

The North Wall Club ?

By now most members will have heard of the fine difficult ascents of a number of the great North Walls of the Alps by Oread members in the fine season this Summer. I am sure that very few Climbing clubs of the size of the Oread can boast so many good routes in one short season. Congratulations to all those who did these climbs. There will be a special edition of the Oread Newsletter devoted to these ascents when you will be able to read the personal accounts of Ray Colledge on the Walker Spur of the Grandes Jorasses and the North Wall of the Eiger,; by Ray Handley, who with the President climbed The North Face of the Dru; by Pete Scott who did the Matterhorn North Wall and the Pear Buttress. (Colledge also climbed the Pear on the same day). I also hope to be able to print the account of the Cassin Route on the North East Face of the Piz Badile which Nat Allen climbed, and finally an account of the first ascent of Ali Ratni Tibba by Chris Radcliffe who was a member of the Successful Scottish Himalayan Expedition 1969.

All these reports should give a bumper edition of the Newsletter and will provide interesting reading. These fine efforts naturally tend to overshadow the lesser ascents of the rest of the club who went on the Alpine meet to the Saas Valley. They had a fortnight of very good weather. A short report of their activities follows in this newsletter.

I'm pleased to report that there were no accidents in the Alps or on British Hills this summer (by Oreads that is) - a good record keep it Up!

Notes on Future Meets and other Lectures

Wednesday 15th October. Yerupaja, Fitzroy, Yosemite. An Illustrated lecture by Chris Jones. 7.30pm Coop. Arts Centre Broad St. Nottm 6/-

Photographic Meet . October 18th 8pm Royal Oak, Bakewell. (Harry Pretty will arrange a small working party for anyone interested in lending a hand at Heathy Lea on the Sunday following Photo Meet.

Friday evening saw nine Oreads at Derby Midland Station critically weighing each others rucsacs and trying to decide what to throw out. 'Killer' Squires was eventually convinced that this was really not the week end for bringing football boots.

Williams was actually still with us when the train to Manchester drew out at 7pm. and immediately struck up a conversation with a couple of young movers which got him nowhere.

It was a change to be on the train again with someone else to do the driving and at 8.45 we were in Piccadilly greeting Phil Falkner again and also Chris Taylor who guided us across to Victoria by way of the back streets having the best selection of photographs outside the night clubs.

At Victoria, Pretty appeared in style, arriving by Hackney Carriage having already got a few jars down to fortify himself for the night ahead.

There was 'plenty about' on platform 17 as we pulled out on the Trans-Pennine express.

We reached T'Mills at Marsden in time to get in half an hours drinking and it only took two pints to get Phil to give us "Archibald Wilkinson", before proceeding to the nearest chip shop. All the party managed with a 'Fish and Nine' except Squires who had to return for a second helping to fill the other leg.

The weather was fine for the walk to the old 'Isle of Skye' and all were bivvied down by 12.30am.

The party was on the move by 7.45am. and by 08.00 Chris Cully and Roy Sawyer had detached themselves from the main group, only to be seen again in the 'Wilmot' on the following Tuesday!

By 10am. we were in Crowden and beat a hasty retreat from the exhaust fumes on the Woodhead Road and up into wildboar Clough for a brew up. Williams made the customary soup but there were no takers this year.

At 1pm. we were lazing in the sunshine at Bleaklow Head and debating whether to run for the Snake Inn by 3pm or stroll lazily down to Oyster Clough. The stroll suited all, except Dave Weston who shot off rapidly to tread Kinder underfoot, and it was only a matter of walk half an hour-sunbathe half an hour in the best weather to be had in Derbyshire for a long time. Wood Cottage was reached at 4.30pm where we called it a day and sunbathed cooked and prepared for an evening at the 'Snake'.

Marsden - Heathy Lea continued.....

At 8.15. on Sunday the sun again shone out of a cloudless sky as we set off for Win Hill which was reached by 10am. and there another Lazy halt was called to take in the view. Visibility was such that Holm Moss, the start of Saturday walk, could be seen clearly.

From Win Hill the steep descent to Yorkshire Bridge was made and then up on to Stanage, over Higger Top and down to 'Fox House' to fight through the crowds and up to the bar.

A leisurly lunch was taken in Longshaw followed by an amble along Froggatt, Curbar, Baslow and Gardoms to finish at Heathy Lea where we met up with the M.T. section. Here we found a note from Dave Weston to say he had clocked in at Rowsley sidings at 7.45 am. repaired another faulty B.R. Diesel and then walked back to Heathy Lea.

Finally other thoughts which spring to mind about the meet.

- (1) Williams continuing lack of culinary ability.
- (2) Chris Taylors' inability to stop snoring.
- (3) Williams' Foot Rot.

