mans section were Pea-Hening in the Peacock but failed to make the crag!

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BREESTON TOR MAY 3rd -4th

David Brady.

Judging by the turn out this was again quite a success. Not many people braved the weather forecast and came camping but a number of people came out for the day on Sunday. Those camping were - Colin Hobday and Family, Geoff Hayes and family, Paul and Christine Craddock, Pete Scott, Rosie Grayson, Tom Green, Mike Wren and Ray Colledge.

Saturday afternoon saw the crag knocked dead?? by Ray Colledge, myself, Geoff Hayes and Colin Hobday. Saturday also saw the best weather of the weekend, although a little close and hot. After the climbing Pete, Rosie and myself went to the pub, where we met Tom and Mik, also Howard Johnson and Margaret Day. Upon getting back to the Camp site and getting to bed we were soon roused by shouts and screams coming from a tent just down field. Being a good meet leader I sent Pete Six Foot Scott to sort them out (myself following close behind in case of trouble of course) Heavy rain during the night.

Sunday dawned grotty. Great loads of cars and Oread's came (all with excuses as to why they were absent from the canvas scene). I think just about every route on the Tor was done that day. Eric and Merle Wallis and Ray doing West Wall and Thorn. Pete and Myself did Main Overhang. There was Buess and Handley strolling up routes until (as rumour has it) 8 o'clock that evening.

Thanks for coming everyone, I hope you enjoyed it.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS ! Have you paid yours almost half the club had not paid up at the last count. So send your 25/- or 37/6 for couples (married) to L. Burns, 51 Cranmer St. Long Eaton.

## Club Notes

For Sale Voigtlander Vito CD D/L with coupled Exp Meter and a U V Filter  
as new £ 18.0.0d O.N.O. • Contact E. Wallis.

The Pen-y-Pass hotel now being converted into a Youth Hostel. It will provide accomodation for non Y.H.A members and there will be a restaurant and cafe service.

The British Mountaineering Council have been looking into the matter of Insurance for Mountaineering. Your Committee are discussing their report and will give details in the next newsletter.

The Secretary will look into the possibility of obtaining climbing rope with discount if enough members are interested. If you will soon be requiring new climbing rope contact Les and let him know the length and thickness required.

Chris Radcliffe will be off to the Himalaya in a few days time. The rest of the expedition have already left by Landrover for the overland trip. Chris is following by air. All in the Oread wish him all the best. I look forward to printing a good report on his adventure when he returns after about a month. The Oread Committee have donated £ 16 -0 -0d towards the expedition.

Team Alpha. About half a dozen members of team Alpha stood by at Crowden Youth Hostel recently when the scouts held their annual Five Inns Race. They expected an easy time but had only just sat down to sup Tea etc. when a call came and they had to fetch a six footer of a scout of Black Hill in foul conditions.

As you may know team Alpha are endeavouring to raise enough funds to purchase a Radio transmitting and receiving set to help in rescues. Such a set will cost about £ 120-0-0d . About £ 18-0-0d have been raised at two raffles and John Crosse has almost raised the rest single handed (or footed). C. Hooley and G. Hayes gave a lecture on Mountain Rescue with the aid of a very good rescue film and slides, to the Nottingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which John is a member. John did the rest. He raised enough enthusasim in the Chamber of Commerce to sponser him on a 25mile walk. He origi nally intended to walk in the peak but this was later changed to the area around his home in Nottinghamshire. One cold snowey Friday morning John set off in a blaze of T.V. cameras and the press and 25 miles later he staggered int the final Pub! His effort raised about £80.0.0d. A really fantastic performance John, our thanks to you and of course to your sponsors.



OREAD IN SHORTS ETC.....

Congratulations to our Hon. Sec. Les Langworthy, who recently passed his Dry Sly Slope Instructors Examination at Plas y Brenin.

New Handbook. The New Club Handbook was distributed to members at the A.G.M. if you did not get along to the meeting the handbook will be distributed in the near future with circulars. A number of errors and alterations to the handbook are shown in this newsletter please amend your copy. All future change of address etc. will be printed from time to time so be sure to keep your copy up-to-date, it may be years before the next issue!

1969 A.G.M.

Officers and Committee 1969/70.

President	D Burgess
Vice President	R Handley
Hon General Secretary	L Langworthy
Assistant General Secretary	M Berry
Hon Meets Secretary	
Hon Treasurer	L Burns
Hut Custodians	Wales D Appleby
	Derbyshire H Pretty
Hon Newsletter Editor	G Hayes.
Committee	F Allen R. Chambers P. Gardiner. G. Gadsby. K. Hodge.

Alteration to Club Rule

Rule 5. The Officers of the club shall be: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Meets Secretary, Hut Custodians, Treasurer and Editor, all being Honorary Officers who shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election. The retiring President shall automatically become the new Vice President, for the maximum of two years. Additional officers shall be appointed at the discretion of the Committee. Such offices shall automatically end at the next Annual General Meeting.

Derbyshire Hut. The lock at the hut has been changed and is now the same as the Welsh Hut, the same key fits both huts. Members who do not possess a key can obtain one from the Hut Wardens. Deposit 10/-

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for full membership to the Oread. Would any member wishing to comment on their suitability for membership please write to the Secretary without delay.

Kryisia Kotowska Flat 5. 96, Rose Hill St., Derby.

Proposed S. Bramwell. Seconded G. Gadsby.

Kathleen Towell. 29 King St., Pinxton, Notts.

Proposed G. Gadsby. Seconded S. Bramwell.

Maria Handley

Proposed L. Langworthy. Seconded R. Handley.

Janet Burgess.

Proposed. P. Janes. Seconded R. Handley.

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### CAR PARKING AT THE WELSH HUT

There have been complaints about the parking of cars close to the Hut at Rhyd-ddu. It is important to note that the only parking allowed in the immediate area of the hut is on the side facing Snowdon. Some members and guests are parking their cars in front of the hut, i/e in line with the official Village car park. Will all club members keep a look out for cars parked in the forbidden area and inform the owners of the correct place to park. (It is of course marked by a sign post showing the correct park place. If this area is full then all other cars must be left in the village car park).

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### Camp sites in the Peak District

Because the Ministry of Health is closing quite a number of farm camp sites in the Peak District and other mountain areas, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find suitable camp sites for club meets. Meet leaders are advised to contact farmers in the area of their meet and arrange a camp site privately. Although a farmer may not be allowed to have an official site on his land he is allowed to let individual campers or small groups to camp on his land occasionally.