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THE WELSH HUT

(a message from the warder)

I propose to give a tightner, not as lethal as the Fred Allan rollicking which the longer standing members of the Oread very well remember.

However, the point is to remind all Oreads that it is important to all of us, that if you use the Hut please ask first, there is no excuse at all for members not doing this. I'm usually in the Wilmot and I can also be telephoned on Derby 43657 (shortly to be changed)

We now have a room vacant every week end for Oread use but this is no use if ten people go to fill five beds (assuming It is a block booking week end when the rest of the beds are in use). Even so it's only correct that people book for any week end. The majority of Oreads do let me know but I have noticed one or two occasions recently when it has not been done. After all it's a hut rule- a simple one- you made it, so you abide by it.

Dave Appleby.

ALPINE MEET 1969 - SAAS GRUND

The list of climbs at the end of this report will show what a small group of Oread alpinists, given good weather and a good area can do. One or two Oread's made hard work of the trip out. Nat Allen did the journey Derby-Dover Dover-Derby, Derby-Dover in about 24 hours (documents left at home) and almost re-built his car half way. Jack Ashcroft spent most of the drive hanging on to his exhaust pipe and Geoff Hayes beat the lot by blowing up his engine on the stend -Brussells Motorway and had a new one fitted in under a day!

Highlights of the meet were- The first night on the Matratzenlager at the Weissmies Hut when all the Oread climbers were packed in one room, no one slept but Digger Williams- he saw to that, - the night out in a thunder storm by Tom Green and Mike Wren, they descended from the Weissmies in good time delayed at a half way rest house, tried some of the local brew which caused them to loose the path in the dark and have to sit it out in the snow- the time when the three beautiful English girls were asked by the local Constable to "Put some clothes on" in the middle of Saas Fee! - The fine evenings spent dancing and drinking (most nights for the women of the party, less for the men who were hut bound!) at the Sport Hotel.

The following list of climbs were all done in the two weeks:-

From The Weissmies Hut -	Weissmies N. Ridge -	R. Handley and D. Burgess. N, Allan Speedy Smith R. Chambers and Tabbs (Summit)
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	Weissmiese S.E. Ridge-	J. Ashcroft, D. Williams Wendy Longbot.am and Jean Clelland (Yorkshire M.C and Coventry M.C.)
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	Lagginhorn S. Ridge.	R. Chambers T. Green and M. Wrenn.
	" "	J Fisher and D. Jacons.
	Fletschorn -Lagginhorn Traverse-	H. Johnson and G. Hayes.
From The Britannia Hut.	Allalinhorn	D. Burgess, J. Ashcroft.
	"	T. Green. M Wren.
	Rimpfischorn N-W. Traverse.	G. Hayes and H. Johnson.
	Matterhorn Hornli Ridge.	R. Chambers and Tabbs.

Alpine Meet continued.....

From Mischable Hut. Nadelhorn

G. Hayes and H. Johnson.

D. Williams and J. Ashcroft.

Ulrichshorn

G. Hayes.

Mittaghorn.

Janet and Jack Ashcroft.

Anne and Geoff Hayes.

H. Johnson and Margaret Day.

Wendy Allan and Jean Clelland

T. Green and M. Wrenn.

Weisshorn E. Ridge.

G. Hayes and Tom Green.

J. Fisher and D. Jacobs.

Portiongrat Traverse

J. Fisher and D. Williams.

Pitz Badele Cassin Route N.E. Face Nat Allen and Speedy Smith (R&I)  
G.H.

Welsh Hut Meet 21/22 June

Ken Hodge

35 Members and friends packed themselves into the hut for what turned out to be a very active meet and weekend, despite the changeable weather.

Saturday saw an early start by the meet leaders party - G and D. Gadsby, J. Fisher, D, Greenwood, M. Graham, J, Merritt and M. Hodge, bound for Moel Siabod. After leaving the cars in the Gwynant, we traversed over Carnedd Moel-Siabod to approach the ridge from the Dolwyddelan side. A quick downpour during the ascent made the ridge very interesting- halfway up which 'Kildair' Gadsby was seen operating on Marjorie?

The summit (2860ft) was eventually reached, and Fisher actually shared his orange!! - It was the least he could do after scrounging everyone else's butties at dinnertime. A quick Descent to the Pen-y- Gwryd was made where beverages were taken before the meet leader and J. Fisher continued up to Pen-y-Pass and over Snowdon to the hut, while the rest of the party returned by car, a well worth expedition, away from the crowds.

The wet rock conditions caused by Friday nights rain forced Pete Scott Derek Burgess and four of Pete's friends from the C.M.C., onto Gogarth where they managed three good routes.

Club Hut Meet Continued.....

The last route was finished in rain after the team had been held up by another party.

Other parties on the hills were the Welbourn's and friends who traversed Cnicht . Ron Chambers and Cath traversed the Snowdon horseshoe from Pen-y-Pass and thw Hobday's and Martin's traversed Crib Goch.

Although Sunday was still overcast everyone took to the crags and climbing was enjoyed on tremadock, Carreg-Hill-Drem, Craig-y- Gesail and Cwm Silyn.

The meet leader, M. Hodge, Gand D. Gadsby went to Cwm Silyn where the rocks were pouring with water, but after a break for dinner they dried out enough for Gordon and Margaret to do the Slab ordinary route.

Thank you all for coming and making it an enjoyable weekend.

K. Hodge.

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Oread Committee Notes (Yes your Committee still meets once a month!)

It was reported that the New Club Badges would be available for inspection at the next meeting.

Bob Pettigrew is now on the Management Committee of the B.M.C.

A Circular from the B.M.C. was read telling of the fts of gear from crags in the Peak, Stannage Edge seemed a popular place for this. There should be no need to remind members to keep an eye on gear and not leave valuables or even dirty old slings at the foot of climbs. In the past members of the Oread have even had equipment taken from closed tents. - be warned!

The Welsh Hut Warden said that the back room chimney and water boiler would be repaired in time for the cold weather.

The Derbyshire Hut Warden reported on the Lease for Heathy Lea Cottage (extract in this Newsletter). He also reported that Ron Chambers had now connected running water (piped) to the inside of the hut and that work was progressing quite well. The beds had been completed except for foam padding.

It was agreed that the next meeting should plan the next six months meets card and that members should be asked to give suggestions of meets they would like to lead to the Meets Sec - How about You?

FROGATT EDGE MEET JUNE 28/29th

Although only a few Oreads camped on the Saturday, the warm sunshine on the Sunday brought them out in large numbers, many walking across from Curbar gap.

I think that by Sunday evening all the routes on the Edge had been ascended by one Oread or another, to mention a few - Valkerie, Toddy's Wall Green Gut, Allans Slab. The ladies team were in action in the form of Wendy Allen and Rosie Grayson who were seen getting to grips with the rock. Eric and Merle Wallis were back on gritstone having been exiled from Wales during the investiture. The highlight of the day was the Mass Ass ascent of Valkerie.

Members present- Eand M. Wallis, Chris and Halina Martin, Dave Appleby Pete Janes, Doug Cooke, Pete Scott, Chris Radcliffe, David Brady, Tom Green Paulaand Christine Craddock, Ray College, and Joan and family Wendy Aeele, Rosie Grayson, Chris Cully, Margaret Day and Howard Johnson.

Thank you all for comming.

C. Hobday.

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For your diary and before the new meets card is printed please note the following meets for the coming six months.

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| November 8th.      | Bonfire meet, Ilam Dash. (running for the Oread this year)  |
| November 15th.     | Club Hut - Wales.   |
| November 29th.     | Annual Dinner. (20th at the Green Man Ashbourne tickets now on sale)                                |
| December 13th.     | Bullstones. (Harry Pretty's annual starts Sat night Edale)  |
| December 25th-28th | Club Hut Wales. (Xmas ! Hut reserved for Oreads book Early)   |
| January 3rd.       | Club Hut Derbyshire (New Year Do! should be good)   |
| January 17th.      | Presidents meet (Where?)  |
| January 31st.      | Patterdale. (hoping for snow for climbing and skiing Leader C. Russell)                             |
| February 7th.      | Sunday Walk. (Paul Gardiner will make it a good one)  |
| February 21st.     | Ogwen. (Snow Climbing? Eric Wallis Leader)  |
| March 7th.         | A.G.M. (Come along and vote !)  |
| March 14th.        | Langdale (Leader Roy Sawyer)  |
| March 28th.        | Easter Scotland, (Ben Nevis this year- the finest snow peak in Britain, get your Ice Axe Sharpened) |
| April 4th.         | Roaches. (Mike Berry leader will he take us up Slath?)  |

OREADS IN SHORTS

The Club badge is now available and is priced 6/6d to members of the Oread. The badge is in blue and metal colour with O.M.C on the blue background and the outline of hills at the base. I am told by Gordon Gadsby who designed the badge that the mountain is the Petit Dru which is quite appropriate for this was climbed by the President and Vice Pres this year! There is a very good safety catch and the badge is well worth the money asked. If you would like one (or two!) write or contact the Sec or see any Committee member who will get one for you.

Trustees Club Hut Trustees are now. L. Burns. K. Griffiths and E. Phillips

Address Big Jim Kershaw now lives at 424 Fulham Rd. London, S.W.6.

Bill Kirk . 13 Chestnut Avenue, Mickleover, Derby. DE6

Telephone Derby 53746.

The Committee have received a letter from Bob Gill who was once a member of the Oread. He has now moved to the University of Durham Dept of Geology East African Seismic Research Unit, P.O. Kaptaga, Kenya. Bob extends an invitation to any oread to use his H.Q. as a base for climbing Mt. Kenya, Kilimanjaro etc. How about a meet there next year? Could be possible Charter flight.

Team Alpha. The Committee have donated 20.0.0d towards the purchase of a radio for the Oread rescue team Alpha.

Derbyshire Hut. Anyone able to supply a quantity of foam for the beds in the hut or can give the address of where the same can be obtained on the club

Welsh Hut working parties have recently carried out the following jobs. New windows painted, New front Door and glass panel fitted, Lounge floor tiled, half the old furniture disposed of, Gliders put on lounge furniture, dining room painted, Lounge almost completely re-decorated, new stair carpet laid, landing and stairs painted, new calor gas pipes and fittings in kitchen, new bog door fitted with window (not clear glass!) Hut completely cleaned, curtains washed and pans cleaned. Chimney pots painted, toilet repaired, painted, garden 'seen to' trees lopped. Finally the old boiler and chimney pipe was found beyond repair and by the time you read this should have been replaced.



April 11th. Thirlmere. (Lead by L. Carris)  
April 25th. Three Peaks (Yorkshire, lead by Howard Johnson)  
May 2nd. Cowarch. (Lead by Ray Handley)

Well, there it is, there may be the odd alteration to the list, but it is hoped not. As you see there are not quite so many meets at this time of year, but enough for everyone to have a good time. On week ends when there is no meet it is hoped that members will get together in the Willmot to sort out unofficial meets.

For further details of meets you can always contact the hard working Meets Sec. Dave Weston, 6, Devas Gardens, Spaldon, Derby.

Meets cards will soon be sent to members.

Dont forget, if you would like to lead a meet in 1970 now is the time to let Dave know.

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#### Our Derbyshire Hut Lease

Here is some of the most important detail from the Draft lease of Heathy Lea cottage. The lease will not be signed until Spring of next year.

- (1.) The length of lease will be for 7 years. The committee had hoped for at least twice as long, but have accepted this and do not see difficulties of renewal after the seven year period. But because of the short Term some of the ambitious development plans will be adapted or shelved.
- (2.) Rent will be 20-0-0d, payable in advance.
- (3.) Parking is to be restricted to no more than 10 cars - all to be accommodated in the lease area. No parking or obstruction to take place on the right of way or other adjoining ground.
- (4.) Occupation of the premises to be restricted to members of the Oread and their authorised visitors. (This does not include bookings by other clubs) Any guests must be accompanied by members of the Oread.
- (5.) To assist in preventing unauthorised use of the surrounding land and keeping the nearby rocks (Chatsworth Edge) tidy.
- (6.) Keep all accessgates closed at all times.

If any member would like to see a full copy of this Draft Lease then Harry Prett will let you have a copy

Heathy Lea Lease continued.....

The Hut Sub Committee have also asked for a six months option of surrendering the lease should future noise level from the new pumps increase unduly. This has been agreed. (New pumps are soon to be fitted in the Pump Hose at the side of the cottage and the committee are hopeful that these, although of greater capacity than the ones they replace, will be even quieter.

#### Oreads In Shorts

Paul Gardiner and Pete Janes recently attended the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation Team Leaders Meeting in Edale on behalf of the Oread rescue team.

Congratulations to Reg Squires and Ann Thornhill who is now Mrs Squires. They were recently wed and were seen off along their way in true Oread Style for a honeymoon climbing in the Lakes and Scotland (I think)

The Editor would like one young lady (or gentleman would do!) to help type the next edition of the newsletter. Anyone with a little typing ability would do fine. - contact Geoff Hayes who will supply the necessary stencils etc.

Nat and Tinsel Allen have purchased a dormobile. Tinsel says that she will still camp in the Alps in case Nat returns from a climb in the early hours of the morning to find that his bed is still out on the spree!

Ray Colledge was recently reprimanded by the President whilst lagging behind on a mountain walk. "The trouble with you Ray is that after a couple of routes in the Alps you are burnt out for the rest of the season!"

Wanted at the Welsh Hut Crockery and furniture offers to Dave Appleby.

Subscriptions. Have you paid yours? There are still a number outstanding and officially you are no longer a member so pay up and look happy.